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DCM REPORT

Hello District 23,

First let me say Happy New Year to everyone. I hope everyone made through the holidays sober and ready to get back to work. Alcoholism takes no break as It consumes even more people today. Were you able to help a newcomer stay sober during the holidays?

I received may calls during the holidays from many AA's for meeting times, literature and from members of the public asking if they can attend meetings. As a trusted servant I was called by The Union Mission in Latrobe, Pa. A shelter for men, by a fellow AA who works there, for Big Books and Daily Reflection Literature. I contacted the alt DCM, Secretary, and our Alt Delegate of what my intentions were regarding this matter. I was able to get 4 Big Books from The Monday Night Big Book Study @ a cost of \$20.00 dollars for that, in which the alt DCM paid for and The Daily Reflections were bought from the Area Literature Coordinator, 3 of them bought @ a total cost \$30.75 of which I paid for. Our District needs a literature coordinator. Until someone steps up for that position, we who are trusted servants of district 23 pick up the responsibility of supplying literature for the Homegroups. So please ask about if anyone wishes to take on this position until next election and be replaced in January of 2019.

I attended the workshop that was held before the Area Meeting on Spiritual Anonymity and The Social Media. This workshop was very enlightening and help me to see where there's a growing problem within our district on this very topic. On the Long Form of Tradition 11 there is an Advisory Action from 2013 General Service Conference on this very topic. AA Guideline on Guarding Anonymity, mg18 can be downloaded for free from AA.org. Also, Anonymity Online is a free download from AA.org.

Without going on too long on this topic, I share from what I have learned at this workshop that is of great importance. "When you post anything about sobriety, coins, or photos of yourself at an AA event identifying yourself as an AA in your post, you now have affiliated AA in your post. Public level=100% Anonymity, if it is public, it's a risk of affiliation of AA and as well as yourself."

In a report given by the Delegate John K, news was received that GSO, AASW has voluntarily applied to revoke it's right to the 1939 original manuscript to New York Supreme Court.

DCM report continued next page.....

More from this report come news of the completion of the renovation of GSO Archives, which was finished in November, before and after pictures are in Box 459. Additional security is being added @GSO office and will include a card swipe system at certain entrances to make better security of who's there. Last the receptionist will be able to buzz in people to the main lobby.

Newsletter editor Chad U is looking for clip art no bigger than an index card to add into the Seed of Service.

Website Jon M reports that the meeting search is up and running @ www.area60.com, all one must do is give permission for your location and it will find the nearest meeting to you. This I have tried at home and on the road and had good success with it. It is only limitations are if homegroup information isn't updated, but other than that good tool to have with you.

Corrections Wayne S reported that the 1st National Corrections Conference was held St. Louis, Missouri, hosted by District 39 in which more than 380 plus attended, which was far more than anticipated. The next National Corrections Convention will be held in Portland, Maine.

Also, this is the time of year where our thoughts should be turning going along the lines of who the next DCM will be. My term is up in a short time from now, as I intend to go into Area Service. The qualifications are 4 – 5 years of Sobriety, good service work history, and the time and energy to serve the district. So, start talking with your sponsors to see if your ready for this position.

In Love and Service,

Ed S.

SERVICE WORK?

BECAUSE AA IS A PROGRAM OF ACTION

Words from Bill W.

Why not go right to the source to find out what A.A. means about service? In *A.A.'s Legacy of Service* (<http://www.aa.org/lang/en/catalog.cfm?origpage=203&product=62>), Bill W. states it quite succinctly: "Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principle aim and the main reason for our existence." Bill W. goes on to say that is more than just a set of principles.

Rather, it is a society of alcoholics in action.



District 23 **info**

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES **For Home groups mailing** **contributions:**

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PO Box 1698

Greensburg, PA 15601

For contributions to the district, please make checks payable to District 23 and put the group name on check.

****PLEASE NOTE : THE AREA 60 TREASURER ADDRESS HAS CHANGED**

Area 60 Treasurer

P.O, Box 1496

Washington PA, 15301

(Make check payable to "Area 60 Treasurer.")

General Service Office (GSO)

P.O. Box 459

New York, NY 10163

(Make check payable to "AA World Services, Inc.")

District 23 Answering Svc

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Please make checks payable to Answering Svc and put your group name on check

Grapevine Daily Quote

December 28, 2017 at 6:02 AM

December 28, 2017

"It's only when I stop thinking about it, stop trying to run the show, that my life may become as God intends."

Tucson, Ariz., March 1988

"The Work at Hand," Emotional Sobriety

Interested in a service position?

H & I service positions available.

The H & I meetings are held at Christ United Church

100 Lincoln Avenue, Youngwood at 10:30 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Also there **open coordinator positions at our District..** The GSR meeting is held on the first Friday of the month in Jeannette at The First Presbyterian Church, Corner of 4th and Bullitt Ave. Jeannette at 6:30pm.

TO ALL HOME GROUPS:

If you wish to see your group's anniversary or other special event listed, please submit to the Editor no later than the first Monday of the month to have it appear in that month's Informer. My contact info is on the front of the newsletter.

(editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org)

Also, if your group has any changes, please contact the Editor, and it will be listed in the Informer.

Personal stories are welcome also, if you would be willing to share your experience, strength and hope with District 23. (can be anonymous)

Thank you,

Monica