

# THE INFORMER

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# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **DCM REPORT**

Hello District 23! January has quickly come and gone and along with it our "to do" list has quickly grown! There are a few AA events coming up such as, the Ligonier Mid-winter Spiritual Round-up February 11th-13th, NERAASA February 25th-27th, and the Area 60 Get-Away Weekend March 25th-27th. I hope to see plenty of District 23 faces at these events. Mary D. from GSO will be the Saturday night speaker for the GAW and District 11 will be hosting the hospitality room. This event has been beneficial to my journey in service. I have learned so much from attending AND PARTICIPATING. So give it a shot, you may be surprised at how enjoyable learning about service can be. Also in the next few months we will be co-planning the Day of Sharing which is typically held in June. On Sunday January 30th, our Alternate DCM Lisa P., two GSR's Barb R., and Ralph M., Newsletter Editor Todd V., H & I Chair Randy H., and I attended the first quarterly meeting at the Comfort Inn in Penn Hills. Thanks for going guys!! A few districts in attendance brought 5+ GSRs, which was quite impressive. We have a very active district, so in the future I'd love for District 23 to be one of the districts with impressive GSR representation at the area meeting. We can definitely accomplish this, so let's get motivated!

A new Area Secretary was elected unanimously, Tina K. from District 10. The Recording Secretary position was filled by Bob S., PI/CPC by Mac M., and Alternate Archives by Kip P. Area 60 is still in need of a Literature Coordinator; if anyone is interested I'll gladly talk to you about it. Our Delegate reported she will be on the Corrections Committee at the conference, will be getting the conference agenda items in February and will get them out ASAP. She also reported that while the GSO board meetings will still be held at the Crown Plaza, this year's General Service Conference and 2012

will be held in Ryetown, New York, saving \$160,000. Finally to Kindle reader fans, The Grapevine is now available! An AA member from Homestead has an article in the February issue-check it out!

*God Bless,  
DCM Diana G.*

## **ALT DCM REPORT**

Hello my fellow AAs. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Alternate DCM. Besides assisting Diana G. in her work as DCM, I hope to visit many of the home groups in the district and help our GSRs understand what their role is in keeping their home group a part of AA as a whole. I am hoping that if there are questions or problems I can be of help in some way.

*AA Hugs,  
Alt. DCM Lisa  
P.*

## **GROUP NEWS**

**The Sunday Serenity Group** which meets at Westmoreland Hospital at 10:30 am is changing its format. The third Sunday of every month will be an open speaker meeting.

## **ANSWERING SERVICE**

Please mail contributions to: Answering Service - District 23, PO Box 1698, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please make them payable to "Answering Service, District 23" and put your group name on any checks.

**TO ALL HOME GROUPS** – If your group has any changes, please contact the Editor, and it will be listed in the Informer. Also please notify Richard K. of any changes so that the Answering Service and PI/CPC will give out

correct meeting information. Contact numbers are on the front of this newsletter.

*Please note that the Answering Service phone number has changed! We now have a toll-free number, thanks to your generous contributions. The number is listed on the front page of this newsletter. Pass it on!*

## **PI/CPC**

We continue to carry the message to professional offices and have available 5x7 placards to take to your family doctors. Anyone interested helping us to go into schools, rehabs or any other place where you think that we can be of help, please contact me or Richard. AA is an action program and helps anyone who is struggling with alcoholism. We also need someone to take over coordinating meetings for Torrance State Hospital. Again we thank Richard for his efforts and he will continue to help carry the message. If Richard or I can help anyone please let us know.

*Peace,  
Leo H.  
PI/CPC Rep.*



## **GRAPEVINE**

The AA Grapevine, our monthly meeting in print, is a very useful tool for your sobriety and can go wherever you go. A yearly subscription is only \$27, and it is delivered every month in a plain wrapper, so if your neighbors don't already know you're an alcoholic, your Grapevine magazine won't tip them off! The Grapevine is a perfect gift for spouses and friends in the program. You can see me or your home group's Grapevine representative for subscription blanks. Thank you!

*Stan K.,  
Grapevine Rep.*

## **LITERATURE**

Hi everyone, this is Ed H., the literature guy. If you or your group needs literature, you may contact me at 724-532-5933 or z.mey56@live.com. I can't always make the GSR meeting because of a new job so if you need something, send me an order and if I can I'll combine it with some others so we may

save on shipping. Any order of \$250 or more qualifies for free shipping. Happy reading!

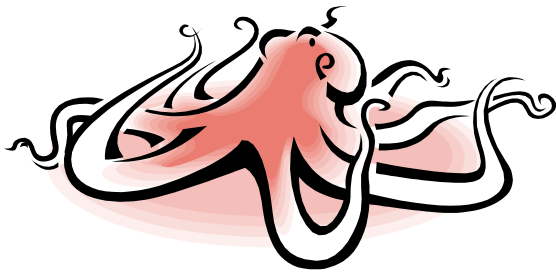
*Ed H.,  
Literature Coordinator*

## **MEMBER FORUM**

Dear Friends,

We would like to hear from our members in District 23. What is happening in your home group? Do you have something to say about AA in your town? Something you want to celebrate? Let us know; this is your newsletter!

*In Love and Service,  
Todd V.  
23 Informer Editor*



## H & I

I hope everyone is enjoying their sobriety and carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic through service work. If we take time to think about our co-founder DR. Bob and what he said in his story in the Big Book on page 181 about passing it on, he said, "I do it for 4 reasons:

1. Sense of duty
2. It is a pleasure
3. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me.
4. Because every time I do it, I take out a little more insurance against a possible slip."

Our annual Old Timers speaker meeting is right around the corner, scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and if interested in helping out please see any H & I member.

THANKS to all of District 23 for total contributions of \$10,342.91 toward purchasing AA literature in 2010! Our pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters are really carrying the message into all our facilities.

H & I is in need of some help. We need AA members willing to serve as coordinators for some of our facilities; we also need one-time speakers and home groups to take meetings into facilities and help us carry that 12 step message.

The facilities which need coordinators are Torrance State Hospital and the Westmoreland Co. Prison Friday meeting from 6 to 8pm.

The facilities which need a one-time speaker or a home group to carry the message are Gateway in Greensburg, Torrance, Westmoreland Co. Prison (men and women) and the Juvenile Detention Center.

If interested in serving, ask your SPONSOR then contact the chair or coordinator of that facility.

*Love and Service,  
Randy H.  
H & I Committee Chair*

### IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Home groups mailing contributions to Area 60 or the New York General Service Office (GSO) should make checks out to:

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Area 60 Treasurer  
P.O. Box 353  
Warren, PA 16365  
(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.")

### As Bill Sees It...

**Practical experience has shown that nothing will so much ensure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. This is our twelfth suggestion: carry the message to other alcoholics. You can help when no one else can. You can secure their confidence when others fail. Remember they are very ill.**

*-Alcoholics Anonymous, page 101*

