

THE INFORMER

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

H&I

DCM REPORT

Hello, District 23! I'm happy to report that our representation at the first quarterly meeting was stronger than the majority in Area 60. We had 8 members there, including myself, 5 of which were GSR's. While it's not a competition, each district is an example for the next, so thank you, District 23, for setting a wonderful example of responsibility to and participation in AA service. Quite a bit of information was passed on so I've prepared a separate, detailed report. PLEASE read it and share it with your home groups! If you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

*In Love, Service and Gratitude,
DCM Diana G.*

ALT DCM REPORT

I want to thank our voting members for agreeing to send eight (four for the weekend and four for the day on Saturday) of our trusted servants to the upcoming Getaway Weekend. I think that the folks who attend will be amazed at the experience and walk away feeling much more confident in their role as GSR.

I was able to attend the recent celebration of the Greensburg Beginners Meeting 64th (!!) Anniversary. What a crowd! It was wonderful to see so many old and new friends there. The food was excellent, as was the speaker, Jack D. Thanks very much to the home group members that worked so hard to make it a great success. Thanks also to our Grapevine and Archives coordinators who had their impressive displays set up. It was an amazing gathering that I won't forget in a hurry.

*AA Hugs,
Alt. DCM Lisa V.*

I hope everyone is trudging the road of Happy Destiny in their sobriety and carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic through service work.

H and I is in need of 4 coordinators for the new Behavioral Health Services meeting. The coordinators would be responsible for taking in a chairperson and a speaker each week to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. If interested please attend our H & I meeting on Saturday February 11th at 10:30 am. Those interested in chairing or speaking for the BHS facility please fill out one of our "opportunities in service" forms and give it to an H & I member. May we continue on the path of sobriety by carrying that 12 step message wherever we go and continuing to seek God's guidance in all that we do. H & I's 5th annual Old Timers Speaker meeting is on Saturday April 21st; I hope to see you all there! GOD BLESS.

H & I is in need of help. We need AA members willing to serve as coordinators for some of our facilities; we also need 1 time speakers and home groups to take meetings into facilities and help us carry that 12 step message.

The facilities which are in need of coordinators are the Torrance State Hospital Monday meeting and the Westmoreland County 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 County 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 and I Committee Chair*



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 Leo H. 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.

PI/CPC

We continue to drop literature at professionals' offices as well as schools and anywhere that needs them. We still have 5x7 placards to give to your family doctors or any other professional that you think could carry the message. Winter is more of a challenge to carry the message to next suffering alcoholic; if Richard or I can be of any help to you, please contact us.

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

GRAPEVINE

The AA Grapevine, our monthly meeting in print, is a very useful tool for your sobriety that can go wherever you go. A yearly subscription is only \$28.97, and it is delivered every month in a plain wrapper. The Grapevine is a perfect gift for sponsees and friends in the program. Also, the Grapevine has an online subscription and archives available from their website, aagrapevine.org.

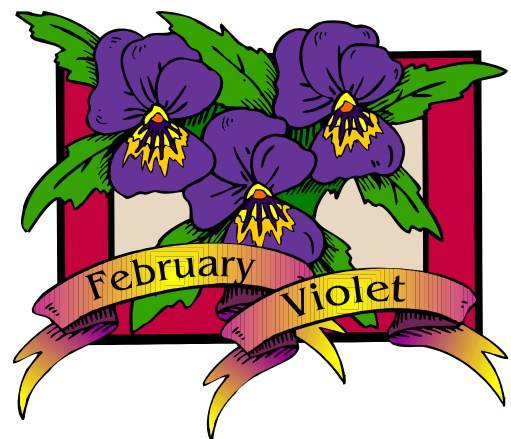
*Ed S.
Grapevine Rep.*

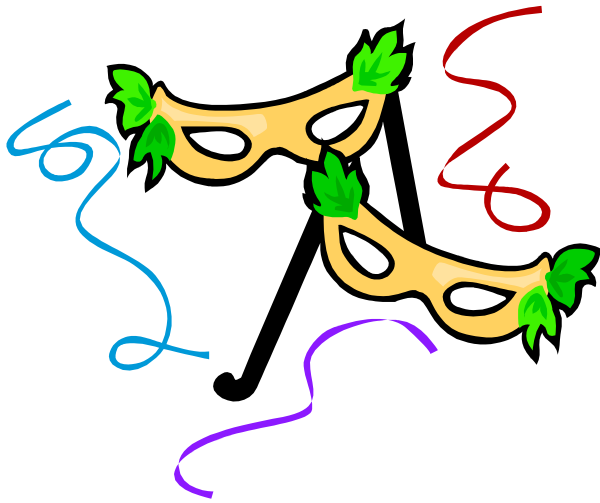
ARCHIVES

Hello, District 23. I brought the archives display to the recent anniversary celebration of my home group, the Greensburg Tuesday Beginners Group. There was a great turnout.

I want to remind all home groups in our district that I am available to bring our archives display to anniversary celebrations if asked. There are a lot of interesting historical items on our district's collection.

*Ron Y.
Archives Coordinator*





IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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

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Area 60 Treasurer
P.O. Box 392
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
(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...

Why did A.A. finally drop all its membership regulations? Why did we leave it to each newcomer to decide himself whether he was an alcoholic and whether he should join us? Why did we dare to say, contrary to the experience of society and

government everywhere, that we would neither punish nor deprive any A.A. of membership, that we must never compel anyone to pay anything, believe anything, or conform to anything?

The answer, now seen in Tradition Three, was simplicity itself. At last experience taught us that to take away any alcoholic's chance was sometimes to pronounce the death sentence, and often to condemn him to endless misery. Who dared to be judge jury, and executioner of his own sick brother?

-Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, pg. 141

