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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Hello District 23,

Last Sunday was the Area 60 First Quarterly Meeting. I was able to attend the DCM/GSR workshop that was given before the meeting as well. We discussed topics like special collections at meetings, how to handle disruptive members and how much GSR report is the right amount. It was very enlightening.

I was also fortunate enough to attend the Greensburg Beginners Meeting anniversary on Tuesday. There was a wonderful speaker with 53 years of sobriety, along with lots of great food and fellowship. Thanks to the home group members that made it happen!

Coming up this month is NERAASA. I am really looking forward to it, because I have found the experience so helpful and motivational the last two times I have attended. I thank District 23 for the opportunity to go and learn once again.

In Love & Service, **DCM** Lisa V.

ALT. DCM REPORT

Hello Fellow District 23 AA Members,

First, I want to thank all of you for agreeing to send Lisa and me to the NERAASA Conference this month. I am looking forward to learning more about being a trusted servant, and how we, as a District, impact AA as a whole.

As well, in regard to your questions last month about "New GSR Packets," I made a call to the General Service Office (GSO) in New York to find out the procedure for receiving these packets. For the February meeting, I have secured 50 copies of the "Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Form" which can also be accessed at www.aa.org and then by clicking on the tab labeled *For Groups and Members*. Each time a home group elects a new GSR, this form must be filled out and sent to GSO.

Once GSO receives this form, the new GSR will receive their packet.

The form provides instructions on the bottom on how to return it to GSO. There are three ways that GSR's can return the form: It may be sent regular U.S. Mail to AA World Services Inc, Grand Central Station, PO Box 459, New York, NY 10163; it may be faxed to GSO at 212-870-3003 (ATTN: Records); or emailed to records@aa.org.

GSR's should also note, that when they rotate out, it is good practice to assist the incoming GSR with this form so there is no interruption in getting your materials, *Box 459*, etc.

I also attended my first Quarterly Meeting on Sunday the 27th as Alternate DCM. It was very informative and humbling. I learned that I have a lot to learn!

In Service, Margie S.

H&I Report

Greetings fellow travelers,

Starting off with some good news, for H&I as well as my sanity. All H&I committee positions have been filled, including alternate positions! And there was much rejoicing, Hooray! I would like to thank all of those who stepped up to service and am looking forward to a HJF filled opportunity in service.

Coming soon in the not so distant future is the '6th Annual H&I Old Timers Speaker Meeting with a Spaghetti Dinner'. It will be held on one of the days of one of the months of this year at a location in our district that I will hopefully be announcing to you right now. Come one come all to hear the stories of experience, strength and hope of three of our fellow AA members each with 20+ years of sobriety.

Please continue to donate any conference approved literature to our literature drive. Our Opportunities in Service forms are always available; please volunteer to carry the message into any of the facilities that we cover. We are truly grateful and may we continue to work together to help save those alcoholics who still suffer and can't get to a meeting without our help. Without you we would not be able to provide literature and meetings to carry that message of hope.

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), BHS and the Juvenile Detention Center. If interested in serving, ask your SPONSOR then contact the chair or coordinator of that facility.

Ron Y. H&I Committee Chair

ANSWERING SERVICE

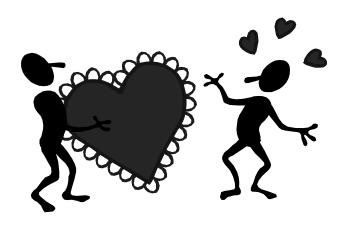
Please mail contributions to: Answering Service - District 23, PO Box 1698, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please make them payable to "Answering Service, District 23" and put your *group name* on any checks.

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.

Anniversaries



Your Group's anniversary can be listed here!! Please email me: editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org no later than the first Monday of the month to have your anniversary/event listed in the newsletter. Thanks!



Happy Valentine's Day!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| February 8-10 | 19 th Ligonier Midwinter Roundup www.wpaarea60.org/ Forms/lmsr flyer 2013.pdf |
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| Feb. 22-24 | NERAASA |
| | Harrisburg, PA |
| April 5-7, | Area 60 GAW/Mini Conference |
| Sunday, April 7 | Pre-Conference Assembly 8:30 AM Registration 9 AM Workshop 10:15 Area Assembly |

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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

Area 60 Treasurer P.O. Box 152 Conway, PA 15027 (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.")

February 1, 2013 Grapevine Quote of the Day

"These days I find that nothing is as important as my sanity. I used to be addicted to drama and could only function on excitement and high levels of adrenaline. It's very different today... it's all very ordinary, average and sane and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

London, England - February 1997 From: "Mesmerized by Sanity" Spiritual Awakenings

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