

THE 23 INFORMER

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Greetings Fellow AA's,

As we complete the first month of 2015, I am working on my goal to visit all the meetings and subcommittees in District 23 during my two year tenure, but recently the weather has been foiling my best efforts.

To date, I have visited: Dinner with Bill, The Thursday Noon Group, As Bill Sees It, Greensburg Gratitude, Ligonier Friday Night, and the Lincoln Highway Group, as well as my weekly attendance at both Irwin Back to Basics and Saturday Night Sober.

Also, in January I attended the quarterly Answering Service Meeting which was very informative. It is a pleasure and an honor to watch AA in action and see many of our District members do so much work behind the scenes. Please continue to support our Answering Service which is a vital lifeline for the "still suffering alcoholics" in our district.

The Area 60's first quarterly meeting was on January 18. During that meeting I learned that our Area 60 archives are sponsoring a Long Timers Oral History Project. If you, or anyone in your home group has 20+ years of sobriety I encourage you to contact Al, at archives@wpaarea60.org to learn how to get your lead to them.

Along those same lines, the Grapevine is also collecting 5-7 minute audio leads to be posted online. I had hoped to be able to complete mine prior to the February meeting and report to you my experience, but I'm not sure I will have it done by then. I also encourage you to go on the Grapevine website and learn how to record your experience, strength and hope. Lastly, please remember to use our website! Look it over, see what you like, and please give us feedback.

In March we will be studying Concept 2 prior to the District Meeting, all GSR's are encouraged to attend and any other AA members interested in the Concepts are also welcome to attend.

In Love and Service,
Margie S.
DCM

ALT. DCM REPORT

Many events and exciting news around the area lots of great opportunities are in store for the spring. The Get Away Weekend is March 27 thru March 29. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what's happenin' in AA, to get your (the fellowship) voices heard. Our young people in AA are hosting the hospitality suite this year. Registration forms are available, to attend all meetings and meals the cost is \$73 per person.

The AA New York office is working on new committee's to help coordinate with all members of the professional communities.

Area Archivist and the Grapevine have the ability to make audio recordings. The Archivist is looking for those members of the fellowship with long term sobriety to tell their stories, stories of the change's in AA, how AA has grow and come to be what it is today.

The Area 60 Corrections Coordinator position has been filled by Ronald C. from the Butler area and Ken E. from Greensburg. Congrats gentlemen and welcome to Area service.

Seeds of Service is our Area 60 Newsletter filled with great info, stories, and articles on AA. The editor is in need of our feedback, our thoughts, our articles, our input, this is our Area Newsletter, please consider making a contribution.

I have been learning so very much already as your alternate DCM, I am sure NERAASA will be overflowing with much experience, strength and hope for Margie and I to share, Thank You all for the opportunity to serve. Heard at the last Area meeting "you can pretend to care, but you can nor pretend to show up" Thank you for your continued support.

Leslie E.
alt DCM



COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT'D....

H & I REPORT

January was a successful month for the H & I committee. Dan D. (county prison co-coordinator) reported that there were several men and women volunteers for the orientation in early January. The volunteers who attended completed the necessary paperwork for admittance to the prison for AA meetings. Thanks to all who made it possible.

Many volunteers are still needed to take in meetings to our hospitals and institutions. If you are willing, please fill out the opportunities in service form and forward to an H & I member, OR contact me if you are willing to volunteer your time at any of the facilities that we take in meetings.

Bernie S.
H & I Chairperson



PI/CPC REPORT

Hello District 23,

We are building a great PI/CPC team here in our district. It seems like there are members from all over the county – Kristi R., John H., Chuck D., Jillian and myself. Between us, we have pretty good coverage of our geographic area. We will have a meeting this month to try and form a plan for getting literature out to places that want it. If any of you run into a health or legal practitioner that is in need of info on Alcoholics Anonymous, please feel free to give them John's or my number, and we will make that connection.

Also, it seems that there are quite a few meeting changes in our district. That means it's time to order new meeting lists! Please look carefully at your home group's listing on our current edition (the green ones), make sure everything is correct, and get any changes to John H. BY FEB. 20TH AT THE LATEST so that we can have the new lists to distribute at March's monthly meeting.

Love and Service,

Lisa V.
PI/CPC Committee



SAVE THE DATES



21ST LIGONIER MIDWINTER SPIRITUAL ROUNDUP

FEBRUARY 13, 14, & 15

THE WEEKEND IS LOCATED AT
ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE ON ROUTE 711
SEVEN MILES NORTH OF
THE LIGONIER DIAMOND.

FIRST CLASS LODGING, FOUR MEALS, AND
REGISTRATION IS A PART OF
THE WEEKEND PACKAGE.

- * SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$229.00
- * DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$159.00 EACH
- * TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$134.00 EACH
- * COMMUTERS DESIRING MEALS /
REGISTRATION BUT NO LODGING \$95.00
- * SATURDAY ONLY- MEALS & REGISTRATION \$55.00

SATURDAY AFTER-NOON/ EVENING DINNER
AND REGISTRATION \$30.00
DROP-IN REGISTRATION \$5 A MEETING
WITHOUT MEALS

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23RD ANNUAL AREA 60 GET AWAY WEEKEND MINI-CONFERENCE

March 27-29, 2015

*"Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service -
The Foundation for Our Future"*

Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Get Away Weekend is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers and Coordinators and A.A. members of Area 60 Western Pennsylvania to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole as well, as pertinent aspects of Recovery, Unity and Service.

Highlights

Committee Workshops & Presentations
Panel Presentations
Saturday Night Banquet & Speaker Meeting
Red Ball Alkathon Meetings

Onsite Registration & Hospitality Room

Opens @ 3:00PM Friday, March 27, 2015
Program Begins @ 4:00PM Friday, March 27, 2015

Contact Information

Any questions please contact...
John K. 814-688-3219
Mario D. 412-952-8397
E-mail gaw@wpaarea60.org

Location

Comfort Inn & Conference Center
699 Rodi Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235 (412) 244-1600

Room Rates

\$79.00 + \$11.06 tax = \$90.06 per night

Includes: Complimentary Breakfast Buffet, use of indoor pool, hot tub, exercise facility, and wireless internet.

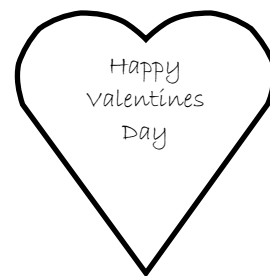
*Please make reservations directly with the hotel directly **BY MARCH 7TH, 2015** and mention the Area 60 Get Away Weekend.*

REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE @ AREA 60 SEEDS OF SERVICE OR IN SEEDS OF SERVICE NEWSLETTER



YOUR PAGE....

Do you have a story or an experience that you would like to share? We would love to read it. Send it to the editor. It may be anonymous....if you wish.



A Pilgrimage of Sorts...

Recently, my husband Todd and I took our annual ‘birthday’ weekend trip. This year we headed to Akron, Ohio – the birthplace of Alcoholics Anonymous. I had been there twice for Founders Day weekend many years ago, but didn’t do much exploring; Todd had never been there at all. We started off by attending a local closed step study group on Friday evening. It was a small, intimate meeting on the topic of the Eleventh Step. We were welcomed warmly and heard some wonderful experience, strength and hope on the subject. It’s always refreshing to hear new friends share.

The next morning, we headed first to the Akron Intergroup Office, where we were greeted by a large, friendly sign in the front window that read “Come In, we’ve been waiting for you!” Once inside, we were given a very informative tour of the AA archives housed there. What a treasure trove of AA memorabilia they have! There are Big Books signed by Bill W., along with copies of the Big Book in every dozens of languages that visitors from those countries can look at and sign. We looked at the copy written in Swahili and sure enough, there were signatures inside! It was absolutely fascinating and I highly recommend it. We left there with a real sense of all the miraculous pieces of the puzzle that became our lifesaving program. It was emotional and awe-inspiring. Once again, we were welcomed with open arms the way we always seem to be whenever we come in contact with AA away from home.

Next, we visited Dr. Bob’s house and were given another amazing guided tour. The custom here is to greet anyone coming through the front door with a warm handshake and a smiling “Welcome Home!” I began to tear up immediately! A lot of the furnishings in the house belonged to Bob and Anne. The décor is completed by pieces that come from the 30’s and 40’s. Lots of interesting details about their lives were included in the talk, which was given by a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteer. Both he and the young lady who escorted us around the Intergroup Office were obviously very happy to be doing this type of service, and their enthusiasm was contagious!

We finished up our AA history sojourn with a visit to the lobby of the Mayflower hotel and a stop at Dr. Bob and Anne’s grave. The Mayflower is still in use, although it is a far cry from the shining crown jewel of Akron that it was in Bill W.’s time, but it is worth a look. One can imagine him nervously dialing the pay phone (which is still there, along with the church directory) while listening to the sounds of voices, music and clinking glasses floating out of the bar (no longer there). The building still retains much of its beautiful Art Deco architecture. We then trudged through the snow to pay our respects at Dr. Bob and Anne’s graves.

All in all, it was a very moving experience. If you ever get the chance to take that trip (it’s a little over 2 hours away), please do it! The feeling of belonging that we get in AA is compounded by the friendliness of all those brothers and sisters in recovery we met along the way. I hope that we get a chance to return soon. It feels like we only scratched the surface of all the rich history that is to be experienced there. Our gratitude is increased and our hearts are lifted once again by the miracle that is Alcoholics Anonymous.

Lisa V.



NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION



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PO Box 266,

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(Please check the Area 60 website for the names of all the new officers @

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(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

PO Box 1698

Greensburg, PA 15601

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

HOME GROUP FORMAT CHANGE*

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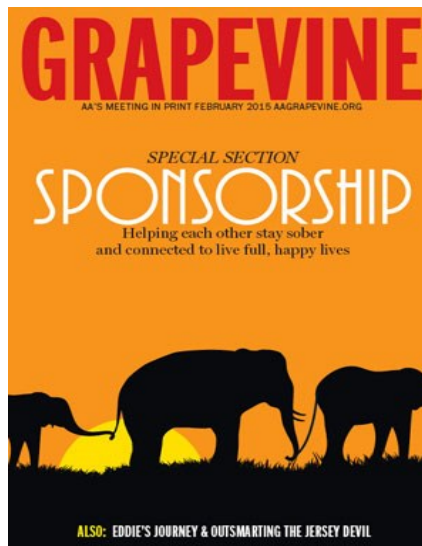
Fridays 6-7 pm

Brush Creek Lutheran Church, Irwin

*Weekly open discussion

3rd week of month 12&12 discussion

(previously 12 & 12 discussion)



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.

Ever since our co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, met to talk about their drinking in Akron, Ohio in 1935, the special one-on-one bond of sponsorship has been a vital part of alcoholics getting and staying sober in AA. This month, our special section features wonderful stories of the ways members use sponsorship to stay sober and connected to live full, happy lives.

This month's special section features stories from members about their experiences with sponsorship.

