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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Hello, District 23.

There is a lot to talk about this month – I am fresh from NERAASA, and our Pre-Conference Assembly (where we give our area's group conscience to our Delegate) and General Service Conference are coming up. There are some topics we need to discuss and get our home groups' decisions on pretty quickly. It is a busy time of year in AA service.

There are several Agenda items I will be explaining to all of our GSR's, the most important of which is a plan to restructure the boards of AA World Services and the AA Grapevine Inc. in order to make them more efficient and improve communications, plus save some money at the same time. I have distributed some materials printed out from the NERAASA website (neraasa.org) to help explain the plan.

In order to be better able to carry the District's group conscience to the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 7, **we will be holding our next GSR meeting on March 29**, a week early. We needed to reschedule it anyway due to the GSR Get Away Weekend, so this way we can answer any questions ahead of time. Thank you, Margie, for that excellent suggestion!

Although we will have had a chance to discuss these Agenda items so that I will have a sense of our district's group conscience, I strongly urge all GSR's to attend the Pre-Conference Assembly at 10:15 am on Sunday, April 7. Being an Assembly, rather than a regular Quarterly meeting, all GSR's will have a vote on these agenda items, directly contributing to the Area's group conscience as it will be sent to the General Service Conference with our Area Delegate in April. Just give me a call if you need a ride!

But, back to NERAASA – it was an amazing learning experience once again and we all thoroughly enjoyed the well-presented panels as well as the roundtable discussions. We heard lots of great ideas. I am hoping to put a few of them

into practice here at home. I once again thank you all for allowing me and Margie to attend this event on your behalf. Every time I go, I love it more and I make new friends who are traveling on the same journey of service. It is one more thing to be grateful for!

AA Hugs,

Lisa V.

DCM

ALT. DCM REPORT

Dear District 23 Fellow AAs,

First, I would like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to be your trusted servant and attend the North East Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) in Lancaster, PA. It was awe inspiring to be in a room with close to 1,000 alcoholics from all over the North Eastern United States. District 23 was especially well represented with 7 total members attending, ranging from an AA member to our Alternate Area Chairperson.

Panels began at approximately 3:00 PM on Friday afternoon and ended at 11:00 PM on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, the Panels began at 8:30 AM and the day finished at 11:00 PM.

There was a banquet Saturday evening, followed by a Speaker meeting and then another panel. Interestingly, the speaker was a Class B Trustee from the General Service Board who was from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. We are fortunate to have a Trustee who resides in our own Commonwealth.

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I learned so much about General Service Office, the General Service Board, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS), the Grapevine, and the service structure of AA and my place in it, that I am a bit overwhelmed as I write this missive. I will be submitting a full report to you on March 1, 2013, at the GSR meeting.

On a lighter note, I did learn something about our Trustees at the General Service Board. There are two types of trustees—Type A trustees (non-alcoholic trustees) and Type B Trustees (alcoholic trustees).

An easy way to remember this is:

Type A= Amateur and

Type B = Boozer!

Please look for my follow-up report!

In love and service,

Margie S.

Alternate DCM

H&I REPORT

Greetings fellow travelers.

OK, this time it's for real! **The 6th Annual 'H&I Oldtimers Speaker Meeting'** is set! It will be happening on Saturday, April 20th at St. Michael's from 12 Noon to 5pm. Speakers to be announced. Bring a friend, bring a newcomer, bring your sponsor/sponsee. You can even bring your favorite dessert or something to donate to the raffle if you'd like. Hope to see you all there.

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:

- Torrance State Hospital Monday meeting
- 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 State Hospital
- Westmoreland County Prison (men and women)
- BHS
- 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

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.

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

Thanks,

Colleen Z.

Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Saturday, April 20	6 th Annual H&I Oldtimers Speaker Meeting and Spaghetti Dinner 12 Noon – 5pm

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.")

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.

6th ANNUAL H&I "OLD TIMERS" SPEAKER MEETING

With a Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday April 20, 2013

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

1182 Ashland Street

South Greensburg, PA

(Cedar Street Exit off the Rte 30 By-Pass)

*Time: 12 Noon until 5pm**

12:00 - 1:00Speaker 1

1:00 - 2:00Lunch

2:10 - 3:10Speaker 2

3:30 - 4:30Speaker 3

**Actual Times May Vary Slightly*

Spaghetti Dinner Menu:

Meat or Meatless Sauce

Salad and Bread

Soda Pop and Water

\$3.00 – Per person to cover your meal and donation to Church

Bring YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT TO SHARE!!

Thank you!!

******50/30/10/10 DRAWING & RAFFLE******

*Raffle and Drawing After Each Speaker
50/30/10/10 Drawing After Last Speaker*

Sponsored by the

"H&I Picnic Committee"

*For more information contact Karen C.
(724) 237-2198,*

your GSR, H&I Representative or come to the H&I Meetings

(2nd Saturday of each month, Church at Sherwood and Lincoln in Youngwood)