

# THE **23** INFORMER

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## DCM REPORT

Happy Spring, District 23! First I want to thank everyone who attended the Get Away Weekend. In total, District 23 had 15 in attendance throughout the weekend. Comments were made all weekend about how well we were represented, so FANTASTIC job everyone! THANK YOU! Lisa and I attended the DCM Roundtable Friday and the DCM/GSR Roundtable on Saturday with our GSR's. With the issues we heard from some other districts we were both FULL OF GRATITUDE FOR THE DEDICATION TO AA in District 23. Our H & I was brought up Friday by the chairperson that over \$10,000 was contributed to the pink can last year, which led to quite a few questions about our H & I and other things that we do here in District 23. I loved sharing about what YOU do.

The Pre-Conference Assembly on Sunday was very informative. We went over many conference agenda items as a single group instead of breaking up into committees as we did in previous years. I was skeptical at first, but it worked GREAT! We had a TRUE Area 60 Group Conscience. Thank you again, District 23, and let's keep up the GREAT work!

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

## ALT DCM REPORT

Hello to all of you! Diana and I truly thank you for making it possible for us and so many of our GSR's to attend this amazing service weekend. The more of these events I attend, the more pieces of the big AA picture come together. I learn lots of new things every time! And the fellowship of the trusted servants I have met is unbeatable. They are some truly dedicated alcoholics.

Again, I would like to remind everyone that we need your help in planning our upcoming Day of Sharing. The next planning meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14 at 1 pm at the Bible

Fellowship Church in West Newton. The church is located just across the West Newton Bridge on Route 136. Contact me if you would like more information. Please join us and help make this event a success.

*AA Hugs,  
Alt. DCM Lisa V.*

## H&I

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.

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 5<sup>th</sup> annual Old Timers Speaker meeting is Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2012, 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 professional offices as well as schools and any facility that requests literature. We have the new meeting lists availability for home groups. We also have the 5x7 cards also for you to give to your family doctor. Richard could use any help that your home group can offer at Torrance State Hospital. We have 42 meetings per week in Dist. 23, but H&I is always in need of help. Please bring it up at your home groups; help carry the message. If Richard or I can be of assistance 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](http://aagrapevine.org).

*Ed S.  
Grapevine Rep.*

## MEMBERS CORNER

I feel the need to write about something very sad that happened recently.

This past week, with heavy hearts, we laid to rest a friend who had some years of sobriety, but gradually stopped going to meetings and doing the work of recovery. It happened little by little, and it's a pattern that I've seen repeated too many times with the same result. Without the lifesaving program of Alcoholics Anonymous, sooner or later, we drink.

It was with astonishing speed that this disease took her. *Ten days* after she picked up a drink, she was dead, leaving two sons without their mother and many other family members and friends to mourn one whose life ended too soon.

It was a brutal reminder to me that this disease KILLS us and I must work *hard* daily to hold onto this precious gift of sobriety, lest I suffer the same fate.

Rest in peace, my friend. May you be safe in the arms of God. We will miss you.

*Anonymous*



## 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.")

## UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

*District 23 H&I Committee Presents*

### **4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OLD TIMERS' MEETING**

*Saturday, April 21 at 10 AM  
St. Michael Orthodox Church  
1182 Ashland St., Greensburg  
Join us for experience, strength, hope,  
food and fellowship*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Saturday, April 21</b> 10 AM	<b>H&amp;I Old Timers' Meeting</b>
<b>Sunday, June 3</b> 8:30 AM Registration 9 AM Workshop 10:15 Area Assembly	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday, June 16</b> 9:00 Registration 12 Lunch 2:30 Wrap-Up	<b>Districts 23, 45 &amp; 29 Day of Sharing</b>
<b>August 3-5</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State Convention</b>
<b>Sunday, August 19</b> 8:30 AM Registration 9 AM Workshop 10:15 Area Assembly	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting</b>

*Area 60*

*Districts 23, 45 & 29*

### **DAY OF SHARING**

*Saturday, June 16  
9 AM til 3 PM  
St. Michael Orthodox Church  
1182 Ashland St., Greensburg  
Registration 9 AM  
Workshops Lunch  
\$5 per person*

### **From the Editor**

*Each month we would like to feature input from our fellowship in our Members Corner.*

*If you want to celebrate a friend's anniversary, have a special announcement, an opinion on an A.A. topic, etc. send me an email.*

*Todd V.*

