

# THE 23 INFORMER

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## DCM REPORT

Happy Spring District 23 AA's!

Again, my heartfelt thanks to you all for sending Leslie and I to the Get-Away-Weekend. It was very informative and at the Area Assembly that Sunday, we were able to assist our Delegate George K. to have an informed group conscience when he carries our message to New York this month.

This has been a busy, busy month! The sponsorship workshop was awesome and the committee did a fabulous job. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way! As usual, the food was fabulous. We had close to 60 people in attendance, and finishing before 1 p.m. seemed to help both with the attendance and with people being able to stay for the full event. All the panelists did a really good job.

Besides Leslie and I, Steve B., GSR from Sunday 12 and 12, Tony H. GSR for the Lincoln Hwy. Group, Bill W. GSR for Irwin Back to Basics, Ken E., a member of the Wednesday Noon Group and our Alternate Area Literature Coordinator and Al S. from Irwin Back to Basics attended the weekend from our District. We all learned a lot, and we also tried to attend different breakout sessions so that we could bring more information back to all of you.

I attended the Report and Charter session, where we discussed changes to the Service Manual, and also the printing of the Northeast Regional Directory. Our message to New York was to approve the addition of Regional Forums to the Service Manual, to approve the rearranging of the table of contents pages in regard to the Concepts to the pre 1972 order, and we also decided to take no action in regard to the printing of the directory.

Each night I attended DCM workshops which were very information. We discussed District Guidelines, safety and security in the rooms, finances and responsible ways to spend Seventh Tradition Funds amongst other topics. If anyone wishes more information on any of these topics, please contact me.

The lead for the Saturday evening banquet was Racy J. from the General Service Office in New York. She had an awesome lead, and also was instrumental during the weekend in answering questions and explaining how things work in New York.

A highlight of the weekend for me was that I was asked to participate in a panel on Anonymity at the Public Level. I learned so much in my research for the panel, and also a lot from my fellow panelists. Our panel was taped so it is available for anyone that might like to listen to it, and also my presentation will be printed in *Seeds of Service* at some future date. *As Anonymous is 50% of our name, I feel that this subject may warrant further discussion in our district.*

Lastly, as this is April, and the fourth month of the year, I would like to broach the subject of inventory with our district. The General Service Office is taking their inventory over the next two years. In speaking to some of the long-timers in our district, it looks like we may have never done a district inventory. I thought that we might discuss this tonight under new business and decide if we should seat an ad hoc committee to begin this process for us. As we all know, it is always good to "clean house."

Also, during March I was able to visit the Sunday Night 12&12, Monday Reading for Recovery, Tuesday Night Greensburg, and the Women's Meeting at the Westmoreland County Prison.

I would again like to thank you all for this opportunity to serve our District.

In love and service,

Margie S.  
DCM

# COMMITTEE REPORTS CONT'D....

## ALT DCM REPORT

HAPPY HAPPY SPRING!!!

I would very much like to take this opportunity to say "thank you, thank you, thank you" to you, our wonderful fellowship, and most of all to my Higher Power. I have been placed in an amazing fellowship of men and women.

Recently had the pleasure and privilege to attend the Get Away Weekend and the Pre-Conference Assembly for the second year. What a fabulous opportunity to see how our fellowship and AA works on a larger scale. The panel discussions were very informative. Much discussion was held on Safety in the rooms among the fellowship, Traditions vs. Customs, and that ever necessary topic of Anonymity.

I sat on the Literature committee. We discussed the possibility and need of two new pamphlets, "Alcoholics with Mental Illness" and "Transgender and non-conforming Alcoholics". The intention of both pamphlets is to educate the fellowship, to understand or be understood, to allow all members of Alcoholics Anonymous to know we are all the same. We all suffer from the same cunning baffling disease. Despite our difference's **WE DO** have a common bond ... to help the still suffering alcoholic recover from Alcoholism.

Leslie  
alt DCM

## PI/CPC REPORT

Hello District 23!

There are signs of life everywhere! I love this time of year. I always feel renewed and re-energized. We, as a committee, are hoping to get to work and make sure that members of the public who deal with suffering alcoholics get the information they need to help folks find AA. Our members are from different parts of our district, which encompasses a large geographic area. We could use your help too!

At our last meeting, we compiled a list of places that John has visited recently to distribute literature. I have taken inventory of the pamphlets, books, etc., that we have on hand. We have a short list of places we want to visit, but are open to suggestions on places and entities that have expressed an interest or need for information on AA. Please feel free to contact me if you want to join the committee or have a place in mind that wants AA literature.

Love and Service,

Lisa V.

PI/CPC Comm. Chair

## H & I REPORT

Dear AA friends,

Great Job to all who participated in the Sponsorship Workshop in March. Thank you for your service and thanks to all who attended. The H & I committee can always use volunteers so if you are interested ask an H & I committee member or myself for more information. Thank you to the folks who have volunteered this year so far. The H & I meeting is held the second Saturday of the month in Youngwood at the Church on Sherwood and Lincoln. Anyone can attend. Please feel free to come and check it out.

H & I will be hosting the **Annual Old Timers Spaghetti dinner on April 25th at St. Michaels Orthodox Church**. Details are on the "save the date" page in this informer. Will be a great day of fellowship, food, speakers and FUN!!! Any questions/concerns give me a call.

Thanks,  
Bernie S.  
724-858-9022  
H&I chairperson



# SAVE THE DATES

## 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

July 2-5, 2015 - Atlanta,  
Georgia



The 2015

- Registration deadline May 12, 2015
- Information for registration on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

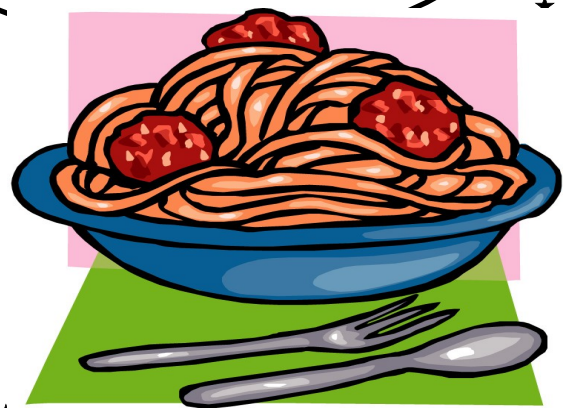
### 8TH ANNUAL H & I OLD TIMER'S SPEAKER MEETING & SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Michael's Orthodox Church  
(off cedar St. Exit RT. 30)  
SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2015  
12-5P  
\$3/person

12-1p- Lou B.  
1-2p- Dinner  
2:10-3p-Sharon H  
3:30-4:30p- Joe. W.  
\*times may vary

\*\*sponsored by the H & I Picnic  
Committee

For more info:  
Call Ron 724-708-7705  
Debbie 724-832-1024



# 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.

## **"ANONYMITY"**

**Our 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition states "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions".**

**The question that has been asked and asked ... Why anonymity? Our founding fathers found it imperative to include anonymous 165 times on 28 different pages, anonymity 6 times on 3 different pages in the Big Book. The word anonymous 77 times (pages unknown), anonymity 35 times on 13 different pages in the "12&12" (at least this is what I found).**

**These words, almost synonymous in meaning are mentioned a total of over 170 times in our basic text alone. No wonder that in this day and age of technology and social media that this subject is on the minds of so many.**

**My question to you ... Do you/we practice these principles in all our affairs?? What do you think of a workshop on the subject??**

**Leslie E.**

**ALT. DCM**

## **TRADITIONS 11 & 12 (LONG FORM)**

11. Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

12. And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.



# NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION

## **IMPORTANT ADDRESSES**

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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.")

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(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

## **DISTRICT 23 NOON SPEAKER MEETINGS**

GREENSBURG WED. NOON  
SECOND WEDNESDAY OF  
THE MONTH OS

OD NOON

First Presbyterian Church

300 S. Main Street, Greensburg

LATROBE OD NOON /

OS LAST WEDNESDAY

Trinity Lutheran Church

331 Weldon Street, Latrobe

THURSDAY NOON GROUP

OD NOON / LAST THURS. IN  
MONTH OS

St. Bruno Church

1707 S. Poplar Street,

Greensburg

### **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](mailto:editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org))

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