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DCM REPORT

Hello district 23,

I begin this report saying, “thank you to all who came P-Caw(Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend).” The turnout for P-Caw was well over 120 A.A.’s voicing their homegroups conscience and saying through our delegate what we would like to have happen at the General Service Conference in April.

But before I go into the weekend I have report on the happenings with your DCM during the month of March. Last report I stated that a call had come in from North Carolina, about a fellow A.A. who had moved here to the New Alexandria, Pa. I happy to report that there was successful transition our district for this A.A. A big thank you Fred S. and the guys who have a stepped up for keeping the hand of A.A. extended for one our own. Thank you very much.

Also, I got an email from a teacher and her group of children who had an assignment to find something online that dealt with drug and alcohol. The teacher was pleased to report that her class found us, District 23 online. I was asked if I put their link onto our website. It was my job to say I was happy her class had found us, yet per our traditions, I couldn’t put up their link up on our website. This shows that we are in public eye and that if a group of children can find us, doing an assignment, that should be no problem for a fellow alcoholic to find us as well.

As for my second part of my trip to NERAASA, I was really confined to that of the events that took place in the grand ballroom. The Spanish speaking community was given a panel of their own to present, which was translated into English. This community of people were over joyed that they were given the honor of doing this. one day it my hope that African American community will be given this honor as well.

As being the only DCM from Area 60 that attended this event, as we were given the Pre-Conference Agenda Items in our packets, not only did I transmit them to all GSR’s in District 23, I also transmitted them to all DCM’s in Area 60 as well. For as you see I’m only a servant and in that position of being just that, I also had the added responsibility as well to communicate this to fellow DCM’s as well by being only a hand of A.A.

As I meet met more people from Area 59 to our east. I met a lady named Karen H., who at the suggestion to of her sponsor, asked me to speak at the A.A. State Convention this year in Harrisburg, Pa in August. I gladly accepted the honor of doing this. At the typing of this I

received my letter from Karen H., who is the chairperson for this, I am to give my lead around the theme, “why A.A. Unity is so important”. The convention is August 3rd – 5th in Harrisburg, I speak on Saturday at 1:00pm. So, again I give thanks to district 23 for sending me to my first and hope of many more NERAASA’s to come. Also, before I close this I did buy the CD set of NERASSA 2018 should anyone like to listen to it.

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Now onward to the P-Caw. Funny how that is catchy name for the weekend, yet it lets everyone know that A.A. business is being conducted.

We begin with the first panel, "Today Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not exclusion,"

Our Primary purpose, by Sara P., GSR D15. She spoke about pamphlet, Problems Other Than Alcoholism and Tradition 3. Gave a report of herself, as to how she relates to being in the rooms of A.A. even though being duly addicted. To watch how we pass judgement, no matter how the individual gets here.

The only Requirement for membership, by Debbie E., Alt DCM D14. Discusses today's alcoholic typically has problems other than alcoholism, ie., gambling and drugs. Yet what do we do when these people appear at our closed groups? How do we inform them that there are other fellowships that may better help them than we can?

What would the master do:, by Pamela P. GSR D28. Covered what was spoken by the panelist by saying, it is our duty to help the alcoholic who just made to the rooms. That A.A. can not take on all personal problems. Finally wrapping up by saying there's no way to make an alcoholic out of a non-alcoholic.

Panel 2: "Group Conscience the Guiding Force"

The HomeGroup:, By Maureen C. Alt DCM D28. Spoke as to why the additional line, "our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern," which speaks of how it was added to tradition 2 about the time the first Conference was started up. "The home-group you choose is a place you feel you can grow, it brings you into A.A., helps you choose that of a higher power that makes sense to you and helps you get sobriety and maintain a spiritual sobriety. The group conscience help you to always listen with an open mind and to keep the minority opinion in mind when making a decision."

The district: by Chad U., Area 60 Newsletter Editor. Spoke on the most important words @ the district level is, "an informed group conscience". Meaning that pertinent information has been researched and studied, thus given to our GSR's to take back to their homegroups, where a better group conscience can be made.

The Area: by Mario D. past area 60 treasurer. Maps out our way into further service work by those who genuine interest. Who want to learn and serve the greater whole of A.A. than just with our egos, with enough experience to serve our districts. With a loving God who is our ultimate authority. Meaning that we've settled down enough as to not to try control over anyone.

To wrap up Friday night at the assembly weekend, the DCM roundtable discussions were much more informative as to what they were a year ago as we all began to take on our service positions. We were able to more accurately answer questions that were posed to us and share of our experiences of the past year and relate them to newly elected DCM's. As were we able learn new ways of generating new ways interest in service work, an ever-vital need for A.A. to continue function.

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Now we come to Saturday where the Northeast Regional Trustee Rich P. gave his lead and report. His lead is always of such inspiration of what it was like for him, what happened and to what it is like for him now. As we roll in to his report there was some discussion as to what happened with the litigation of manuscript. As I will say now, “the total for ending the litigation was almost \$400,000.00. as to what was discussed in the trustees committee during the P-CAW,

I simply do not know.”

Manuscript Litigation Panel. 1. Jean M. Past Delegate Panel 61: Trusting of Trustees, Jean M. spoke of the reason of why we should continue to our current slate of 7 non-Alcoholic Trustees. This action of censure only occurred once in our history, a letter was drafted in 1994 to then censure the Slate of 7 non-Alcoholic trustees. In 1995 it was, after thorough examination of the issues and information available and the acknowledgement at that time, that there may have been problems of communications at many service levels in the past then, it was the sense of the committee that there was improvement, since the drafting of the letter, and, therefore in the interest of maintaining A.A. unity and finding there was not sufficient cause, the committee unanimously recommended that the proposal to censure the GSB be dismissed. Censure is an action that is explained in Concept 7 of the A.A. Service manual. This can only have three actions that can happen. The fellowship as a whole can use the power of the purse, withholding funds to GSO, the re-arranging of the 7 non-Alcoholic trustees and lastly the firing of the 7

non-Alcoholic trustees. All of which would affect our 12th step work and services performed at GSO. This can all be found pages 27 – 30 of the 2016 - 2018 A.A. service manual. To conclude this part of Jean M’s part of the panel she used concepts 2,6,8 and page 155 of A.A. Comes of Age.

2. Yvette N. Past delegate panel 63, gave in sight that of the possibility of creating new by-laws in regarding the pursuit and buying A.A. material that has been long lost to archive.

The panel I sat in on was the Pi/CPC committee. There the discussion was focused on the use Google ad words for making us easier to find in google searching. If you were searching for, “how to stop drinking”, you won’t find Alcoholics Anonymous anywhere near the top ten, or at all, as way to stop drinking. With Google ad words, the path to find Alcoholics Anonymous in the top five ways to stop drinking becomes visible. So with a unanimous vote of 24 for the use of ad words along with the recommendation that we, A.A., control the use of the ad words was passed.

We are now up to the Pre-conference assembly. Our attendance was DCM, Alt. DCM and 9 GSR’s was the most of all districts there. Thank you. Now to the voting that took place.

Vote: for the adding of an appendix from the Library of Congress, As One of The Best 88 Books of The Century. Carried a 83 for, 1 minority and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

Vote for adding Dr.Bob S.;, as footnote on page 171 of the Big Book carried. Unsure as to the exact numbers here.

Vote for: making a new pamphlet of the three legacies was 15 for, 74 against and 3 abstaining, was sent back with Take No Action.

Vote for: UK Pamphlet, “The God Word” to be published was 48 for, 38 against and 10 abstaining, motion was defeated.

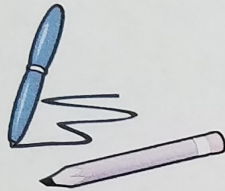
Vote for: request to changes, “In Living Sober” Agenda M, “How ever some Alcoholics require medication,” to be moved the pamphlet was 65 for, 1 minority and 10 abstaining was passed. Motion carried.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of the attending the Pre-Conference weekend.

In Love, Peace and Service,
Edward S. DCM

SCOTTDALE NEW & OLDTIMERS

Big Book Step Study Workshop (Steps 5, 6, 7, 8)



12 Step Big Book Workshop
on AA's 12 Steps

It works—it really does.

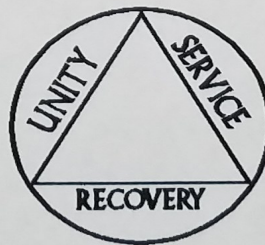
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Saturday April 21st, 2018

NOON - 4:00pm

Calvin Presby church

(Same location as the regular Thursday meeting)



Coffee, Water,
and snacks will
be provided

Desserts are
welcome

"Dust off that Big Book and join us for a day of fun & learning"



11TH ANNUAL H&I COMMITTEE OLD TIMER'S SPEAKER MEETING AND DINNER

LOCATION: St. Michael's Orthodox Church
1182 Ashland St.
Greensburg, PA 15601
Cedar St. Exit off Rt. 30 By-pass

TIME: 12 Noon until 5pm.*

12-1pm	Diana M.
1-2 pm	Dinner
2:10 -3pm	Al. S
3:30-4:30pm	Bob. H.

*ACTUAL TIMES MAY VARY

\$1.00—PER PERSON—DONATION TO CHURCH—MEAL IS FREE

Spaghetti with meat or meatless sauce
Salad
Water or pop



BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT

50/30/10/10 DRAWING AND RAFFLE

RAFFLE AND DRAWING AFTER EACH SPEAKER

DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

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FOR MORE INFO:: CONTACT DEBBIE H 724-832-1024 , DEE S. 724-972-8676
YOUR GSR, H&I rep, or come to H&I meetings (2nd sat of the month at Christ United Methodist Church at
Sherwood and Lincoln in Youngwood)

District 23 **info**

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES **For Home groups mailing** **contributions:**

District 23

PO Box 1698

Greensburg, PA 15601

For contributions to the district, please make checks payable to District 23 and put the group name on check.

****PLEASE NOTE : THE AREA 60 TREASURER ADDRESS HAS CHANGED**

Area 60 Treasurer

P.O, Box 1496

Washington PA, 15301

(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

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.

Personal stories are welcome also, if you would be willing to share your experience, strength and hope with District 23. (can be anonymous)

Thank you,
Monica

Interested in a service position?

H & I service positions available.

The H & I meetings are held at Christ United Church

100 Lincoln Avenue, Youngwood at 10:30 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Also there **open coordinator positions at our District..** The GSR meeting is held on the first Friday of the month in Jeannette at The First Presbyterian Church, Corner of 4th and Bullitt Ave. Jeannette at 6:30pm.

Acceptance is the answer -

- to *all* my problems today. Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by mistake. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing or situation - some fact of my life - unacceptable to me, and I can find no serenity until I accept that person, place, thing or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by mistake. Until I could accept my alcoholism, I could not stay sober; unless I accept life completely on life's terms, I can not be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as on what needs to be changed in me and in my attitudes.

(Alcoholics Anonymous 4th Edition, page 417.)