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A LETTER FROM YOUR DCM



“They are servants, there’s is the sometimes-thankless privilege of doing the group’s chores.”

-Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 134

Happy Spring to All!

I want to thank everyone in our district who contributed to PCAW and were there for the weekend on zoom. It was very informative and as always, a learning experience. Please remember for your group to have a voice in A.A., it is important for your GSR to be present for these events. I feel that it is a privilege to serve all of you and I thank you for allowing me to be your trusted servant.

Our next quarterly meeting will be on May 16, 2021. In the meantime, the area is in the process of starting coordinator meetings via zoom once a month so that they can get together and discuss strengths and weaknesses with coordinators in other districts in our area.

The Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) will be held June 4th through the 6th. Registration will open up at the end of this month. Information will be available on the Area website for all interested in attending via zoom.

Remember, we have the privilege of hosting NERAASA next February in Pittsburgh. Many volunteers will be needed. If anyone is interested, please contact me or our Area delegate for information to volunteer. Our Area is known for their hospitality room and help will be needed, along with other assistance to make this an epic event.

Again, Thank you all!

In love and service,

Marcia W., DCM



Personal experience with the 9th step promises (pg 83-84 Big Book)

What are these promises all about? I first came into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, April 23, 1993. At that time, I had no understanding of the AA 12 step program. Listening to the readings during my first meeting was all Greek to me. As time went on, understanding of the reading came into being. First were How It Works, The Steps and Traditions and finally the Promises. Everything had a specific order to them.

When the promises were read, they were listed 1 thru 12. However, in the big book on pages 83 and 84 they were in paragraph form. With that being said, I first believed the promises would come true from 1 to 12. Quickly I discovered that was not the case.

Life in early recovery was total chaos. How could any of the promises come true? Over time they did start to materialize. The most important happened six months into my sobriety at my first Cook Forest Conference. During God as You Understand on Sunday morning, I heard something said that released me from the bondage of my current status. The ball and chain were removed. This gave me the freedom to go forward. This day I will never forget.

The Promises bring to light our past and help me to understand how to deal with the wreckage of my past. I have no regrets, for without those experiences, both good and bad, there would be no peace and serenity in my life. Experience is a great teacher this I try to share with others to the best of my ability. Working with others and staying in the center of my recovery with AA allows me to lose that feeling of uselessness and self-pity. There were many times in the past I was of no worth to anyone.

The promises speak about attitude how my outlook on life will change. Every day is a gift today. In the beginning of my sobriety, there was no light at the end of the day. Over time this perspective on life has changed. With my sobriety I find hope for each day.

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All thru my sobriety there have been times of fear and economic insecurity. When I first came into the room of AA, what would people think? For many years people still thought I was the town drunk. Being self-employed, I began to wonder if I would I still be hired to do home improvements. A very stupid thought. They continued to hire me. I believed if they knew I went to AA something was wrong with me. A much unwarranted fear on my part.

Over the years there have been many situations to deal with. Divorce, death of loved ones, foreclosure on our home, and near-death issues to name a few. Through having a sponsor, speaking up in meetings, listening to others, I was able to overcome all these opportunities.

I believe the key to the Promises is understanding that the God is doing for me what i cannot do for myself. Without my higher power these Promises will never materialize in my life. Over the past 28 years many Promises have come my way. At times it took many months or years to recognize what God has been doing for me. I don't always recognize the Promises of sobriety when they occur. Having faith and hope for me is the key to the Promises. A little work is also needed. It is amazing how these Promises continue to come true as I work the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Finally, all things work out the way they are supposed to. No matter the outcome I, we, will be ok.

Ed Jones

Sobriety Date: April 23,1993

Homegroup: Ligonier Wednesday Night

Want to be of service... Have an idea for an article on Your Page... Celebrating a milestone in sobriety... Homegroup having an anniversary...? Let me know about it! I would love to hear about it and want your input and participation to keep the Informer awesome!

E-mail editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org.

In service, Kari F.

IN PERSON MEETING LIST

SUNDAY

- Scottsdale Sunday Night CC 7:00PM/OS Last Sunday of month Calvin United Church 311 Mulberry St, Scottsdale
- Greensburg Sunday Night 12&12 7:00PM Live&Zoom Church of the Brethren 544 Stanton St, Greensburg

MONDAY

- Monday Night Under the Bridge OD 7:30PM Presbyterian Church 108 W 3rd St, Derry
- Dinner with Bill as Bill Sees It OD 6:00PM Church of the Brethren 544 Stanton St, Greensburg

TUESDAY

- New Florence Tuesday Nooner Group OD-B Noon New Florence Methodist Church 196 9th St, New Florence
- Dinner with Bill as Bill Sees It OD 6:00PM Norwin Christian Church 9610 Barnes Lake Rd N Huntingdon
- Tuesday Beginners Group B7:30PM/OS Last Tues of month First Presbyterian Church 300 Main St, Greensburg

WEDNESDAY

- Greensburg Wednesday Noon Discussion OD NOON/2nd Wed of month OS First Pres. Church 300 Main St, Greensburg
- This Is the Way SDY 7:00PM Methodist Church (enter 2nd floor) 310 Oak St, Irwin
- Latrobe OD NOON/OS LAST WEDNESDAY Trinity Lutheran Church 331 Weldon St, Latrobe
- Ligonier Discussion Group CD 8:00PM Heritage United Methodist Church 107 Main St, Ligonier

THURSDAY

- Hope in Sobriety OD 8:00PM Christ United Church 1100 Lincoln Ave, Youngwood
- Latrobe Thurs. Night Big Book Study CD 7:30PM Trinity Lutheran Church 331 Weldon St, Latrobe
- Scottsdale New and Old Timers OD 7:30PM 3rd Thurs OS Calvin U.P. Church 311 Mulberry St, Scottsdale
- Wednesday Twin Lakes OD OD 6:30PM Twin Lakes Pavilion 7 219 Twin Lakes Rd, Greensburg

FRIDAY

- This is H.O.W. OD 6:00PM 12&12 Study Group Brushcreek Evangelical Lutheran Church 177 Brush Creek Rd, Irwin
- Acme Donegal Friday Nite OD 8:00PM Acme United Methodist Church 3016 Rte. 31, Acme
- Jeanette Friday Night CC 8:00PM First Presbyterian Church 4th & Bullitt Ave, Jeannette

SATURDAY

- Twin Lakes Group OD 10:30AM Word of Life Church 4497 PA-136, Greensburg
- Lincoln Highway Group OD/B 8:00PM Circleville U.M. Church 11600 Fairway Dr, N. Huntingdon

ONLINE MEETING LIST

Zoom Online Meeting List From www.aa-swestpa-dist23.org

If any new meetings or changes are noticed and need edited, please email the webmaster the info to update the website and I will change it for next months' list in the Informer.

Sunday Serenity 10:30 AM Meeting ID: 851 2485 6711 PW: Unity

Sunday GB 12 & 12 7:00 PM Meeting (Live Meeting Also) Meeting ID: 393 138 139

Monday • Fri The Hand of AA 3:00 PM Meeting ID: 819 600 165 PW: billw

Monday Wednesday Friday Sunrise Serenity 6:30 AM Meeting ID: 632 505 540
PW: 365891

Monday through Friday Noon PM Meeting ID: 814 7326 3715 PW: 417

Tuesday Night Greensburg Beginners 7:30 PM

(Live Meeting Also) Meeting ID: 714 150 815 19 PW: serenity

Wednesday Night Greensburg OD 7:30 PM Meeting ID: 879 775 86902

Wednesday Night Ligonier OD 8:00 PM (Live Meeting Also) Meeting ID: 723 375 9038
PW: 398982

Thursday Irwin Back to Basics 7:30 PM Join Call in only Meeting 351-999-4241

Thursday KISS Greensburg OD 7:30 PM (Live Meeting Also)

Friday Night Ligonier 8:00 PM OD Meeting ID 695 122 165

Friday Night Brush Creek 6:00PM Meeting ID: 890 0023 2779

GSR Meeting First Friday of Every Month 6:30PM (Live Meeting also)

Saturday 12&12 Deep Dive Noon Meeting ID: 714 150 815 19 PW: serenity

Rector Saturday Night 7:30PM Meeting ID: 8061246959 PW: 525711

MORE INFORMATION...

To all District 23 H & I home group representatives
The H&I committee now has the capability
to accept your groups contributions via VENMO

If you already have a VENMO account setup (or have
a friend that does),
please scan the below QR Code to send in your
contributions.

Please scan the QR Code below AND Include a NOTE
stating your Groups name and day(s) it meets
THANK YOU !!

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