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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Hello District 23,

Let's dispense of the elephant in the room at this moment. As per the motion at last month's meeting, an ad hoc committee has been set up to set Financial Guidelines for the district and to discuss what the district should do if we are over funded, and what to do should we be underfunded. The committee will also take suggestions on what to do with an overabundance of funds- including the suggestions made at the last meeting.

The ad hoc committee is open to all AA members with a homegroup in District 23. It is suggested that each homegroup have a representative. Since it has been difficult to get people together in, our Alt DCM Bob has set up an online discussion forum to start up the process. To be involved, go to : District23.Forumotion.com . It should be noted that no suggestions made by the ad hoc committee will be finalized until the district as a whole votes. Also, since we have a limited amount of time at the regular district meeting, it is suggested that you make your comments and suggestions to the committee, you can call myself (ED) or Bob.

Now to more of my report, I like to thank the Lincoln Highway Group for having me at its meeting. And a Special thanks to a homegroup member, Greg W. for stepping up to be the groups new contact person and for taking one of the older meetings in this district, formed 10/27/1971, out of the dark and back into the AA structure and into the life lines of the district, area 60 and GSO of New York.

As I get more acclimated to my job as the DCM of this district, I first thought when I took this position I was going to have my butt handed to me on platter. Now as more time has passed I'm starting to have fun with the job I've been given. Who would of thought fun would be had having this kind of job, at first I didn't think so. Here's where some of the fun can come in at; I get to be district 23's gofer at large. I get call to more members of AA who have done this job before me and be able to get answers on a variety of questions that get asked of me. Which in turn get to bring back the answer that has been sought after. Or I get challenged on my experience of being a AA member whenever there's a function that happens in district 23. So why pout about it, have fun with the job as I do with a regular job. Will there be times in this this job that will want to make think, why did I ever take on a position as this, YES, those times will come and pass as all things do.

Now to the GSR's, how many of you are having fun with your new position? Have you reserved anything you have learned from the GAW? Have you been challenged by the elder members and bleeding deacons of your homegroups as to what you have learned? Have you been able to pass on what you have learned to fellow GSR's or Alt GSR's who couldn't be at the GAW? Were you to me these questions, I can honestly answer with a loud resounding "YES!" Are able say more than, "The district meeting meets at 4th and bullitt streets in Jeannette, Pa. At 6:30pm on the first Friday of every month?" At my homegroup's past group conscience I was put to the test on some of these questions I just asked you.



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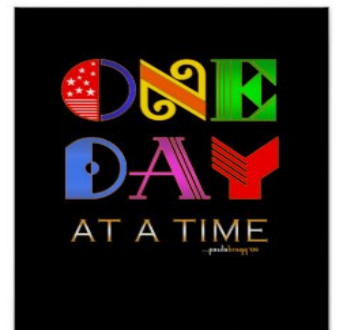
By a show of hands here in this room, how many of you here been to the new online sight set up by our ALT DCM Bob? How many of you by a show of hands in this room, put anything out there on this new online site that has been set up? I type this with the answer of that of what I have been able to see so far. Not too many here. So, ask yourself, why have I taken this position? If you come up with answer of, "to be of service to my homegroup and for the future member of AA who may come in the rooms." Then service work is a part of your program. Yet if you didn't come up with this type of answer, you still have time to be a part of the service structure of AA.

So, as you see we, the trusted members who help make up this meeting of the business side of AA for District 23, can really do something worthwhile to help attract more future alcoholics to the rooms and be love them as the rooms have love us here till we were able to love ourselves and become servants to those who are not here yet.

I do this because service work is a part of my program, for those who continue to love me before and after I have been able to start loving myself, and for those who haven't come out of dark world of alcoholism yet.

So, I say to all GSR's, ALT GSR's, and elected Committee members we have a good bit of work ahead of us, so let us knuckle down and get busy.

In Love and Service,
Edward S.
DCM of District 23



ALT. DCM REPORT

There are now two addresses that will take you to the 23-business forum
They are:

District23.fourumotion.com or a new short one, d23aa.org. A man of extremes, I went from too long to too short .

We now have a dozen people registered. If you have any trouble signing up give me a call at 724 925-3963. Signing up takes between 5 and 10 minutes depending on how computer savvy you are. Many people were having problems typing in the long address without mistakes and then autocorrect would keep dragging them down the same rabbit hole. Hopefully the new short address will alleviate this issue. I'm very patient on this stuff, give me a call. Most of the action is going on is in the committee section under finance Ideas are still being flushed out for the financial guidelines. We need some more input and help, if you would like to be on this temporary committee get in touch with me.

Under the spending issue, we have come up with about 10 ideas to help the still suffering alcoholic and three or four to help people already in recovery or in service. Come and give your input and ideas and we'll bring them to the district.

In Service,
Bob H.

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.

Area 60 Treasurer

PO Box 266,

Monroeville, PA 15146.

(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.

SAVE THE DATE

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, 314 Bullitt Ave. Jeannette at 6:30pm.

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Daily Reflections

THE FOREST AND THE TREES

. . . . what comes to us alone may be garbled by our own

rationalization and wishful thinking. The benefit of talking

to another person is that we can get his direct comment and

counsel on our situation.

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 60

I cannot count the times when I have been angry and frustrated

and said to myself, "I can't see the forest for the trees!" I

finally realized that what I needed when I was in such pain was

someone who could guide me in separating the forest and the

trees; who could suggest a better path to follow; who could

assist me in putting out fires; and help me avoid the rocks and pitfalls.

I ask God, when I'm in the forest, to give me the courage to

call upon a member of A.A.