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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Hello District 23.

Here it is, June already – another year halfway over! There always seems to be a lot to do but not enough time. With that in mind we will be having a workshop on Concept 2 before our regular GSR meeting next month. That will be 6 pm on July 6th. Please try to join us as we try to increase our understanding of these important Concepts. They are crucial to our functioning in general service. And there will be light refreshments served as well.

Margie will be handling the report on our recent Post-Assembly/Second Quarterly meeting, as she represented our district there. I was at Cook Forest, getting a spiritual battery recharge and poison ivy. Thank you once again, Margie, for taking care of business in my absence.

Lisa V.

DCM

ALT. DCM REPORT

See separate report.

H&I REPORT

Greetings fellow travelers.

First off, this month's meeting has changed dates. Due to church activity we cannot meet Saturday the 8th. Instead we will meet Saturday the 15th.

Tell your friends. Next, one of our BHS Coordinators has to step down. This means that we are looking for someone to step up and fill the position. If you are interested, talk to me after the meeting or show up at our next H&I meeting.

Remember the next H&I meeting is Saturday the 15th. Finally, the H&I social calendar. Our annual Picnic will be held on Saturday August 24th at the Grove at St Vincents. Flyers coming soon. Hope to see you there.

Please continue to donate any conference approved literature to our literature drive. Our Opportunities in Service forms are always available; please volunteer to carry the message into any of the facilities that we cover. We are truly grateful and may we continue to work together to help save those alcoholics who still suffer and can't get to a meeting without all of our help. Without you we would not be able to provide literature and meetings to carry that message of hope.

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:

- Torrance State Hospital Monday meeting
- BHS
- 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 State Hospital
- Westmoreland County Prison (men and women)
- BHS
- Juvenile Detention Center

If interested in serving, ask your SPONSOR then contact the chair or coordinator of that facility.

ROW Y.

H&I Committee Chair

BIG BLANK PAGE

“And why is this page blank?”
you may ask yourself. “Did the
editor screw up and forget
something?”

Well, no. This page is yours – the members of
District 23. Not just committee members, GSR’s
or chairpersons. **YOU!**

YOUR PAGE!!!

I am putting out a call to any and all of you who
would like to write an article, blurb or column –
about your experience, strength and hope in this
program.

Please submit via the email link on the front page:
editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org

In love & serenity,

Colleen Z.

Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| June 7, 8 & 9 Founders Day | Founders Day Akron, OH 78th Anniversary of AA |
| June 15th | H & I Mtg. |
| August 24th | Annual H&I Picnic St. Vincents Grove (more info to come!) |

ANNIVERSARY!



IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Home groups mailing contributions to Area 60 or the New York General Service Office (GSO) should send checks to:

Area 60 Treasurer
P.O. Box 152
Conway, PA 15027
(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.")

Irwin Back To Basics

Irwin Back to Basics Group will be celebrating their 19th anniversary on Thursday, July 11th.

6:30 pm Coffee
7:00 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Speaker

**First Presbyterian Church
617 Main Street, Irwin**

Please come out and show your support!

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.

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

Thanks,

Colleen Z.

Editor

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.

ALTERNATE DCM REPORT

June 2013

Greetings District 23,

I attended the Area Assembly and Fourth Quarterly Meeting on May 19th, 2013. Below is my full report.

Area Assembly May 19, 2013

28 of 45 groups were represented at the Area Assembly and Quarterly Meeting

Area 60 Delegate (Yvette N.) reported on the General Service Conference held in New York City in April.

The General Service Conference Takes its Inventory

The General Service Conference will be taking its inventory over the next 5 years.

45 questions will be answered by 45 groups of delegates and attendees.

Due to the spirit of rotation practiced by the fellowship, there will be 2 separate groups of delegates answering the questions which will broaden the spectrum of answers

Next year's questions are available from Delegate Yvette N. if anyone wants them. They will make good meeting discussions and DOS questions.

AGENDA ITEMS

Literature—It was voted that there be no change in the dust jacket. The Conference voted the same as area 60 in this matter.

It was voted that there be no change to blue card (in regard to nonalcoholics) The Conference voted the same as Area 60 on this issue.

An index will not be added to the Big Book. The Conference voted the same as Area 60 on this issue.

Spirituality pamphlet is being sent back to committee. There was not substantial unanimity (Area 60 did not vote on this issue at the GAW)

The Short Form of Tradition 11 was not changed. (Area 60 did not vote on this issue)

Having a social media page for the General Service Office was voted down. (The Conference voted the same as Area 60). As a side note, revamping AA.Org will be placed under consideration by the trustees.

Revamping the job description for area registers was a yes. (The Conference voted the same as Area 60 on this issue).

The plan died in committee. There was not even any discussion. (As a side note, my service sponsor is a past delegate and he said it will most likely come up again) One of the trustees reported at the Conference that there have already been positive changes made by just talking about "the elephant in the room" and getting the information out to the fellowship. It was recommended that as members we trust the committee process Especially if we believe that God is in all of our group conscience.

It was agreed upon with substantial unanimity to use a third party source for literature. (The Conference did not vote the same way as Area 60).

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Treatment special needs and accessibility asked groups to prepare in advance for deaf and hard of hearing members and encourages cooperation with local professionals.

If your home group has an agenda item for the next conference, the deadline has been changed items to December 15th.

It has been suggested that the 2 areas in Pa rotate at the same time.

The next International is in 2025 and the sites being looked at our Montreal, Quebec, Vancouver, British Columbia, and St. Louis, MO.

FLOOR ACTIONS

See regular report

Yvette would have liked discussion on the floor about the plan and to have been able to here more opinions. La Vina will stay as is—there will be no change.

A commemorative edition of the 1st edition will be published. The difference between a reprint and a commemorative edition is that a commemorative edition is an historic facsimile. It will be printed on the same weight paper, in the same type, etc. It will only be printed in English as this 1st Edition was only printed in English.

SELF SUPPORT DISCUSSIONS

The Conference is really pushing the Birthday Plan to keep us self-supporting. Envelopes are free and available from GSO. It is recommended when using your 7th tradition money to purchase coins (which in no way support AA as a whole) that you also hand the member a Birthday envelope. Remember if everyone sends in \$1.00 for each year that you are sober, GSO will receive \$13million a year.

It was suggested that all groups get green card to explain the purpose of the basket.

Each group should also have a 7th Tradition packet.

AREA 60 FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING

It was voted to change the Areas fiscal year to end January 31, rather than in October. This is standard operating procedure.

Diana G. From our District stepped down as the Area Alternate Chairperson. There was a special election held. Chris G. from Scottdale New and Old Timers and John R. from Meadville both stood for the position. John R. was elected by substantial unanimity.

Alternate Delegate Report

The State Convention Committed would like to know what they can do to encourage Area 60 participation. It is being asked that the DCMs speak to the GSR's and get a general sense of the meeting. Just an FYI, Liz B. will be the speaking at the banquet. She knew Bill W.

The Official Get Away Weekend count was 134.

Surveys indicate that it was very successful.

A few suggestions made...plans for next year being formulated.

Area Chairperson Report

John K. spoke about his experiences at NERASSA and GAW.

Secretary Report

Secretary Richard C. report that there are envelopes on the table. If you need printed agendas and minutes, but your address on an envelope and leave it on the table. He also spoke about NERASSA.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

I didn't get a copy but there is \$8,000.00 in the area treasury.

Area Newsletter

The deadlines for submission are in the newsletter. There will also be a digital archive and a pdf online

Registrar's Report

Registrar report all GIFS are all in. Please note that when you submit information to the Area and New York, as a GSR, Committee Member or Officer you must include your full-name and address. You cannot be anonymous to get your mailings.

Miscellaneous Information

The Area Calendar can be reviewed on website

The PA State Convention is August 2 through August the 4th in Harrisburg East.

Old Business

The Area is moving forward with a plan to move the area meetings around to different locations. Please contact the Area Chairman, John K. to be on committee.

An District is needed to Host the August 18th meeting.

Several DOS bids were entered.

Respectfully submitted in love and service,

Margie S.

Margie S.
Alternate DCM