

# THE 23 INFORMER

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# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **DCM REPORT**

To my fellow AA's :

Hope all is well. I would like to thank Randy, Lisa and Stan for being presenters at the D.O.S. on June 19th. I would also like to thank everyone else who either helped out in some way or just showed up. That was pretty cool to see a good showing from our District. A *big* "thank you" once again to everyone.

Next, on July 11th there will be a post conference assembly at the Comfort Inn off the Rodi Road exit in Penn Hills. Hope to see you all there! Every GSR has a vote at this assembly. Then, right around the corner, Ligonier Wednesday Night will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary, and on August 21<sup>st</sup>, H & I will be having their annual picnic at St. Vincent Grove, which is always a good time.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and sober 4th of July weekend.

*In Love and Service,  
DCM Chris G.*

## **ALT. DCM REPORT**

Dear Friends:

What is an informed group conscience? You may ask, "What is he talking about?" Is your group having informed group consciences? Are you asking your higher power into your group consciences? Are all individuals being heard in the group? Are we letting go and letting God? Do we use the Twelve Traditions?

These are the many things I ask myself: Do I get a resentment when something doesn't go my way? Am I letting others know in an honest manner, just maybe things aren't as I perceive

them? And the most important thing, are we as a group trying to carry the message to alcoholics?

Next, I'd like to talk about the Traditions, and the importance of them. Can you imagine what a mess it would be if our founders hadn't established them? We'd be taking money from who knows who. What might our meetings be like without singleness of purpose? Or my favorite one, the only thing to be a member is the desire to stop drinking. I guess what I'm saying is that maybe now and then a group inventory is the answer!

Now to let you know what I've been up to: I was able to take a meeting into the juvenile center.

For those of you who went to Founders' Day, I hope you had a good time. I was able to make it to the Day of Sharing but was not able to stay the whole day. I would like to share that District 42 did not have any presentations and there were approximately 75 folks there. But I would like to thank Randy, Chris, Lisa and Stan for their presentations. All in all, it was a nice time.

*In Love and Service,  
Alt. DCM Tom W.*

## **Coming next month ...**

***The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual District 23 H&I Picnic will be held August 21 at St. Vincent Grove from noon until 5:30 pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be on the grill. Thank you for your support with the "Pink Can" donations!***

### **Editor's Note:**

**The deadline for submissions to the 23 Informer is 12 pm the Sunday before each GSR meeting. Submissions received after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion in the newsletter. Thank you for your consideration.**

*Sally B.  
Editor, 23 Informer*

## 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.

**TO ALL HOME GROUPS** – If your group has any changes, please contact the Editor, and it will be listed in the Informer. Also please notify Richard K. of any changes so that the Answering Service and PI/CPC will give out correct meeting information. Contact numbers are on the front of this newsletter.

*Please note that the Answering Service phone number has changed! We now have a toll-free number, thanks to your generous contributions. The number is listed on the front page of this newsletter. Pass it on!*

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Dear Friends of District 23:

One of the jobs of District 23 Special Needs is to take meetings to our fellow alcoholics who are in the hospital, nursing homes and are ill at home. We will gladly bring a meeting to them. Just let us know -- we can't do this if we don't know you need a meeting brought to you.

*In Love and Service,  
Betty B.,  
Special Needs Coordinator*

## GRAPEVINE

The AA Grapevine, our monthly meeting in print, is a very useful tool for your sobriety and can go wherever you go. A yearly subscription is only \$27, and it is delivered every month in a plain wrapper, so if your neighbors don't already know you're an alcoholic, your Grapevine magazine won't tip them off! The Grapevine is a perfect gift for sponsees and friends in the program. You can see me or your home group's Grapevine representative for subscription blanks. Thank you!

*Stan K.,  
Grapevine Rep.*

## PI/CPC

Hello District 23!

PI/CPC has been working to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to professional offices as well as rehabilitation centers and motels and hotels, since schools are closed. We still have the 5 X 7 placards available. Remember to be proactive about carrying the message of AA when you visit your family doctor! Everyone have a great summer. Peace!

*Richard K. ,  
PI/CPC Rep.,  
and Leo H.*

### *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

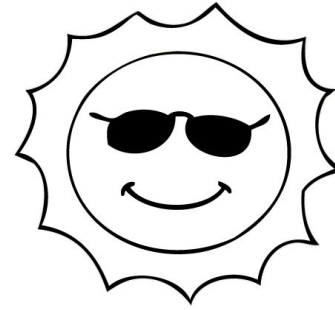
**Ligonier Wednesday Night Discussion Group** will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday July 28, 2010, at the Heritage United Methodist Church on the Diamond in Ligonier. Food and fellowship begins with coffee at 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45 and an open speaker meeting at 8:00. Lou P. from Pittsburgh is the scheduled speaker. Covered dishes are welcome.



**This month:  
PA STATE CONVENTION**

The 17th Annual Pennsylvania State Convention will be held July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 at the Hotel Carlisle and Embers Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA. Registration is \$20 per person, and a Weekend Package is \$55. This includes registration, a Saturday banquet and Sunday brunch. **Registration after July 15<sup>th</sup> is \$25 and \$60 for the banquet.** Checks may be made payable to PA State Convention and mailed to 1622 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA, 16602. Hotel Carlisle reservations are \$88.97 per night. Call Hotel Direct (800) 692-7315 for reservations. More information may be found on the Web at [www.aapastateconvention.com](http://www.aapastateconvention.com), or by calling Bob H. at (610) 202-7989.

...don't miss it!



## It's AA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

As we speak, AA's from around the world are converging in San Antonio, Texas for the 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous, July 1-4. This year's theme is "A Vision for You." Large meetings are planned all weekend in the Alamodome and elsewhere in the city.

AA's last international convention was held in 2005 at Toronto. There were more than 44,000 AA's in attendance. Thousands enjoyed the "Party in the Park" and the flag ceremony.

Happy and safe travels to all those attending the 2010 convention!

### Quotable quotes...

- A.A. didn't open the gates of heaven to let us in, but A.A. opened the gates of hell to let us out.
- Whatever we are, A.A. will make us better at it.
- It is much easier to do good than to be good.
- The best way to keep A.A. is to give it away.

### **IMPORTANT ADDRESSES**

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