

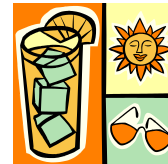
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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## DCM REPORT

Hello, District 23.

I hope everyone is having a fun and sober summer!

Just a reminder that Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> is our Area 60 quarterly meeting. If you can attend, please do. Carpooling is available; just give me a call.

Also coming up this month is our H&I picnic which is always a good time. The date is Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from Noon till 5 pm. It promises to be even more interesting this year with a carnival theme, thanks to Karen C., our Bridging the Gap coordinator and H&I social director. If you want to help out, give her a call. Her number is on the front of this newsletter. Next month, we will be holding another GSR workshop before the regular monthly meeting. That will be 6 pm on Friday, Sept. 12. Please note that the GSR meeting will be on the SECOND Friday of the month due to the Cook Forest Conference, which I and many of you will be attending. Any questions, give me a call.

*Lisa V.*

DCM

## H&I REPORT

Greetings fellow travelers.

We are looking for someone to step up and take over the position of coordinator for Torrance. The coordinator makes sure that we have people covering the following meetings at Torrance: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday morning of the month from 9:30-10:30, every Monday night in the Hospital section and every other Monday night in the prison section. If you are interested or need more info, see me or come to our next H&I meeting (Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>).

A final '23 Informer' reminder that our annual Picnic will be held on Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> at the

Grove at St Vincent's. The day kicks off at noon and runs till 5pm or so. We have a speaker all lined up for 4pm to share their experience, strength and hope. There will also be bingo as well as 50/30/10/10 and a raffle. As always, H&I will supply the burgers, dogs and corn on the cob. If you would like to bring a side dish, desert or something to drink, It would be welcome. So bring yourself, bring your family, bring a new comer or a long timer. 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.** 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: the Torrance State Hospital Monday meeting, BHS and the 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, Westmoreland County Prison (men and women), BHS and the Juvenile Detention Center.

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

*Rox Y*

H&I Committee Chair

## PI / C P C REPORT

Hi everyone,

Just wanted to let you know your Public Information Committee had two meetings in July in which we read and discussed AA guidelines so that we may carry a clear and concise message to the public and professional community.

We could use some help, so if you would like to give back what was so freely given to you please come to our next meeting. PI / C P C meeting will be held the third Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00pm. before the Beginners Meeting @ the first Presbyterian Church- 300 S Main St. in Greensburg. Next meeting : Aug.20th @6:00pm. hope to see you there!!

Thanks Ron Y. and the 40yrs sober newcomer. I'm grateful for your help!

PI/CPC Chair John H.  
PI/CPC Vice Chair Jillian D.

Thanks for letting me serve,

*John H.*

### Editor's Corner

As you can see, this is no longer a "Big Blank Page!!"

My sincere thanks and gratitude to Barb R. for the following submission.

If you would like to see your article in next month's newsletter, please submit via the following email link:

[editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org](mailto:editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org)

In love & serenity,

*Colleen Z.*

Editor

# **NO LONGER A BIG BLANK PAGE**

## **Love and Service**

July 9<sup>th</sup> was a typical Tuesday – work, dinner and my home group meeting. Except this particular Tuesday when I was asked to trade days at the Westmoreland Co. Prison by another Volunteer. It's nice to mix things up, so I set off to arrive before 6pm to be checked in...

I wish I could describe the next hour with the Ladies in some word better than "wow" or the overused "awesome". What an outstanding, extraordinary experience. The 25 gals present and I laughed and talked. The suggested topic was hope. *I am all about hope!* During the allotted time, our discussion, definition and discovery turned into a question and answer session. I humbly thank God that he whispered into my ear what came out of my mouth. I said that I have hope since George Clooney is again without a gal-pal... a girl can dream, can't she? The gals agreed, shared and laughed too. How refreshing it is to see hope in their eyes and hear laughter instead of fear, dread and despair.

Unfortunately, we missed reading the Daily Reflection. If you have one, please read "I Am An Instrument" on pg 199. I smiled as I read "God is the doer, not me." Very, very true. God restored and strengthened my faith through prayer, blessings and hope.

If you have the opportunity to go about the "AA business of love and service", please take it. You truly will receive more than you give!

*Barb R.*

Mt Pleasant Tuesday Night Big Book Study

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon – 5 pm</b>	<b>Annual H&amp;I Picnic St. Vincent's Grove Speaker at 4pm 50/30/10/10 Food, Fun &amp; Fellowship!</b>

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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.

Thanks,

*Colleen Z.*

Editor