# THE 23 INFORMER

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **DCM REPORT**

To my fellow AA's:

Hope all is well. Not much new to report this month. The budget for Area 60 wasn't passed for next year because the Alternate Treasurer had to attend a wedding, but it will be brought back up at the Fourth Quarterly.

Almost every week in September there is a D.O.S. somewhere in the area, so there is plenty to do if you want to go on a little road trip.

Next, we will be holding our District elections on October 1st at our business meeting. I hope to see you all here, this is a great time to get involved at the District level and to be of service. Our parlimentarian for the elections will be our Area 60 chairperson Rick S.

Then on October 10<sup>th</sup>, Area 60 will be holding its Election Assembly at the Comfort Inn off the Rodi Road exit in Penn Hills. *Every GSR* has a vote so please attend! We will be electing six new officers to serve for the next two years, and they are the Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

Also, on October 2nd the Pittsburgh Intergroup will be hosting the Metropolitan Meeting in Lawrenceville, and on October 15th-17th will be the 70th Laurel Highlands Conference of A.A.

Finally, just a little something from *The Language of the Heart* on Tradition 5: "How well we need to heed the principle that it is better to do one thing supremely well than many things badly."

In Love and Service, DCM Chris G.

#### **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.

The following is a list of the home groups that have made contributions to the AA District 23 Answering Service during the 2nd quarter (April, May, June) of 2010:

4 T'S GROUP
GBG. WED. NIGHT DISCUSSION
SUNDAY NIGHT 12 & 12
BIG BOOK WAY TO LIFE
AS BILL SEES IT
HOPE IN SOBRIETY
MT. PLEASANT TUESDAY BIG BOOK
RECTOR MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
SCOTTDALE NEW AND OLD TIMERS
GROUP

GBG. MONDAY NIGHT BIG BOOK
RICHARD M. GROUP
KEEP COMIN' BACK GROUP
IRWIN BACK TO BASICS
TWIN LAKES GROUP
SUNDAY SERENITY
DONEGAL ACME GROUP
TUESDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS GROUP

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!

#### **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.

### **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



Tip for the alcoholic: Bend your knees before your elbow!

#### 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. 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! Peace!

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

#### **LITERATURE**

Hi everyone, this is Ed H., the literature guy (a.k.a. "Cyrus the Virus.")

If you or your group needs literature, you may contact me at 724-532-5933 or z.mey56@live.com. I can't always make the GSR meeting because of a new job. Area 60 is overwhelmed, so if you need something send me an order and if I can I'll combine it with some others so we may save on shipping.

Any order of \$250 or more is free shipping. I have inventory money to use so if your group needs \$100 of books and another group needs \$75, I could throw in \$75 to make the \$250.

Happy reading!

Ed H. Literature Coordinator

#### H & I

Thanks to all who came to the H&I Picnic on August 21 at St. Vincent Grove! It is estimated that we had more than 125 people in attendance!

If you or your group needs anything related to H & I, please contact me at 724-217-5893.

Thank you!

Betty B., Special Needs Coordinator

## AA Humor on the Web!

A long time AA member named Joe R. has lived to a very old age. One morning God appears to him as Joe lies in bed.

Joe: What have you come for, God?

God: Well Joe, I've come with some good news and some bad news. What do you want first?

Joe (being an optimist): I like to start the morning with good news.

God: I have come to tell you that we have AA meetings in Heaven.

Joe: All right - that's great! So what's the bad news?

God: You're chairing tonight's meeting ...



... found on www.soberrecovery.com

## Quotable quotes...

- The thought precedes the act: You have to be thinking about drinking before you actually begin your drinking.
- The time to attend a meeting is when you least feel like going.
- Time wasted in getting even can never be used in getting ahead.
- Ulcers are something we get from mountain climbing over mole hills!

#### **IMPORTANT ADDRESSES**

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

John W. Area 60 Treasurer P.O. Box 353 Warren, PA 16365 (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.")