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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Hello District 23 AA's:

This month has been a little less hectic, but AA still manages to keep me busy, and I thank you all for that.

In August I visited Thursday night "Hope and Sobriety" in Youngwood and the Friday evening "This is H.O.W. Group" in Irwin (which might actually be closer to Adamsburg). I enjoyed visiting both groups and observing the fellowship and recovery in action.

We (myself, Leslie, Ken and Al), also went to the Scottdale New and Old Timers anniversary where our past delegate John W., spoke. John was very instrumental in my early sobriety, and actually took me under his wing and had me do the Grapevine Coordinator report at my first Getaway Weekend in 1998. We all enjoyed a sumptuous repast, and a good time was had by all! To date, I have visited 25 out of 39 groups in District 23. If I haven't been to your group yet; don't worry, I will be there!

H&I also welcomed me warmly when I visited the committee at their August meeting. What an awesome hardworking group of trusted servants! Their picnic in August was also well attended and I know I had a wonderful time! I hope all of you did. Maybe next year I will win at Bingo.

Sadly, the rest of my report will be a little heart wrenching. Bernie S. stepped down as H&I chair at the committee's August meeting, due to health concerns. On behalf of all of District 23, I don't think I'm out of line in wishing Bernie the best and letting him know that he is in our prayers. Bernie, we look forward to your speedy recovering and return to us.

Lastly, I had the honor of attending Richard K.'s funeral on Friday the 21st. What a celebration of a life well lived! The Mass was sad and joyful. His family was very grateful to hour fellowship, and his youngest grandson read the long form of the Serenity Prayer at the Mass. It was so touching.

Generally, it is not my place to speak for Alcoholics Anonymous, but in this instance, and after prayer, I felt that it was appropriate to do so. I gave Richard's family the condolences of all of us in District 23 and thanked them for Richard's selfless dedication to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. He will be sorely missed by us all.

In love and service,

Margie S.

DCM

ALT. DCM

I find it so hard to believe that the kids are back to school, where did summer go?? here one minute gone the next. Fall will soon be approaching, bringing colder weather and more of those lovely holidays. Keep on the lookout for fun workshops and conferences as a great way to keep busy and stay out of the weather. To have the opportunity to share with one another, to be of service, and such amazing love from the fellowship has truly been a priceless gift to me. Thank you all.

There are a great many opportunities to be of service from the fellowship, to the home group, to H&I, to the District and to the Area level. If you have previously been in service, please consider doing it again. We all share our experience, strength and hope with one another to stay sober. That same principle applies to service, consider sharing your experience and knowledge with us, in service to this life saving program.

It has been a busy month going to out of town meetings, Area meetings, and visiting several of the home groups in our District. Everything seems to be running well. With the exception to some health issues befalling our members and many vacant seats available in service.

Our dear Richard K, has left a need behind, his service to AA was a truly selfless act. His funeral services were beautiful. His family very much appreciated all AA did for Richard. Bernie S. has stepped down from all positions for medical reasons, leaving several positions available. We hope to see Bernie back in action in no time at all.

I am doing my best to e-mail the GSR's and all interested parties in our District information of what's going on in AA. If you have an anniversary, a meeting move, or would like to be added to the e-mail list just let me know. Communication is key in our solidarity, solidarity is key to our survival. Bless you and yours in all you do.

In Love and Service

Leslie E. (alt DCM)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI/CPC

Hello District 23.

Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community is the full name of our committee. Our function is to make literature, such as meeting lists and pamphlets, available to interested members of the public. Sometimes, people who have an alcoholic in their life may want to know how to contact AA, or want to know more about AA does. We provide that information.

There are many members of the professional community – attorneys, probation officers, doctors, therapists, etc. that need to know how to assist people in finding us and what to expect from AA. Most everyone has heard of Alcoholics Anonymous these days, but often outsiders do not clearly understand what it is that we do. PI/CPC can help. The event we are currently planning for October is aimed at professionals who deal with many alcoholics in their work. We want to better be of service to these friends, so in turn to better help the next suffering alcoholic.

Peace.

Lisa V.

H & I

Dear AA Friends,

First of all, I would like to personally thank Bernie S. for his service as the past Chairman of H&I Committee these last 2 years, you are a true inspiration to this program and to me. We all thank you.

This past August 22, 2015 we had our annual H&I Family Picnic at St. Vincent Grove. What a great success it was! We had a excellent crowd, DELICIOUS food and snacks, the karaoke was like a concert and of course the speaker Yvette was fantastic! What a lead! I would like to name everybody that contributed with this years picnic, but there would be too many to name and that would fill up this page. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED !!!!

The H&I Committee can always use volunteers. The Juvenile Detention Center is in need of young volunteers to take to meetings in on Sundays 2 times a month. If you are interested in volunteering at any of our various meetings. Please contact me or any other H&I Committee member.

Thanks,

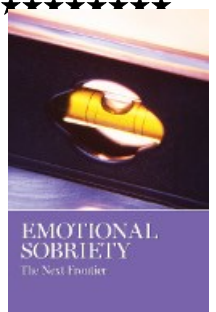
Steve B.

****REMINDER. IF YOU HAVE AN EXPERIENCE OR STORY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE.....SEND TO THE EDITOR....ANONYMOUSLY IF YOU WISH. IT WILL BE FEATURED IN THE "YOUR PAGE" COLUMN OF THE NEWSLETTER. ****

[Emotional Sobriety: The Next Frontier](#)

(AA conference approved)

In this collection of Grapevine stories, sober women and men describe the transformations sobriety can bring as they practice the principles of AA in all aspects of their lives. Many discover that happiness is a by-product of giving without any demand for return. Others embrace the present with gratitude to claim moments of real peace -- "a quiet place in bright sunshine," as Bill W. put it in the essay that gave the impetus to this book.



WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

Ana What?? Anonymity

Is Anonymity a Tradition "WE" follow in today's technological world?

**OCTOBER 10, 2015
(DATE CHANGED)**

9:30am to 1pm?

St. Michael's Orthodox Church
1182 Ashland Street, Greensburg, PA
(Cedar Street Exit off the Rte 30 By-Pass)

COFFEE, SNACKS, FELLOWSHIP

**GREAT WAY TO SPEND A
SATURDAY MORNING**



CONTACT MARGIE (724)244-7304
OR LESLIE (724)333-7297
FOR DETAILS AND DONATIONS

9:30 registration

10:00 Opening (Margie)

10:15 Intro (Leslie)

10:30 11th Tradition

10:50 open discussion

11:00 break

11:15 Anonymity & Social Media

11:35 open discussion

11:45 Spirituality & Anonymity

12:05 open discussion

12:15 closing

Celebrating our 75th! Laurel Highlands Conference ~A Spiritual Experience~

October 16, 17 & 18, 2015

Everyone Welcome!

Registration begins at 3 pm Friday (dinner at 6:00 pm)

Friday Night AA Speaker	8:00 PM	Greg B.	Akron, OH
Saturday Morning AA Speaker	10:00 AM	Catherine B.	Akron, OH
Saturday Afternoon AA Speaker	2:00 PM	Jill Mcd.	Bulger, PA
Saturday Night AA Speaker	8:00 PM	Dan L.	Eastlake, OH
Sunday Morning AA Meeting	10:00 AM	all attendees	"God as I understand Him"

Price for the Weekend starts at \$160.00 - Register early please!!!

\$160.00 cost per person (dbl occupancy) includes 2 nights lodging in a comfortable "retreat-style" room (2 twin beds, in-room sink, shared bath), 5 buffet-style meals and all meetings. If available, rooms can be assigned as single occupancy at \$190.00 cost per person. For those commuting or who wish to stay at an area motel the Comfort Inn, Rt. 30, 724-838-7070 or The Inn at Mountain View 724-691-0570 are close by. The registration cost for the 5 meals and all meetings is \$95.00 per person. If there is a specific person that you wish to room with, please indicate their name on the registration form below.

All AA meetings are open, no registration required, although donations are greatly appreciated to help defray conference expenses. Coffee and fellowship before and after all meetings!

Location: Bishop Connare Center, 2900 Seminary Dr. Greensburg, PA 15601 - Bishop Connare Center is located from all points via the Pennsylvania Turnpike Exit #67 and is just off Rt. 30 east...one mile past Westmoreland Mall. (conference emergency contact no. Bruce A. 412-610-5485)

For more information please contact a committee member: Bruce A. (724-834-0567), Bob Z. (412-600-2711), Walter N. (440-974-8129), Rich M. (440-221-4473), Mary M. (440-840-1972), Judi M. (412-521-2424), Abby B. (412-215-6959)

Please complete the registration form below, detach and enclose your check or money order payable to: Laurel Highlands Conference and mail to: Bruce A., Box 6, Bovard, PA 15619

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (s) _____ Email _____

Roommate requested: _____

HOME GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

JOIN US ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 29TH
FOR DINNER WITH BILL'S
4TH ANNIVERSARY!
@NORWIN CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

**9610 BARNES LAKE RD,
NORTH HUNTINGDON, PA
15642**

5:30PM DINNER AND
FELLOWSHIP
-COVERED DISHES &
DESSERTS WELCOME

6:30PM SPEAKER

*BRING A FRIEND OR 2
AND COME BE A PART OF
THE "GREATEST SHOW ON
EARTH"*

FROM GREENSBURG- RT
30 WEST, LEFT AT 2ND
LIGHT PAST TURNPIKE, 1M
ON LEFT

FROM PITTSBURGH- RT30
EAST, RIGHT AT APPLE-
BEE'S BEFORE TURNPIKE,
1M ON LEFT



The Lincoln
Highway Group
65th
Anniversary
Circleville U.M Church
11600 Parkway Drive
N. Huntingdon, PA
October 17, 2015

7:00 Coffee, Cake, Ice Cream &
Fellowship 8:00 Speaker
50 / 50 Raffle

We hope to see you all there.

Subscribe to The Grapevine

Every month Grapevine offers you up to 16 additional stories from AA members that are sure to inspire you on your journey. Grapevine writers come from all walks of life and every generation and geographic area. As a monthly publication, Grapevine is the only AA literature that offers an ongoing picture of the current fellowship, through their struggles and their joy of living.

Like the personal stories heard in meetings, the stories cover a wide range of experiences—from problems solved, to emotional and spiritual healing. Many focus on “what it was like, what happened, and what we are like now.” Others focus on the Twelve Steps, the Traditions, and the tools of AA.

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DISTRICT 23 IMPORTANT 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

MEETING CHANGE INFO:

PLEASE READ!!!

St. Michaels Orthodox Church will not be available 9/17 through 9/27 to hold meetings. The meetings typically held at St. Michaels will be held at **Trinity United Methodist at 4th and Euclid, Greensburg**. Located near Social Security Building. Please do not call the church. Address: Trinity United Methodist
210 W 4th St,
Greensburg, PA 15601

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.

District 23 is hosting a workshop on Anonymity. and the Grapevine's front cover is ANONYMITY...hmmm? See page 4 in this newsletter to save the date and time for the workshop. Learn more about ANONYMITY and how we can be more responsible as recovering alcoholics moving forward.

