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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Happy Labor Day District 23 AA's!

August was a busy month. As far as visiting home groups, I attended great meetings at Blairsville Noon Group and Sunrise Serenity in Greensburg, and also attended the District 23 H&I Gratitude Picnic, which was a great event! A good time was had by all, and as always nobody went away hungry.

There are a few things that I will be discussing with you at the meeting so that you can take it back to your home group. One is in regard to a bequest that was made to Area 60 and New York, I also need to discuss the fact that Area 60 is considering (I don't think it is a done deal) putting a person from PENNCYPA on the Area 60 Officers and Coordinators Committee, and we will also be discussing a change to Bill Wilson's writings in the Service Manual that was changed at the Conference in April.

As your DCM, it is my responsibility to bring issues to the groups which were brought to me. I need to address an issue which has been brought to me by more than one person, and if thoughtfully considered, may be on a collision course with our trusted Traditions. The issue that I was approached about concerns members bringing their pets (not ADA compliant service animals) to meetings. The reason I was approached is that we have members with both allergies to pets, and asthma, and being in an enclosed room with an animal has caused them to become ill.

Our Fourth Tradition states, "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole," and although this tradition deals mostly with affiliation, it also gives us the right to be wrong and learn by trial and error, which may be the case in this instance.

Perhaps, some suggested questions to ask yourself, or to use in your group conscience about this topic can help make an informed decision:

When someone has to leave a meeting because my choice to bring my pet made them physically unwell, how does that affect our fellowship as a whole?

How does bringing my pet to a meeting help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to a newcomer, and/or to the still sick and suffering alcoholic?

Is it possible that my pet could be a distraction at meetings, thus the message of sobriety may not be getting the attention required to save a life?

What are the rules of our meeting place pertaining to animals? (i.e. is the rent higher if we allow animals? Does the municipality where we meet have ordinances regarding animals, i.e. leash laws, etc.).

Don't forget our upcoming Day of Sharing with District 29. Our next committee meeting is on Saturday, September 26, at 9:30 a.m. at the McDonalds in Mt. Pleasant (Countryside Plaza).

Also, in the new Box 459 (which you should all be receiving as GSRs) the New York office is running a "Name that Theme" contest for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit. The deadline for proposing a theme is October 3. Please check Box 459 for information.

Lastly, do not forget Area Elections will be on October 16 at the Comfort Inn in Penn Hills on Rodi Road.

Let's have a great showing for District 23!!!

In love and service,

Margie Stanislaw

Margie S.

DCM



Committee reports cont'd

H & I REPORT

Dear AA Friends,

The H&I Committee can always use volunteers. We are looking for volunteers for the following:

Westmoreland County Juvenile Detention-Service would one Sunday a month

We are always looking for volunteers at our facilities and also looking for various Coordinate and Alternate Coordinate volunteers in H&I.

Please contact me for available positions and qualifications.

If you are interested in volunteering at any of our various meetings. Please contact me or any other H&I Committee member.

Finally, our H&I meetings are open to all that want to attend. We only ask that anyone with less than 6 months Sobriety cannot participate in the conversations of the meetings. If you feel like you need to discuss something, you can see one of the committee members after the meeting.

Our next meeting is Sept 10, 2016 at Christ United Church
100 Lincoln Avenue, Youngwood at
10:30 AM

If you have an questions, please feel to contact me at 724-691-2334

Thanks for all your continued support of H&I

Steve B.

Upcoming Events in Area 60

10/16 Area 60 Fall Assembly ~elections

Comfort Inn, 699 Rodi Road, Penn Hills, PA
8:30am registration

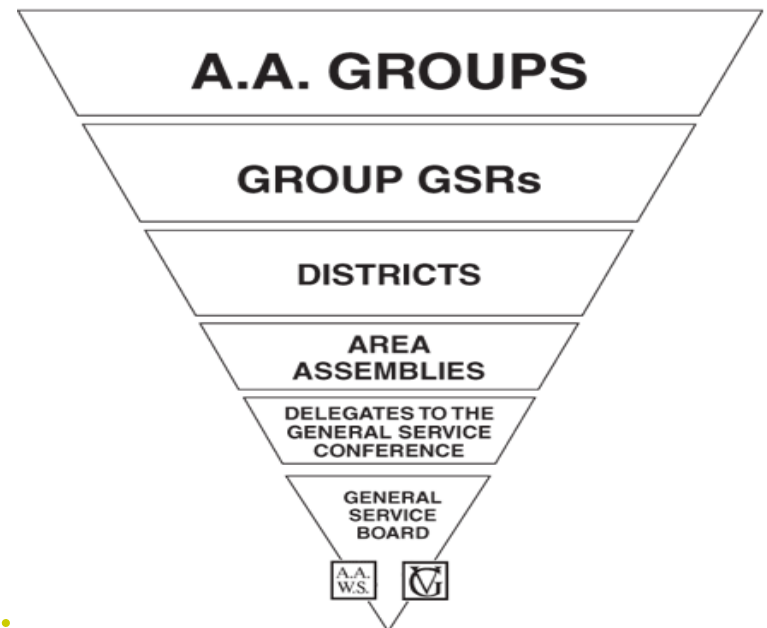
10/29 Day of Sharing

District 23 and 29 teaming up for this workshop on
OUR THREE LEGACIES : Unity,
Service and Recovery.

Cost \$5

9am @ St. Michaels Route 30 Cedar St. Exit Greesburg

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada)



DATE TO SAVE

GREENSBURG

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GROUP

Invites you to join us in
celebrating our
32nd Anniversary

Sunday, November 20, 2016
At Trinity United Church of Christ
139 N. Main St.
Greensburg

Coffee and Fellowship
@ 6:30
Dinner @ 7
Speaker @ 8

*All are welcome!!
Bring a covered dish if you like*

**76th
Laurel Highlands
Conference**

~A Spiritual Experience~

**October 21, 22, 23
2016**

Registration begins at 3pm on Friday (Dinner at 6pm)

10/22 Speaker at 8pm

10/22 speakers at 10am, 2pm, 8pm

10/23 at 10am

“God as I understand Him”

Bishop Connare Center
2900 Seminary Dr. Gbg
More info? Contact :Bruce A
724-834-0567

Overnight accommodations if needed!

Everyone welcome!



District 23 info

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES For Home groups mailing contributions:

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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

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Monroeville, PA 15146.

(Make check payable to "Area 60 Treasurer.")

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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



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.

NEW FROM THE GRAPEVINE



Forming True

Partnerships

This collection of Grapevine stories shows the many ways members use the Twelve Steps, sponsorship, and the tools of the program to improve and repair relationships, old and new. When we were drinking, many of us had, as the Step Four chapter in the AA book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions puts it, "a total inability to form a true partnership with another human being."

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