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COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

To my fellow AA's,

Hope all is well. First of all I would like to thank our Area 60 Chairperson, Rick S., for coming down and being the parliamentarian for the elections.

Second, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend Greensburg Wednesday Night's 25th Anniversary. The food and speakers were excellent.

Then on September 25th we traveled to Punxsutawney for District 15's Day of Sharing. It was really refreshing to hear the experience, strength, and hope of all the presenters.

Next, Area 60 will be holding an Election/Fall Assembly on October 10th at the Comfort Inn off the Rodi Road Exit in Penn Hills. *Please* remember that every GSR has a vote, so if you can attend please do so. We will be electing six new officers who will serve *you* for the next two years.

Finally, I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your DCM for the last two years. It has been a learning experience that I will never forget It. *Thank you*, once again from the bottom of my heart.

In Love and Service, DCM Chris G.

GROUP EVENTS

The **Lincoln Highway Group** in Circleville will be celebrating its 54th Anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Cake, ice cream and fellowship begin at 7:30 pm, with a speaker to follow at 8:30 pm. All are welcome.

The Greensburg Sunday Night 12 and

12 meeting is celebrating its 26th Anniversary on Nov 21. Coffee and fellowship begin at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7, and speaker at 8 pm. Covered dishes are welcome.

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!

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

PI/CPC

Hello District 23!

PI/CPC is continuing to distribute literature to schools and professional offices. We have available the 5x7 placards for family doctors and any place that you think will help spread the message. Be proactive when you are in a position to spread any type of help to an alcoholic who still suffers. Peace!

Ríchard 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

Quotable Quotes

We, who have done so little with so much, now find we can do anything with nothing.

God will not look us over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars.

What we are tomorrow we are becoming today.

The biggest problem in the world could have been solved – when it was small.

It is better for anyone to be a small part of the solution than to be a large part of the problem.

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.")

AA Humor on the Web

After being sober awhile, an AA member found that he had saved enough to buy the car he had dreamed of owning while still drinking.

He smiled as he drove the brand-new orange Corvette off the dealer's lot. It was a beautiful day and before he knew it, the car was cruising along at 90 mph.

As soon as he realized how fast he was going, and began to slow down, he saw the State Patrol car behind him with its lights on.

He pulled over and the officer approached his car, ticket book in hand. "I've been following you for more than two miles with my lights on and you kept increasing your speed. The only way you're going to avoid a ticket on this one, buddy, is to tell me a story I've never heard before."

"Well, officer," the driver began, "I'm a sober member of AA today, but when I was still drinking my wife ran off with a State Trooper. I thought you were trying to bring her back."

No ticket was issued.

Significant Dates in

AA History:

October

*Oct 1939 – 1st central committee formed in Cleveland; 1st example of AA rotation.

*Oct 1951 – Lasker Award given to AA by American Public Health Assoc.

*Oct 1954 – The "Alcoholic Foundation" renamed the "General Service Board of A.A."

*Oct 1, 1941 – Local news reports 1st AA Group in New Haven, CT.

*Oct 1, 1957 – Book "A.A. Comes of Age" published.

*Oct 3, 1945 – AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.

*Oct 5-7, 1972 – 2nd World Service meeting held in New York.

*Oct 5, 1988 – Lois Burnham Wilson died.

*Oct. 9-11, 1969 – 1st World Service meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.

*Oct 15, 1904 – Marty M, early AA woman, is born in Chicago.

*Oct 20, 1928 – Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving added second promise.

*Oct 24, 1942 – L.A. Times reports AA groups in 14 California cities.

- from AA History Lovers at Yahoo! Groups