

# THE INFORMER

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# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **DCM REPORT**

Hello District 23! I just want to remind everyone of the upcoming Area 60 Fall Assembly October 21 in Penn Hills. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., workshop on the Third Legacy Voting Procedure at 9:00 and call to order at 10:15. GSR's have a vote at assemblies; I urge you to come show your support and help elect your new Area 60 officers for 2013/2014. I hope all of our district positions were filled tonight with full enthusiasm for a new experience in General Service and absolute gratitude for the opportunity to serve such a wonderful district. I myself am very grateful to have had such a rewarding experience. See you at the Fall Assembly. Carpooling is available, just give us a call.

*Love and Service,  
DCM Diana G.*

## **ALT. DCM REPORT**

In this year of elections across our country, I again appreciate the difference between our amazing fellowship and society at large. All over the media, there are ads for prospective leaders extolling their virtues and the character defects of their opponents. Philosophies clash on how to improve our country. There is no unity to be found.

In Alcoholics Anonymous, when the time comes to rotate our positions, we have no such 'campaigning.' All that is necessary is the willingness to be of service and all are welcome to become trusted servants. The name itself is suggestive of our role. We have no authority; our purpose is to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and our brothers and sisters in recovery. The highest calling we can aspire to in this program is to be a 'good servant.'

*AA Hugs,  
Alt. DCM Lisa V.*

## **H&I**

I hope everyone is trudging the road of Happy Destiny in their sobriety and carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic through service work.

H & I elections are coming up in November on the 10<sup>th</sup>. All positions are a 2 year commitment. Positions needed are chair, treasurer, secretary, and pink can treasurer. 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 all of our facilities. Without you we would not be able to provide literature to carry that message of hope. 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 our help. Have a safe and sober Halloween.

Those interested in chairing or speaking for the BHS facility please fill out one of our "Opportunities in Service" forms and give to an H & I member. May we continue on the path of sobriety by carrying that 12 step message where ever we go and continuing to seek God's guidance in all that we do. GOD BLESS.

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 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) and the Juvenile Detention Center.

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

*Love and Service,  
Randy H.  
H and I Committee Chair*

## 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 Leo H. 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.

## PI/CPC

Hello everyone, hope you all had a wonderful and safe summer. We continue to distribute literature to professional offices as well as public schools and any facility that has a need. We still have 5 X 7 placards availability for your family doctors.

The district is nominating new coordinators for a 2 year commitment, 2 years of continuous sobriety are needed to hold this position.

We will be ordering new meeting list, any changes in home groups, please let me know as soon as possible. This a wonderful time of year to carry the message of recovery. Have a wonderful fall season. Richard and I thank all of you for trusting us on this journey. Be well. Be safe and God bless. Peace.

*Leo H.  
PI/CPC Rep.*

## ARCHIVES

From Our Archives:

"We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian..."

"It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion..."

"We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full length history to come..."

Bill W, 1957

Hello fellow travelers:

It's been awhile since I've put fingers to keyboard for the 'Informer,' so I thought why not. I've mentioned at past District meetings the need and importance of home group histories. Since it's still true, I'll mention it again. We need home group histories in order to preserve and remember our past. We currently have over forty home groups in our District and the Archives only have sixteen histories on file. If you need some help finding information about your group, email me your Group Number and I will contact the Area and New York Archives to find out what I can. I'll close with some words from a past District 23 Archivist.

"We can preserve the past to build on the present so to help shape the future of our district. Everyone can do his/her part. We can start by helping write the history of our home groups."

*Love and Service,  
Ron Y.  
Archives Chair*

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## NEW MEETING

There is a new evening women's meeting in District 23. It is called the **K.I.S.S. Group** and it meets every Thursday night at 7:30 at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 1182 Ashland St., Greensburg. The format is currently the chair's choice. Women are welcome to bring their children with them. It is an open meeting.

## MEETING CLOSED

The women's meeting that was held in Greensburg at 10 am Fridays has closed permanently.





The Greensburg 12 & 12 Group that meets at the Trinity United Church of Christ, 139 N. Main St. will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, November 25.

Coffee will be ready at 6:30, dinner will be served at 7, followed by a speaker meeting at 8.

All are welcome to attend and covered dishes are always appreciated.

### AS BILL SEES IT...

ALL THIS TIME OUR FRIEND OF THE HOTEL LOBBY INCIDENT REMAINED IN THAT TOWN. HE WAS THERE THREE MONTHS. HE NOW RETURNED HOME, LEAVING BEHIND HIS FIRST ACQUAINTANCE, THE LAWYER AND THE DEVIL-MAY-CARE CHAP. THESE MEN HAD FOUND SOMETHING BRAND NEW IN LIFE. THOUGH THEY KNEW THEY MUST HELP OTHER ALCOHOLICS IF THEY WOULD REMAIN SOBER, THAT MOTIVE BECAME SECONDARY. IT WAS TRANSCENDED BY THE HAPPINESS THEY FOUND IN GIVING THEMSELVES FOR OTHERS. THEY SHARED THEIR HOMES, THEIR SLENDER RESOURCES, AND GLADLY DEVOTED THEIR SPARE HOURS TO FELLOW-SUPPERERS. THEY WERE WILLING, BY DAY OR NIGHT, TO PLACE A NEW MAN IN THE HOSPITAL AND VISIT HIM AFTERWARD. THEY GREW IN NUMBERS. THEY EXPERIENCED A FEW DISTRESSING FAILURES, BUT IN THOSE CASES THEY MADE AN EFFORT TO BRING THE MAN'S FAMILY INTO A SPIRITUAL WAY OF LIVING, THUS RELIEVING MUCH WORRY AND SUFFERING.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 159



### IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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

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Area 60 Treasurer  
P.O. Box 392  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
(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.")

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday, Oct. 21</b> 8:30 AM Registration 9 AM Workshop 10:15 Area Assembly	<b>Fall Assembly</b> <b>/Election Assembly</b>
<b>Sunday, Dec. 2</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Meeting</b>

### GROUP ANNIVERSARY