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DCM REPORT

Hello District 23,

First let me start out like this: I wish more of our GRS's could have been at the assembly, this way more could have been informed better. Did you know as GSR's not only do you attend district meetings, but also assemblies as well? Please look at S26 in your Service Manuals. Now onto what's on everyone's mind.

Yes, the GSB of AA is involved in a lawsuit over the original manuscript that, our Co-Founder Bill W., and 35 other people used to create The Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. Instead of telling you what I think or feel, my job here is to give you all the information I have. So here is everything I got for you to take back to your homegroups.

Manuscript Litigation:

- Original manuscript (written by Bill Wilson and our founders) of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous comes on to the auction block for the third time in October 2016. The General Service Board (GSB) has no intention of pursuing as it is being auctioned in California
- In April 2017 GSB finds out the manuscript is coming to New York
- In May GSB files an injunction for the manuscript to stay in New York until ownership is settled. The injunction is granted. The owner of the manuscript (Ken R.—a member of the fellowship; does not contest the injunction).
- In May and June depositions are taken
- In August the Court determines that Mr. R. must respond to us by the end of October. That date has been extended into December of 2017. (responses could be—and these are just examples— “Yes, it is yours you can have it” “No, it is mine I'm keeping it,” “Make me an offer,” “This is what I want for it \$-----”, “I want to auction it,” “I will keep it and leave it to you in my will,” etc., etc.
- We are not going after Mr. R's copyrights and royalties. (He and Hazelton published a book entitled Where it All Began in 2009, which until this year sold for \$65.00 a copy. The price has been reduced. That book is still generating royalties and is still in publication). District 23 owns a copy of that book. It was gifted to us by a member.
- To date since May, \$170,000 has been spent on legal fees. This money is being taken from the Reserve Fund which is the fund GSB uses for legal fees. In addition to monies for legal fees, it also houses the prudent reserves. This fund has NEVER been fueled by membership donations. All monies in the Reserve Fund is from literature sales. Current donations for services to help other alcoholics have not, and will not be impacted.
- There has been some press controversy about the filing of the injunction.
- The Delegates are concerned that there was some lag time with them being told and are addressing that with the GSB.

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- In the Concepts, we give the GSB the right to conduct all business.
- In the Concepts Bill Wilson says we should give away everything but our name. The name of the manuscript is Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Also in the Concepts it says, "The General Service Conference shall never be involved in a law suit." The General Service Conference is made up of the 99 delegates, the 21 trustees (14 alcoholic and 7 non-alcoholic) and the office staff. Although this may be seen as splitting hairs, the General Service Conference is not involved in this law suit. A portion of the Conference, the General Service Board is involved.
- The GSB has filed suit in the past. Both times it had to do with the Big Book and changes to the text. The Delegates were not told in advance in those instances either.
- The Delegate and Alternate Delegate will be part of a Conference Call with the Northeast Regional Trustee of the General Service Board on Monday. They will report to us any additional information at the Fourth Quarterly Meeting, or you can contact them.
- Your Delegate is John K. He can be contacted at delegate@wpaarea60.org
- Your Alternate Delegate is Margie S. she can be contacted at altdelegate@wpaarea60.org or 724-244-7304.

So now that you have all the information, it is up all home groups in this district to let me know if you want an audience with the Delegate, ALT. Delegate, or a past Delegate for more information.

The conference final report that you have been given today is to be kept private and not left lying around for anyone to see. This contains private information in it, that is not for public viewing. So please be careful that it is kept with your groups private information.

There's a congratulation in order this month, to one of our AA members. Let's congratulate Amber G., for becoming Area 60's ALT. Grapevine Representative. Way to step up, seems like only yesterday when I seen you come into AA.

In the Area all service positions are filled, with only a few alternate positions left to be filled. Yours truly is hoping to become appointed in the Alt Registrar position.

In Further news, the getaway weekends name has been changed. The new name for this event is now being called "Pre-Conference Assembly Weekend"

As a trusted servant I voted for a bid that The Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly to come in 2021, should the delegate get the bid. This event hasn't been held here since the early 2000's. If the area gets the bid for it, it would be held at The Hilton Doubletree in Greentree, PA. The cost for Area would only \$6,000.00 Dollars for the entire weekend, for the entire hotel for the entire weekend. Room rates would be \$109.00 a night. That is cheap for an event of this magnitude. The vote passed with well over 2/3rd's of all present at the assembly. And it is a general feeling by all that we could very well get this.

Speaking of that, if district 23 wants to host another quarterly meeting we have about 5 months now to submit a bid.

And remember, should you want a further audience about the litigation, please inform either me, or Bob h. in plenty of time so that the delegate, Alt. Delegate, or a past delegate can be called to come in December.

Last but not least, a big thank you to district 29 for hosting and inviting us to work with them in the Workshop "steps simplified" that was held on October 23rd. Also I would like to thank our speakers, Lacy S., Fred S., and Randy H. for speaking on steps 4 – 9. And our Area Officers Margie S and Jane R for speaking on Steps 10 and 11. Here humility controls me , I can't find the lady's name who spoke on step 12 , I thank her as well.

**In Peace, Love, and Service,
Edward S.
DCM**

FOOD –FUN– FELLOWSHIP —FRIENDS

SAVE THE DATES

The Greensburg 12 & 12 Group
invites you to join us for our

33rd Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, November 19

COFFEE AT 6:30 - DINNER AT 7:00

SPEAKER AT 8:00

All are welcome!
Bring a friend,
bring a newcomer,
bring a covered dish!

Trinity United Church of Christ
139 N. Main St., Greensburg

Join us for a breakfast we can be grateful for!

Gratitude Breakfast

Twin Lakes / Red Barn meeting of AA is holding a
GRATITUDE BREAKFAST on Nov. 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
at St. Michaels Antiochian Orthodox Church.

Food and fellowship to be followed
by a meeting at 10:30.
Breakfast dishes appreciated.



Friends of Bill W.

30th annual New Years Eve Party
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe PA
Tickets -\$20
Dinner, DJ, Dancing, snacks
&more.....

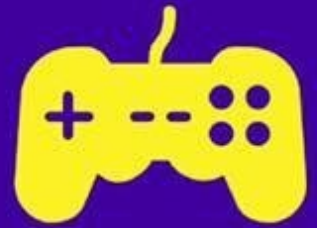
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Tickets and Information:

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For contributions to the district, please make checks payable to District 23 and put the group name on check.

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Area 60 Treasurer

P.O, Box 1496

Washington PA, 15301

(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

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Grapevine daily quote

November 2, 2017

"I am grateful today that God's voice is stronger and surer than my occasional negative whispers, comforting me through difficult times, letting me know that I am part of the whole."

St. Louis, Mo., October 1997

"A Minority of One," Sober & Out

Interested in a service position?

H & I service positions available.

The H & I meetings are held at Christ United Church

100 Lincoln Avenue, Youngwood at 10:30 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Also there **open coordinator positions at our District..** The GSR meeting is held on the first Friday of the month in Jeannette at The First Presbyterian Church, Corner of 4th and Bullitt Ave. Jeannette at 6:30pm.

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.

Personal stories are welcome also, if you would be willing to share your experience, strength and hope with District 23. (can be anonymous)

Thank you,
Monica