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COMMITTEE REPORTS

H&I

DCM REPORT

Hello District 23! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I had quite a bit to be grateful for this year; I hope you did as well. After all, a grateful heart won't drink. I'd like to thank those who attended the Area 60 4th Quarterly meeting on the 20th. A hot topic was the 2012 budget, which was passed after some discussion. There was also a poll taken about the Area 60 newsletter, the Seeds of Service. We will also be doing an Area inventory in the near future. Your participation in this will be very helpful and greatly appreciated.

Some friends and I attended the Greensburg 12 & 12 Group's anniversary that same evening. There was a great turnout and we all had a wonderful time. I was very touched by the speaker; she had an amazing message of hope and a very spirited way of getting it across.

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a sober, safe and joyous Christmas and New Year! See you in 2012! God bless.

*In Love, Service and Gratitude,
DCM Diana G.*

ALT DCM REPORT

The holidays are upon us again! There's lots to do and lots of stress. An important item for your to-do list: get some extra meetings in to make sure we're on firm spiritual ground - especially with extra alcohol flowing everywhere.

For all new GSR's, please come see me after the business meeting or call me to get your GSR packet. There are a lot of useful tools in it, including the all-important AA Service Manual. Since the district eliminated the position of GSR Literature Coordinator, the Alternate DCM takes care of distributing GSR literature.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season...

*AA Hugs,
Alt. DCM Lisa V.*

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.

I hope everyone had a safe and sober Thanksgiving and as we go into the Christmas season (it is all about CHRIST my lord and savior) thru all the hustle and bustle may we remember to do something for someone without recognition (thru humble action) and give the most precious gift we can and pass along our message of hope to another alcoholic during this Christmas season and try to volunteer in your community to give a little back from what we took from our drinking in our community and lets spend new years night with other Alcoholics so we may continue the New Year Sober and may we carry that 12 step message where ever we go and may we continue to seek God's guidance in all that we do. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, GOD BLESS.

We had our "Volunteer Recognition Night" at the Westmoreland County Prison on Tuesday, October 18. CONGRATULATIONS to Ed C. for being recognized as volunteer of the year!

H & I is in need of help. We need AA members willing to serve as coordinators for some of our facilities; we also need one-time speakers and home groups to take meetings into facilities and help us carry that 12 step message.

The facilities which need coordinators are the Torrance State Hospital Monday meeting and the Westmoreland County Prison Friday meeting from 6 to 8pm.

The facilities which need a 1 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

We continue to drop off literature to professional offices as well as schools, and we still have 5x7 cards availability for anyone to give to their family doctors. During the holiday season we encounter people who need our help. We extended the hand of fellowship - that's our responsibility. Hope everyone has a great Holiday season. Be safe and may God guide through your journey.

*Peace,
Leo H.
PI/CPC Rep*

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 \$28.97, and it is delivered every month in a plain wrapper. The Grapevine is a perfect holiday gift for spouses and friends in the program. Also, the Grapevine has an online subscription and archives available from their website, aagrapevine.org.

*Ed S.
Grapevine Rep.*

GROUP ANNIVERSARY

As Bill Sees It, which meets on Fridays at noon at St. Michael's Orthodox Church in South Greensburg is celebrating their anniversary on December 16th. They'll be serving a light lunch at 11:30 AM with a speaker meeting following.



FRIENDS OF BILL W.

24TH ANNUAL

New Year's

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Celebration

*Sponsored by the Ligonier Big Book
Way to Life Group*

***Coffee & Appetizers at 6, Dinner
at 7, AA & Alanon Speakers at
8:30***

***Dancing from 9:30 - 1 am
Tickets on sale until Dec. 25***

\$20 per person

For tickets or more info, call

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AS BILL Sees It...

NOW ABOUT HEALTH: A BODY BADLY BURNED BY ALCOHOL DOES NOT OFTEN RECOVER OVERNIGHT NOR DO TWISTED THINKING AND DEPRESSION VANISH IN A TWINKLING. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT A SPIRITUAL MODE OF LIVING IS A MOST POWERFUL HEALTH RESTORATIVE. WE, WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM SERIOUS DRINKING, ARE MIRACLES OF MENTAL HEALTH. HARDLY ONE OF OUR CROWD NOW SHOWS ANY MARK OF DISSIPATION.

BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE DISREGARD HUMAN HEALTH MEASURES. GOD HAS ABUNDANTLY SUPPLIED THIS WORLD WITH FINE DOCTORS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, AND PRACTITIONERS OF VARIOUS KINDS. DO NOT HESITATE TO TAKE YOUR HEALTH PROBLEMS TO SUCH PERSONS. MOST OF THEM GIVE FREELY OF THEMSELVES, THAT THEIR FELLOWS MAY ENJOY SOUND MINDS AND BODIES. TRY TO REMEMBER THAT THOUGH GOD HAS WROUGHT MIRACLES AMONG US, WE SHOULD NEVER BELITTLE A GOOD DOCTOR OR PSYCHIATRIST. THEIR SERVICES ARE OFTEN INDISPENSABLE IN TREATING A NEWCOMER AND IN FOLLOWING HIS CASE AFTERWARD.

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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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.")

-Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 133