

THE 23 INFORMER

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Committee Reports

DCM REPORT

Hello District 23,

Well, one last time, I address you as your DCM. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 2 years as your trusted servant in this position. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of you in a whole new way and it's been very, very good for my sobriety as well. Although I was filled with fear at the beginning, it has been a fulfilling and rewarding experience. I am grateful for the faith that you have placed in me. Thanks to all of our outgoing officers and coordinators – we appreciate your service! Also, to our incoming trusted servants – thank you and enjoy the ride!

I will be staying in district service on our PI/CPC committee, which I am very excited about. I am filling in for John H. as chair until he is back on his feet; then I will be a grateful member of the team. Coming up this Sunday, Dec. 7 is the Area 60 4th quarterly meeting. It is held at the Comfort Inn on Rodi Road in Penn Hills. Please attend if you can! I will be going and will be happy to meet up with you if you want to carpool. The meeting starts at 10:15 AM.

Also coming up is the Friends of Bill New Year's Eve Party at St. Vincent. Flyers are circulating and tickets (still only \$20!) are available until Christmas Day. It's a fun, sober way to ring old the old and ring in the new. I hope to see you there!
Last, but not least, I wish you all a safe and sober holiday season. Stay close and enjoy what is!

Lisa V.



A Final Word from the Editor

Happy Holidays, District 23!

Just a quick note to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your newsletter editor for the past 2 years – it has been fun! It really reminded me that I had not lost anything, but that the future is built on experience, strength, hope and most of all, faith.

Monica C. will be your new Editor, and I hope she enjoys the task as much as I have. She will put her own flair and creativity into the job, and I'm sure she will find you all as supportive in her endeavors as I have.

I, like Lisa V., will be continuing in service to the district as your alternate webmaster – learning the ropes from Lisa F and finding another way to let service work enhance and grow my sobriety.

May you all have a blessed and joyous holiday season!

Colleen Z.



YOUR PAGE

12-Step Visit From St. Nicholas

*'Twas the night before Christmas When I
went on a bender,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a
bartender.
The empties were stacked by the chimney just
fine,
In hopes that St. Nick would fill them with
wine.
With Mama in her kerchief and I with my
booze,
We'd just settled down for a long winter's
snooze.
When out on the lawn there arose such a
clatter,
I put down my drink to see what was the
matter.
Away to the window I crawled and then
stumbled
To open the shutters where I stood and just
mumbled.
Then what to my bloodshot eyes should there
appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer.
I thought it was DT's and needed help quick!
I didn't know it was only St. Nick,
I poured myself another as the reindeer came
While he shouted and called them by name:
"Now Barfly! Now Wino! Now Boozer and
Rummy!
On Drunkard! On Alky! On Dipso and
Dummy!"
So up to the housetop St. Nicholas flew
While I pulled the pop-top on another brew.*

*I trembled with fear when I heard a new
sound--
Down the chimney came St. Nick with a
bound.
His cheeks were like roses, he grinned like a
possum,
His eyes, how they twinkled, his nose had
rum-blossoms!*

*I offered him a drink, step up to the
bar,
"Not today," he said, "I am now so-
ber."
He had a clear face and a little beer belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl
full of jelly.
This was too much, it increased my thirst.
"Hold it!" said St. Nick, "First things first.
You don't have to drink, easy does it,
Now that wasn't too hard, was it?"
He reached in his sack and with a great fuss
He gave me the book "Alcoholics
Anonymous."
"Read this 'Big Book' for a life sublime,
Follow the principles one day at a time.
"This is the best present I can give,
Twelve steps -- a new way to live.
The AA program keeps me sober, it's true."
Then giving a nod, up the chimney he flew.
Then I heard him exclaim as he drove out of
sight,
"You now have a choice, starting tonight.
So Merry Christmas to all and to all
Season's Greetings,
Don't pick up that first drink, and go to AA
meetings!"*



SAVE THE DATE!

February 13,14,15 2015	<p>21st Ligonier Midwinter Spiritual Roundup</p> <p>THE WEEKEND IS LOCATED AT ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE ON ROUTE 711 SEVEN MILES NORTH OF THE LIGONIER DIAMOND. FIRST CLASS LODGING, FOUR MEALS, AND REGISTRATION IS A PART OF THE WEEKEND PACKAGE.</p> <p>* SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$229.00 * DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$159.00 EACH * TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$134.00 EACH</p> <p>*COMMUTERS DESIRING MEALS / REGISTRATION BUT NO LODGING \$95.00 *SATURDAY ONLY- MEALS & REGISTRATION \$55.00 SATURDAY AFTER-NOON/ EVENING DINNER AND REGISTRATION \$30.00 DROP-IN REGISTRATION \$5 A MEETING WITHOUT MEALS</p> <p>FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION FORMS CALL/ EMAIL ED J. @ 412-289-7670 724-459-5461, E-MAIL TANNERYED@HUGHES.NET Dave T. @ 412-400-6753, E-MAIL townley@verizon.net E MAIL ADDRESS LIGONIER MIDWINTER SPIRITUAL ROUNDUP L.M.S.R. L M S R @HUGHES.NET</p>
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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-swespa-dist23.org)

Also, if your group has any changes, please contact the Editor, and it will be listed in the Informer.



Friends of Bill W. 27th Annual New Year's Eve Celebration Year 2014

Location : St. Vincent College--- Latrobe , Pa.
SPONSORED BY, BIG BOOK WAY TO LIFE GROUP, LATROBE

Cost of Tickets:
\$20.00 per person

December 25th cut-off date
for ticket sales
Table reservations will be taken.

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PROGRAM

6:00-6:45 Coffee & Appetizers
7:00-8:00 Dinner
8:30-9:30 Speakers Logan & Trish C.
9:30-1:00 am Dancing
11:30 50/ 30 /10/10
Midnight Celebration

MENU

Tossed Salad / Dressing
Flounder Stuffed with Crabmeat
Hand Carved Roast Beef
Bow Tie Pasta Primavera
Whipped Sweet Potatoes
Broccoli, Carrots and Cauliflower
Angel Food Cake w/Orange Sauce
And Fresh Berries
Dinner Rolls , Butter

Music:
DJ GARY HAY

Cookies, & Dessert, & Snacks Are Always Welcome
Hot dogs and Kraut after lead

Handicapped Accessible

Our New Years Dance is self supporting. No group monies are used to pay for this event. The cost is paid through ticket sales and 50 / 50 tickets
A vegetarian meal is available if necessary. Please call me direct with your ticket stub number and name Ed J.

