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DCM REPORT

Hello District 23,

So how have the holidays started out for everyone? Did you have a good Thanksgiving? Have we suggested to the many newcomers how to survive the holidays without alcohol? This something that becomes paramount every year, this year being no exception. Lets us share our experience of how we were given the suggestions of : leaving yourself a way out, of not going to holiday parties at in the work-place, by getting to more meetings than they usually so and sharing of what it like for them around this time of year, relying upon AA, making use of the answering service, making phone calls to all of the numbers they have collected. These are just some the way we can help our newcomers stay being sober.

This past month has been a busy one, I was invited to the Friday Night Vandergrift's 37th home group anniversary. Lots of sobriety in group, and the speaker they had come up from

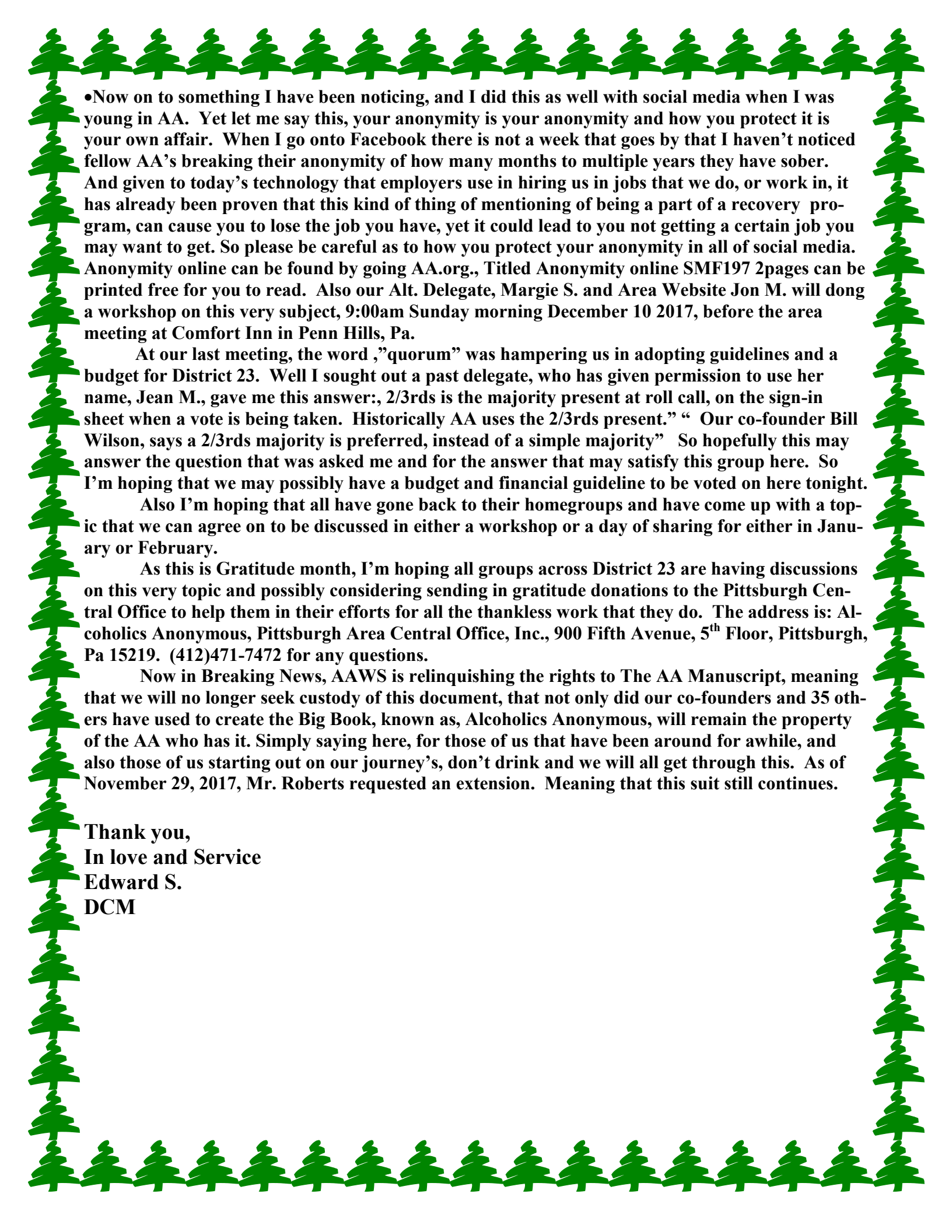
Uniontown is a well qualified alcoholic to say the least, with a great lead that had everyone

remembering and laughing from where we all came from. So I say thanks to little Keith for inviting me to come there. This event was held Friday November 17th.

Then we go on to the Twin lakes group, better known as the red barn, gratitude breakfast. I actually thought I was at a buffet instead of a meeting. This group had a great turn out as well, and all the help they had in pulling this off was amazing. Then we actually got into the meeting on gratitude, lots and lots good things were said by people for what they were grateful for.

On to Saturday night the 18th at the EACYPAA Arcade Night in Pittsburgh, this event was held at Games N'At on the South Side. Lets just say if your an 80's arcade person like I was, then you won't be disappointed by going here. They had a great speaker from Reading, Pa. Who is definitely an alcoholic in every sense of the word, great lead she gave with a message that had us all laughing. Needless to say by the time I got back home even I was tired from my day. So I thank you Jak L. for inviting me to come out.

Now we go on to Sunday 12 and 12 home groups' 43rd anniversary. I say again, the room was filled to almost capacity and the food there was great as usual. The event started out with one our GRS's Matt N, getting his four year coin, congratulations again. Then, the speaker they got from the Wednesday night Wilkinsburg Group, Ray M, his lead was as powerful as his laugh. The way he led through his alcoholism, was one of those oldtimers that you had to be there for the experience of it. And yes, if you think Jay L, from the Answering Service Committee's laugh is one to remember, and even he agrees , Ray M had him going as well. Thank you Sunday 12 and 12 for a memorable anniversary celebration.



•Now on to something I have been noticing, and I did this as well with social media when I was young in AA. Yet let me say this, your anonymity is your anonymity and how you protect it is your own affair. When I go onto Facebook there is not a week that goes by that I haven't noticed fellow AA's breaking their anonymity of how many months to multiple years they have sober. And given to today's technology that employers use in hiring us in jobs that we do, or work in, it has already been proven that this kind of thing of mentioning of being a part of a recovery program, can cause you to lose the job you have, yet it could lead to you not getting a certain job you may want to get. So please be careful as to how you protect your anonymity in all of social media. Anonymity online can be found by going AA.org., Titled Anonymity online SMF197 2pages can be printed free for you to read. Also our Alt. Delegate, Margie S. and Area Website Jon M. will dong a workshop on this very subject, 9:00am Sunday morning December 10 2017, before the area meeting at Comfort Inn in Penn Hills, Pa.

At our last meeting, the word ,”quorum” was hampering us in adopting guidelines and a budget for District 23. Well I sought out a past delegate, who has given permission to use her name, Jean M., gave me this answer:, 2/3rds is the majority present at roll call, on the sign-in sheet when a vote is being taken. Historically AA uses the 2/3rds present.” “ Our co-founder Bill Wilson, says a 2/3rds majority is preferred, instead of a simple majority” So hopefully this may answer the question that was asked me and for the answer that may satisfy this group here. So I'm hoping that we may possibly have a budget and financial guideline to be voted on here tonight.

Also I'm hoping that all have gone back to their homegroups and have come up with a topic that we can agree on to be discussed in either a workshop or a day of sharing for either in January or February.

As this is Gratitude month, I'm hoping all groups across District 23 are having discussions on this very topic and possibly considering sending in gratitude donations to the Pittsburgh Central Office to help them in their efforts for all the thankless work that they do. The address is: Alcoholics Anonymous, Pittsburgh Area Central Office, Inc., 900 Fifth Avenue, 5th Floor, Pittsburgh, Pa 15219. (412)471-7472 for any questions.

Now in Breaking News, AAWS is relinquishing the rights to The AA Manuscript, meaning that we will no longer seek custody of this document, that not only did our co-founders and 35 others have used to create the Big Book, known as, Alcoholics Anonymous, will remain the property of the AA who has it. Simply saying here, for those of us that have been around for awhile, and also those of us starting out on our journey's, don't drink and we will all get through this. As of November 29, 2017, Mr. Roberts requested an extension. Meaning that this suit still continues.

Thank you,
In love and Service
Edward S.
DCM

FOOD —FUN— FELLOWSHIP —FRIENDS
SAVE THE DATE

Friends of Bill W.

30th Annual New Years **Eve Party!!**

**Saint Vincent
College, Latrobe PA
Tickets -\$20**

**Dinner, DJ, Dancing, snacks
&more.....**

Sponsored by :Big Book Way to Life



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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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Grapevine daily quote

November 30, 2017

"AA is no set of tablets handed down to some latter-day Moses -- but a continuing creative process in which we all take part, a perpetual journey from the known to the unknown, a truth ever-arriving through experience."

New York, N.Y., November 1994

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

From the December 1989 magazine.

12 Tips for Sober Holidays

1. Line up extra AA activities (help on the phones, speak, empty the ash-trays).
2. Be host to friends, especially newcomers, at home or at a coffee shop.
3. Keep your AA telephone list with you at all times.
4. Find out about holiday meetings or celebrations in your local groups.
5. Skip any drinking occasions you're nervous about.
6. If there's one you can't skip, take an AA friend--or keep candy handy.
7. Don't think you have to stay late (plan an "important date" in advance).
8. Go to church. Any church. And don't forget about extra meetings.
9. Don't sit around brooding; catch up on reading, museums, walks, letters.
10. Don't project about holiday temptations: remember "One day at a time."
11. Even if you cannot give material gifts, enjoy the beauty of holiday love.
12. Carry the message. Give the joy away, and it will be yours to keep.

-- Adapted from Box 4-5-9

