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22ND LIGONIER MID-WINTER SPIRITUAL ROUNDUP

FRIDAY 8:00 P.M. MEGAN K. MT. LEBANON, PA. SATURDAY 10:A.M. ALLAN F. BEAVER, P.A. SATURDAY 8:00 P.M. ROBBIE W. WILDWOOD, N.J. SUNDAY 9:15 A.M. KELLY M. CASTLE SHANNON, P.A

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – SHARING SESSION ON SPIRITUALITY

FEBRUARY 12, 13, 14 2016

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.

- * SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$229.00
- * DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$159.00 EACH
- * TRIPLE OCCUPANCY \$134.00 EACH

*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

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION FORMS CALL/ EMAIL

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SATURDAY EVENING MASS 7:00 PM SATURDAY EVENING MASS 7:00 PM

To guarantee meals please register by Feb 3, 2016

REGISTRATION FORM LIGONIER MIDWINTER SPIRITUAL ROUNDUP: FEBRUARY 14, 15, 16, 2014

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24TH ANNUAL AREA 60 **APRIL 1-3, 2016 GET AWAY WEEKEND MINI CONFERENCE** "Our spiritual way of life: steps, traditions and concepts" Workshops & Presentations— Registration Only \$20 Friday Dinner \$25 • Saturday Lunch \$12.50 • Banquet \$30 Saturday Night Banquet features a speaker from GSO For more info contact: John K. 814.688.3219 or Mario D. 412.952.8397 Or email them at gaw@wpaarea60.org



25th Annual Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

February 26-28, 2016

Hosted by Western Massachusetts, Area 31, in Springfield, MA

Celebrate Our Silver Anniversary in the Golden West More information;

http://neraasa2016.org/

IG AA EVENTS



SATURDAY MORNING WORKSHOP Safety and Respect in the Rooms

WHEN: Saturday March 19, 2016

Registration at 9 a.m.

Workshop starts promptly at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: St. Michael's Orthodox Church

1182 Ashland St., Greensburg, PA 15601 (Cedar St., Ext. Off the Route 30 By Pass)

PANELS: Cross Talk

13 Stepping

Can We Ask Someone to Leave a Meeting?

Welcoming Diversity

INFO: Contact Steve at 724-691-2334 or sjburlas@yahoo.com

*If you would like to participate in a panel or help out contact Steve.

**Snacks and refreshments are welcome!!!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DCM REPORT

Greetings District 23,

As we pass the halfway mark for winter, and move toward Ground Hog Day, I hope you are well and enjoying sobriety.

The Area has sent me the Group Information Sheets which I am working to update. At the February meeting, I will ask the GSR's who are present to update their group forms, and will make a concerted effort to reach other groups by phone, or in person.

Since we were last together I visited the Sunday Serenity Group at Westmoreland Hospital. It was a great meeting, with large attendance. I also visited two home groups during the month; one to discuss the Seventh Tradition, and another to troubleshoot an issue. It is always gratifying to watch our fellowship in action.

For your information the Area Chairman and the Area Newsletter Editor have both stepped down. Prior to her resignation as Area Chairman, Teresa appointed John R. (the Area Chairman who resigned in August) as the Alternate Area Chairman. Thus, John R. is once again the Area Chair. Only in AA could things be so convoluted. Because of these issues at the area, I did not yet submit a bid to host a 2017 Area meeting. I will submit said bid at the next Area Quarterly Meeting.

The Get-Away Weekend is coming up where DCM's and GSR's will discuss the agenda items for the upcoming Annual GSO AA Conference. Those items should be available for discussion in your home groups by March. Your home group GSR should be able to cast votes in regard to the agenda items as a trusted servant at the Assembly on the Sunday after the Get-Away.

It is noteworthy to mention our delegate George K., sits on the Corrections Committee. Should any home groups wish to have him speak about his experiences on that committee, or have questions or issues in regard to GSO, please let me know, and I can help you arrange that.

Again, I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your District Committee Member. It is a very humbling, and a learning experience.

In love and service,

Margie S.

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District 23 Committee Member

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALT.DCM REPORT

The past year has been an incredible ride, I have learned so much and yet know so little. Our responsibility statement states "when anyone anywhere reaches out, I want the hand of AA always to be there". Every single time I hear this it gives me goose bumps, it makes me smile, a little tearful, but most of all overjoyed. In the past several months I have had a few bumps in the road of my personal recovery. Self-will ran riot in my life, God's will took a back seat and Leslie's will took over. I saw it coming but was powerless to stop the train wreck. Only after a near relapse was I able to put things in their right perspective and really evaluate was important to me, my life, my recovery. After some serious prayer and meditation, step work and my sponsor's guidance.

A revelation revealed itself, the problem is ME. I have been so caught up in service work that I forgot all about me. My pride, my ego, my selfcenteredness all of my worst character defects got in the way of my usefulness to myself and others. I have made many mistakes the last few months. The biggest of which was not accepting the hand of AA that was outstretched to me. The hand of those members of the fellowship who wanted to help that could have helped. I was like a deer in the headlights, stuck in my own ego and pride unable to move, so I did nothing. I did not fulfill my obligation of the service position's you all trusted me to do. With all the humility and humbleness I possess ... I am asking for the forgiveness of each and every member of the fellowship. I also owe an amends to the still suffering alcoholic that may not have been given the opportunity to get the literature they so desperately needed because of my negligence. Forgive me please. I have learned that making the apology is only part of the amends. In order to attempt to correct my wrongs. I have resigned from all of my service positions, leaving them in very capable hands. Today I will go forward a humble grateful recovering member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Leslie E.

H & I REPORT

Dear AA Friends,

The H&I Committee can always use volunteers. We are looking for volunteers for the following:

Westmoreland County Juvenile Detention Center -Service would one Sunday a month Westmoreland County Prison - Service would once a month

Coordinate Members - We are looking for the following to do service in H&I

H & I Pink Can Treasurer Torrance

Alternate Coordinate Members - We are looking for the following to do service in H&I

Behavioral Health
Bridging The Gap
Westmoreland County Juvenile Center
H & I Pink Treasurer
Secretary

If you are interested in volunteering at any of our various meetings. Please contact me or any other H&I Committee member.

Our next meeting is February 13th, at Christ United Church

100 Lincoln Avenue, Youngwood at 10;30 AM

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me.

Thanks for all your continued support of H&I

Steve B

District 23

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES For Home groups mailing contributions: District 23 PO Box 1698 Greensburg, PA 15601 For contributions to the district, please make checks payable to District 23 and put the group name on check. Area 60 Treasurer PO Box 266, Monroeville, PA 15146. (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 PO Box 1698 Greensburg, PA 15601 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-swestpa-dist23.org)

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

"By choosing its most qualified man or woman as G.S.R., a group helps secure its own future—and the future of A.A. as a whole."

<u>When you're</u> a G.S.R.

You are linking your home group with the whole of A.A. In 1950, a new type of trusted servant, "group representative," was suggested to help in the selection of delegates to the newly-formed General Service Conference. By 1953, the iob of 'group representative' was also seen as a good means of exchanging up-to-date information between individual groups and "Headquarters" (now the General Service Office). That's still an important side of your work. But now, as general service representative, you have an even bigger responsibility: You transmit ideas and opinions, as well as facts; through you, the group conscience becomes a part of "the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship," as expressed in the General Service Conference. Like everything else in A.A., it works through a series of simple steps. (For the complete picture in detail, read *The A.A. Service Manual.*)

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STORY YOU WOULD LIKE TO

SHARE.....SEND TO THE

EDITOR....ANONYMOUSLY IF YOU WISH. IT

WILL BE FEATURED IN THE "YOUR PAGE"

COLUMN OF THE NEWSLETTER. ••

