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Committee Reports

DCM Report

Hello District 23,

The month of February, has been a busy one to say the least. a big thanks to Robert H. on becoming our new Alternate DCM.

This past month I had the opportunity to attend three events in our district. Congratulations to Tuesday Beginners Group on their 69th anniversary. Thank you for inviting me to enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship.

Next, I want to thank the Young People in AA for their event that was held on the 11th of February. At this event, the Alternate Chairperson, Jon C from Area 60 showed up for this event. I was amazed as to how they begin a meeting and how they show support as you read from the AA literature. I don't know about everyone else, but I respected that the chanting was and is their way of making you feel welcome and to be at ease around their gathering. Even through technical difficulties, the speaker definitely made an impact with her lead. The group continued the fun with a game called MAFIA. This game was fun for the young at heart also who perhaps enjoy poker or guessing who may or may not be a mobster. Thank you for having me as well.

As the month continued on I was able to attend another homegroup anniversary. The Twin Lakes group held their 33rd homegroup anniversary this past 18th of February. And yet still there was much fun, fellowship and food for everyone. Dan F. was a great caterer. Thanks for stepping up. The speaker was definitely one of us and did an excellent job also.

There is a homegroup that will be getting on the ranks officially with Area 60 and New York. Thank you for having your representatives come to me. This group is the Sunrise Serenity Group, which meets at St. Michael's on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 6:30 am.

In closing, it is my hope that some newcomers and other members of AA will have stepped up to do volunteer work at the upcoming getaway weekend. I was asked to lead there on "Diversity in AA." This should be fun. Thanks for your time.

In peace, love, and service,

District 23 DCM

EDWARD S.

YOUR Page....If you have a story that you would like to share or an experience send to the editor.

Anonymous if you wish!!

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT AREA 60, PANEL 67

Greetings District 23,

Although I know longer serve you as the DCM, you are still near and dear to my heart when I am out serving AA as a whole.

The Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERASSA) was held on February 24, 25, and 26, in Boston, Mass. I had the privilege of attending with more than 800 other alcoholics from Maryland to Maine. As always, it is a humbling experience. At the conference, the attendees were given the 2017 Conference Agenda Items which you received tonight.

This assembly is the pre-cursor to our Getaway Weekend, where we, as trusted servants of our home groups and districts, come together at the Area level to give our message to our Delegate, John K. on the agenda items.

At the assembly there were numerous panels on issues pertinent to the agenda items, and an annual report was delivered from our Northeast Regional Trustee Rich Purtell. Rich gave us good news this year! Over the past several years our General Service office has been struggling financially for a number of reasons including the market crash in 2008, and the burden of defined benefit packages. The defined benefit packages were actually ended in 2014, and the fully paid medical insurance for retirees has also been ended. Our new office manager, and AA member, Greg T. has done a lot of working, including:

- Reducing our office costs in one year by 5% and believes that over the next one to two years he can reduce it another 10 to 15%.
- Also, one of our non-alcoholic employees was able to get Fed EX and UPS into a bidding war which has reduced our shipping expenses greatly! (You should all know that looking at shipping costs was suggested by your own current Alternate DCM Bob H., at the last Getaway Weekend! New York does listen to us!)

Also, it was forecasted last year that we would have over a \$300,000 shortfall in our budget. There was a lot of concern by our trustees, but these dire straits were relayed to the fellowship, hoping we would respond. The fellowship did respond—understanding that the work the New York office does make our 12-step work possible; not only right here, but all over the world! We ended the year with a million dollar plus surplus! Among other things, this surplus will allow us to make a million dollar pension contribution which is owed. If we can make this pension contribution for the next 3 years, until 2020, we will be out from under our pension debt!

The biggest news is that for the first time in AA history, we paid 80% of our expenses by contributions. We have a real shot at being fully self-supporting through our own contributions! That being said; please keep up the good work by supporting our New York office and world services.

Lastly, I want to encourage the home groups to spiritually and thoughtfully study the Agenda items with the Traditions and steps in mind, and send your GSR or a home group member to the Getaway Weekend so that your voice is heard! I also encourage you to pray for our Delegate as he attends the conference in April. The Delegates work 10 to 14 hours a day while at conference and need your support.

In love and service,

HNI Update

By: Pam H., District 23 HNI Rep.

Step Twelve “Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.” Joy of living is the theme of the Twelfth Step. Action its keyword. Giving that asks no reward.

Always looking for volunteers to carry the word. Please contact your HNI rep or myself to see how you can assist. Great way to involve newcomers and have fun doing so in your sponsorship/sponsee family.



***“When your luck runs out..there is always the faith and love of AA to come to believe in.”- Erin W., District 23
Informer Editor***

Faith in the Fellowship

By: Karley P.

Being someone who is afraid of everything, I can be afraid of other people. When it comes to the fellowship in AA though, it’s like the family I never had.

There’s something about when you hear someone share that thinks just like you did or do, or is open about their own not-so-spiritual actions that reminds you we are all in this together.

These people saved me, and they continue to keep me in check. When I think of true fellowship, I think of my Higher Power and the power of this program.

On the other side of fear, there’s always room for growth.

Important information & Save the dates

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AREA 60

Getaway Weekend

March 31 --April 2, 2017

<http://wpaarea60> for more info

**JOURNEY TO DR. BOB'S HOME
SATURDAY, MARCH 25th**

**Southside Monday Niters &
Grace In Sobriety groups sponsoring an
event:**

**Journey To Dr Bob's Home
at St. Pius X Byzantine Church**

2336 Brownsville Rd.

Doors open at 10:00 AM

Speakers at 11:00 AM & 3:00 PM

**For ticket info contact Nancy P.(724-
866-5432)**

or Jodie M.(412-496-1874).

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.

