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Committee Reports

DCM REPORT

Hello District 23,

My, how time flies! Here it is, September already. As usual, we have so much to do and little time to do it in.

I attended the Area 60 2nd quarterly meeting a few weeks back, and the most important thing we accomplished was to approve a proposed budget for 2015. The next quarterly meeting in October will be the Election Assembly, where new trusted servants will be elected for many of the service positions in our area. I am hoping to stand for a position since my term as DCM of this district will be over at the end of this year. We'll see what God has in mind for me at that time. I plan on suiting up and showing up. That is my part.

On the subject of elections, our district will be holding our elections next month. I apologize for whatever confusion I may have caused; I was planning on holding elections at the November GSR meeting, but it was pointed out to me that there is a good reason that elections are usually held in October. That way, the incoming trusted servants have a chance to observe 2 meetings with the outgoing TS's still in place. This is surely helpful to them. So we will be holding elections at 6 PM, before the next GSR meeting. That will be Friday, Oct. 3rd. Positions that will be available include:

DCM

Alt. DCM

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Webmaster

I urge all GSR's and any other interested parties to attend this special meeting and get involved. I promise you – you won't regret it!

Lisa V.

DCM

H&I REPORT

Happy September!

Please continue to donate any conference approved literature to our literature drive. Our Opportunities in Service forms are always available; please volunteer to carry the message into any of the facilities that we cover. We are truly grateful and may we continue to work together to help save those alcoholics who still suffer and can't get to a meeting without all of our help. Without you we would not be able to provide literature and meetings to carry that message of hope.

H & I is in need of help. We need AA members willing to serve as coordinators for some of our facilities. We also need 1 time speakers and home groups to take meetings into facilities and help us carry that 12 step message. The facilities which are in need of coordinators are the Torrance State Hospital Monday meeting, BHS and the Westmoreland County Prison Friday meeting from 6 to 8pm. The facilities which need a one-time speaker or a home group to carry the message are Gateway in Greensburg, Torrance, Westmoreland County Prison (men and women), BHS and the Juvenile Detention Center.

If interested in serving, ask your SPONSOR then contact the chair or coordinator of that facility.

Rox Y

H&I Committee Chair

YOUR PAGE

WHY SERVICE?

(MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY NOT?)

I have noticed that I get out of my program exactly as much as I put into it. How about you? Although I felt fear and anxiety before standing for every service position I have ever held, I have found during the service how much joy and spiritual strength was gained from feeling the fear and doing it anyway.

It is important that we not take AA for granted. Although AA has spread throughout the world in recent years, we cannot leave all the work to someone else and assume that it will get done. Our lack of participation in service may not endanger the existence of AA as a whole, but it may endanger the survival of AA in our own neighborhood. We talk a lot about the importance of 12 step work. General service enables that to happen for the suffering alcoholic in our own hometown! Our responsibility does not end at sticking out our hand to a newcomer or throwing a buck or two in the basket. Of course, these things are very important, but there is much more work to be done behind the scenes to keep AA functioning smoothly. I cannot begin to describe the benefits I have received and new fellowship I have found though being a part of AA service. I challenge all of you to venture out of your comfort zone just a little bit. Believe me, nothing bad will happen! Our district will reap the rewards and so will you.

~Anonymous~

An Alcoholic's Prayer

Dear God, Almighty, hear my prayer!
I know you'll understand.
Help me to leave that drink alone;
Give me a helping hand.

Give me the courage to destroy
This lust which I must feed,
And help me God, to get around
That drink that I don't need.

I know from true experinec,
Which I've ha in the past,
That if I ever take the first
It never is the last.

And I am always sorrowful
For things that I have done.
Not only do I hurt myself,
But my friends and everyone.

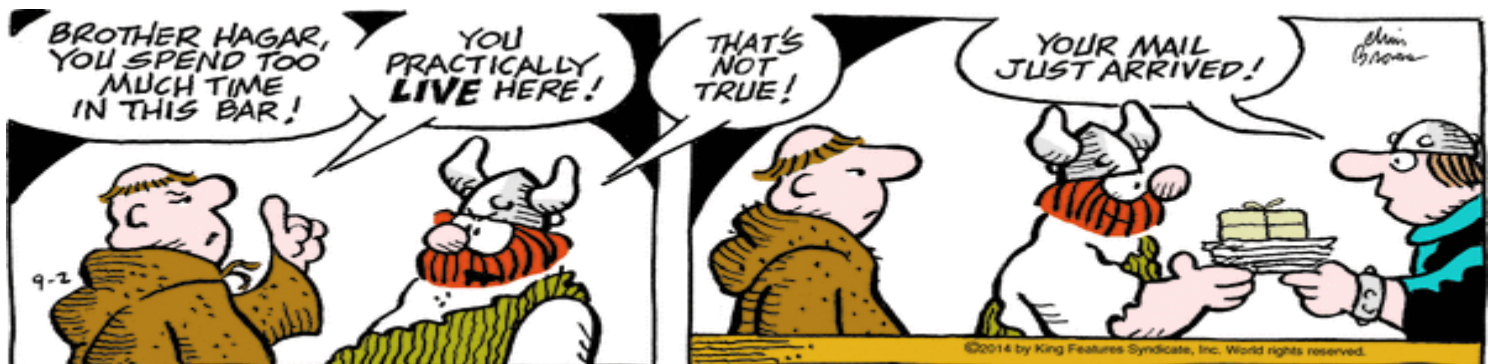
So Almighty God, hear my prayer;
That last drink is the worst.
But God, I need a lot of help
In passing up that first.

By Gordon M. St. Louis MO
Submitted by Marge S.

Editor's Corner

If you would like to see your article in next month's newsletter, please submit via the following email link:

editor@aa-swestpa-dist23.org



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SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, 10/17- Sunday, 10/19	74th Laurel Highlands Conference For information, email apollos22@comcast.net or jmitch1982@aim.com
Saturday, 10/25	12 Traditions Event Food, Fellowship & an Exploration into the Traditions More info: Steve B. 724-691- 2334



Meeting Changes

*Thursday Night Big Book

Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe

Time Change: At the request of the church,
meeting time has changed to 7:30-8:30

*Saturday Night Sober

St. Michaels Church, Greensburg

Time Change: new 7:30 start time

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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



Anniversaries

DINNER WITH BILL

Third Anniversary

September 23, 2014 **5:30 – 8:00 PM**

Norwin Christian Church 9610 Barnes Lake

Road,

North Huntingdon

5:30 **Coffee and fellowship**

6:00 **Dinner**

7:00 **Speaker**

**Turn off of Route 30 at Teddy's Restaurant
onto Barnes Lake Road. The church is a little
over 1 mile from Route 30 on the left side at
the top of the hill (sign in front). Park around
the back of the church.**

COVERED DISHES AND DESSERTS WELCOME!!

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.