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****Upcoming Events****

Monday Night Big Book Anniversary

October 26, 2026

Coffee 6:00 Dinner 6:30

Speaker 7:30pm

Alcothon

December 24th & 25th

Sages Army **See flyer

New Years Eve Sober Speakeasy

December 31st

St. Brunos ** See Flyer

Steel City Woodstock

March 5-7th 2027

Pittsburgh Pa ** See Flyer

Positions Open:

H&I Secretary

District Archives

Church of the Brethren

554 Stanton Street

Greensburg Pa 15601

District 23 DCM Report - October 2026

Submitted by: DCM, Jon A.

My Monthly Activity

- Responded to the request for a meeting to be taken to St. Anne's for Andrew H.
- Communicated with the NEW Saturday K.I.S.S. group, located in New Florence
- Ordered & received the PI/CPC items from Vista Print
- Helped finalize the date/location for the 2027 Summer picnic...and reserved the pavilion
- Attended the Cook Forest Conference
- Actively developing the District Group Inventory questions, and process
- Reviewed the District 23 guidelines on voting and the Third Legacy voting process in the A.A. Service Manual

Area 60 News

- Area 60 Election Ass'y Sunday Oct 4th 10am - 1pm (room opens at 8:30, meeting starts at 10am) You can attend on-line using the ZOOM platform: ID: 825 082 7137 password: 193560
- Bi-laws were updated and sent out to all DCM's for review - to be voted on at the election ass'y
- PCAW the 2027/2028 Hotel arrangements being discussed. The first planning meeting in Sept.
- Area 60 Treatment & BTG have monthly meetings on ZOOM...3rd and 4th Sundays
- Delegate Mario D has been emailing announcements from GSO
- Want to stay informed about what's happening in Western Pennsylvania Area 60 of Alcoholics Anonymous? Please sign up at: www.wpaarea60.org/email-list/

General Service Office

- The 5th edition of Alcoholics Anonymous is at publishing and will be available in February 2027
- Conference Final reports will be available, on-line and hard copies will be available for \$5
- The new 2026-2028 Service Manual is at publishing and will be available soon.
- The Grapevine is currently offering \$8 off a 2-year subscription. This is for a limited time
- The Summer edition of the Box 459 is out and can be found at www.aa.org
- The GSB (General Service Board) has formed an Ad-hoc committee to consider some options to commemorate the Centennial (100yr) anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous coming up in 2035. You can email your ideas to: 100years@aa.org
- 2027 NERAASA is being held in Tarreytown, South East New York Feb. 26-28

Travel / Budgeted Expenses

- Printing - October Agenda (35)
 - Blank Agendas (50)
 - Group Inventory (question "options" for the committee to review)

Upcoming Travel - Area 60 Election Ass'y Sunday Oct 4th

District 23 Alt DCM Report

October 2026

Submitted by William Burgun

The District 23 Holiday Committee, formerly referred to as the "Alcathon Committee", has begun meeting to plan the District 23 Alcathon and New Year's Eve events. Due to the nature and timing of the events, and for the sake of efficiency, both events are planned and managed by a single committee, with individuals within the committee focused on one or both events. I am a Holiday Committee member and focusing on the Alcathon event. I'd like to spend a few moments outlining what the Alcathon is and, hopefully, encouraging some members to step up to support the event.

What is the Alcathon?

The District 23 Alcathon was launched in 2023 as a 2-day, 24 hour, AA-focused recovery event. As we move toward holding the third annual Alcathon event, its tag line "A safe place for the holidays" remains its focus, a space where anyone can step into a safe and secure space, enjoy some fellowship, food, and the support of the local recovering community. The Alcathon was born from the awareness that the holidays can be an extra-stressful and possibly triggering time for many folks, especially those in recovery, and by providing a haven during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, anyone with a desire to stay sober can find fellowship, meetings, and support during this time.

Who supports the event?

For its first 2 years the Alcathon was self-supporting through the contribution's members. District 23 sponsors the event by providing "seed monies" for the purchase of supplies and some food, and Sage's Army provides the event space, but the funds have been returned to the district and rent is paid for the space at the conclusion of the event. It is the intent of the Holiday Committee to do the same in 2026.

When is the Alcathon?

The 2026 Alcathon will begin at noon on Thursday, Dec 24 and continue until midnight. The event reconvenes on Friday, December 25 at 6am, and ends at 6pm. That's 12 hours on Christmas Eve, 12 hours on Christmas Day, 24 hours total!

The Holiday Committee will provide the basics. The space, decorations, some food (hot ham for the first 2 years, undecided as of now), beverages and plates/utensils. Side dishes, cookies and desserts are welcome.

How can I help?

Ultimately this event depends on the AA members and groups for success. The committee coordinates the event space, basic food and beverages, but successful execution depends on the support of the members and home groups.

The event is divided into 12 2-hour segments, 6 on Christmas Eve and 6 on Christmas Day. Suggested meeting times occur every 2 hours and begin at the start of the event each day. Meetings are scheduled to last 1 hour. Host times begin 30 minutes before the start of each meeting and end 30 minutes after the conclusion of each meeting. Home groups are needed to host throughout the Alcathon.

Hosting during the Alcathon means signing up to sponsor a 2-hour segment. During this time, it is suggested that those hosting provide side dishes, cookies, etc., as well as holding a meeting. It is suggested that home groups act as hosts, but individuals are welcome to sign up. If you would like to sign up, why not ask your home group to host a segment and bring a bunch of folks from your home group! The meeting format is at the discretion of the host group.

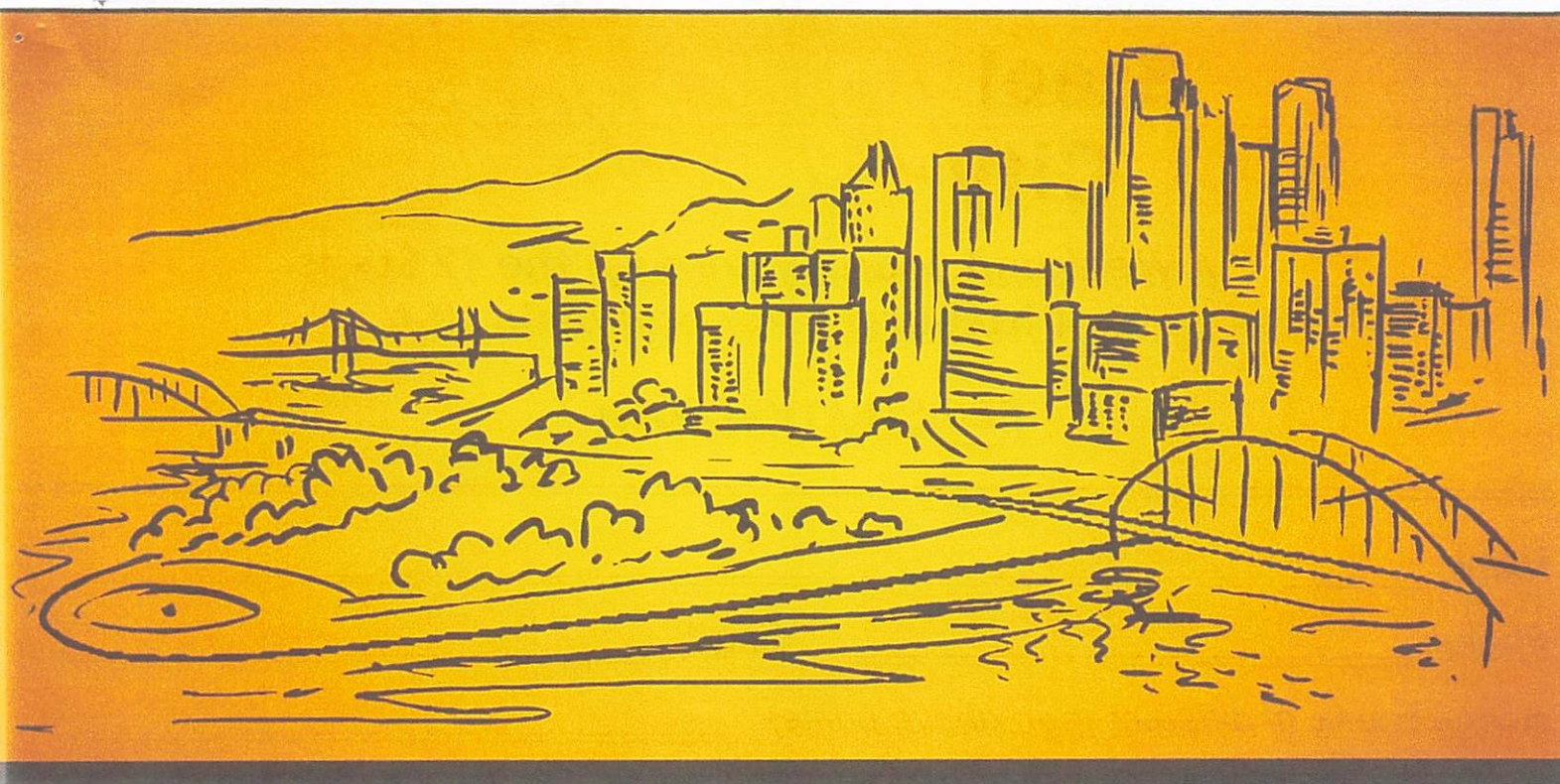
Contact me directly if you want to host a segment. If there is a specific day/time you would like to have, make your request asap. Bill: 724-523-6803

Fliers for the events will be coming soon!

Anyone wishing to be a member of the Holiday Committee or just to help out with the Alcothon or New Year's Eve party please contact me or Holiday Committee chairperson Shawwna H.

Finally, in the spirit of remaining self-supporting, contributions to the Holiday Committee are welcome.

Yours in Service,
Bill Burgun



Steel City

Woodstock

A Weekend Journey Through the 12 Steps
in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

March 5th – 7th, 2027

DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh Green Tree

Guest Speakers

Dennis R. (Pittsburgh, PA) | Ralph W. (Los Angeles, CA)
Georgia H. (Glendale, CA) | Katie P. (Austin, TX)
Jay A. (Scarborough, ON) | Don L. (Bellingham, WA)
Bob D. (Las Vegas NV) | Amy D. (Louisville, KY)
Billy N. (Palm Beach Gardens, FL)

Registration \$40

Register Online & Get More Info @

SteelCityWoodstock.com

or call Nancy P. (724) 866-5432

Friday

3 pm | Registration Opens
7 pm | Pittsburgh Speaker (Dennis R.)
8:30 pm | AA. History (Billy N.)

Saturday

9 am | Steps 1, 2 & 3 (Georgia H.)
10:30 am | Steps 4 & 5 (Bob D.)
[Break for Lunch on your own]
2:00 pm | Steps 6 & 7 (Amy D.)
3:30 pm | Steps 8 & 9 (Don L.)
[Break for Dinner on your own]
8 pm | Saturday Night Speaker (Jay A.)

Sunday

9 am | Steps 10 & 11 (Katie P.)
10:30 am | Step 12 (Ralph W.)



**Steel
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**A Weekend Journey Through the 12 Steps
in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Badge Name (if different than above name): _____

Your City / State: _____

Volunteer for Greeting ☐ Donation for Scholarship \$ _____

MAIL-IN CUTOFF DATE IS FEBRUARY 22, 2027

Please make \$40 check payable to Nancy Peters
and mail to 2728 Reiter Road Pittsburgh, PA 15235

CASH & ZELLE FOR ONSITE REGISTRATION – NO CREDIT CARDS

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Book early for hotel discounted rate of \$123/night

<https://group.doubletree.com/kyioxk>

For any issues relating to the hotel, call them directly at (412) 922-8400

HOTEL IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE & ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

NO REFUNDS (Transfers possible). NO CHILDREN. ADA Certified Animals ONLY

NEW YEARS EVE SOBER SPEAKEASY

SPONSORED BY AA DISTRICT 23



AN EVENING OF DINNER, DANCING,
AND FELLOWSHIP



31 DECEMBER | 5:30 PM
DINNER AT 6PM

SPEAKER*DOOR PRIZES*50/50*SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

ST. BRUNO CATHOLIC CHURCH
1715 POPLAR ST
GREENSBURG PA 15601



CALL/TEXT SHAWNNA H.
FOR MORE INFO
(724)610-7608

CHRISTMAS ALCOATHON

A Safe Place For
The Holiday



SPONSORED BY AA DISTRICT 23

Christmas Eve Fellowship Begins at 11:30am

Meetings Every 2 Hours Beginning at Noon:
12pm, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm

Christmas Day Fellowship Begins at 5:30am

Meetings Every 2 Hours Beginning at 6am:
6am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm

**** SIDES & DESSERTS WELCOME ****

SAGE'S ARMY

6044 LINCOLN HWY #400

GREENSBURG PA 15601

interested in being of service?

Call/Text Bill B (724)523-6803