SAGE 'S ARMY, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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Members,

This Newsletter brings together the people who are fighting to bring change (through Education and Awareness) to the growing trend of Addiction. We like to keep you abreast of the ongoing events of Sage's Army and any news worthy updates as we get them in from the county, state, and country. We would like to thank you for joining this continuously growing movement and appreciate you supporting Sage's Army and our efforts.

Sincerely,

The Sage's Army Team

Sage's Army is about AWARENESS.

Drugs DO NOT discriminate.

Erase the STIGMA.

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Community Meetings

Sage's Army Community Meetings are open to the public and are held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month. Doors open at 6 pm at the Calvary Assembly Church, 8653 Pennsylvania Avenue, Irwin, Pa (behind the Giant Eagle).

These meetings provide interesting speakers who enable us to understand all the facets of this epidemic. There are open discussions at the end of each meeting for your questions and comments. PARENTS are particularly encouraged to attend these meetings.

Our speakers (to include law enforcement, doctors, lawyers, county officials, and recovery persons speak of their experiences) educate you on Addiction and give you necessary resources at your disposal.

Meeting Highlights

At our September meeting, we showed a movie entitled "Anonymous People". This is a "MUST see" movie about people who are living the nightmare and the people who try to help them.

In November we had two great speakers, Chief Scott Farally from the Pitcairn Borough Police Dept (he was the first in county to train and equip officers to administer Narcan), and Pitcairn Councilman Jack Bova.

December's meeting was awesome with Abbey's inspirational testimony and Dr John Kolonich (Excela Health Emergency Room (ER) Physician) who provided insights on working in the ER.

The January meeting brought Innovation with Ryan Brannon to show us his New Leaf app. It is designed to help young people through the addiction recovery process anonymously and confidentially at the touch of their own smartphones.

Our meeting in February was certified Narcan training by Alice Bell (LCSW Coordinator Prevention of Point, Pittsburgh) with distribution of Narcan kits given to attendees.

Don't JUST share the meeting info with others, BRING them to the meetings and share the experience!

Sage's Army merchandise is always available at Community meetings OR you can order from our website (www.sagesarmy.com)

Greensburg Editorial:

Rising cost of drug abuse in county prison. 53 percent of new inmates need drug detoxification…up 24 percent from last year.

Quote of the QUARTER

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

~ Maria Robinson

TEAM MEETINGS

Sage's Army Team Meetings are attended by a group of dedicated volunteer individuals, along with the Officers and Directors, who help map out our present and future events. We would like to hear from any of you about ideas that you may have and want to contribute or, if you would like to attend the Team meeting in person, just contact one of our staff or e-mail admin@sagesarmy.com

Events We Attended

Sep 22 – Art Institute of Pittsburgh, candlelight vigil for loved ones gone

Sep 27, 28 – FED UP Rally in Washington DC

Sep – Jennerstown Speedway with our Sage's Army race car (2014 Champion!)

Sep 30 – Carmen in Johnstown for signing of Senate Bill 1164

Oct 29 – Carmen to Harrisburg (Pa Advisory Committee)

Dec 2 – Project Lazarus Seminar with Fred Brason, CEO at WCCC, a public health, non-profit, for preventing overdoses

Dec 6 – WAKE UP presented by Westmoreland County at the West Point Fire hall. Hosted by Carmen Capozzi and Sage's Army, Sheriff Jon Held and Suzanne Kerlin. Guest Speakers: Jude Bilik-Defazio, Jude David Regoli, Tim Phillips, Dir Of Community Prevention Services, Senator Kim Ward. Special Guest, Gary Tennis, Harrisburg

Dec 8 – Rx Pain Meds, New Findings with Dr. Stephen Thomas, Speaking in cooperation with St Vincent Prevention

Dec 18 – Carmen attended Westmoreland Drug Overdose Task Force meeting

Jan 2015 – Blairsville Narcan Training

NARCAN IS *ONLY* GOOD FOR HEROIN/OPIOID OVERDOSES

Schools We Attended This Quarter

Wendover Middle School
Highlands/Blackhawk Middle School
Trafford Middle School
Brockway Middle School

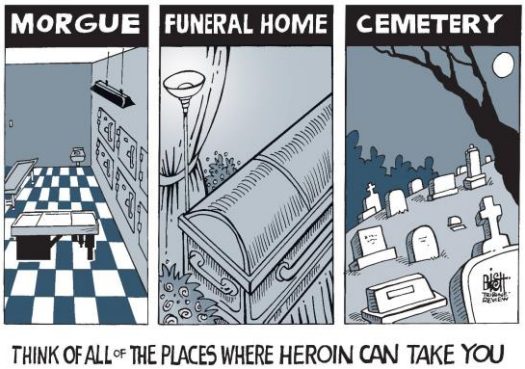
CALL ON US, WE WILL BE THERE!

We answer many requests to provide large or small presentations. We take our materials, our videos, and our handouts so we may reach out to one and all.

Sage's Army Success

On October 4, we had our First Annual 5K Run/Walk which was held at Lynch Field. We would like to give a special THANK YOU to all the volunteers (especially to the 18 students from Hempfield High School), runners and walkers who made this a great success! We are anxiously awaiting our next which will take place in October!

Start training now…



Upcoming Events

- The Third Anniversary of Sage's Army Benefit to be held on March 15, 2015 at Gators, Jeannette, Pa. Music, talent, food, Chinese Auction and much, much more! You don't want to miss this one! Detailed information and tickets on sale NOW! Please see our Events page at www.sagesarmy.com.

- The 2nd Annual Golf outing will be held on June 20, 2015 at Glen Gary in Latrobe, Pa. More information to come!

Newsworthy Tidbits

- A 16 bed, in patient, unit will be opened at the Mt Pleasant Hospital this year!
- Governor Corbett signs the "Good Samaritan Law". This law provides prosecutorial immunity to people who overdose on drugs and to witnesses who call emergency authorities to help.
- Westmoreland County had 87 overdose deaths in 2014 (a new record), 36 of these were caused by HEROIN, which was also a record.
- UPMC announces that they treated 16 pregnant inmates with heroin addiction in 2014.
- In December, teen friends from Central Valley High, left their distressed friend to die in a car alone.

Carmen was speaking on the Roger Hedgecock Show at KYRO 1280… hears that 22.7 million Americans, over the age of 12, needed drug or alcohol related treatment, but only 10 percent actually received it primarily due to costs.

Check Out the Sage's Army Truck!

Many of you have seen and commented on the Sage's Army truck all around the area. Owner, Esias Meyer, is dedicated to spreading Awareness, Compassion, and Action! We ARE so Blessed! Feel free to take a picture of the truck and post on Facebook…we would LOVE our message to be spread all around the country!

Never Lose Hope!

Sage's Army visits TJ's Place of Hope

Tj's Place of Hope is an organization located in Centerville, Ohio which provides a safe, confidential environment to restore hope to young people caught in addiction. They have an amazing place and are doing such a great service in their community. We wish them continued success in their mission.

Check Out

Get In Westmoreland! Get In is a project of the Westmoreland Drug Overdose Task Force. They have a very informative website which also supports Sage's Army!

getinwestmoreland.org/

Just In!

Sage's Army now has microfiber draw string bags.

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

SPECIAL THANKS: SPOTLIGHT on The tireless work of all our local, County and state officials and Department heads who CARE and Support our fight!

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