

# SAGE'S ARMY, INC. NEWSLETTER

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Members,

**DRUGS DO NOT DISCRIMINATE – PEOPLE DO.**  
Because of this, we are working to erase the stigma. Everybody, rich, poor, homeless, home-owners, professional, non-professional, is at risk.

Even you can take a stand. Demand equal medical insurance for drug and alcohol treatment. Tell your lawmakers to remove barriers that prevent recovering individuals from getting jobs. Recognize that addiction is a disease and not a character weakness. And finally, be supportive of those who are battling addiction.

Together, we can end this epidemic!

Sincerely,

*The Sage's Army Team*

## Community Meetings

Sage's Army meets publicly every **second Thursday of each month**, 6–8pm, at the Calvary Assembly, 8653 Pennsylvania Avenue, Irwin, PA.

These meetings provide interesting speakers to help everyone understand the drug epidemic in our communities. There are open discussions at the end of each meeting for your questions and comments.

Also, at every meeting, there are Sage's Army hats,

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shirts, hoodies, key chains, and more available for sale. Most importantly, we do have drug test kits at every meeting. Visit [www.sagesarmy.com](http://www.sagesarmy.com) for more details.



**WE HAD AN EXCEPTIONALLY RENOWNED SPEAKER AT OUR FEBRUARY COMMUNITY MEETING! DR. NEIL CAPRETTO WAS PHENOMENAL! IF WE CAN GET HIM BACK AT A LATER DATE, WE WILL NEED TO RENT A HALL TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF HIS FANS. HE BROUGHT EVERYTHING TO LIGHT FROM A TO Z (DRUGS, THEIR EFFECT, THE SOURCES, AND THE DEVASTATION THEY CAUSE). HE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE HERE AND NOW. THANK YOU DR. CAPRETTO!**

## Team Meetings

Sage's Army Team Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month and are attended by the Board of Directors as well as the committee chairmen. Various things such as committee reports, official business, upcoming events, rallies, and more are discussed at these meetings. Sage's Army also selected members to attend WeDAC's (Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol Commission) monthly meetings to provide our input. To submit ideas that you would like us to discuss at our meetings, please e-mail [admin@sagesarmy.com](mailto:admin@sagesarmy.com) and tell us about it. We would love to hear your ideas!

## Our Activities

Since our last Newsletter, we have had the Sage's Army Awareness Booth set up at the EMS Expo, Monroeville and the Westmoreland Country Home Show, Westmoreland Fairgrounds. We hobnobbed with Nickelodeon actor, Drake Bell, and even had him autograph a Sage's Army tee. We do get some PERKS!

We also had a great turnout for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Hoss's Benefit Day". We enjoyed great food, great speakers, great gift baskets, and great company. Thank you all for your support!



## Our Schools Called & We Answered...



*Remember...*Our group is available to speak at school functions and assemblies. Just give us a call or send us an email so we can get it on our calendar!

**FACT – Vicodin is the most widely abused drug by 12<sup>th</sup> graders.**

### Schools Visited this Quarter

Morgantown High School  
 Yough High School  
 Belle Vernon High School  
 Somerset Area High School  
 North Star High School

# Upcoming Events

*Please mark your calendars for the following events:*

**May 31, 2014** – Youngstown Health Fair

**June 14, 2014** – Kids Fair at the Calgary Church, Irwin. Come join in the fun!

**June 21, 2014** – The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sage's Army Golf Outing! We are still looking for more sponsors! Please see our Events section on the Sage's Army website.

**September** – FED UP rally in Washington DC. Stay tuned for the dates!

## SPECIAL NOTE OF APPRECIATION

A special note to the family of **Aaron Palmer**, who requested in lieu of flowers that donations to be made to Sage's Army. Aaron fought long and hard to survive the demons of drugs. Our deepest sympathies...



QUOTE OF THE QUARTER - *"Heroin is a detriment to society"* ~ District Judge Alberts.

He also went on to triple a dealers bond after he had asked for a reduction. Thank you Judge Alberts!

Do your part with Legislation – Please call, write, or email your Legislators in support of HB 2040 for Good Samaritan Protection. They WILL listen to you. What does this Bill do? This means you can call 911 without the fear of being arrested for trying to save someone you are with.

## Sage's Army SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Gary Tennis, Secretary, Pennsylvania Dept of Drugs and Alcohol Programs. Mr. Tennis, along with others, is forever fighting for us to eradicate the drug epidemic in our state and to help get treatment for individuals to prevent its spread.

## FACT

As of February (report from Westmoreland Co.), 97% of Drug O.D.'s are Caucasian and 71% occurred at home.

# Headline News

- ✚ Powerful Batch of Heroin: Theraflu took tragic death toll in our region.
- ✚ Remove the Stigma: Movie star Matthew Perry was addicted. Movie star Philip Seymour Hoffman was addicted, and died. Seattle TV personality's young daughter dies from heroin.
- ✚ Governor of Delaware is fighting addiction stigma in his state.
- ✚ Coroner in York County says heroin deaths up in 2014.
- ✚ Zohydro's potency being fought at all levels to reconsider approval.
- ✚ Bensalem in Bucks County had 63 heroin deaths in one month.
- ✚ Antidote to Heroin, Narcan (Naloxone) may be readily available.
- ✚ On-line Data Base for Doctors prescription history on patients could save lives.
- ✚ U.S. Attorney General says, "Rise of drug deaths is Urgent Health Crisis".
- ✚ Drug & Alcohol is New Jersey's leading cause of accidental deaths.
- ✚ Ohio's Cuyahoga County had 195 Heroin deaths in 2013.
- ✚ TV's Dr. Oz takes a stand and speaks out about narcotics, especially about Zohydro and what it could mean.
- ✚ Heroin, Cheap, Plentiful, and Deadly.
- ✚ Massachusetts declares health emergency, bans Zohydro.

News bulletin - The drug dealer, Kyland Napper, of Wilkinsburg (who sold Sage Capozzi heroin) has been arraigned and is going to stand trial for the death of Sage Capozzi. This dealer is now in Allegheny County jail and we expect the trial charge to be for murder. Drug dealers need to know that they ARE accountable for what they do for a living.

This is what Sage's Father repeats over and over

*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:20 NIV)*

## *Our Vision for Sage's Army*

To continue to fight the STIGMA of drugs and alcohol. To bring forth drug AWARENESS to the public THROUGH AWARENESS, COMPASSION, and ACTION. With your help, we WILL save lives. Our FUTURE depends on it!

We want long term treatment facilities in Westmoreland County. We want policy changes. We want parents to be educated on what is happening to their children. We want students to FEAR what can happen to them. Sage's Army is going to DEMAND that all of this happen! JOIN THE ARMY!

***DO NOT DESPAIR. WE WILL FIGHT THIS FIGHT TOGETHER!***

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