

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

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The next District meeting is Wednesday September 7th at 7:00pm.

Regular location: Lake George Town Center rear entrance, 20 Old Post Rd., Lake George.

All AA members are welcome. Why not bring a newcomer and hear what's new in AA!

We ask Group Chairs or GSR's to bring this Newsletter to their Group Meetings.

Step 8 – Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

Tradition 8 (long form) – Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12 Step" work is never to be paid for.

Concept VIII (long form) - The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

AA can always use your help!!

District 13 is deeply grateful to the Groups and Members who contribute to our AA service work.

Thanks to all contributing groups!

There are 60 AA Groups in District 13 - now with 80 AA meetings each and every week. Even the most modest contribution would greatly help, if only your group would consider donating when able.

All contributions are acknowledged by letters from District 13, Area 48 and GSO. District 13 also lists contributions in its Treasurer's Report and Newsletter. Historical contribution share has been 60% District; 30% Area & 10% GSO.

Contributions can be sent to:

District 13

HMB Area 48

General Service Office (GSO)

P. O. Box 4335, Queensbury, NY 12804

118 Polar Plaza #114, Route 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010

P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

GSO contributions also can be made on-line at: www.aa.org and click on 'contributions' icon

Remember the Grapevine? **It's not just the monthly magazine; it's all the great books available!**

The latest new Grapevine Book is: Forming True Partnerships

Order it on-line at www.aagrapevine.org or call the Grapevine at 212 870-3018. Get a free catalog, too!

Also get Grapevine's free Daily Quote of the Day. Just go to www.aagrapevine.org. Here is one to enjoy,

"My job is to achieve enough humility to see myself in others and to accept both myself and others, by identifying. The willingness to make amends will grow from this act of love."

Bowling Green, Ky., October 1986"8-1/2"
Best of the Grapevine, Volume 2

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NEXT HMB Area 48 2016 CONVENTION MEETING: September 10th immediately following Fellowship Day at Bethany Reformed Church 760 New Scotland Ave in Albany. Service is fun! Volunteers needed; Come get involved. Convention committee contacts available below.

Records Chair: 1,500 meeting lists printed in July. There were some errors, so they were re-printed.

Hotline: to be updated; if you signed up, expect phone calls soon.

Grapevine: Area 48 and District 5 sell Grapevine literature but District 13 does not, instead referring members to the Grapevine catalog for Grapevine items & subscriptions or to Area 48 Grapevine Chair to obtain items. Grapevine items also can be obtained at the upcoming Annual Area 48 Convention October 21-23

Special Needs Chair: There are pamphlets, books, and other literature available for the special needs alcoholic. Groups are to contact S.N. Chair if needed. Asking for groups to contact S.N. chair to see if meeting place is handicap accessible: ramp, access to bathroom? Does your meeting need large print or braille big books? Contact S.N. chair.

Website - Pam S reported on her major efforts underway to make the District 13 Website more user-friendly and responsive and to provide users' easier access to AA information at multiple levels. She said this work is taking a while but is coming along well - and that she continues to post Newsletters and meeting lists on the Website as she receives them.

GSR Reports: GSR's present gave brief reports on their Groups and encouraged District 13 members to attend a meeting of one of the many AA meetings not on your 'regular schedule' of meetings. Tom C. thanked all who helped to make the Glens Falls Original Group's Anniversary a success.

Meeting Notes

Indian Lake Group is resuming it's Thursday Night 7:30pm and Saturday night 7:30pm meetings effective 7/7/16 at St. Mary's Church, Rtes. 28&30 (next to CBT School) Indian Lake

Lake Luzerne Monday and Wednesday Meeting is no longer meeting.

New Meeting: Tuesdays 8:00 PM New Beginnings Church on Dix Avenue in Glens Falls, Steps 10&11 Bring your Big Book

The Easy Does It Group Mondays 9:00 AM, **The Hudson Falls Group** Tuesday 7:00 PM and **The Original Warrensburg Group**, Tues. 8:00PM *all need some support*. Give them a try.

Events

HMB Fellowship Day 9am-3pm at Bethany Reformed Church 760 New Scotland Ave in Albany.

Area 48 2016 Annual Convention: Queensbury Hotel, Friday evening through Sunday AM, October 21-23 (Flyer attached).

Take advantage of this opportunity for three days of great AA for a registration fee on only \$25 for all three days.

Registration form/flyers were on the table or go to: www.aahmbny.org to register. **Hotel reservations are made directly with the hotel.**

District 13 Anniversaries

Ed. B.	37 years	Chestertown Group [last Friday]
Tom M.	26 years	Riparius Wevertown Group [last Monday]
Matthew M.	7 years	Riparius Wevertown Group [last Monday]
Erin	1 year	Schroon Lake Group [last Tuesday]

Please email any anniversaries and celebration dates to district13newslettereditor@gmail.com.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICT 13 !!

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Alt. DCM and Bridging The Gap

If you are interested please come the next meeting and find out what District level service is all about. So much exists beyond the Group. Come out and see how you can help. If you do not think you want to take a Chair position, consider just pitching in where needed.

Need to talk to someone at District 13?

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>e-mail address</u>
• DCM	Mike C. [elected 4/1/15]	
• Alternate DCM	VACANT	
• Secretary	John D. [elected 4/1/15]	district13secretary@sprynet.com
• Treasurer	Joe D.	
• Records	Tom B [elected 4/1/15]	
• Bridging the Gap	VACANT	district13btg@aahmbny.org
• Corrections	Lisa A.	
• CPC/PI	Karen H. [elected 7/3/13]	district13cpc@aahmbny.org
• Treatment	Steve N. [elected 1/6/16]	district13treatment@aahmbny.org
• Newsletter	Cait N. [elected 4/6/16]	district13newslettereditor@gmail.com
• Grapevine	Natalie [elected 4/6/16]	
• Archives	Joe B. [elected 1/8/14]	
• Special Needs	Dolores K. [elected 4/6/16]	
• Webmaster	Pam S. [elected 4/1/15]	aadistrict13@gmail.com

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HMB District 13
Treasury Report

Opening Balance - June 30, 2016 580.94

Contributions

Alive Again Group	150.00
West Ft Ann Big Book Group	75.00
Total	225.00

Expenses

Kingsbury Printing	12.07
Verizon	26.56
Total	38.63

Opening Balance	580.94
Contributions	225.00
Expenses	38.63
Month End Balance	767.31

Prudent Reserve	250.00
Total Above Prudent Reserve	517.31

Closing Balance - July 31, 2016 767.31

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HMB AREA 48 CONVENTION

October 21-23, 2016

Tentative Program		
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Bird Meeting Early	Panels and Workshops	Spiritual Speaker Meeting
Panel and Workshop	Old Timers/Young peoples Panels	NOTE: Alcathon & Al-Anon
Speaker Meeting	Banquet/Speaker Meeting*	meetings through weekend
Entertainment	Entertainment	*Additional cost for Banquet

The Queensbury Hotel
88 Ridge Street | Glens Falls, NY | 12801
Room Rate: \$104/night + tax
Reservation Deadline: 9/28/16

Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis ~ Online Hotel Reservations Not Available

Phone Reservations: **(518) 792-1121**
 Mention code "Area48" for Convention Rate

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE: WWW.HMBCONVENTION.COM

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

NAME ON TAG: _____ SERVICE COMMITMENT _____

HOME GROUP: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ AA ___ AL-ANON ___ OTHER _____

SPECIAL NEEDS (LIST) _____ SOBRIETY DATE _____ DISTRICT No. _____

_____ I WOULD LIKE TO BE OF SERVICE ON A PANEL:
 MODERATE ___ READ ___ TIME ___

_____ CONVENTION REGISTRATION.....\$25.00 _____ SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET.....\$35.00

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ CHICKEN ___ FISH ___ VEG ___ NY STRIP ___

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HMB AREA CONVENTION SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (LIST) _____

MAIL THIS FORM AND PAYMENT TO BY FRIDAY 10/07/16
 HMB CONVENTION | PO BOX 58 |
 SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866-0058

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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