

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

Alcoholics Anonymous - Northeast Region - Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area 48

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The next District meeting is this coming Wednesday September 3rd.

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!

This newsletter will now be issued bimonthly.(Subject to change)

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

(Please print copies and distribute them at your groups)

Times are tough but AA really could use your help!!

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

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

Step 7 - Humbly asked him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7 (long form) - The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Concept VII- The Conference recognizes that the charter and the bylaws of the general service board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are hereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purpose for its final effectiveness.

Remember AA's Tradition 1: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity."

Here are some AA service & fellowship activities occurring for the good of members and one, whole united AA:

Yonder Hill Annual Picnic July 26, 2014 Usher Park 12:00PM – 6:00PM. Speakers at 3:00PM. Please bring a dish, hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

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District 13's **Records Keeper, Paul G.** works so hard to perform this AA service. All Groups to submit Group change information to him as soon as possible. Contact Paul by e-mail: district13@nycap.rr.com or by phone: 518 793 2685. Make sure your meeting information is correct and up to date before the next printing.

- Everyone can find current, correct AA meeting information on-line at Area 48 and District 13 websites; and,
- Callers to our **District 13 telephone hotline 518 793 1113** will hear the correct meeting information.

District July Meeting Highlights

Pat L. attended our District 13 meeting this past Wednesday 7/2. Thank you, Pat for your participation at the District 13 meeting for the 2nd time in six months. She reported on the AA World Services Board 6/13/14 Report and General Service Conference - the Conscience of AA U.S. & Canada wide. Highlights below....

- Work continues on the **2015 International Convention** registration brochures that are scheduled for an August 2014 mailing to over 64,000 A.A. members, groups and service entities around the world. [2015 International Convention to be held in Atlanta, GA July 2-July 5 2015]. **Convention Registration and housing will open on September 3, 2014** and members will be able to register online. Through the Registration process, attendees will be able to preorder A.A.W.S.'s 2015 International Convention Souvenir Book and Grapevine's 2015 Convention Commemorative Book. They will also have the option to subscribe to the Grapevine and La Viña. [Recall that AA International Conventions are held only once every five years; the last one - 2010 in San Antonio, TX - had over 50,000 AA Members attending.]

- On June 2, AA's General Service Office [GSO] celebrated the successful launch of its newly redesigned website www.aa.org and the accompanying mobile site. As Area 48 Delegate Pat L. pointed out at our July 2nd District 13 meeting, the new website is really easy to use and has a wealth of information for AA Members.

- Digital Publishing Program – Following the General Service Conference, the digital publishing program has added new titles from our literature catalog and has seen steady sales. Currently, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* and *Daily Reflections* (in English, Spanish and French) are published on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Apple iTunes stores. *Living Sober* is scheduled as the next title to be published in the three languages, to be followed by *Came to Believe*.

It was voted on a motion made to begin holding district meetings monthly beginning in September.

HMB DISTRICT 13 TREASURY REPORT For the Two-Month Period Ending July 2, 2014

Opening Balance as of May 7, 2014		\$117.01	
Date	Group/Payee	Category	Amount
May 7	Unrecorded Past Contributions	Group Contributions	\$ 305.41
May 7	Member Contribution	"	66.00
May 12	Bar None Group	"	140.00
May 15	Queensbury Alive Again Gp	"	200.00
May 16	Anonymous AA Members	"	60.00
May 16	Chestertown Group	"	75.00
June 6	Daily Reflections Group	"	49.00
June 17	Hudson Falls Noon Group	"	25.59
June 17	Sisters For Sobriety Gp	"	30.00
June 27	Road To Happy Destiny	"	45.00
July 1	West Fort Ann Big Book Gp	"	50.00
		Total Revenue	1046.00
Ck# Date			
105 June 26	Verizon	Hotline	51.24
106 June 28	Contact Communications	Hotline	227.00
107 June 30	Town Of Lake George	July Meeting	25.00
		Total Expenses	(303.24)
Closing Balance as of July 2, 2014			859.77

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Less: Prudent Reserve
(250.00)

Amount Above Prudent Reserve as of July 2, 2014
Submitted By

Everett V. / District 13 Treasurer

Date 7/2/14

\$609.77

THANK YOU TO ALL GROUPS WHO CONTRIBUTED!!.

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

The latest new Grapevine Book is: *One On One – AA Sponsorship in Action*.

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

“It seems to me that one of the major purposes of the last three Steps is to keep us from complacency, to keep us growing so that we don't fall back into our old, sick ways and perhaps even into active alcoholism.”

West Henrietta, New York, October 2007

“Step Ten: Up Close and Personal,”

District 13's WEBSITE has some great AA information. Why not check it out!

district13.aahmbny.org

Please visit the District 13 website to: find AA meetings; view AA and Grapevine literature catalogs; find out how to purchase AA & Grapevine literature; start a new group or change existing group information; make contributions to District 13; Area 48 and GSO; view and print copies of Area 48 and District 13 Newsletters and download/print free copies of the current District 13 meeting list; and more! Find it all at our website: district13.aahmbny.org.

Joe B. our District 13 Archivist is looking for any material you make think may enhance the achieves. Old Grapevines, newsletters, literature or photographs anything pertaining to District 13. District13archieves@gmail.com

District 13 Anniversaries

Peter R. 7/31/2014 7:00PM Road to Happy Destiny Group 29 years

Jan 7/25/2014 8:00PM Hudson Falls Methodist Church 27 years

Lisa “ “ “ “ “ “ 1 year

Sharon 7/26/2014 8:00PM Yonder Hill Group 38 years

Dave R. 2 years

Mike B. 1 year

Sue B 1 year

Please email any anniversaries and celebration dates to district13newslettereditor@gmail.com. If you have any for June please send them as I plan to send out reminders by email every month.

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"I know you don't want anything to upset your serenity dear, but the house is on fire."

Need to talk to someone at District 13?

Committee: Chairperson

Telephone e-mail address

- DCM Peter R. [elected 7/3/13] district13dcm-pr@aahmbny.org
 - Alternate DCM Kevin T. [elected 3/5/14] Ktbydab@gmail.com
 - Secretary Tom B. [elected 3/6/13]
 - Treasurer Everett V. [elected 3/6/13] district13treasurer@aahmbny.org
 - Records Paul G. district13@nycap.rr.com
 - Bridging the Gap John W. district13btg@aahmbny.org
 - Corrections *Vacant* Please consider this AA service opportunity
 - CPC/PI Karen H. [elected 7/3/13] district13cpc@aahmbny.org
 - Treatment Lisa A. [elected 7/3/13] district13treatment@aahmbny.org
 - Newsletter Bill D. [elected 3/5/14] district13newslettereditor@gmail.com
 - Grapevine *Vacant* Please consider this AA service opportunity
 - Archives Joe B. [elected 1/8/14]
 - Special Needs *Vacant* Please consider this AA service opportunity
 - Webmaster Lou H., Sr. [elected 3/6/13] district13webmaster@aahmbny.org
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