

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2013 (Website Version)

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We ask Group Chairs or GSR's to bring this Newsletter to their Group Meetings.
Please share the information.

(Print extra copies for use at meetings or get extra public version copies at District 13's website)



*We are reminded that November is known as "Gratitude Month."
On behalf of District 13, DCM Peter R. extends thanks to all Group and
Members for their service and support of District 13 AA service efforts.*

HERE IS SOME INFORMATION WORTHY OF YOUR ATTENTION

⇒ **Thanksgiving Alcathon - this Thursday 11/28 - 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM - District 5 - Saratoga Springs with AA meetings every hour on the even hour: 6AM; 8AM; 10AM; 12 Noon; 2PM and 4PM.**

Traditional Thanksgiving Buffet to be served at 1:00 PM; coffee, beverages and snacks served all day.

When was the last time you experienced the wonderful AA fellowship and participated in one of these events?

Family and Friends are encouraged and warmly welcomed. See enclosed flyer for all the details.

District 13 publishes its new AA meeting list in March, July and **November**.

2,000 copies of the new November meeting list were printed and copies were distributed to all Group representatives and members present at the November 6th District meeting.

There are new meetings, changes in existing meetings and a total of 80 AA meetings each week in District 13.

⇒ There is **one error** in the new November Meeting List; please **mark this correction: Sisters in Sobriety meeting [Thursdays 7:30PM] is a seasonal meeting - no meetings until they resume in May 2014.**

You are encouraged to make copies of the new list. Records Keeper Paul G. and Webmaster Lou H., Sr. also remind us you can **download a printable copy** at the District Website: <http://district13.aahmbny.org>. If your Group still needs help in getting additional meeting list copies, contact the Editor (See page 4.)

⇒ Year 2014 Area 48 Meeting Book lists over **1,200 AA meetings each week** in our large portion of New York. Area 48 prints and distributes some 30,000 of these books each year. You can order now: **just 35 cents a copy**. **Ordering deadline is December 1st**. Books will ship by mid-January. **An order form is enclosed** and you can get extra order forms at Area 48's website: www.aahmbny.org. As in past years, some groups may wish to combine their smaller orders for delivery to one address, thus, saving on shipping costs.

⇒ **Final reminder** from District Records Keeper, Paul G: there's little time left to get any group changes into the Area 48's Year 2014 meeting book so **if your group has not reported changes, get them to Paul fast!** [See page 4 for Paul's contact info]. The Hotline recording is being updated to reflect our meeting changes.

Remember, you can also find AA meetings on-line at the Area 48 and District 13 websites.

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Highlights of our last District 13 meeting held on November 6th and chaired by DCM Peter R. include:

- Review, voting & approval of Secretary Tom B's Sept. 4th meeting minutes; [11/6 minutes at 1/8/14 meeting];
- Review, voting & approval of Treasurer Everett V's November 6th Treasurer Report [see copy next page];
- Distribution of the new [November] District Meeting Lists to all Group GSRs or representatives present;
- Records Keeper, Paul G's urgent request for Groups to give him information on any Group data changes;
- Treatment Chair, Lisa A's report of her major discussions with staff at treatment facilities including halfway houses and voting and approval of her request to purchase AA literature [pamphlets] and racks needed for use at those facilities that have urgently requested this AA literature;
- Bridging the Gap [BTG] Chair John W's efforts to place BTG forms in key facilities and meet with their staff. For example, he is currently attempting to schedule a BTG presentation at Baywood;
- Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information [CPC/PI] Chair Karen H's activities report. AA 'teenager literature' packets have been mailed to guidance counselors of 43 schools in District 13 locales, timed to the upcoming holiday season – times that are, so often, so tragic for young people involving alcohol;
- Discussion of the difference between an AA event such as a service workshop or convention vs. an activity held by a group such as a holiday party which may include an AA meeting [each AA group in autonomous...];
- A report by DCM Peter R. re his participation in recent HMB Area 48 events including the 10/19 Assembly and his call for members to help out at the then-upcoming November 16th AA Fellowship Day in Plattsburgh.

That 11/16 Fellowship Day in Plattsburgh went really well and was well-attended including by AA members from as far south as Kingston, NY. AA's 'Adirondack Cluster' [Districts 5, 10, 13 and 19] members worked hard to provide a solid AA program and some really good 'north country food' [7th Tradition baskets, of course]. We even had some wonderful surprise guitar playing by our District 13's Joe B. from the Chestertown Group.

Outgoing Area 48 Delegate Keith D. offered an emotional farewell and thank you's to all who perform service so unselfishly for the good of AA. Incoming Delegate Pat L. expressed hope and gratitude as her two-year term as newly elected Delegate begins January 1st. Newly elected Area 48 Chair Bill W. expressed similar thoughts.

Here's a question for each of us: "How did the following things - and more - get done in 2013?"

This year's schools' mailing; annual mailing of District 13 meeting lists to hotels and motels in tourist season; providing AA literature [pamphlets] for those in need in treatment, correctional and other recovery facilities; bringing AA meetings into some of those facilities; arranging hometown [BTG] contacts for those leaving treatment, corrections and other facilities; updating, printing and distributing thousands of our District 13 meeting lists free to AA Groups and many others such as the hotels & motels and doctors' offices; maintaining a 24 hour/7 days a week AA telephone hotline and providing sober AA members to answer those calls for help.

The Answer: All of this AA service work - beyond the ability of any single AA Group to handle - was performed by AA members dedicated to AA service not only in their home groups but also to AA's District 13.

And here's the other key question "Who paid for all this?"

Because District 13 is self-supporting solely through contributions from members and groups, all of these AA services were able to be done precisely because of your Group and member contributions to District 13.

It is for these reasons that DCM Peter R. asks each member to consider filling one of the still-vacant District 13 AA service positions [See the list on page 4.] for the good of AA and to enrich one's own sobriety and why, with gratitude, we ask each Group, if it hasn't made a contribution recently, please consider it.

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(Note: A copy of the November 6 2013 District 13 Treasurer's Report is included in the confidential version of District 13's Newsletter issued to AA members. It is not included in this public version.)

There are 60 Groups in District 13 - now with 80 AA meetings each and every week.

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

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

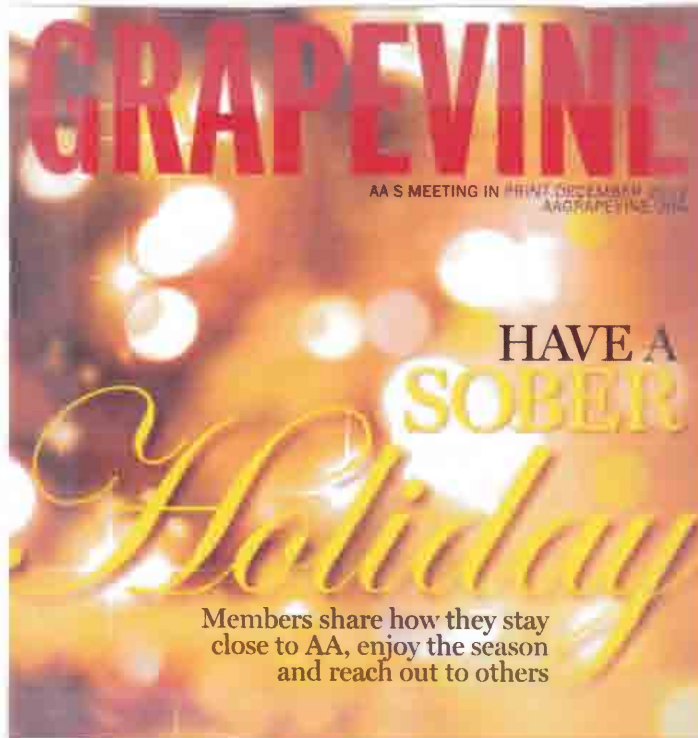
As a possible help to members and Groups, the District provides addresses for mail and contributions in newsletters and in meeting lists. Historical contribution share has been 60% District; 30% Area & 10% GSO.

The addresses are: District 13 P. O. Box 4335, Queensbury, NY 12804;
HMB Area 48 118 Polar Plaza #114, Route 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010; and
General Service Office (GSO) 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.

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Trying to find a holiday gift for a family member or friend in the Program? Why not the Grapevine?! For each Grapevine gift subscription you purchase, receive up to 55% off the second subscription. How about wall calendars; pocket planners; gift certificates; free shipping til 12/31; CD's, over 20 books & 17 ebooks like: As Bill Sees It; Language of the Heart; and brand new No Matter What dealing with adversity in sobriety are all available by simply calling (212) 870-3018 to order or to get a free catalog of all Grapevine literature.

Here's the cover of the **December Grapevine**.



Wouldn't someone you love really enjoy it or maybe need it?

⇒ **Need to talk to someone at District 13? Committee Chairs - and contact information - are as follows:**

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>e-mail address (all lower case)</u>
• DCM	Peter R. [elected 7/3/13]	(e-mail: district13dcm-pr@aahmbny.org)
• Alternate DCM	*Vacant *	Please consider this AA service opportunity
• Secretary	Tom B. [elected 3/6/13]	(e-mail:)
• Treasurer	Everett V. [elected 3/6/13]	(e-mail: district13treasurer@aahmbny.org)
• Records	Paul G.	(e-mail: district13@nycap.rr.com)
• Bridging the Gap	John W.	(e-mail: district13btg@aahmbny.org)
• Corrections	Robin W. [elected 9/4/13]	(e-mail:)
• CPC/PI	Karen H. [elected 7/3/13]	(e-mail: district13cpc@aahmbny.org)
• Treatment	Lisa A. [elected 7/3/13]	(e-mail: district13treatment@aahmbny.org)
• Newsletter Editor	John D.	(e-mail: district13newsletter@sprynet.com)
• Grapevine	*Vacant * [Peter R. elected DCM]	Please consider this AA service opportunity
• Archives	*Vacant *	Please consider this AA service opportunity
• Special Needs	*Vacant *	Please consider this AA service opportunity
• Webmaster	Lou H., Sr. [elected 3/6/13]	(e-mail: district13webmaster@aahmbny.org)

⇒ **NOTE: A CONFIDENTIAL VERSION** of the District 13 Newsletter is issued **for inside AA use only**. This **Public Version** of the District 13 Newsletter is **for posting on Area 48 and District 13 Websites**.

THE DISTRICT 5
FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU
TO

Thanksgiving Day
Alcañon
2013

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 2013

6:00 AM—6:00 PM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

175 5TH AVENUE SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866

(ON THE CORNER OF 5TH AVENUE & HENNING ROAD)

MEETING SCHEDULE

6:00AM ~ 8:00AM ~ 10:00AM ~ 12:00PM ~ 2:00PM ~ 4:00PM

Please join us for Fellowship, Food and Family

- ~ Meetings start promptly every other hour beginning at 6:00AM ~
- ~ Traditional Thanksgiving buffet to be served at 1:00PM ~
- ~ Coffee, beverages and snacks to be served all day ~
- ~ Raffles ~ AA Literature for Sale ~ Grapevine Table ~

THIS EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY YOUR 7TH TRADITION CONTRIBUTIONS
PLEASE BRING A DESSERT OR BAKED GOOD TO SHARE
FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE ENCOURAGED AND WARMLY WELCOMED

HMB Area 48 2014 Meeting Schedule Order Form

Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area 48 of Alcoholics Anonymous

2014 HMB Meeting Schedule Book Order Form

Pre Order Deadline December 1, 2013

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID

Inquiries to: altdreasurer@aahmbny.org

Estimated shipping is mid- January 2014

No Shipping to PO Boxes

Schedules are \$.35 ea.

(Minimum order 10)



Shipping Costs*:

10-100	\$10.00	601- 900	\$34.00
101-200	\$14.00	901-1200	\$46.00
201-300	\$18.00	1201-1500	\$58.00
301-600	\$22.00	1501-1800	\$70.00

For every additional 100 over 1800 add \$4.00

***Due to the high price of shipping, it is recommended that groups with small orders combine with other small order groups to maximize savings.**



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ Group or Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Phone: () _____

Quantity: _____ x \$.35 = \$ _____

Shipping & Handling (see box above): \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

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