

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

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The next District meeting is Wednesday May 12th 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!

Please be advised that monthly district meeting will be switching to second Wednesday of month starting in April.

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

Step 4 - Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition 4 (long form) - With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.

Concept IV (long form) - Throughout our Conference IV structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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

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,

"All I had to do was ask myself a simple question:

'Am I or am I not powerless over alcohol?'

I didn't have to compare myself or my experience with anyone, just answer a simple question."

Miami, Fla., March 1962

"Slow Learner"

Step By Step

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Hotline: Consider having your group or members volunteer for a time slot.

Public Information: Position available in July. Consider this service opportunity. Service is Fun!

Corrections: Consider donating old issues of grapevine or *soft cover* AA books for correctional facilities. Looking for volunteers to bring meetings into jails, see District 13 Corrections service info sheet below.

Webmaster: New District 13 website has launched! Check it out at: <http://district13.aahmbny.org/>

Public Information: Position available in July.

Dance/Events: Stay tuned for the next event and consider volunteering to help!

Meeting Notes

New Meetings: Monday Quarry House Women's Book Study at 5:30pm, Monday Vantage Point at 7pm (12&12);

Tuesday Quarry House at 5pm (Living Sober)

Crandall Street meetings, The Bay Road Literature Monday 7:00PM, Original Warrensburg Group Tues. 8:00PM, and

The Hudson Falls Group Tuesday 7:00 PM *all need some support.* Give them a try.

Events

Glens Falls Original Group 78th Anniversary Saturday June 17th 5-9pm

Christ United Methodist Church, Bay & Washington Streets

Food, Fellowship, Speakers Meeting

HMB Spring Assembly Sunday May 21, 9am – 3pm

Florida Town Hall

167 Fort Hunter Road

Amsterdam, NY

HMB Area 48 Events available at:

<https://aahmbny.org/>

Please email any group anniversaries and events to district13newslettereditor@gmail.com.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICT 13 !!

CPC/Public information

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]	
• Alt. DCM	Dolores K. [elected 12/7/16]	
• Secretary	Paul [elected 4/12/17]	district13secretary@sprynet.com
• Treasurer	Joe D.	
• Records	Tom B [elected 4/1/15]	
• Bridging the Gap	Bill [elected 2/1/17]	
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HMB District 13			
Treasury Report			
End of March, 2017			
Opening Balance -March 1, 2017			385.67
Contributions			
	Harrisinna Wednesday Group		500.00
	Rd To Happy Destiny Group		20.00
	Chestertown Group		75.00
	Friday Hudson Falls Noon Group		20.00
	Washington St Saturday Group (Dance Funds)		150.00
			765.00
Total			
Expenses			
	Rent		25.00
	Kingsbury Printing		14.09
	Contact Communications		118.18
	Verizon		27.15
	Mailings Made Easy (invoices 61279 & 61282)		47.93
	DSM travel expense		243.50
			475.85
Total			
Opening Balance			385.67
Contributions			765.00
Expenses			475.85
Month End Balance			674.82
Prudent Reserve			250.00
Total Above Prudent Reserve			424.82
Closing Balance - March 31, 2017			674.82

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District 13 Corrections Service Info Sheet

Requirements:

Please have 6 months of consecutive sobriety.

If you have served time in either jail, they ask that you not volunteer in that particular jail.

WARREN COUNTY

The meeting for **both male and female** inmates would be held at the same time on **Mondays 6:30 to 7:30 pm.**

Warren County has (4) pods, therefore will require (8) volunteers every week.

Fill out the application and return to the corrections chair. Once your application is approved you will receive an OCR # and a link to go online to make an appointment for fingerprinting. The cost for this is \$12.00.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

The meetings will be held on **Mondays 6:30–7:30 Women / 7:30–8:30 Men**

Fill out the application and return to the corrections chair. There is no fingerprinting required in this county.

- Each meeting will require (2) AA volunteers in attendance.
- Warren County has a volunteer acknowledgement form that a Correction member will go over with each representative to make them aware of what is allowed in the Facility.
- Once there are enough volunteers for each county, the Corrections Chair will make a schedule for each month.

Contact District 13 Chair Statia H. for more information!

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[IF YOU KNEW...](#)

[BRIDGING THE GAP \(BTG\)](#)

[A simple question for each AA member:](#)

[If you knew](#) that [someone from your hometown](#) had been in a treatment or rehab facility and, while there: came to recognize his or her problem with alcohol abuse; had learned about AA's program of recovery; and, [was coming home soon](#) - but didn't know anyone in AA in his or her hometown or where local AA meetings were - [and wanted to meet local AA members and attend local AA meetings](#)...

[Would you be willing](#) to meet that individual, take him or her to a few local AA meetings and introduce him or her to other local sober AA members? Would you?

Most of us would say "[Yes, of course, I'd gladly do that!](#)"

[Ah, but the key question is: How would you know that person 'is coming home?'](#)

[The answer: AA's Bridging the Gap \[BTG\] program.](#) Simply put, if you tell us you are willing to help and give us [just your first name and phone number, it will work!](#) [How?](#)

When someone is 'coming home,' we will contact you and say 'Jim or Sarah is coming home on [date]; could you meet that person or take him or her to the first few local AA meetings and introduce him or her to other local sober AA members?

[This may happen only once or twice a year.](#) If it's good timing for you, we'll give you all the details. If it's not good timing for you, just say so and we'll go on to the next person on the list. You [do not](#) become that person's AA sponsor; you just become an initial [welcoming AA member who cares!](#)

Please consider this really great and [simple opportunity to be of service to the AA newcomer.](#)

[Why not let our District 13 BTG Chair Lisa A. know at the next District 13 meeting.](#)