

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

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The next District meeting is Wednesday June 14th 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 5 - Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5 (long form) - Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept V (long form) - Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

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,

"I don't know when it happened, but one day
I felt like I belonged like I belonged in my group of sober guys –
I didn't have to leave."

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, December 2006

Out of Isolation

AA Grapevine

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

Corrections: Consider donating old issues of grapevine or soft cover AA books for correctional facilities. *Looking for WOMEN 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/>

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

Yonder Hill Picnic Saturday July 15th 12-6pm
Usher Park, Lake George
Food, Fun, Fellowship – Bring a dish!

HMB Convention November 3-5, 2017
Ramada Conference Center, 542 Route 9, Fishkill, NY 12524

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>
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HMB District 13		
Treasury Report		
End of April, 2017		
Opening Balance -April 1, 2017		674.82
Contributions		
	Road To Happy Destiny	30.00
	Glens Falls Original Group	75.00
	Monday Fort Edward Group	50.00
	Be Precise Group	105.00
	Schroon Lake Group	75.00
	Bay Rd Literature Group	52.50
	Karen H	25.00
Total		412.50
Expenses		
	Rent	25.00
	Kingsbury Printing	14.09
	Contact Communications	110.90
	Verizon	27.15
	Mailings Made Easy (invoice 61676)	71.05
	Delores K Meeting Expense	286.85
	Tom Burns Printing Expense	196.50
Total		731.54
Opening Balance		674.82
Contributions		412.50
Expenses		731.54
Month End Balance		355.78
Prudent Reserve		250.00
Total Above Prudent Reserve		105.78
Closing Balance - April 30, 2017		<u>355.78</u>

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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 Bill know at the next District 13 meeting.](#)

Heard around the rooms:

Carrying the messagewhat does that include?

It is vitally important to the continued existence of our fellowship that we, as members, understand and take the actions depicted in "The Man in the Bed". Our fellow members need to be reminded that this action is how the Founders stayed sober and how AA grew in membership.

The simple fact that as members of AA, we no longer regularly take these actions is directly causal to why we are not continuing to grow in membership and why folks are dying from this disease.

Perhaps what needs to be pointed out is right in that iconic picture. Bill & Bob didn't wait for the man to come to the message. They took the message to the man.

The service of carrying this message is the secret. Spread the word.