

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

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The next District meeting is Wednesday January 6th 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!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

We ask Group Chairs or GSR's to bring this Newsletter to their Group Meetings.
(Please print copies and distribute them at your groups)

Step 12 - Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

Tradition 12 – Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept 12 - The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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: 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,

"The simple act of getting in touch with AA that first time washed out in an instant the dark loneliness that had encompassed my life."

New York, N.Y., November 1969

"Tradition One"

Best of Grapevine, Volume 1

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Copies of the **District 13 November meetings list** [80 meetings each week] are available. If your Group needs extra copies, please contact Records Keeper Tom B. or DCM Mike C.

The 2016 Area 48-wide meetings books are expected to be available in January. Records Keeper Tom B. is getting all reported District changes to Area 48 for inclusion in that 2016 book.

Group Notes

Original Warrensburg Group said their Tuesday 8:00PM meeting needs attendance support.

Meeting Notes 12/2/2015

Reflecting discussions started at the 10/7/15 District meeting of possible reimbursement to DCM for travel expenses [mileage & tolls] for DCM's participation in Area 48 AA service events - since DCM is expected, as part of DCM's AA service responsibilities, to participate in Area 48 AA service events and report back to District and Groups - and as further discussed at the 11/4/15 District meeting - and as reported in the District's November Newsletter that action might be taken at the 12/2/15. District meeting, motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously at 12/2 District meeting to make DCM mileage & toll expenses for participation in Area 48 and related AA service activities eligible for reimbursement [but not for Conventions and not for meals, lodging, etc.]. The subject of possible lodging reimbursement for DCM participation at broader AA service sessions, i.e. NERAASA, will be discussed at the next 1/6/16 District meeting;

Peter R. reported on fact that the Adirondack Cluster of Area 48 Districts [Districts 5, 10, 13 and 19] will be hosting the **Year 2016 Annual Area 48 Convention** to be held in our geographic area for the first time in many years. Peter is co-chair of the 2016 Convention Committee which the District voted unanimously on 12/2 to make a regular District 13 Committee until after that 2016 Convention. More information on Convention planning will be available at the 1/6/16 District meeting.

Anniversaries

Dave S. 7 years- Road To Happy Destiny Group Thursday 12/31/15 7:00pm.

Events

HMB Area 48 Inventory Day Saturday, January 9, 1916 9 am – 3 pm, Bloomingrove Reformed Church, 706 Bloomingrove Drive, Rensselaer, NY Hosted by the Eastern Cluster (Districts 1,2, & 18)

Christmas Alkathon December 24 – 25, 6:00 pm – 6:00 pm United Methodist Church, 175 5th Ave, Saratoga Springs NY Meetings begin every even hour (Last meeting of event at 4:00pm). Please Bring A Dessert Or Baked Good To Share ~ Friends & Family Welcome!

New Year's Alkathon December 31 – January 1 6:00 pm – 6:00 pm United Methodist Church, 175 5th Ave, Saratoga Springs NY NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER 7:00PM. SPEAKER MEETING 8:00PM DANCE 9:00PM-1:00AM NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER 1:00PM.

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PLEASE CONSIDER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICT 13 !!

Alt. DCM, Treasurer, Bridging The Gap, Treatment, Special Needs, Newsletter, Grapevine Representative.

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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• Grapevine	VACANT	
• Archives	Joe B. [elected 1/8/14]	
• Special Needs	<u>*Vacant*</u>	Please consider this AA service opportunity
• Webmaster	Pam S. [elected 4/1/15]	webmaster13@roadrunner.com

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