

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

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The next District meeting is Wednesday February 3rd 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!

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 1 - We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition 1 (long form) - Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

Concept I (long form) - The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship

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 God I know today ... is a presence in which I find myself, just as I am."

West Springfield, Mass., April 1990

"Conscious Contact"

Spiritual Awakenings

The Area 48 2016 meeting books are already being shipped to those who ordered them.

There are some shipping errors. If necessary, the Area will contact you to correct or you can contact the area person handling this at treasurer@aahmbny.org.

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Group Notes

New meeting Thursdays 10:00 am Gospel Lighthouse Church, Big Book Meeting.

District 13 Meeting Notes 12/2/2015

- Steve N., offered to serve as Treatment Chair, described his AA background & was elected unanimously as new District 13 Treatment Chair [replacing Lisa A. who is Corrections Chair and also had been handling Treatment temporarily pending new Chairperson].
- DCM Mike C. asked all present to carry the word back to their home groups re the need to fill vacant District 13 service positions as a real opportunity for AA service and as part of their own sobriety.
- CPC/PI Chair reported that AA mailing to schools was completed; that work with Hudson Headwaters Health Network [HHHN] continues including placement of meeting lists in multiple HHHN medical facilities, and that work will be starting for District 13's annual mailing to well over 100 hotels & motels in our geographic area including providing meeting lists for use by hotel & motel patrons. This mailing is timed to meet the tourist season and will include the District's March 2016 meeting list.
- A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously at 12/2 District meeting to make DCM mileage & toll expenses for participation in Area 48 and broader AA service activities eligible for reimbursement [but not for Conventions] and as reported in the District's December Newsletter that action might be taken at the 1/6/16 District 13 meeting re possible lodging reimbursement for DCM participation at broader AA service sessions [but not Conventions] for those locations where it is not reasonable or doable for DCM to travel back & forth each day for multi-day [2-night] sessions], motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously at the 1/6 District meeting to make DCM lodging expense [but not meals] eligible for reimbursement for AA service events [but not for Conventions] for those locations where it is not reasonable or doable for DCM to travel back & forth each day for multi-day, 2-night, sessions] such as the Northeast Region AA Service Assembly [NERAASA] being held the February 26th weekend in Springfield, Mass. NERAASA is the major opportunity to hear and learn the best and most successful AA service experiences in the eastern United States and how this may be applied in our own local Districts.
- 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 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 in upcoming District meeting.

Anniversaries

Monday 1/18/16 7:00pm Bay Road Literature, Vicky 2 years, Fred 29 years.

Thursday 1/28/16 7:00pm Road To Happy Destiny Group, Andrew C. 10 years, Jeremy 2 years.

Tuesday 1/26/16 8:00pm Schroon Lake Group, Beth 15 years.

Events

25th ANNUAL NORTHEAST REGIONAL A.A. SERVICE ASSEMBLY (NERAASA), February 26, 27, 28, 2016
Springfield, MA. See HMB Area or District 13 websites for more information

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PLEASE CONSIDER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICT 13 !!

Alt. DCM, Bridging The Gap, 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?

**We are looking to fill some of our District 13 positions that have expired or soon will:
DCM, Bridging the Gap, Special Needs.**

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>e-mail address</u>
• DCM	Mike C. [elected 4/1/15]	goggadog@hotmail.com
• Alternate DCM	VACANT	
• Secretary	John D. [elected 4/1/15]	district13secretary@sprynet.com
• Treasurer	Joe D.	
• Records	Tom B [elected 4/1/15]	tjburns@hotmail.com
• Bridging the Gap		district13btg@aahmbny.org
• Corrections	Lisa A.	
• CPC/PI	Karen H. [elected 7/3/13]	district13cpc@aahmbny.org
• Treatment	Steve N. [elected 1/6/16]	district13treatment@aahmbny.org
• Newsletter	Bill D. [elected 3/5/14}	district13newslettereditor@gmail.com
• 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]	aadistrict13@gmail.com