

# District 3 Serenity Times *May 2012 Newsletter*

## AA Principles of the Month:

**Step 5:** "Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

**Tradition 5:** "Each has but one primary purpose --- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

## A Word from Bill W.:

"As active alcoholics, we lost our ability to choose whether we could drink. We were the victims of a compulsion which seemed to decree that we must go on with our own destruction. Yet we finally did make choices that brought about our recovery. We came to believe that alone we were powerless over alcohol. This was surely a choice and a most difficult one. We came to believe that a Higher Power could restore us to sanity when we become willing to practice A.A.'s Twelve Steps. In short, we chose to become willing, and no better choice did we ever make."

## Service News:

Congratulations to Guy P. of the Morning Meditation Group for just becoming the new District 3 Grapevine Chairperson. This year's Sober Picnic will be at Angelo Canna Town Park, Cairo on Sunday, July 29 (with more details to follow).

## Group News:

There is a new step meeting called the "Freedom from Self Will Group" the meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7 to 8 PM at the New Baltimore Reformed Church on Route 144 in New Baltimore.

## Upcoming Events:

The next **District 3 Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM** at the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Cairo. All GSRs are encouraged to attend to attend. All are welcome.

**HMB Area Assembly** will be held on Sunday, May 20 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Florida Town Hall at 167 Fort Hunter Road in Amsterdam, NY 12010. It will be hosted by the Central Cluster (District 4, 8 & 14) Please see the flyer for further details.

District 11 will be hosting the **Hudson Valley Young People in A.A. Speaker Raffle** on Friday, May 25, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. There will be a fellowship to follow at Juliet's Pool Hall at 124 Raymond Ave. in Poughkeepsie, NY 12604 (Blodgett Hall, Vassar College). Please see flyer for further details.

District 2 will be hosting the **Annual Memorial Weekend Picnic** on Saturday, May 26 from 12 PM to closing with a speakers meeting at 3 PM. See flyer for further details.

The **Cairo Second Chance Group** will be celebrating its 40-year Group Anniversary on Wednesday, June 27. Eat at 7:00 (bring a dish to pass), Speaker Meeting at 8:30.

## Anniversaries

**Friday, May 18** Youth Enjoying Sobriety (YES) Group, Community Center, Catskill 7:00 PM  
Jay H. – 4 years

**Saturday, May 19** Greenville Twelve Steps Up, Christ Episcopal Church, Greenville, 4:00 PM  
Spring Eating Meeting with the Food at 4:00 PM and a Speaker Meeting at 5:00 PM

**Thursday, May 24** Catskill Big Book Group, High Hill United Methodist Church, Athens, 7:30 PM  
Carol J. – 1 year, Bill F. – 26 years

**Friday, May 25** Westerlo Group, Westerlo Reformed Church, 8:00 PM Molly O – 17 years,  
Nancy M – 9 years

**Saturday, May 26** Greenville Twelve Steps Up Group, 5:00 PM Bridget – 23 years

**Sunday, May 27** Sunday Morning Meditation, Cairo, 7:00 AM Alicia T. – 3 years, Jay H. – 4 years

**Sunday, May 27** Windham Sunday Night Group, 8:00 PM 41<sup>st</sup> Group Anniversary with Pot Luck  
Dishes and Raffle at 7:00 PM and a speaker meeting at 8:00 PM

**Monday, May 28** Original Greenville Group at Norton Hill, 7:00 PM Anthony B. – 1 year

**Tuesday, May 29** Greenville Higher Power Group, 12 noon Aggie H – 7 years, Bill G – 26 years,  
Mary C – 7 years, Mike L – 26 years

**Wednesday, May 30** Freedom from Self Will Group, New Baltimore, 7:00 PM Marie -- 21 years

**Wednesday, May 30** Cairo Second Chance Group, 8:30 PM Bob P. – (announcing ) 38 yrs.,  
George G. – 15 yrs., Melissa M. – 6 yrs.

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