

DISTRICT 4 NEWSLETTER

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AA PRINCIPLES

Step 7: *Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.*

Tradition 7: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept 7: The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the AA purse for its final effectiveness.

Seventh Step Prayer: "I humbly offered myself to God, as I then understood Him, to do with me as He would. I placed myself unreservedly under His care and direction. I admitted for the first time that of myself I was nothing; that without Him I was lost. I ruthlessly faced my sins and became willing to have my new-found Friend take them away, root and branch."
(p. 13)

"My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen."
(p. 76 BB)

(AA Principles - friendsofbillw.net/12_traditions__12_concepts)

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

*Rich B. 27	*Jim J. 8	*Fitz 28	*Dan P. 7	*Aggie R. 12	*Connie E. 12
*Judy P. 29	*Don A. 23	*Bonnie C. 24.	*Don B. 9	*Dan D. 11	
	*Kelly P. 20	*Mark M. 15	*Rick S. 17	*Ray W. 34	

A Note From The Treasurer:

Hello Again,

This is your District 4 Treasure Howard W. with a report on donations to the District for the past six months (see below) and a note about the **Annual District Wide Picnic**.

Thank you for the donations we have received so far this year and remember It only takes a few dollars from every group to keep or District running properly. Please pass the word on to every Group that their contribution does count and matter to the District as a whole. It is through our unity that the district can function to its fullest and continue to carry the message forward.

The Picnic Committee is accepting donations directly or through the District, simply write in the memo on the check or a note when sending money that the funds are for the picnic and that is where they will be used. No money earmarked for the picnic will be used in the general fund of the District and any money less the \$50.00 from the functions fund for the pavilion rental left over from the picnic will be held in trust for the next picnic and not placed into the general fund for use by the District.

Yours in Service and Fellowship,

Howard W. District 4 Treasure

Donations since Jan. 1st 2017

Total Donations = \$840.00

Thank you to the following groups for their donations and support since the first of the year.

Dec. 2016 to Jan. 2017: **Friday Night Dysfunctional Group** Feb. 2017; No **donations**

March 2017: **Northville Women's Group**

Sunday Inspiration Group

Journey into Sobriety Group

Happy Noon Hour Group

April 2017: **Open Arms Group**

Tuesday Night Moving Forward Group

Happy Noon Hour Group

May 2017: **Keeping It Real Group**

Northville Women's Group

June 2017: **Galway Together Group**

Great Sacandaga Lake Group

June District 4 Minutes

06/12/17

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm. Note: only 8 people in attendance.

May's minutes reading waived with correction to Treasurers report on rent payment made. Correction to report in May minutes stated that only 2 months of back rent was owed and the \$150.00 paid covered that and paid rent until the end of the year 2017.

Treasurer's report for May read by Howard W. Available cash balance in checking account and cash on hand is \$1,329.80. Vote taken to accept, all in favor and approved.

DCM report: Jack S attended the Joy of Service Day at Stone Ridge, N.Y. and brought back info about upcoming events throughout the Area.

Committee Reports

Archives: No report

Bridging the Gap: Hawk not present, Howard read a report for him. There were 25 new referrals made and to date only 2 people have signed up to help with BTG which include Hawk. Support is needed badly and GSR's are asked to talk to their groups.

Corrections: John N stated that applications to get into jails are very involved which include finger prints and background checks, making the process difficult.

Maryanne not present however, Kirsten P reported that she is going to the jail and women are getting in for meeting.

CPC/PI: Peggie all is good.

Functions: Anne R not present, Howard W reported Picnic committee meeting will be June 22ed at Club 24 at 6pm. **Picnic date is August 12th at Northampton Beach.** Donations accepted and looking for people to bring dish to pass and help on committee.

Grapevine: open.

Newsletter: Sherry reported all ok and brought reprints to meeting to pass out, apologized for miscommunication about Renny S. in newsletter.

Phone Service: Beatrice not present, Jack S. informed that there were 4 calls through May and 2 to date for June

Records Keeper: Cathy P. All is up to date and needs new address for Fonda BB group.

Accessibility/ Special Needs: Howard W reported no new contacts. Also from the May assembly it was brought up for the need for more Veteran outreach in AA and the Area is looking into how to involve Accessibility/Special Needs into the mix.

Treatment: Not present

Old Business

P. O. Box has been established and change of address has been made to the bank and Frontier phone. New address is:
HMB District 4

P.O. Box 654

Gloversville, N.Y. 12078

Phone service still under review and Tracfone service info to be presented next month by Jack S.

Group Donations list was prepared by treasure and made available at the meeting. Donations were and will be listed in monthly treasure report and a quarterly statement will be made as requested at last month's meeting.

New Business

A motion was made that all committee chairs be allowed to use their allotted funds to cover the registration fee for the fall convention if the funds have not been exhausted. The motion was on the floor, seconded and after decision a vote was taken. There were no opposed and no abstentions and the motion carried.

Going forward Committee Chairs will be reimbursed for the Fall Convention registration fee if their line item funds have not been exhausted through the year.

Jack S. asked to attend the Fall Convention and his room and registration fee will be covered by the District. Jack also is looking for people to speak on Welcoming The New Comer at the Convention at 9am Sat. morning

Jack S. discussed the fact that meetings at 76 Guy Park will be moving in the coming months due to the building closing.

Jack S. mentioned that nominations for new DCM will be coming up in September and voted on in October. He urged people to begin thinking about this and about the other position needing to be filled.

Next meeting will be held on 07/10/17.

Respectfully submitted,

In Service and Fellowship

Howard W.

CONTACTS

District 4 Committee, PMB 159, 61 Elmwood Ave., Gloversville, NY 12078

HMB District #4, P.O. Box 654, Gloversville, New York 12078

General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

WORKSHOPS AND OTHER EVENTS

You can find all workshops and events on : <https://aahmbny.org/a-a-area-48-hmb-hudson-mohawk-berkshire/>

Area Events:

Election Assembly

Saturday, September 9

Blooming Grove Reformed Church

706 Bloomingrove Drive

Defreestville NY 12144

HMB Fall Assembly

Saturday, October 14, 9am – 3pm

St. James Episcopal Church

305 Main Street

Oneonta, NY

HMB Convention

November 3-5

Ramada Conference Center

542 Route 9

Fishkill, NY 12524

More information [here](#)

District Events:

Summer Bash Picnic

Hosted by District 18

Sunday, July 9, noon-5pm

Schodack Town Park

498 Payneer Rd.

Schodack, NY

See flyer [here](#)

District 5 Annual Picnic

Sunday, July 16, noon – 6pm

Saratoga Springs State Park, Orenda Pavilion

Saratoga Springs, NY

See flyer [here](#)

District 4 Annual Picnic

Saturday, August 12, 10am – until ???

Northampton Beach Campground Pavilion

328 Houseman Street

Mayfield, NY

See flyer [here](#)

27th Annual Unity Day

Hosted by District 14

August 19, 11 am – 4pm

Bukendall Temple

22 Schonowee Ave

Scotia, NY 12302

See flyer [here](#)

Young Peoples Events:

ESCYPAA IV

Meets every first and third Tuesday of the Month at 7:30pm

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church

10 Western Ave

Albany, NY 12203

Pre-Registration for ESCYPAA IV Campout

September 15 – 17, 2017

Pine Grove Family Camp

41 Pine Road

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Pre-Registration for ESCYPAA IV is \$10!!

November 9 – 12, 2017
Radisson Hotel Albany
205 Wolf Rd
Albany, NY 12205

Regional Events:

New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW) 2017

August 4 – 6, 2017
Roberts Wesleyan College
2301 Westside Dr
Rochester, NY 14624
See flyer [here](#)

NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly)

Hosted by Area 11 Connecticut
February 23 – 25, 2018
Radisson Hotel
Cromwell, CT
For more information go to www.neraasa.org
or e-mail neraasa2018@gmail.com

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Word from the Editor:

Correction: Under celebrations in the June newsletter, I had mistakenly typed “Renny 40 In memory of”. It should have been typed Renny 40. I apologize for the error.

All meetings need support. Also, Fulton County Women’s Correctional Facility is looking for volunteers. If anyone else is interested in doing service work, please contact Maryanne B. at district4pi@aahmbny.org. OR you can contact Maryanne B. by leaving a message on the District Phone service at **518-735-2644**.

Also there are a number of groups looking for GSR’s. Please contact Jack S. for further information at above contact information.

Please note the Change of Address for the HMB District #4: P.O. Box 654, Gloversville, New York 12078.

Also, there are positions open in the District; If anyone is interested in doing some service work, please consider the positions that are open (**Secretary, Treatment and Grapevine**). These positions are and have been available. If this is something that interests anyone, please contact Jack S. I would like to thank Cathy as well as Peggy for taking secretarial notes during the absence of a secretary at this time, and Howard for typing the minutes. Any and all service work is appreciated from all. Service Work NEVER GOES UNNOTICED.

Again, should anyone have any news, information or anything they would like to share, I certainly welcome this. If you change your email address, please contact me at sherster64@yahoo.com.

DISTRICT 4 CONTRIBUTION FORM

Group Name: _____

General Service Number: _____

Amount of Contribution: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Will Be In the Monthly Newsletter

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