

⇒ **The next District 13 meeting will be Wednesday, November 3rd.**

24 hour District 13
AA Hot-Line
518 - 793-1113

Alcoholics Anonymous - Northeast Region
Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area 48

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Need to talk to someone at District 13? See the Committee Chairs' contact information on page 3.

Reminder: AA District 13 meetings have changed from monthly to every other month 7:00PM on the first Wednesday at the Lake George Town Center, Old Post Rd., Lake George. All AA members are welcome to attend.

⇒ **The next District Meeting will be WEDNESDAY, November 3rd at 7PM**

Complete minutes of each District meeting are provided for review and approval at the next District meeting. So minutes of the September 1st meeting will be available for review and approval at the November 3rd meeting. Here is a summary of items covered at the September 1st meeting by some fifteen members present:

Copies of the complete July 7th minutes were distributed to all present and summarized by Secretary Jack B. Silky N. motioned to accept the minutes; Kevin A. seconded; and, all voted in favor.

Hudson Mohawk Berkshire (HMB) Area 48 Update:

District 13, with its 65 weekly AA Group meetings, is a part of AA's Hudson Mohawk Berkshire (HMB) Area 48. HMB serves a very large geographic area extending from approximately Poughkeepsie to the Canadian border and from the Vermont line west to central New York State. Each Area in the United States and Canada has one Delegate who represents that Area at AA's General Service level. Our HMB Area 48 Delegate is Deb D.

We are grateful to HMB Area 48 Delegate Deb D. for participating in our September 3rd District meeting.

And our thanks to Area Chair Keith D. who also was present. DCM Tom B. introduced Deb who provided a good summary of HMB Area 48 service activities for AA members and Groups. Among the topics Deb reported on were:

- The United States and Canada annual General Service Conference (GSC) held in New York City [copies of the confidential GSC Report are available and provide a wealth of information about our remarkable AA program of recovery - now serving some two million AA members world-wide];
- The upcoming Area 48 Annual AA Convention being held this year 'in our own back yard' Lake Placid on the weekend of Friday, November 5th through Sunday, November 7th. [If ever there was a time to consider participating in the special fellowship and sobriety of an AA Convention, **this is the event!**] **A copy of the Convention information and registration flyer is attached to this Newsletter;**
- The importance of contributions to District 13, Area 48 and AA's General Service Office. [Did you know that \$1 placed in the AA basket in 1945 is worth only **8 cents** today! Please help as much as you can];
- Deb's special request for feedback from members and Groups to help guide the General Service Office in its work. Please fill out three short questionnaires [available at HMB website: www.aahmbny.org] on: The Grapevine; Self Support-Seventh Tradition; and Electronic Delivery of AA Literature & Books. **Deadline on that questionnaire is 10/1 so we've attached a copy to this Newsletter. Please fill it out!**

District 13 Treasurer's Report:

Sue P. (Treasurer) was not present at the 9/3 meeting but she had prepared the July and August Reports which were distributed to all present and discussed by DCM Tom B. Tom reported Newsletter cost has gone down because more members are requesting it be sent by e-mail, reducing mailing costs by approximately \$35.00. The District's prudent reserve is only \$250.00 - needed to cover important services such as the telephone hotline.

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July/August Revenues and Expenses:

DCM Tom B. reported an opening balance as of July 7, 2010 of \$301.18; total revenues for July and August of \$398.00 (group contributions) and total expenses for July/August of \$244.28 (Hot Line, PO Box, and Newsletter), leaving a closing balance as of September 1, 2010 of \$454.90. [See below for expenses voted at the 9/3 meeting.]

Tom asked for motion to accept; Larry T. motioned; Kevin A. seconded; all in favor (DCM/treasurer abstained).

Committee Reports:

Records: Tom (DCM) reported in absence of chair and announced that **Jen W.** who was present had offered to take the important **Records Keeper** service position and assistant, Paul G. All voted in favor;

Bridging the Gap (BTG) Chair, Charles W. was not present;

Treatment: Kevin A. said he would stay in chair position and reported the Baywood Center for Recovery meeting is being 'kept afloat' with Silky N's service commitment there. Kevin made a request and motion was made for \$42.00 worth of AA pamphlets, seconded by Jen and all voted in favor. Kevin concluded his report with a call for volunteers to help in Treatment service work;

Corrections: No chairperson at this time but Tom B. (DCM) reported that he spoke with Don B about need for service volunteers, in particular at Comstock. Jen W discussed use of service sponsors, especially in treatment and corrections facilities. District guidelines for participation of chairpersons with spotty attendance record at District 13 meetings was also discussed. **Deb D. thanked all for the hard work the District does and to persevere.** [Don B. also has a request pending for needed AA literature for use in correctional facilities and this request is expected to be reported on and considered at the next District meeting];

CPC/PI: John D (chair) was not present;

Newsletter: Larry T. (Newsletter Editor) was present and said Newsletters are being issued monthly and no additional report was necessary. Jen W. suggested a note be included in the Newsletter to inform Group GSR's and Chairs to please contact her with all updated Group information [especially since **the District will be preparing the new Meeting List to be printed in time for distribution at the November 3rd District meeting**];

Grapevine: Alex S. is the new Grapevine Chair but there was no report in his absence;

Archive and Special Needs: (positions vacant) - Contacting former Archive chairperson to retrieve archival artifacts was discussed.

DCM Report: Tom B (DCM) gave his report including that District visits to Groups still in progress;

Alternate DCM Report: Lou H. (Alt. DCM) was not present;

Old Business:

- Urgent Need for Corrections Chair and Corrections volunteers
- Other District chair vacancies discussed
- Area 48 Fellowship Day to be held September 11th in Albany was discussed
- Area 48 Voting Assembly to be held October 11th was discussed

New Business:

- A local Twelve Step conference was mentioned and discussed.

Area 48 Delegate, Deb D. and Area 48 Chairman, Keith D. thanked District 13 for its work in hosting the 2010 Area Fellowship Day held in Lake George on April 10th.

DCM Tom B. motioned to adjourn the meeting; Bill seconded; and all voted in favor. The meeting ended at approximately 8:10 pm with the Responsibility Declaration.

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District 13 is deeply grateful to the Groups and Members who have contributed to our AA service work.

As a possible help to members and Groups, it was voted at a prior District meeting to include the addresses for mail and contributions in newsletters & meeting lists. An historical contribution share has been 60% District; 30% Area & 10% GSO.

The addresses are: District 13 P. O. Box 4335, Queensbury, NY 12804;
HMB Area 48 Route 30 - #114, 118 Polar Plaza, Amsterdam, NY 12010; and
General Service Office (GSO) P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
→ **New information:** GSO contributions also can now be made on-line at: www.aa.org & click on 'contributions' icon.

The need for this financial support continues to be very real so we respectfully request, if your Group hasn't helped out recently, that you please consider a much-needed early contribution to District 13 in any amount your Group conscience considers appropriate. **Thank You.**

A REALLY IMPORTANT REMINDER

District 13's AA meetings List is updated and issued three times each year.

The next update this year will be printed for **November** - timed to match the November 3rd District Meeting in Lake George. So any and all changes in AA Group meeting days, times, locations, type of meeting [e.g. open, closed, step, etc.], GSR or contact person [name, address, phone, e-mail], etc. should be reported promptly to Records Keeper, Jen W. by telephone at _____ or by e-mail at _____

This is important, too, because HMB Area 48 soon will be requesting all updates to include in the Area-wide Year 2011 Annual Meeting Book - and to ensure that all AA literature and mailings, including from District 13, HMB Area 48 and AA's General Service Office, actually get to each Group.

In the weeks ahead, the District will be asking each Group for **a few minutes** at a Group meeting, business or Group conscience meeting to very briefly summarize the District's services, usually services beyond the ability of any one Group to handle – and to ask how the District can be of greater help to each Group. We thank you.

Need to talk to someone at District 13? Committee Chairs [and contact information] are as follows:

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>e-mail address</u> (all lower case)
• DCM	Tom B.		
• Alternate DCM	Lou H.		
• Secretary	Jack B.		
• Treasurer	Sue P.		
• Records	Jen W.		
• Charles W.			
• Corrections	*Vacant *		
• CPC/PI	John D.		
• Treatment	Kevin A.		
• Newsletter Editor	Larry T.		
• Grapevine	Alex S.		
• Archives	*Vacant * [please consider this AA service opportunity]		
• Special Needs	*Vacant * [please consider this AA service opportunity]		

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UPCOMING AA ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

For details, see the HMB Area 48 Newsletter [hard copy or on-line at: www.aahmbny.org or at our District 13 Meetings.

AA members can receive a free copy of [Area 48's Newsletter](#) by e-mail request to: hmb48newsletter@yahoo.com .

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Did you know that each year, **upstate AA members are offered a special meeting with staff and a tour of the General Service Office in New York City - including the wonderful Archives of AA's 75 years history.** This year, it is on **Friday October 8th** with an AA-reserved bus leaving Albany 7am, arriving in time for an **11AM open AA meeting with members from around the world**, followed by lunch and staff tour beginning at 1pm and returning to Albany by about 6-pm-7pm. **A flyer is available in the Area 48 September Newsletter but this annual event fills up fast so call Joan R.**

9/23 **NEW MEETING-** **"ROAD TO HAPPY DESTINY"** (An Open Big Book Meeting)
(Thursday) Meeting every Thursday evening at 7pm. At the "Quarry House" located at
138 Upper Platt St. Glens Falls NY.

10/16 **Area 48 Voting Assembly** – in Scotia New York. Each Group GSR or alternate has a vote.
(Saturday) The Area 48 Year 2011 Budget will be up for vote. Please attend and make your vote count.
See the complete proposed 2011 budget in the Area 48 September Newsletter at website:
www.aahmbny.org. All AA members are welcome to attend this Assembly.

11/5-11/7 **Area 48 Annual Convention** – this year it is **being held in our backyard - in Lake Placid!**
(Friday thru Great AA [and Alanon] meetings, inspirational speakers, AA skit, dinner & dancing, and more!
Sunday) and a great Lake Placid hotel location. [see attached flyer for details]

If your Group is holding a Thanksgiving or Christmas Alkathon or any other AA event, please just let Newsletter Editor Larry T. know. He will be glad to list it in our District 13 Newsletter and, given enough advance notice, he also will get it included in the Area 48 Newsletter.

Contact Larry T.

- Questionnaire– on what AA literature you would like to see available electronically – just 4 questions. Please fill it out and return it to delegate Deb D by postal mail or e-mail. Deadline is October 1st.

- Annual Convention Information and Registration Flyer - Lake Placid - Friday thru Sunday 11/5-11/7

A.A. MEMBERS

electronic delivery...

Tell Us What You Think

The U.S. and Canada A.A. General Service office needs your input to help determine how best to serve those interested in accessing A.A. literature or information electronically.

1. Are you interested in reading A.A. literature on your mobile device or computer?
(Circle one)

Yes No Maybe Don't know

If yes/maybe, which devices would you use? (select all that apply)

E-Reader Smartphone/Mobile Device

Computer/Desktop/Laptop/Netbook

Other (*please specify*)

2. Which A.A. book would you want available electronically?

3. Which A.A. pamphlet would you want available electronically?

4. What other services or information do you want your G.S.O. to provide electronically?

Submit by October 1, 2010 at hmbdelegate@aahmbny.org or to-

Deb D - HMB Area 48 Delegate, 385 Dewitt Mills Road, Kingston, NY 12401