

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

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The next District meeting is Wednesday January 7th 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 a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

Tradition 12: And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

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 AA's Tradition 1: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity."

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District 13's **Records Keeper, Paul G.** works so hard to perform this AA service. All Groups to submit Group change information to him as soon as possible. Contact Paul by e-mail: district13@nycap.rr.com or by phone: 518 793 2685. Make sure your meeting information is correct and up to date. Also contact Paul to volunteer for the hotline.

- Everyone can find current, correct AA meeting information on-line at Area 48 and District 13 websites; and,
- Callers to our **District 13 telephone hotline 518 793 1113** will hear the correct meeting information.

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,

"With out a connection to my Higher Power, I am the same old person with the same old defect, causing the same old pain in my life and others'."

Berlin, CT., September 2004

"What a Sponsor Is and Is Not"

One on One

THE HAND OF AA IS NOT THERE...and WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!

AA's District 13 - serving those in need of AA's help – in the Adirondacks

There is a serious shortage of AA Members willing to carry the AA message into

Washington & Warren Counties & NY State/Comstock Correctional Facilities.

GSR's & Chairs are especially asked to request AA members in their Groups

[and possibly Groups themselves] to take a 'Corrections commitment.'

Please contact Corrections Chair, Lisa A. at 518 223 2100 to learn how taking a

'Corrections commitment' - perhaps just once-a-month - can be so important to sober individuals who need and want the

AA message but cannot 'go to meetings' that, perhaps too often,

too many of us just take for granted!

Your help on this is really needed and would be greatly appreciated.

The **Corrections Correspondence Service** is a Twelfth Step opportunity which links A.A. members on the "outside" with A.A. members in correctional facilities to provide a source of experience as it relates to problems with alcohol. Men are linked with men and women with women. Currently there are over 1000 men how are looking to correspond with AAs on the outside. Contact: **Corrections Desk, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163** Direct: (212) 870-3085 E-mail: corrections@aa.org Fax: (212) 870-3003 Web site: www.aa.org

District 13's WEBSITE has some great AA information. Why not check it out!

district13.aahmbny.org

Please visit the District 13 website to: find AA meetings; view AA and Grapevine literature catalogs; find out how to purchase AA & Grapevine literature; start a new group or change existing group information; make contributions to District 13; Area 48 and GSO; view and print copies of Area 48 and District 13 Newsletters and download/print free copies of the current District 13 meeting list; and more! Find it all at our website: **district13.aahmbny.org**

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Please email any anniversaries for individuals or Groups to district13newslettereditor@gmail.com

The "Step 11 Group" at the Quarry House, 138 Upper Platt St., Glens Falls now meets at 11:30 AM on Sundays. (closed meeting)

UPCOMING AA ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Alkathon – Glens Falls- United Methodist Church, 54 Bay St. (corner of Bay & Washington) **SEE ATTACHED FLYER!**

Our area 48 convention was a real success in Latham last month. Our district meeting needs some support and some committee positions are available. Please spread the news to your home groups and to all AA members, *service at our district level is important*. Please enjoy your holiday season ,don't drink and go to meetings. Peace to all and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Yours in service,
Pete R.DCM DISTRICT 13

Please consider filling one of the vacant positions below!!

Need to talk to someone at District 13?

<u>Committee:</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>	<u>e-mail address</u>
• DCM	Peter R. [elected 7/3/13]	district13dcm-pr@aahmbny.org
• Alternate DCM	Kevin T. [elected 3/5/14]	
• Secretary	Tom B. [elected 3/6/13]	
• Treasurer	Everett V. [elected 3/6/13]	district13treasurer@aahmbny.org
• Records	Paul G.	district13@nycap.rr.com
• Bridging the Gap	VACANT.	district13btg@aahmbny.org
• Corrections	Lisa A.	Please consider this AA service opportunity
• CPC/PI	Karen H. [elected 7/3/13]	district13cpc@aahmbny.org
• Treatment	Lisa A. [elected 7/3/13]	district13treatment@aahmbny.org
• Newsletter	Bill D. [elected 3/5/14]	
• Grapevine	<u>*Vacant*</u>	Please consider this AA service opportunity
• Archives	Joe B. [elected 1/8/14]	
• Special Needs	<u>*Vacant*</u>	Please consider this AA service opportunity
• Webmaster	Lou H., Sr. [elected 3/6/13]	district13webmaster@aahmbny.org

⇒ **NOTE:** A CONFIDENTIAL VERSION of the District 13 Newsletter is issued **for inside AA use only.**

This Public Version of the District 13 Newsletter is for posting on Area 48 and District 13 Websites.

YOU ARE INVITED

**THE GLENS FALLS ORIGINAL GROUP IS SPONSORING OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS**

Alcathon

**Located at the Christ Methodist Church @ the corners of Bay and
Washington Street in downtown Glens Falls New York 12801**

CHRISTMAS EVE - TIME: 6PM- 9PM

Serving Lite Fare with an 8:00pm Speaker Meeting

CHRISTMAS DAY - TIME: 12 NOON -7PM

Meetings every even hour starting @ noon

Serving Lite fare and desserts

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

***YOUR DONATIONS OF TIME, FOOD OR DESSERTS ARE
TRULY APPRECIATED!!!***

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Have questions or need info, contact Lindsay at 518 747 4871