

Carrying the Message

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the District 16 Newsletter

HMB Area 48

*I am responsible.. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.*



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Slogan of the Month:
**You're as sick as your
secrets.**

District 16 GSR Meeting
3rd Tuesday of the Month
Shokan UMC Rte 28
(next to the firehouse)
ALL are welcome

DCM STATEMENT

Here it is June 15th already, ok really in about 2 hours it will be the middle of June. I was at a meeting sometime ago and the person sharing was talking about how quickly time flies. Blink and another 6 months goes by. I'm sitting here this evening trying to remember all that has occurred since the last Newsletter. It seems like yesterday but it was 4 weeks ago and so much has occurred.

We had the joint workshop with District 7 and 15, I can't thank the presenters enough. 9 speakers and all were so unique in their outlooks that they held the entire audiences attention. I know that if it's a beautiful Saturday afternoon and people are showing up in a church basement to hear about being a GSR, Sponsorship, and Service they will be attentive, I hope everyone was as fired up as I was and took it to their home groups.

The memorial day picnic that District 7 put on was a blast as always. I learned a valuable lesson. When you are an old man do not play volleyball with bare feet when the sand is over 110 degrees. The blisters still hurt. A bunch of us from Dist 16 took over the smaller pavilion and had a blast playing a number of games. The speakers meeting was awesome our very own Alt DCM Bill W, was the speaker. I've known Bill for awhile and was glad to finally hear his story. What a power of example, thanks Bill.

Looking forward to having fun throughout the summer. If you like to play outdoors and are bored this summer stop by and say hi, we'll find something fun to do.

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DISTRICT REPORT

March:

Old Business: May 22nd for Service/Sponsorship/GSR Workshop. District 7 will be providing food. Three panels with 3 speakers each with 1 member from each district. Each panel will have a moderator. Bob L is on the service panel, Terri G is on the sponsorship panel, Bill W is on the GSR panel. There will be a literature table there for District 16. Prominent display of whatever pamphlets there are on each topic. Questions will be taken from the floor, not from an “ask it” basket.

GSR/Sponsor a Group: still need a third person to take Scott K’s place; so far Bill W and Blair G. Rich H is interested in helping. First order of business: get a list of GSRs willing to sponsor a group; then get groups who don’t have a GSR and pair them up.

Discussion was held about prudent reserve; motion to set prudent reserve at \$1500 until we figure out if it is too high or too low. Motion passed.
Discussion was held about how much to give to the church for hosting spiritual breakfast. Andy will send \$100 and a thank you note to the Kaatsban church. .

If you have any questions about the newsletter please feel free to email us at:

district16newsletter@gmail.com

New Business: Women In Recovery event was supported financially by Woodstock Women’s meeting. Can this event be supported by the district? Kim will find out how far in advance it was planned for district budgeting purposes. She will find out if it was totally an A.A. function, and will ask one of the organizers to attend the district meeting.

Motion: spend \$40 for literature and 2 videos to bring to the hospital detox by Richard B; items would belong to the district and can be loaned out as needed. Suzanne will order as requested. Motion passed.
Bring ideas for theme/celebrating 75th A.A. anniversary at the picnic!

GSR Reports:

Group Reports:

Breathing Easy (Saugerties) – attendance is up and down; need a coffee maker; no celebrants

Clean & Green (Phoenicia) – steady attendance; celebrant: Stephanie 18

Fifth Tradition (Shokan) – celebrants: Amy 12, Lisa 6, Linda 2, Noel 2

Home Free (West Shokan) – all positions are filled; celebrants: Jack 33, Sarah 23, Kate 21, Steve 17, Drew 1

Main Connection (Saugerties) – attendance great; break has been removed from Friday meeting
parking issues with bank and church handled well; alt GSR is registered with GSO; showed movie 5/14 before meeting (*Bill’s Story*); *Hal and Richard doing good job booking meetings; celebrants: Sam 1, Rich 18, Charlotte 4*

Midday Live (Saugerties) –attendance good; commitment issues
1 celebrant; group anniversary picnic will be July 10 Cantine Field
12-3 with speaker

New Beginnings (Woodstock) – attendance good; no celebrants

Woodstock Wednesday Night (Woodstock) – attendance good; all positions filled; donation coming soon; 1 celebrant: Joe S.

Woodstock Women’s (Woodstock) – had elections, all positions filled; very well attended; 1 celebrant: 24 years (anonymous)

New Meeting: West Saugerties Group 7:00pm Friday at the Pinewood, open discussion

Inventory Questions 5 and 6 were discussed

HMB AREA EVENTS CALENDAR

Area Events 2010			
Month	Event	Host Cluster	Date
July	International Convention	San Antonio, Texas	July 1-4
August	NYS Information Workshop	SENY	August 6-8
September	Fellowship Day	Eastern TBD (1,2,18)	Saturday

AA Principles of the Month

(Reprinted from November HMB Area 48 Newsletter)

AA Principles of the Month

Step 6 - Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition 6 – An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Concept 6 - The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

Sixth Tradition Checklist

1. Should my fellow group members and I raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism? Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, shouldn't we have these facilities?

Concept 6 Checklist

Concept VI: The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, “chief initiative” and “active responsibility”? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

Traditions Checklist: Where it comes from

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion. Copied from AA Grapevine.org

District Group Inventory Questions of the Month:

Question 5: What area's can we improve?

Question 6: Are we reaching the Alcoholics in our District?

**NINETEENTH ANNUAL SOBER PICNIC
C. D. LANE PARK IN MAPLECREST, NY 12454
Near Windham in Greene County District 3
SUNDAY JULY 18TH, 2010
10AM TO 6PM**

**FELLOWSHIP WITH OLD AND NEW FRIENDS
AA MEETING AT 3PM**

RAFFLE TO FOLLOW MEETING

SWIMMING**KIDS PLAYGROUND**

SOFTBALL*BASKETBALL***VOLLEYBALL***GAMES**

WE BRING BURGERS-HOTDOGS-COFFEE-SODA

PLEASE BRING COVERED DISH TO SHARE

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****From NYS Thruway Exit 21 in Catskill, turn left off the ramp onto 23B for a few hundred feet, then go Right onto 23 West up the mountain to Windham. (%%) -
- Just before Windham, go Left onto Brooksburg Road (at Crystal Pond Apts). Then left onto Maplecrest Road. Follow signs to CD Lane Park. Just a few minutes to go...

****From NYS Thruway Exit 20 in Saugerties, off the ramp go Right onto 32 North. In Palenville area veer Left onto 32A. Then straight onto 23 A at light in Palenville. In Hunter go Right onto Rte 296 North into Hensonville. Make a Right @ stop sign onto Maplecrest Road. Follow signs to CD Lane Park... You're almost there!

****From Hudson, Go over the RVW Bridge and follow directions from "23 West up the mountain to Windham"--Go to (%%) above

**A GREAT TIME TO BE HAD BY ALL...DON'T MISS IT!
RAFFLE DONATIONS ACCEPTED**