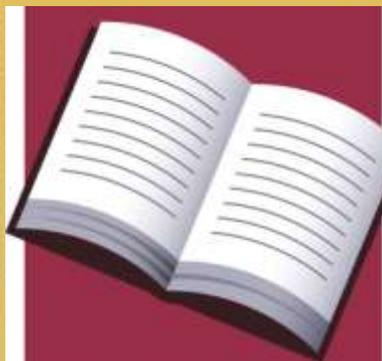


Meeting Booklets

HMB Area 48 Meeting Booklets Available



Most of you are familiar with our local meeting list. It's the one that is the back and front of a legal sheet of paper. It covers meetings for districts sixteen (ours), fifteen and seven and it is updated and published quarterly. Most meetings have a small pile of them with their literature.

Did you know, though, that our area publishes a meeting list? It is a small booklet, usually about seventy pages, and covers the entire Hudson, Mohawk, Berkshire Area including districts as far North as Plattsburgh, as far West as Onieda County and as far South as Dutchess County.

Each year, our district purchases a few hundred and distributes them to meetings or to committee chairs that can use them (such as for AAs coming out of jail or rehab.)

If you would like some for your meeting, please speak with your GSR, attend the next district meeting or contact our DCM at district16dcm@aahmbny.org.

January Anniversaries

Sally A. 5 Years Saturday, 01/26/2012, 8:00pm Saturday Night Live, 25 Church Street, Phoenicia, NY

Want your anniversary announced here? Give your February anniversary information to your GSR, attend the next district meeting or email the newsletter at debweir238@aol.com.

District Sixteen Newsletter

238 Upper Boiceville Rd.,
Boiceville, NY 12412

Step One
*We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—
that our lives had become
unmanageable.*

Hotline Update!

Guidelines for Our Answering Service; Guidelines for Twelve-Steppers

As published in last month's newsletter, we are changing our answering service effective January 1, 2012. The change will allow for a more human response to callers, better control over how our information is given out and a lower cost to our district. Our Answering Service Chair, Sarah, has continued to work closely with districts seven and fifteen to ensure a smooth transition as well as to craft improvements to this vital way in which we carry the message.

Among the improvements has been a script for the Family of Woodstock staff members who will field the calls. Also in the works is a written set of guidelines for AAs who agree to be called. Here's how it will work:

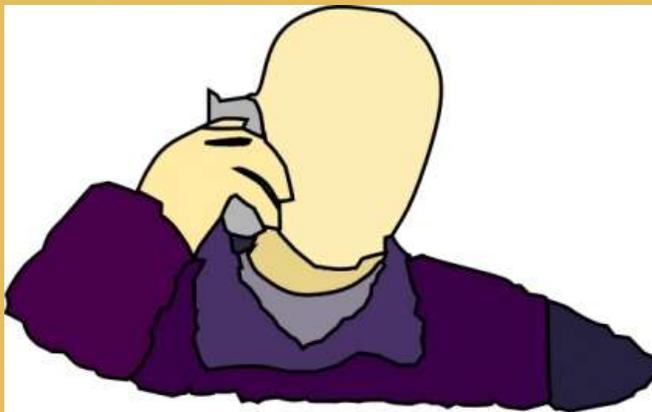
A Family of Woodstock staff member will:

1. Receive the call and determine if the caller wants to talk to another alcoholic or just get meeting information.
2. Take contact information if the caller wants to speak with another alcoholic.

Where you come in:

1. If the caller requested contact with another alcoholic, Family of Woodstock staff will call you with the contact information.
2. You may agree to call the person back, arrange to meet them at a meeting or take them to detox if they request it and you feel comfortable doing so.
3. You will only be called during hours you agree to.

Want more information or are ready to add your name to the call list? Contact Sarah at district16ansservice@aahmbny.org



Tradition One

*Our common welfare should
come first; personal recovery
depends upon
A.A. unity.*

Addresses Needed

As we transition to a new answering service and, on a larger scale, as more and more AAs use technology to get driving directions to meetings, we have identified a need for physical addresses for our meetings. Our current district meeting list often features only a partial address (such as "Fair and Pearl Streets").

You can help! Grab a meeting list and check the listing for your home group. Does it have the full address (such as "3056 Route 28")? If not, consult with your group members, get the accurate address and email it to our records keeper, Kim at:

disict16secretary@aahmbny.org

District Sixteen

Open Service Position

The District needs a new Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair . From our service manual, here is a description of the position:

“Provides contact and information to doctors, nurses, members of the clergy, lawyers, social workers, union leaders, and business managers; provides speakers, films, literature, and other information to members of the professional community as needed; in coordination with the Literature/Grapevine Chair, provides and maintains literature and Grapevines as needed in professional offices and work places; provides invitations to professional people to attend open AA meetings in the District.”

Interested? Speak with your GSR, attend the next District meeting on January 15th at 7pm at the Reservoir Methodist Church in Shokan or email our DCM at DISTRICT16DCM@AAHMBNY.ORG.



Who’s In Charge Around Here?
Your Service Structure & Current Trusted Servants

Thankfully, no one is “in charge” in AA. We do, however, have trusted servants – individuals we elect to carry out necessary tasks for our primary purpose, to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. These individuals perform a specific task for a limited period of time (often a year or two).

Here is a list of your servants for District Sixteen:

District Committee Member	Bill W.	district16dcm@aahmbny.org
Alternate DCM	Sally A.	district16altdcm@aahmbny.org
Secretary & Records Keeper	Kim H.	district16secretary@aahmbny.org
Newsletter	Deb W.	
Public Information	Alex M.	
Treasurer	Carl M.	district16treasurer@aahmbny.org
Grapevine/Literature	Noel R.	district16literature@aahmbny.org
Corrections	Carl B.	district16corrections@aahmbny.org
Special Needs	Kir N.	district16specialneeds@aahmbny.org
Special Needs	Diane R.	district16specialneeds@aahmbny.org
Answering Service	Sarah S.	district16ansservice@aahmbny.org
Treatment	Mike E.	
Cooperation with Professionals		Open
Functions		Open
Webmaster		Open
Bridging the Gap		Open

*** Concept One:**

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

January, 2012

District Sixteen

Area Event

HMB Area 48 Inventory Day

On Saturday, January 12th from 9:00am to 3:00pm, AAs from all over the area will meet to take an inventory. Much like we take personal inventory in our steps, our trusted servants seek an AA inventory to find out what issues are affecting AA in your district and what information you would like transmitted to AA beyond your district. The day will include meet and greet, area committee meetings, round table discussions and reports. Refreshments will include pastries in the morning as well as a lunch. Interested? Your GSR is encouraged to attend and you may give them information to carry to the meeting. You may also go yourself. The event will be held at the Bloominggrove Reformed Church at 706 Bloominggrove Dr., Rensselaer, NY. A limited number of spaces are also available to travel with our DCM. You may contact him (Bill) at district16dcm@aahmbny.org

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