

# HMB AREA 48 NEWSLETTER



## AA Principles of the Month

**Step 2** - Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

**Tradition 2** – For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

**Concept 2** - The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in world affairs.

## Tradition Two Checklist

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with any AA Twelfth Step job or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussions, or can I yield in good spirit to the group consensus and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

## Concept Two Checklist

- Do we have an understanding of the history of the General Service Conference (the “Conference”)?
- What is a Conference Advisory Action? Does our home group’s G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?
- Is our group meeting its wider Seventh Tradition responsibilities?

***DISTRICT AND GROUP TREASURERS—below are the addresses in which to send contributions....***

HMB AREA ASSOCIATION  
RTE. 30, #114  
118 POLAR PLAZA  
AMSTERDAM, NY 12010



GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE  
PO BOX 459  
GRAND CENTRAL STATION  
NEW YORK, NY 10163

**HMB EVENT SCHEDULE- 2007**

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST CLUSTER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
February	NERAASA 2007	Hunt Valley, Maryland	2/23/07 - 2/25/07
March	NERD	Mystic, CT	3/9/07 - 3/11/07
March	HMB Area Day of Sharing (Delegate's Day)	Hudson Valley Cluster (3,7,11,15,16,17)	Saturday, 3/31/07
April	HMB Area Fellowship Day	Adirondack Cluster (5,10,13)	Sunday, 4/29/07
May	HMB Area Assembly	Central (4,8,14)	Sunday, 5/20/07
June	Northeastern Regional Forum	Lancaster, PA	6/1/07 - 6/3/07
July	NYS Convention	Glens Falls, NY (Hosted by HMB)	7/20/07 - 7/22/07
August	NYS Information Workshop	Russell Sage College Albany, NY	8/3/07 - 8/5/07
September	HMB Area Election Assembly	Eastern (1,2,18)	Sunday, 9/9/07
October	HMB Area Assembly	Central (4,8,14)	Sunday, 10/14/07
November	HMB Area Fellowship Day	Western (9,12)	Sunday, 11/11/07

- *Flyers for Area Events should be submitted 3 months in advance, if possible.*
- *Please consider those who have special needs in selecting your meeting site.*
- *Always include on the flyer a contact phone number & street address of the meeting site.*
- *Submit Biographies for Elected Positions to the Newsletter Editor by June 1st to be published in the July, August & September Newsletters.*

**KEY DATES FOR 2007 NEWSLETTERS:**

Submissions for the newsletter are due no later than 5pm on the dates specified below.

In order for items to appear in the newsletter for three months, the following items need to be available by the dates specified:

March Edition - 2/1/2007

2/1/07 – May Assembly Flyer

April Edition - 3/2/2007

2/1/07 – Proposals for the May Assembly

May Edition - 4/6/2007

6/1/07 – September Election Assembly flyer

June Edition - 5/4/2007

6/1/07 – Resumes for Candidates for Area Chair, Alternate Area Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

July Edition - 6/1/2007

7/6/07 – October HMB Assembly flyer

August Edition - 7/6/2007

7/6/07 – Proposals for the October HMB Assembly (including the 2008 Proposed budget) needs to be available

September Edition - 8/3/2007

8/3/07 – November Fellowship Day flyer

October Edition - 9/7/2007

November Edition - 10/5/2007

10/5/07 – January Inventory/Fellowship Day Flyer

December Edition - 11/2/2007

12/7/07 – March Delegates Day Flyer

January Edition - 12/7/2007



# NERAASA '07

## Sixteenth Annual Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

2007 General Service Conference Theme  
 “Our 12th Step Responsibility - Are We Going To Any Length?”

Hunt Valley, Maryland  
 February 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2007

**PURPOSE:**

*The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for GSR's, DCM's, Area Committee Members and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the areas of the Northeast Region.*

**ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

**LOCATION:**

Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, Maryland  
 Hosted by Area 29 - Maryland

**DEADLINES:**

- Hotel Reservation** February 2, 2007
- Meal Registration** February 15, 2007
- NERAASA Registration** February 15, 2007 by mail, otherwise on-site

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION:**

Begins at 5:00 pm  
 Thursday, February 22, 2007

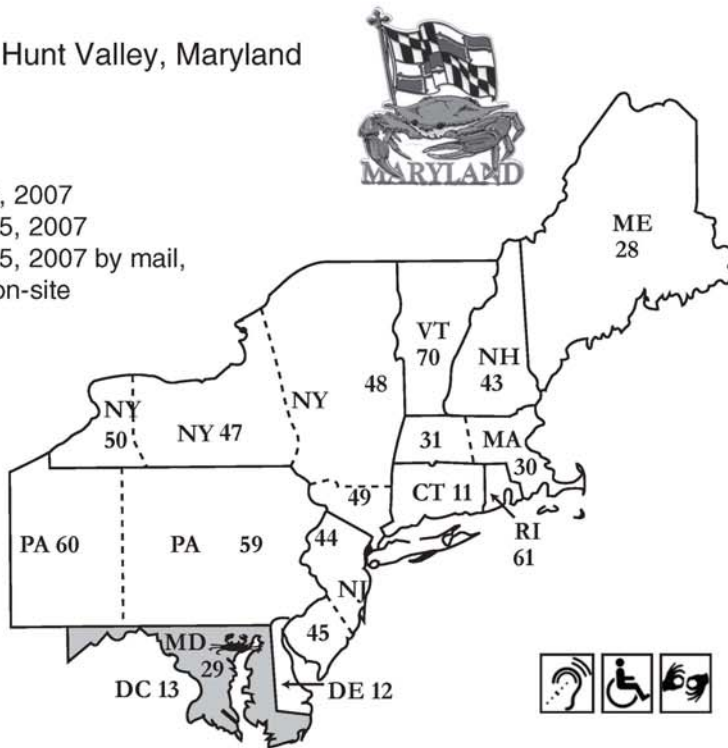
**FIRST PANEL:**

Begins at 3:00 pm  
 Friday, February 23, 2007

**ICE BREAKER AA MEETING:**

Thursday Evening  
 February 22, 2007

[www.marylandaa.org/neraasa.htm](http://www.marylandaa.org/neraasa.htm)



**NERAASA 2007 ~ February 23 - 25, 2007**  
**Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn**  
 245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley, MD 21031 Tel: 410-785-7000



# NERAASA '07

**Hotel Reservation Information:**

**Check In:** 3:00 pm **Check Out:** 11:00 am

**Guarantee Policy:** Mandatory credit card or advance deposit on all reservations.

**Wheelchair Accessible:** There are a limited number of wheelchair accessible rooms available.

**Smoking:** Will only be allowed outside as the hotel is a non-smoking hotel.

**Hotel reservations MUST be made directly with Baltimore Marriott Hunt Valley Inn**

- ▲ Send the form on the facing page along with \$100 deposit
- ▲ Call 1-800-228-9290 group code:
  - ▼ "NRSNRSA" for single or double
  - ▼ "NRSNRSB" for triple or quad
- ▲ Go online at [www.marriotthuntvalley.com](http://www.marriotthuntvalley.com)

After February 2, 2007 hotel rooms and rates are based on availability.

**BY AIR OR RAIL:**

PLEASE REVIEW THE "TRANSPORTATION" LINK AT [WWW.MARYLANDAA.ORG/NERAASA.HTM](http://WWW.MARYLANDAA.ORG/NERAASA.HTM) FOR CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION FOR THOSE TRAVELING BY TRAIN OR PLANE

**BY CAR:**

*From the South*

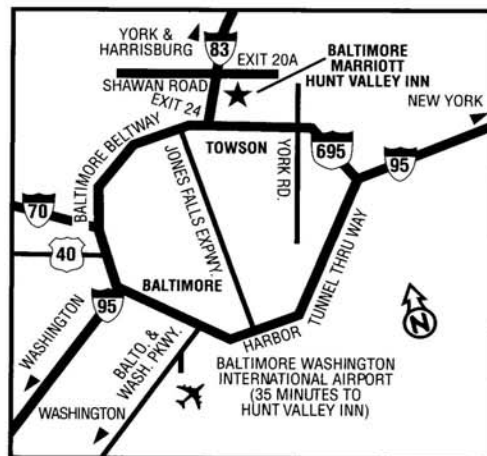
I-95 North towards Baltimore. Merge into I-695 E / Baltimore Beltway Inner Loop toward Towson. Merge onto I-83 N via Exit 24 toward Timonium/York, PA. Take Shawan Rd East Exit 20-A toward Cockeysville. Turn slight right onto Shawan Rd. The hotel is immediately on your right.

*From the North*

I-95 South towards Baltimore (portions toll) (crossing in to Maryland). Merge onto I-695 W / Baltimore Beltway Outer Loop toward Towson. Merge onto I-83 N via Exit 24 toward Timonium/York, PA. Take the Shawan Rd. East exit-Exit 20A - toward Cockeysville. Turn slight right onto Shawan Rd. The hotel is immediately on your right.

*From the East or West*

It is recommended that you do an Internet map search for directions to the hotel from your location.



**Panel Presentations / Floor Discussions on Issues Affecting A.A. Today**  
**Northeast Regional Trustee's Report**  
 Saturday Dinner followed by an A.A. Speaker Meeting / Round Table Sharing Sessions:

▲ District Committee Members	▲ Treatment Facilities	▲ Area Delegates and Alternate Delegates
▲ General Service Representatives	▲ Correctional Facilities	▲ Area / District Registrars
▲ A.A. Literature	▲ Grapevine/La Viña	▲ Area/District/Group Secretaries
▲ Archives	▲ Area / District Chairpersons	▲ Area/District/Group Treasurers
▲ Cooperation With The Professional Community	▲ Central Office/Intergroup	▲ Young Peoples
▲ Public Information	▲ Special Needs/Remote Communities	
▲ Hispanic Community (La Comunidad Hispánica)		

For more info visit [www.marylandaa.org/neraasa.htm](http://www.marylandaa.org/neraasa.htm), or call a NERAASA 2007 Committee Member:

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Nancy K., Chair - 410-799-8746<br>(c) 410-935-6225 | Earl H., Program - 410-719-2271       | WHAT TO BRING:<br>Your A.A. Service Manual<br>2006 Final Conference Report<br>Note Taking Material |
| Linda J., Registration - 410-721-7874              | Nancy B., Registration - 301-797-1964 |  |

Forms may be copied. Please use one registration form per person.

NERAASA Registration Deadline: February 15, 2007 by mail otherwise on-site  
 Meals Registration Deadline: February 15, 2007 - **NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE**



NERAASA '07

**EVENT REGISTRATION AND MEAL SELECTION FORM**



Send this portion to: NERAASA 07, P.O. Box 731, Dunkirk, MD 20754

**General Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ A.A. Area #: \_\_\_\_\_ (see front page map)  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (Day): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Evening): \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/> GSR or Alt GSR <input type="checkbox"/> DCM or Alt DCM <input type="checkbox"/> District Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Central Office or Intergroup <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate or Alt Delegate, Panel _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Area Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Area Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Trustee/Director <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Past Delegate, Panel _____ Conference committee _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I would be interested in moderating a round table session
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**Other Information:**

I have been to NERAASA before  As a presenter  
 I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ participate in a panel presentation or \_\_\_\_\_ moderate/record a round table session.  
 I will arrive (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have special needs (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Event Registration and Meal Selection:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ NERAASA Registration \$20.00  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate's Luncheon \$22.50 ♦  
 (Current, Alt. & Past Delegates only)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night Dinner Buffet \$24.00 ♦

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Breakfast Buffet \$16.50 ♦  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night Banquet Buffet \$36.00 ♦  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$17.00 ♦

♦ Meal prices include tax and gratuities  
 Meal registration - NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Enclosed** (Check or Money Order Payable to: NERAASA 2007)



**HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**

Send this portion to: Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley, MD 21031

NERAASA 2007 FEBRUARY 23 - 25, 2007  
 NERAASA Hotel Reservation Deadline: February 2, 2007  
**Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn**  
 245 Shawan Rd., Hunt Valley, MD 21031  
 Tel. 410-785-7000



**Advance deposit in the amount of \$100 must accompany your reservation.**

Please send this form to hotel no later than February 3, 2007  
 Personal checks must have complete name, address, and phone number. Deposits are refundable with cancellation notice received by February 15.

Arrival Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Depart Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Day \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) of people sharing room (each person here must also be registered with NERAASA to attend meetings)

Advanced deposit enclosed (Payable to Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn)  
 Check  Money Order  
 AMEX  Discover  MasterCard  VISA  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rates: Single - \$100, Double - \$109, Triple - \$119, Quad - \$129  
 Rates do not include tax. Room and rates are based on availability.  
 Call 1-800-228-9290 or go to [www.marriotthuntvalley.com](http://www.marriotthuntvalley.com)  
 NERAASA Group Code: "NRSNRSA" for single or double  
 "NRSNRSB" for triple or quad

Single  Double  Triple  Quad  
 Special Accommodations



**Overflow Hotel Information:** Overflow hotel is directly across the street from the Marriott  
 Embassy Suites Hotel Baltimore North-Hunt Valley, 213 International Circle, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, 410-584-1400

Lutheran Redeemer Church  
90 Route 32 South  
New Paltz, NY 12561

Contact Person: Deb D - 845-242-3479

**HMB AREA  
DELEGATE'S DAY  
Saturday, 3/31/07**

**Agenda:**

9:00am - 10:00am Registration  
10:00am - 12:15pm Round Table Discussions  
on Conference Agenda Items  
12:15pm - 1:00pm Lunch (provided)  
1:00pm - 3:00pm Round Table Feedback

*Hosted by Area 48, District 15*

*Open to all AA Members*

**Directions:**

Take NY State Thruway (I-87) to New Paltz, Exit 18. At the end of the exit, turn LEFT onto Route 299 West (Main Street). Proceed 9/10 mile. At traffic light, turn left onto Route 32 South. The Redeemer Lutheran Church will be approximately 6/10 of a mile on the left hand side.

Note: Church is across from SUNY New Paltz.



### District Calendar of Events

Events are listed here as a service to readers of the newsletter and the groups in the Area. For more complete information, please call or e-mail the contact listed for the event.

**Friday, March 9th - District 18** – Spring Fling Sober Dance – 8pm – Midnight – Greenbush Reformed Church Christian Education Building, Hays Road, East Greenbush, NY - AA Meeting at 8pm - Contact: Tad J, (518) 732-7385

**Saturday, March 10th - District 11** – 5th Annual Third Legacy Breakfast – 9am - 1pm – St. James Church, 4526 Rte 9, Hyde Park, NY - Contacts: Jose - (845) 454-2686, Gary L - (845) 797-6667

# HMB AREA 48 FELLOWSHIP DAY

**Sunday, April 29, 2007**

(Sponsored by Adirondack Cluster - District's 5, 10, & 13)

West Crescent Fire Hall

1440 Crescent Road (Exit 8 on I-87)

Clifton Park, NY 12065

9:00 am – 10:00 am      Registration

10:00 am – 11:45 am      Committee Meetings  
(Archives, Bridging The Gap, Corrections, Cooperation with  
the Professional Community, Grapevine, Public Information,  
Treatment, Special Needs, Website)

12:00 pm – 1:00pm      Lunch provided

1:15 pm – 2:45pm      Business Meeting  
(Delegate's Report, Area Committee Chair Reports,  
DCM Reports)

## Directions

Traveling North on I-87 to Exit 8: Take exit 8 and at the end of the ramp take a right. Travel 1 mile and the Fire Hall will be on your right.

Traveling South on I-87 to Exit 8: Take exit 8 and at the end of the ramp take a left. Travel 1 mile and the Fire Hall will be on your right.

For more information, contact: Jim Mc (518) 265-7355

## AREA REPORTS

### **Delegates Report -**

I hope all had a sober and joyous holiday season. As I start my second and final year of being YOUR delegate I looked back on the previous year and the activities that were done. It was a hectic but enjoyable experience for me.

So for the beginning of 2007 I am requesting volunteers for the Panels at the State Convention for July 20-22, 2007 to be held in Queensbury, NY I need 2 females and 1 male for this request.

I will be attending NERAASA in February in Baltimore Maryland where the bids for NERAASA 2010 will be known who is bidding. So if anyone in the area wants me to bid on this please let me know.

I will be attending NERD 2007 in Mystic Conn. in March where I will be putting in a bid for the NERD 2008 to be held in Saratoga.

I am also receiving articles from GSO on the 57th Conference already for the Finance Committee and have filled out all the paperwork I need to fill out for the Conference. I am truly looking forward to being in New York City the second time at Conference.

By the time you receive this newsletter the Day of Inventory will be over but I hope it was a great success as always.

The meeting schedules are a bit behind schedule so be looking for them in Late January or Early February.

I will still keep putting in my article that if any district or group would like to have me come to their meeting please contact me. Until then.....

Love & Service, Bobby F

### **Area Chair Report -**

By the time you read this article, we will have completed the second Area Inventory/Fellowship Day. There have been very positive comments on the new GSR and DCM orientations as well as the Tradition meetings. Thanks to all the AA members, GSR's, DCM's, committee chairs, officers and past delegates who participated. Thanks to District 1, 2 and 18 for hosting the event.

In 2007, my hopes for the HMB Area are that

- Each group will be represented by a GSR and Alternate and will fully participate in the district and the area events
- Visits will be made to groups which are not represented or do not attend the district/area events to encourage participation
- The Area committee chairs will continue to make contact with the district chairs, will exchange information and will meet whenever possible
- Comments, ideas, suggestions will continue from ANY member of our Area. We welcome ALL communications from our members.
- We will share our service experiences with others with the hope of fostering greater participation and enthusiasm.
- We will continue to practice the principles of humility and self-sacrifice in all of our service work
- We will always remain compassionate and teachable as we serve and when responding to each other.
- We can always keep in mind our responsibility to the group, district, area and A.A. as a whole.
- We will always rely on our Higher Power for guidance as we *serve*.

I wish to thank the members of HMB for the encouraging cards, comments, emails, letters and phone calls during the holiday season. It is an honor and a privilege to work with such a great group of individuals!! Best wishes to all for a happy and sober 2007!!

In Unity & Service,

Joan R



**MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER:**

Just a note to bring you up to date on the status of the Area Treasury as the year 2006 comes to an end.

Opening Checkbook Balance on 1/1/2006: \$16,385.77  
2006 Contributions: \$28,438.97  
2006 Expenses: \$33,669.27  
Ending Checkbook Balance on 12/31/2006: \$11,155.47

Overall, the Area spent \$5,230.30 above what our contributions were. Our Area Officers and Committee Chairs were more involved with their positions, by helping spread the message of AA through attending Area events. As you may have noticed we increased the stipend amount for mileage this last year to 30 cents a mile. This was done to help cover our Trusted Servants expenses and make it affordable for them to do their jobs. The fact that we live in a very large geographic Area and travel for most of us is extensive this created an extra expense just to get to the events.

During the year, the finance committee approved two additional events for our Area CPC chair to attend and for a service table to be available at the HMB convention. All these events were very successful.

At our Budget Assembly last October we voted on a few increases. One would be the Prudent Reserve going from \$5000 to \$7000, and another was to increase funding for Area events from \$250 to \$300 with the stipulation that if a District needed additional funding to cover expenses the Area Finance Committee would meet and give the ok to additional funding for that event thus relieving the Districts from further financial obligations. Both of these help contribute to an overall increase on income needed by another \$3650 for 2007.

We were successful in saving money with our Area Newsletter by passing on the monthly Newsletter via E-Mail rather than snail mail. This helped to bring the expense in at over \$1800 under budget. With the budget assembly approval to put the Newsletter on the Area website, we have the potential for additional savings in the coming year.

Where this has left the treasury positioned as we go into 2007 is as follows. January is traditionally a month in which \$6500 to \$7000 is used to cover our General Service Conference contribution for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference, stipends for service committee chairs, including our Delegate and Area Chair, event expenses, website expenses, monthly cost for the newsletter, mailbox expenses, and more. Immediately following in February is expense for NERAASA. With contributions in 2006 not meeting or exceeding the expenses in 2006, we only have \$4,155.47 above prudent reserve. At the Area level, we do not have steady contributions to meet the expenses required at this time.

I hope this helps to explain why I am asking for each group to dig deep into their pockets and to see if they can't possibly make an extra donation to the Area so that we can continue to do the work of AA. And if your group is one of those that have never donated to the Area in the past, now would be a great time to help out.

The address to send contributions:

HMB AREA ASSOCIATION  
SHIP & COPY, #114  
118 POLAR PLAZA, RT. 30  
AMSTERDAM, NY 12010

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith D – Area Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report (2006 Year End Report) -****HMB AREA ASSOCIATION  
Treasury Report  
December 2006**

Check Book Balance: 12/1/06		\$12,880.00
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## Income:

Group Contributions	\$2,549.95	
Literature Sales	\$110.00	
Monies Returned	\$87.57	

<u>Total Income:</u>	\$2,747.52	(+) \$2,747.52
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Total Assets:		\$15,627.52
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## Expenses:

Newsletter Printing	\$198.60	
Treasurer	\$225.39	
Mailbox	\$14.86	
Alt. Chair	\$61.84	
Alt. Secretary	\$445.71	
Alt. Treasurer	\$149.00	
Alt. Treasurer- HMB Conv.	\$291.60	
Area Delegate	\$136.07	
CFC	\$65.55	
Secretary- HMB Conv.	\$399.60	
CPC- HMB Conv.	\$380.40	
PI Chair	\$198.00	
PI - HMB Conv.	\$414.00	
WEBSITE	\$75.00	
Web Site - Chair	\$290.40	
Web Site Chair- HMB Conv.	\$19.00	
Web Site Chair- NYSIW	\$74.00	
Archives	\$179.40	
Archives- HMB Conv.	\$356.80	
Archives- NERASSA	\$308.38	
Archives- NYS Conv.	\$188.45	

<u>Total Expense:</u>	\$4,472.05	(-) \$4,472.05
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Checkbook Balance 12/31/06:		\$11,155.47
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Prudent Reserve 12/31/06:		(-) \$5,000.00
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Total Available Cash 12/31/06:		\$6,155.47
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Prudent Reserve 1/1/07:		(-) \$7,000.00
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Total Available Cash 1/1/07:		\$4,155.47
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HMB CONTRIBUTIONS 2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
District 1	\$100.00	\$372.00	\$205.00	\$60.00	\$210.00	\$255.00	\$220.00	\$163.00	\$75.00	\$349.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$2,409.00
District 2	\$211.00	\$215.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$50.00	\$210.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$1,236.00
District 3	\$338.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$260.00	\$1,213.00
District 4	\$270.00	\$160.00	\$30.00	\$200.00	\$30.00	\$142.00	\$163.00	\$278.00	\$160.00	\$30.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$1,623.00
District 5	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.00	\$234.00
District 6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
District 7	\$180.00	\$165.00	\$75.00	\$310.00	\$65.00	\$270.00	\$50.00	\$120.00	\$256.30	\$56.00	\$120.00	\$70.00	\$1,737.30
District 8	\$290.00	\$30.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$405.00	\$275.00	\$210.00	\$62.00	\$230.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$371.65	\$2,073.65
District 9	\$35.00	\$155.00	\$55.00	\$290.00	\$228.00	\$22.50	\$179.00	\$10.00	\$265.00	\$206.00	\$40.00	\$70.00	\$1,555.50
District 10	\$313.47	\$281.00	\$233.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$180.00	\$57.71	\$800.90	\$132.95	\$113.80	\$490.23	\$80.00	\$2,773.06
District 11	\$480.00	\$692.50	\$130.00	\$220.00	\$275.00	\$155.00	\$754.32	\$1,680.00	\$417.50	\$315.61	\$225.00	\$395.00	\$5,739.93
District 12	\$175.00	\$140.00	\$95.00	\$25.00	\$310.00	\$220.00	\$35.00	\$10.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$1,570.00
District 13	\$40.00	\$110.53	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$101.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.80	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$512.58
District 14	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$82.50	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$210.60	\$0.00	\$53.10	\$179.30	\$735.50
District 15	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
District 16	\$60.00	\$144.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$120.00	\$155.00	\$175.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$125.00	\$954.00
District 17	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$350.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$700.00
District 18	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190.00	\$520.00
Unknown District	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Other	\$97.15	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$2,000.00	\$165.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$2,444.88
Returned Monies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87.57	\$87.57
<b>Total Monthly</b>	\$2,779.62	\$2,630.03	\$1,590.00	\$1,552.50	\$1,803.00	\$1,889.50	\$4,140.28	\$3,929.63	\$2,542.35	\$1,606.21	\$1,228.33	\$2,747.52	\$28,438.97
<b>Total YTD</b>	\$2,779.62	\$5,409.65	\$6,999.65	\$8,552.15	\$10,355.15	\$12,244.65	\$16,384.93	\$20,314.56	\$22,856.91	\$24,463.12	\$25,691.45	\$28,438.97	

Contributions - Self Support - Tradition 7

It is the group's responsibility to meet the basic needs of the group first. This can include rent, coffee, literature, and other relevant expenses approved by the group conscience. Once the basic needs of the group are met, groups can participate in financial support of the Fellowship as a whole by sending money to various AA service entities: the District, the Area, Intergroups and the General Service Office. These entities utilize contributions in a number of ways, always aimed with the aim of carrying the AA message.

**Q.** My group doesn't have a lot of money. Is it better not to send anything at all until we can afford to make a sizeable donation? **A.** In the spirit of participation, no contribution toward carrying the message can be too small. Bill W. Spoke about our 'collective obligation' to support AA services, and if everyone waited until they had a 'sizeable' amount, it's more than likely that AA's bills would go unpaid." Reprinted from Pamphlet 'Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix', page 11, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.

HMB Area 48 would like to thank all the groups & districts for their contributions and their participation in service. As a reminder, all Area meetings are open to all AA members.

HMB EXPENSES 2006									
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
<b>AREA COMMITTEE</b>									
Delegate	\$1,750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Area Chairperson	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alternate Chairperson	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$121.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$168.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Secretary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alternate Secretary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$84.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166.06	\$0.00
Treasurer	\$0.00	\$125.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$221.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$152.28
Alternate Treasurer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$98.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$198.85	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS:</b>									
Archives	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bridging the Gap (BTG)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$77.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corrections (CF)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
Coop. Prof. Comm. (CPC)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grapevine (GV)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter Editor	\$199.63	\$12.00	\$22.20	\$40.44	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$12.00
Public Information (PI)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Special Needs (SN)	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Treatment (TF)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Chair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>EVENTS:</b>									
NERAASA	\$468.38	\$178.42	\$786.87	\$1,093.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$282.95
NE Regional Forum	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NYS Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$451.28	\$247.88	\$193.91
NYS Conv Planning Mtg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NYS Informational Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$350.00	\$210.00	\$396.06
HMB Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>OTHER:</b>									
Website	\$162.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter Printing	\$95.98	\$88.17	\$231.00	\$237.60	\$195.88	\$214.76	\$198.00	\$120.00	\$137.36
Newsletter Postage	\$1,037.80	\$0.00	\$234.00	\$780.00	\$0.00	\$351.00	\$237.87	\$390.00	\$390.00
Meeting Books for Chairs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Service Manual Updates	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$364.00	\$0.00
Mail Box (Ship & Copy)	\$18.17	\$20.49	\$17.65	\$18.88	\$15.25	\$18.03	\$20.43	\$17.26	\$18.49
GSO Conference	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Area Inventory Day	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Day of Sharing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Area Assemblies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Fellowship Days	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
HMB Convention Seed	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Archive Storage Fees	\$714.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Preparation	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prior Year Expenses	\$720.38	\$195.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2007 NYS Conv. Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
GSO Donations from Convention "profits"	\$42.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$102.86	\$0.00
2006 HMB Conv. Service Table	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>\$9,334.29</b>	<b>\$940.75</b>	<b>\$1,513.78</b>	<b>\$3,023.44</b>	<b>\$428.13</b>	<b>\$1,630.35</b>	<b>\$4,934.93</b>	<b>\$1,665.06</b>	<b>\$2,033.05</b>
<b>Year to Date Total</b>		<b>\$10,275.04</b>	<b>\$11,788.82</b>	<b>\$14,812.26</b>	<b>\$15,240.39</b>	<b>\$16,870.74</b>	<b>\$21,805.67</b>	<b>\$23,470.73</b>	<b>\$25,503.78</b>

Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals	Difference in Actual vs Budget (BOLD indicates over budget)	Comments	Approved Budget	Finance Committee Approved Adjustments	Chair Totals with Events, etc.
\$0.00	\$505.52	\$136.07	\$2,391.59	\$1,108.41		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,391.59
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	(Returned Money- \$87.57)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,412.43
\$82.28	\$0.00	\$61.84	\$434.11	\$65.89		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,533.00
\$0.00	\$142.20	\$0.00	\$142.20	\$357.80		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,127.56
\$185.11	\$0.00	\$445.71	\$881.18	(\$31.18)		\$850.00	\$850.00	\$1,076.54
\$0.00	\$83.98	\$225.39	\$809.08	\$40.92		\$850.00	\$850.00	\$1,600.82
\$154.11	\$0.00	\$149.00	\$600.52	(\$100.52)	Overage as a result of mileage expense	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,220.92
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$179.40	\$179.40	\$170.60		\$350.00	\$350.00	\$1,033.03
\$0.00	\$124.28	\$0.00	\$201.63	\$148.37	(Returned Money- \$51.62)	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$1,079.91
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.55	\$330.55	\$169.45		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$641.15
\$202.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$875.42	(\$525.42)	Two additional CPC events were approved by the finance committee	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$1,883.81
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	Grapevine Chair did not submit for any stipend reimbursement	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$493.95
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$330.27	\$19.73		\$350.00	\$350.00	\$675.41
\$62.40	\$0.00	\$198.00	\$260.40	\$89.60		\$350.00	\$350.00	\$1,053.98
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00		\$350.00	\$350.00	\$1,031.38
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	Treatment Chair did not submit for any stipend reimbursement	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$475.90
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$290.40	\$290.40	\$59.60		\$350.00	\$350.00	\$383.40
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$308.38	\$3,178.66	\$571.34		\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188.45	\$1,081.52	(\$281.52)	For all events combined, came in at \$122.78 under budget.	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$154.36	\$0.00	\$74.00	\$1,779.42	\$1,220.58		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
\$288.00	\$988.22	\$1,861.40	\$3,137.62	(\$1,387.62)		\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$237.00	\$163.00		\$400.00	\$400.00	\$237.00
\$142.56	\$98.24	\$198.60	\$1,958.15	\$1,041.85	Newsletter Printing and Postage came in at \$1887.18 under budget	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,958.15
\$0.00	\$234.00	\$0.00	\$3,654.67	\$845.33		\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$3,654.67
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$364.00	\$236.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$364.00
\$20.37	\$25.61	\$14.86	\$225.49	\$74.51		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$225.49
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$220.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$280.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$400.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$200.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	Convention Seed Money saved as we are not having a 2007 HMB Convention due to hosting 2007 NYS Convention	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$714.45	\$85.55		\$800.00	\$800.00	\$714.45
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	(\$20.00)		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$320.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$916.18	(\$416.18)	2005 Expenses - Archives Chair - Stipend/HMB Convention; GV Chair - Stipend/HMB Convention; Alt Chair - Stipend; Dec05 Newsletter Printing	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$916.18
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	(\$2,000.00)	Seed Money from 2006 NYS Convention (Money In/Money Out)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.36	(\$145.36)	50% of Convention profits sent to GSO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$145.36
\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	Funding of Service Table at HMB Convention. Some Literature sold to offset \$200.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
\$1,491.39	\$2,202.05	\$4,472.05	\$33,669.27	\$5,230.73	(Returned Money- \$139.19)	\$38,900.00	\$38,900.00	\$33,530.08
\$26,995.17	\$29,197.22	\$33,669.27						

### **Secretary Report -**

By the time this article is printed the New Year will have come and gone. I would still like to wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year. In the past, many of us would make New Year's resolutions about our drinking. Some wanted to quit while most just hoped to cut down enough to stop hurting. "Half measures availed us nothing". It's not too late to make some resolutions about your recovery. This is a good time to turn over old resentments and forgive those that we perceive to have done us harm. It is also an excellent time to resolve to improve your recovery by making a commitment to do more service. Service is more than picking up chairs or sharing at a meeting. Perhaps it should be a little inconvenient and involve a little extra effort on your part. I realize that I am preaching to the choir here. If you are reading this you are most likely doing some sort of service. Maybe you can make a commitment to try to get at least one other person involved in service at the District or Area level. Talk about it at meetings. Share about how it has enriched your recovery. Too many times I have heard about the "clique" that runs things. I have noticed that the "clique" consists of AA's that show up and are willing to work. May the New Year bring more newcomers to your home group and present endless opportunities to perform service.

Bob L, Area 48 Secretary

### **Alternate Treasurer's Report -**

Orders for HMB meeting books are flowing in and being processed. The Finance Committee still requests that all Area service chairs please submit an estimated budget for your service position. Please send it to me. Thanks, Al M

### **Public Information Report -**

Hi everyone, Let me begin by first thanking those PI chairs who have rotated out of their positions. Your service has been appreciated, and we hope you'll continue to be available to our new trusted servants as they begin doing PI work.

Based on several conversations in recent weeks, here's what our Area has been up do regarding public information: District 9 - John T. has put together some amazing PI displays at the local libraries, consisting of our literature, how to contact us, and where to find meetings. He did this, of course, by "voluntary contributions" of his time and energy - Tradition Seven works in PI!

District 15 - Jack W. has arranged for new Big Books, Living Sober, and meeting lists to be distributed to all the public libraries in District 15. After obtaining the books from GSO, he gave GSRs and other trusted servants at the monthly district meeting a chance to help with distribution by creating pre-addressed 'packages' for each library - a fine way to delegate and enlist the spirit of the fellowship.

District 1 - A member of the fellowship, Meredith L., has provided contact info about a local college program educating folks who are going into counseling and treatment fields. We'll be following up with them this Spring with literature and presentations as needed. Also in District 1, we've made a contact with Senior Hope Counseling, Inc., a facility serving the needs of people over 50 who may have a drinking problem. Pamphlets have been delivered, HMB meeting lists have been ordered, and the director is interested in a Informational Presentation for the staff. More to follow!

District 4 - Jack S. has been doing some PI work with St. Mary's hospital, helping the staff there better understand who we are and what we do. I'm sure there's more - please let me know!

I've contacted GSO about some ideas generated by our local fellowship regarding PI materials/resources. Thanks in particular to Jack T, for all his input.

As for the upcoming year, "PI Inventory Checklists" were distributed at the Area Inventory Day on Jan 7 - please use these to keep track of what you've already done, what you're doing, and what's in the works for the upcoming year. Contact me if I can be of assistance in any way.

Last, but not least, I've set up a new email account, which I'll turn over to the next PI chair when I rotate out at the end of 2007: [area48publicinformation@gmail.com](mailto:area48publicinformation@gmail.com). Please use this to send me updates, ideas or concerns.

Happy to serve, Jim M

**Archives -**

IN NOV., 1941 LITERATURE FROM THE NEW YORK OFFICE WAS SENT BY REQUEST, TO THE FIRST ALBANY AA MEMBER. HE WAS ASKED TO CONTACT A COHOES MAN AND ALSO A MAN IN HUDSON FALLS. IN JUNE, 1942, THE GLENS FALLS GROUP HELD A MEETING IN MECHANICVILLE, GATHERING THE THREE. THIS WENT ON TO BE THE ALBANY GROUP. IN AREA RECORDS THE GROUPS LISTS ITS FOUNDING AS JULY 1, 1942. BY MARCH '43 THE GROUP LISTED FOUR MEMBERS AND MET ON SUNDAY

IN JANUARY, 1944 REGISTRATION FORMS LIST THE ALBANY GROUP WITH TWELVE MEMBERS - MEETING PLACE WAS THE DEWITT CLINTON HOTEL, SUNDAYS AT 8:30 PM.

IN FEBRUARY '44, THE NEW YORK OFFICE WRITES "GOOD NEWS FOR UPPER NY STATE - THERE ARE SMALL GROUPS IN SYRACUSE, ROME, FULTON AND UTICA" MEMBERS OF THESE GROUPS CAME TO THE SUNDAY ALBANY MEETING TO SPEAK AND TO INTEGROU. IT WAS GROWING TO 50 OR 60 PEOPLE WITH THE WIVES PRESENT.

AFTER THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN READER'S DIGEST, OCTOBER '44, THERE WERE MORE INQUIREIES. THE SCHENECTADY, TROY, KINGSTON, AND ALBANY GROUPS OFTEN ATTENDED THE SUNDAY NIGHT MEETING AT THE DEWITT.

IN FEBRUARY '45, THERE WERE 10 OR MORE REGULAR MEMBERS AND BY JULY '45, IT HAD GROWN TO THIRTY. BY THIS TIME A BOX NUMBER, 161, CAPITAL STATION AND IN THE PHONE BOOK, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WAS LISTED WITH THE SECRETARY'S HOME NUMBER. A YEAR OR SO LATER, AA HAD A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

IN 1946, THE SECOND ALBANY CLOSED MEETING WAS HELD AT THE JOSEPH HENRY MEMORIAL BUILDING (OLD BOYS ACADEMY) AND BY MAY '47 THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 60 MEMBERS - "50% ARE SINCERE AND ATTEND REGULARLY". INTERGROUP WAS HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS AT ALBANY, TROY, UTICA, ROME, KINGSTON, ETC. THE BIG BOOK, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS FIRST TRANSCRIPTION WAS INTO BRAILLE BT THE KENWOOD ALUMNEA BRAILLE ASSOC., INC. (JEAN M.). IT WAS A GOFT TO A BLIND MEMBER IN SCHENECTADY AND WAS PAID FOR BY THE GROUP IN SCHENECTADY (1946-47).

A CLUB HOUSE WAS OPENED IN THE FIFTIES. MANY OTHER GROUPS WERE STARTED BY MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL ALBANY GROUP. AN ANNUAL RETREAT WAS HELD AT THE JESUIT HOUSE IN GLENMONT.

IN 1976 THERE WERE OVER FORTY MEETINGS A WEEK IN ALBANY WITH THE ORIGINAL ALBANY GROUP MEETING SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS AT OUR LADY OF ANGELS. WE HAVE GROWN CONSIDERABLY. BLESS US ALL.

COMPILED FROM INTERVIEWS DONE IN 1976 BY PAST DELEGATE ED F. PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR ARCHIVES. WE CAN BE REACHED AT 943-6020.

**Web Chair Report -****Who Uses Our Meeting Data**

It is good to hear from time to time that some treatment centers and correctional facilities are using the customized meeting lists from <http://www.ny-aa.org/meetings/> to give their "clients" the latest information for near where they live. And a number of AA members have mentioned that they print a copy for themselves before they go on a trip.

**"Our Groups"**

After the discussions about H-M-B Meeting Book format, some of us were discussing the reference to wanting to refer newcomers to "our meetings." What's that about? Is there an approved groups list such that alcoholics in one district may be damaged in some way by attending the "wrong" meetings? I've been to hundreds (thousands?) of meetings in about forty-five states without finding any that did A.A. so badly that it would have let me astray. Well, there was one group that mistakenly had a liqueur-soaked layer in an anniversary cake.

Let's watch out for that First Tradition of Unity. Live and Let Live and acknowledge that every group can pass on it's style of meeting. I've seen a lot of variation between groups but, mostly, it just gave me a different view to either accept or else to strengthen my own spiritual understanding. After I attended one of those groups that had a different approach than my own, I simply discussed what I had seen with my sponsor and other friends in terms of how it, whatever it was, had helped me.

Tom E.

**HMB AREA NEWSLETTER (2/2007)**

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**Poughkeepsie, NY 12601**

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