

HMB AREA 48 NEWSLETTER



AA Principles of the Month

Step 4 - Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition 4 – Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Concept 4 - At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation", allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Fourth Tradition Checklist

Do I insist that there are only a few *right* ways of doing things in AA?

Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska?
Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?

Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?

Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent
our entire beloved Fellowship?

Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths--his lengths, not mine--to stay sober?

Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

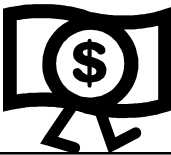
- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
- What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?

Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

HMB EVENT SCHEDULE - 2008

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>HOST CLUSTER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
March	HMB Area Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley (3,7,11,15,16,17)	Saturday, 3/15/08
April	HMB Area Day of Sharing	Adirondack (5,10,13)	Saturday, 4/5/08
May	HMB Area Assembly	Central (4,8,14)	Sunday, 5/18/08
July	NYS Convention	Tarrytown, NY	7/25/08 - 7/27/08
August	NYS Informational Workshop	TBD	8/1/08 - 8/3/08
September	HMB Area Fellowship Day	Eastern (1,2,18)	Sunday, 9/14/08
October	HMB Area Assembly	Central (4,8,14)	Sunday, 10/5/08
Oct/Nov	HMB Area Convention	Eastern (1,2,18)	10/31/08 - 11/2/08
November	HMB Area Fellowship Day	Western (9,12)	Sunday, 11/16/08

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
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HMB AREA CONVENTION UPDATE

The 56th HMB Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany, NY October 31 through November 2, 2008. The three districts in the Eastern cluster have held Organizational meetings and meetings will continue beginning in March to orient the volunteers who will undertake the key service positions of registration, hospitality and greeters. There will be an early bird meeting, Speakers' meetings, an Old Timer's panel, panels and workshops, a banquet/Speaker meeting on Saturday night, Sunday morning meetings, as well as lots of coffee and good fellowship throughout the weekend. Displays will be set up by the Area Service committees including Corrections, Treatment, BTG, Special Needs, and Grapevine. Any others wishing to set up a display are welcome to, please contact me. Despite persistent rumors, there will not be a Harvest Ball at the Convention. Any questions, comments, and/or suggestions may be directed to: hmbconvention2008@gmail.com

Yours in love and service
Pat L
HMB 2008 Convention Chair

FROM THE EDITOR

****Newsletter Deadline:** Please submit all articles and info by **April 1, 2008** for the May issue.**

If you would like the HMB Area Newsletter e-mailed to you, and no longer want to receive it by postal mail, please drop a note to the editor at hmb48newsletter@yahoo.com, and we'll start with our next issue. Save a tree!

Hudson-Mohawk-Berkshire (HMB)

Area 48 Delegate's Day

United Methodist Church
175 5th Avenue at Henning Road
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Saturday, April 5, 2008

9:00 am – 10:00am	Registration
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Delegate's Experience (Bobby F., Betty C., Charlie C.)
10:30am – Noon	General Service Conference Agenda Discussion
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch provided
1:00pm – 3:00 pm	General Service Conference Agenda Discussion

“We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in AA that rebirth that brought us back to life.”

The late Dr. Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairperson of the board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting

Directions: Take ‘Northway’ I-87 to Exit 14; turn right at end of ramp & go to traffic light; Turn right at traffic light onto Henning road; go approx. 1/4 mile on Henning Road to 175 5th Ave. United Methodist Church is on the left side—across from John Meyers BOCES Center.

Questions? Contact Bob B, DCM District 5 or John D, DCM District 13

(Sponsored by Adirondack Cluster - Districts 5, 10, & 13)

May HMB AREA ASSEMBLY

Sunday, May 18, 2008

Warner Hall SUNY Cobleskill
 Room 120
 State Route 7
 Cobleskill, NY 12043

9:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration
10:00 am – Noon	Area Chair, Committee Reports, Discussion of Proposals
12:00 pm – 1:00pm	Lunch (provided)
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	DCM Reports, Voting on Proposals

Directions

From Albany: Take I-88 west to Cobleskill (Exit 21). Turn right off of the exit. Turn right on Route 7. Look for sign indicating SUNY Campus. Turn right into SUNY Cobleskill Campus in about 1 mile.

From Oneonta: Take I-88 East to Cobleskill (Exit 21). Turn left off of the exit. Turn right on Route 7. Look for sign indicating SUNY Campus. Turn right into SUNY Cobleskill Campus in about 1 mile.

From Saugerties, Kingston & South: Take I-87 to Catskill (Exit 21). Left on CR-23B East. Merge onto 23 West. Follow to State Route 145. Follow 145 (Total of 40 Miles) to Cobleskill. Bear Left (West) to stay on NY-7/NY-10. Turn left onto SUNY Campus in about 1 mile.

From Utica: Take I-90 to Exit 29 toward Route 10. (Canajoharie, Sharon Springs). Turn right onto 5S and left onto NY-10 for about 10.5 miles. Make a sharp left onto US-20 for 4.9 miles. Stay straight to go onto NY-145 for 7.1miles. Turn right onto NY-7. Turn left onto SUNY Campus in about 1 mile.

When you arrive at SUNY CAMPUS: Take 1st Left and follow to Warner Hall. Building and Parking will be on your right.

For questions, contact Matt, DCM District 8

Calendar of Events

CORRECTIONS CONNECTION

SENY Area 49 Corrections Committee is sponsoring a one day Corrections Connections Workshop with Department of Corrections personnel and AA members on **Friday, April 18, 2008** from **9:00 am-3:30 pm** at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, New York. The topic for the day is *Carrying the Message of Recovery to the Incarcerated Alcoholic*. This is an opportunity to network to bring AA meetings into prison and become familiar with corrections correspondence and Bridging the Gap Pre-Release programs. Lunch will be served. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jim W by e-mail at corrections@aaseny.org.

FELLOWSHIP AND FUN

District 18-Friday, April 11, 2008 AA meeting at **8:00 pm** followed by a Sober Dance, at Greenbush Reformed Church, Hays Road in East Greenbush, New York. \$5.00 suggested donation snacks included. For directions and more information call Rob S or Tad.

SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST

District 12-5th Annual Spiritual Breakfast Saturday, April 19, 2008 from **9:00 am-Noon** at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino Conference Center, located off Exit 33 of the NYS Thruway. \$15.00. Tickets available from Mike Y Sharon S. Additional details are also available at www.area48district12.org.

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

This year's State convention will be held in Tarrytown, New York from **July 25th to the 27th, 2008**.

Editor's Note: **Register early** for the Convention and for rooms at the hotel. Don't wait until the July 4th deadline if you want to stay in the main hotel. Information and the registration form are on the inside back cover.

CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

*Clinton County, Dutchess County, Essex County, Franklin County,
St. Lawrence County, Ulster County, Washington County*

DID YOU KNOW?????

For members willing to carry the message of A.A. into the above correctional facilities, your TB test will be paid for by New York State. If you only take one meeting a month into a facility for less than eight (8) hours, you are NOT required to have the test.

"I AM RESPONSIBLE...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, **CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!**

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If anyone has clearance to carry the message into the Columbia/Greene County facilities, please contact

Joan R at hmbdelegatepanel58@gmail.com

The Seventh Tradition (long form)

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Dear Trusted Servant,

We are writing today to remind the Districts and Groups of HMB Area 48 of the importance of contributions to the Area, and to urge you to be as generous as possible in these first several months of the year, when our expenses are highest. *Certainly, the most critical point to this e-mail is that at this time, the Area treasury is below prudent reserve. In order for us to continue our service efforts, we are asking for your support. Please share this letter with your home groups and other groups in your Districts.*

We are excited about the many opportunities for service at the Area level. All of the officer and committee chair service positions are filled for 2008-09, putting us in a strong position to carry the message of AA to the still-suffering alcoholic. Through Correctional Facilities to Special Needs to Treatment Facilities, to name just three committees, the Area brings the message of hope to people who don't have ready access to the Fellowship.

The monetary contributions from the Districts and Groups in our geographically large Area are what make these services possible. The basis of all service – one alcoholic talking to another – cannot be valued in dollars, thank goodness, but setting up and running the service structure to allow that to happen does require contributions. It is where money and spirituality mix.

For the Area, the first month or two of the year is when many of the largest bills are due. These include the semi-annual allocations to the Area Delegate and Area Chair to travel, attend conferences, arrange mailings and do the myriad other things required of them; paying once-yearly fees for archives storage, insurance and meeting book printing; and helping defray costs for officers and committee chairs to attend the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA), which vastly improves their ability to do their jobs.

Contributions can be sent to the Area at:

HMB Area Association
118 Polar Plaza
Route 30, #114
Amsterdam, NY 12010

We cannot begin to express our gratitude for all the service done by the hundreds of trusted servants at the Area, Districts and Group levels, and we appreciate your consideration and support in this time of need.

In love and service,

Deb D. – Panel 58, HMB Area 48 Area Chair

William T. – Panel 58, HMB Area Treasurer

From the HMB Delegate

“Communication and Participation—The Key to Unity & Self-Support”

58th General Service Conference Theme

Most of us have returned from NERAASA where over 900 members shared their collective service experiences with each other. The eighteen delegates from the Northeast Region participated in a flag ceremony and gave a presentation of our area service highlights. HMB was well represented and I am confident members will have lots of information and experiences to share. What a joy it is to serve in Alcoholics Anonymous!

“Three conditions are necessary for true fellowship: the possession of a common ideal involving a complete release from selfishness and division. The discharge of a common task big enough to capture the imagination and give expression to loyalty. And the comradeship, the togetherness, thus involved as we find out the joy and power of belonging to an organic society and engaging in a whole-time service.”

(From Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, page 276 - Reprinted with permission of The A.A. World Services, Inc.)

Service in AA means that we, as group members, should support our representatives by becoming interested in AA beyond the confines of our home group; that we should become aware of the many functions of service. If we are DCMs (District Committee Members), service means taking the time to visit those groups to whom we have a responsibility. It means becoming knowledgeable about the service manual, our Traditions, and our Twelve Concepts. It means being willing to share with our district's GSRs our service experience, strength, and hope.

In an effort to communicate with all the registered groups in HMB, **a survey is included in this newsletter** (pages 8 and 9). One of my duties as your delegate is to present the Area's collective group conscience during the upcoming General Service Conference. Those of us in a position of service are responsible for listening to AA's great collective conscience. Please discuss the items on the survey with your group members, and **return the completed survey to me no later than April 23, 2008**. The broader the participation by groups in this process, the better I can represent our area at the Conference.

As always, I wish all members in HMB well and encourage your continued support of A.A.'s Legacy of Service.

In the Sunlight of Service

Joan R.

Area 48 Panel 58 Delegate

hmbdelegatepanel58@gmail.com

58th General Service Conference (GSC) Personal / Group Survey

Dear HMB Area 48 Group Member

One of my duties as your delegate is to present the Area’s collective group conscience during this year’s GSC from April 27th to May 3rd. The following survey is based on the final agenda of the upcoming Conference. These questions will be voted on by all the Conference attendees. This is an effort to communicate with all the registered groups in HMB. Please provide your personal/group views by answering the following questions and return to me by one of the following methods on or before April 23, 2008:

- 1) Give it to your GSR
- 2) Bring it to Delegate’s Day, 175 5th Avenue, Saratoga Springs on April 5th
- 3) Mail it to the Area 48 Delegate, address available by sending e-mail to #4
- 4) E-mail it to HMBDelegatePanel58@gmail.com

The broader the participation by groups in this process, the better your delegate can represent this area at the Conference. This way your voice will be heard. Thank you for your assistance in preparing me for the 58th General Service Conference

Joan R

Area 48 Panel 58 Delegate

1. CPC:

Discuss ways in which A.A. can continue to be a resource to the legal/criminal justice system

Background: In response to an increase in court-mandated attendees at AA meetings, CPC committees are addressing judges and other legal/criminal justice entities on Alcoholics Anonymous. The committees work hard to keep presentations concise, no more than 15 minutes and members do not assume the legal/criminal justice system know what AA does and doesn’t do. Many believe professionals want to cooperate with AA but need to know more about what to do and what is available. In what ways does your group think AA can accomplish this?

Group comment:

2. FINANCE:

Consider the request to “Discuss the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical, of funding the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous solely by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and A.A. groups, that profits from literature sales will no longer be used to fund our General Service Office. Further, consider a procedure for gathering from the Fellowship as a whole and prepare a report on these discussions for the 2009 Conference.”

Background: On page 48 of the 2007 final conference report, under *Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous*, the subcommittee states, “We hope that the day will come when AA groups and members, through their contributions, will be able to fund fully the services provided by the General Service Office. If that is achieved, revenues from literature sales will only be needed in amounts necessary to cover the actual costs associated with literature production and to maintain a Prudent Reserve Fund.” How does your group feel about this?

Group comment:

3. GRAPEVINE:

Reconsider the 2007 General Service Conference Committee Advisory Action recommending that:

“The Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer.”

Background: This request came from Area 47 Central New York and Area 24 Iowa. To remove the “About Alcoholism” informational pages (also called, “Gray Pages”) from the Grapevine. The feeling is that the printing of these pages violates two of our Traditions which are Traditions Six and Ten. The Sixth Tradition (long form) which states, “An AA group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied.” And the Tenth Tradition (long form) which states, “No AA group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate AA, express any opinion on outside controversial issues those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The AA groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.” How does your group feel about this?

4. LITERATURE:

Consider a request to reinstate the pamphlet “Letter To a Woman Alcoholic.”

Background: This request came from Area 79 British Columbia/Yukon. The fact the pamphlet may have been discontinued partially because it was written by a non-alcoholic is not consistent with policy on other literature produced by AAWS. In 2007, the 57th General Service Conference voted to discontinue the pamphlet. Area 78 Alberta/NW Territories thinks the pamphlet is condescending and outdated. The writer refers to AA as a beauty plan stating that “...it transforms bodies as well as emotions and mind. The substance of flesh and hair seems made over.” She continues “women whose bodies have been degraded by abuse and neglect now value their appearance. She also gives hope of marrying a “substantial man”. Does your group think this the pamphlet should be reinstated?

Group comment:

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION:

Consider request that a wall poster with information about Alcoholics Anonymous be created for placement in school guidance counselor offices.

Background: This discussion began in Area 83 Eastern Ontario from a suggestion from a high school in Ottawa. A request to develop a poster from “A Message to Teenagers” was made because of belief the students would more read a poster rather than leaf through a pamphlet. The request was forwarded to AAWS publishing because of new format and committee decided to take “no action”. Area14 North Florida submitted this request for consideration. What does your group think?

Group comment:

AREA REPORTS

Area Chair

Excitement, energy and enthusiasm..... NERAASA 2008 was absolutely incredible. There were over 900 AA Members in attendance from those serving as coffee maker to those who assist at the General Service Office. It was an honor and privilege to represent Area 48 Hudson-Mohawk-Berkshire as Area Chair and Alternate Delegate. The weekend was very full, from the ice-breaker meeting on Thursday evening to the closing Ask-It Bucket Meeting on Sunday. I had the opportunity to lead the noon time meeting on Friday where the topic was our 3rd Legacy and the Joy of Service. I attended all the panels, the Area Chair round tables on Friday Night and Saturday night, attended the Alternate Delegate round table Saturday afternoon, met with the other New York State (NYS) Area Delegates, Area Chairs and other service folks from NYS to discuss the NYS Convention and how to get the four NYS Areas working together more closely. Sunday I had the opportunity to provide a report back to the NERAASA attendees on the Area Chair round table.

I came away from the weekend with a couple of different perspectives..... It was an opportunity for GSRs, DCMs and service committee chairs to meet with people from the region to share their experience strength and hope, but it is also an opportunity for all the regions delegates to listen to the voice of AA. It was a thrill to see so many people represent Area 48. Even as I was leaving on Sunday, I was still meeting more members from our Area. One NERAASA attendee shared on Friday the excitement of seeing the light being turned on in people as the joy of service occurs. I could see that happen for those members of Area 48. I look forward to seeing how each person takes what they have received from the weekend and apply it to spreading the message of AA with in our Area.

In Love and Service,
 Deb D
HMBAreaChair@hvc.rr.com

Secretary's Report

I recently attended my 5th NERAASA and as usual came back with a stronger sense of personal commitment for doing Service Work in AA. Area 45 hosted the event this year and did a superb job putting on the convention and making us feel welcome. The Convention Chair announced that we had just over 900 people in attendance. I was particularly proud of Area 48's showing at the Convention. We had many new faces to the Convention and the energy was incredible. It is absolutely wonderful to see new people get involved with our 3rd Legacy of Service. As it has been said many times "You can not keep it, unless you give it away"!

Next year Area 28 Maine is hosting the event, I hope you will all try and make the trip up there and share in the Fellowship. I continue to be grateful to Area 48 for allowing me serve.

Yours in Service,
 Keith D.
 HMB Area Secretary

Bridging the Gap (BTG) Report

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED-Please contact your District representative

I am looking forward to meeting all the committee members at the HMB Fellowship Day on March 15th. At that time, your packets will be available for pick-up. I, also, respectfully ask – all BTG Committee Chairs, and/or a representative from each District contact me at: hmbarea48btgchair@yahoo.com

May the hand of AA always be there
Sue P.
BTG Area Chairperson

Grapevine

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance - that principle is contempt prior to investigation." - Herbert Spencer

A recent press release from New York announced that two new CD's will soon be available, containing select stories from the very popular *Emotional Sobriety* compilation. They are not yet available for purchase through the online site or the catalog, but I have put an advanced order and hope to have them as soon as they are available.

Have you ever wondered where those Tradition Checklist questions on the front of every newsletter come from? They are printed by The Grapevine. I find them to be a great source for individual spot check inventories as well as very helpful at group tradition meetings. I will have an ample supply of them available at the next Area meeting in March, or you can contact me directly to obtain copies. You might also check with your District Representative as I am encouraging them to have some on hand.

By now most District Representatives should have received an introduction from me by mail – if you haven't, please contact me directly or through your District DCM.

In Service and Sobriety,
Tammie E
Area 48 Grapevine Chair
Area48grapevine@yahoo.com

Special Needs

Special Needs took on new meaning this past weekend at NERASSA held in West Atlantic City, NJ! Attendance at the Special Needs roundtable on Friday and Saturday nights was up over previous years. The chairs of Special Needs for the Areas or Districts reported new Special Needs activities in their communities, and that real progress is being made. Some of the issues that were discussed included carrying the message into homeless shelters, having translators for members who speak another language, for example, Area 28 (Maine) also includes some parts of Canada, where French is the primary language.

Others reported an increase in taking meetings into nursing homes, making phone calls to shut-ins due to the increase in new members who are over 60 and ways to help the hearing impaired and visually impaired using special technology. A lot of discussion time, with the pros and cons presented, was spent on the issue of providing child care at meetings for younger women (and men too it was pointed out).

The consensus was that this would be best handled on an individual group basis. Overall NERASSA was a wonderful experience, attended by 920 sober alcoholics, some who drove from as far away as Northern Maine in less than ideal weather conditions. The panels were great and the topics were all pertinent to issues effecting AA today.

Yours in service,
Pat L
HMB Area Special Needs Chair

Website Chair

OBSERVATIONS ON THE INTERNET

Pleasant Note or Junk Mail?

Some people who ask me something or tell me something about Alcoholics Anonymous are not trying to get on my mailing list. They aren't trying to increase the flow of funny or inspirational or alarming notes from me. Others welcome every such email and promptly pass it on to everyone they know. I don't tend to send unsolicited email to large lists of people. If I get something that is really worth sharing, I send it to people I am pretty sure will appreciate it - usually those who send me similar notes.

Reply to the Sender:

When answering an email that went to a big list of people, your reply might go inadvertently to everyone on the original distribution list. Chances are that this is not what you intended. I remember one note announcing an AA event at some resort in Mexico. In fact, I got two or three copies of the note. The sender mailed the advertisement (spam) to a large distribution list which was visible in the note. At least three people replied to him demanding to be taken off his list. The problem was that their replies went to all of the people on the original note so I received them too. Learn how to make your email go where you want.

Bcc: Blind Carbon Copy:

When I do mail something to a large list of people, I usually put them in the hidden list of addressees. This is significant in A.A. where the addressees don't want others to learn their email addresses. This is the Bcc: for "blind carbon copy." (Do young people even know what carbon paper is?) On the other hand, I do let everyone see the names and addresses in a Cc: copy list if it is a small group working on a common project.

Forwarding Clutter:

Sometimes I get a note that was forwarded to someone who forwarded it to someone ... who forwarded it to me. If it isn't edited along the way, the front end is cluttered with all of that forwarding information that accumulated. Sometimes there are hundreds of lines of note headers accompanying a one-line joke.

But Thanks:

Don't add me to your bulk mail distribution list simply because you know it. But greetings to those who send me emails they think I will appreciate. I don't dig through all of it but sometimes there is a gem that I find worth sharing with others. So, Thanks.

Tom E host@ny-aa.org

Newsletter

I too attended the NERAASA in Atlantic City with many trusted servants of Area 48, despite the drive through the snow, slush and rain. The panels during the day were educational and timely about topics we often discuss such as our seventh tradition. I learned a great deal about how newsletters are produced in other areas as the editors reported that articles in their newsletters are often solicited from and submitted by group members, as well as centered around themes such as sponsorship and service. It was an honor and privilege to represent Area 48 and learn more about the Third Legacy of Service.

In love and service,
Peggy M.
Editor

Send announcements of your District events to hmb48newsletter@yahoo.com so we can get the word out to the Area..
Thanks to everyone who sent info by the deadline Next deadline: **April 1, 2008**

Treasurer's Report**HMB AREA ASSOCIATION**

Prepared by William T., Area Treasurer

Treasury Report

2/29/2008

February 2008

Check Book Balance: 2/1/08 \$8,200.95

Income:

	\$2,322.2		
Group Contributions	4		
Other income CPC/SENY	\$150.00		
Monies Returned	\$151.67		

<u>Total Income:</u>	\$2,623.9	1	(+)	\$2,623.91
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Total Assets: \$10,824.86

Expenses:

Alt Secretary NERAASA	\$230.00		
Fellowship Day	\$400.00		
Inventory Day	\$346.00		
Newsletter Postage	\$328.00		
Newsletter Printing	\$229.80		
Newsletter Editor Alloc	\$6.38		
Treasurer NERAASA	\$193.10		
GSO Contribution	\$1,200.0	0	
Mailbox	\$20.54		

<u>Total Expense:</u>	\$2,953.8	2	(-)	\$2,953.82
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Checkbook Balance: 2/29/08 \$7,871.04

Prudent Reserve: (-) \$7,000.00

Total Available Cash: \$871.04

2008 New York State Informational Workshop



**Communication and Participation/
The Key to Unity and Self-Support**

Friday, August 1, 2008

Through

Sunday, August 3, 2008

Daemen College

4380 Main St., Amherst, NY 14226

Residence and meals available on-campus

See reverse for details

Look for registration form with housing and meal packages as well as directions in the May Newsletter.



THE 40TH NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

JULY 25TH-27TH, 2008

The Westchester Marriott
670 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, N.Y. 10591



Room rate: \$115.00 Plus tax per night*
 (single, double, triple, & quad)

Phone Reservations: 1-800-882-1042 (direct to hotel)
 *When reserving by phone mention "New York State Convention 2008".

Online Reservations: marriott.com/nycwe
 *When reserving online, enter group code "sensena".

Deadline for room reservations is June 30th, 2008

There is NO SMOKING anywhere within the hotel. Designated smoking areas are conveniently located near the exits on all sides of the hotel.

EVENTS

- AA Panels and Workshops
- AA Videos and Archives
- Al-Anon Meetings (English and Spanish)
- Alkathons
- Hospitality Room
- Saturday Night Dance
- Spanish Speaking Meetings
- ASL Interpretation (upon request w/pre-registration)

- Friday:** Concepts Workshop
Welcome Meeting
- Saturday:** Old-Timers Meeting
Banquet and Meeting
- Sunday:** Young People's Meeting
Spiritual Meeting



All main meetings will be SPANISH INTERPRETED
 On-Site Registration is available Friday 3-11 pm
 and Saturday 8am - Midnight

For more information please contact - NYS Convention Chair - convention08@aaseny.org

(Please tear)

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 4th, 2008



AA Al-Anon/Alateen Other _____
 (Please Specify)

_____ Convention/Dance only\$15.00

_____ Convention/Dance/Banquet\$70.00

Name: _____

Chicken Beef Vegetarian

Address: _____

(please select one)
 _____ Special Dietary Needs? (please specify)

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Children 10 years old and under will be admitted to the convention and dance at no charge, but must wear convention badges.

Do you need ASL Interpretation: Yes No

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Special Needs (please specify) _____

NYS Convention is unable to accept credit cards.

Old-timer with 25+ years? ____/____/____

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PO Box 1

Malverne, NY 11565

If you want to be seated with a specific person (or persons) at the banquet, mail your registration forms in the same envelope

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