

# HMB AREA 48 NEWSLETTER

## AA Principles of the Month

**Step 12** - Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

**Tradition 12** – Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

**Concept 12** - The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

## Twelfth Tradition Checklist

Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared? When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out? In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober? Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own? Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part? Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition--or belie it? Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription? Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior--especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart? Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really? Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition? Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it? What is the real importance of me among 500,000 AAs?

## Concept XII Checklist

How do we guard against becoming a "seat of perilous wealth or power?" How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue? Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others? Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity? As guardians of A.A.'s traditions, are we ever justified in being personally punitive? Are we careful to avoid public controversy? Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?

# HMB EVENT SCHEDULE - 2011

January	Day of Sharing/ Inventory Day	Eastern Cluster (District 2 Host)	Saturday, January 8
February	NERAASA	SENY	February 25-27
March	NERD	Ocean City, NJ	March 11-13
March	Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley Cluster	March 19

**District 1 Christmas Alkathon December 24-25, 2010** 8:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave. Albany, NY, 12209. Entrance and parking on Kate St. Additional parking in shopping mall off Delaware Ave. behind the Mobil Station. Meetings will be held on the even hours. Food and fellowship throughout the days and nights. Al-Anon meetings will also be available. All group and personal monetary and food contributions gratefully accepted. Contact: David F (518)446-1962 or Fred F (518)258-7308.

**District 5 Christmas Alkathon December 24-25** 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Salvation Army: 27 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY. A.A. meetings held every other hour. Family and friends welcome! Food donations welcome. Coffee, tea, cold water, cold soda and snacks served throughout. Breakfast Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m. Dinner served Christmas Day 1:30-5:30 p.m. Contact: David P. (369-2071 or [dpearson@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dpearson@nycap.rr.com)), Fay F. (886-8476), Cathy C. (665-0111 or [dogdreamzfarm@gmail.com](mailto:dogdreamzfarm@gmail.com)), or Paul O. (669-7210 or [obtoga@nycap.rr.com](mailto:obtoga@nycap.rr.com)).

**District 1 New Year's Alkathon December 31, 2010-January 1, 2011** 6:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (see above for details).

**Ongoing in Area 48 EACYPAA Bid Committee Needs You** Meetings are held Wednesdays at 8:30 pm after the Saratoga YP meeting at 36 Phila Street (2nd Floor), Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. We are looking for supportive people with all levels of service or for those who are interested in increasing the involvement of YPAA in Area 48 **Contacts:** Maria (518) 441-5511; Will (419)215-2907; Tori (518)701-5070, or e-mail [saratogaeacypaabid@gmail.com](mailto:saratogaeacypaabid@gmail.com).

To receive the newsletter by e-mail,  
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[hmb48newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hmb48newsletter@yahoo.com)

# HMB Area 48 2011 Meeting Schedule Order Form

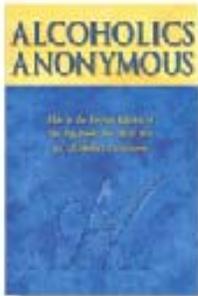
## Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area 48 of Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 HMB Meeting Schedule Book Order Form

*Order Deadline December 15, 2010*

Please Make Checks Payable To: "HMB Meeting Schedules"

Schedules are \$.30 ea. (Minimum order 10)			
Shipping Cost:			
10-50	\$6.00	601-900	\$27.00
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301-600	\$18.00	1501-1800	\$54.00

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HMB Meeting Schedules  
PO Box 74  
Castleton, NY 12033

Inquiries to: [hmbalttreasurer@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hmbalttreasurer@nycap.rr.com)  
(518) 366-5631



### ORDER INFORMATION

**No Shipping to PO Boxes**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Group or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Order Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$.30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping & Handling: \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2011

## Area Delegate's Report December 2010

Dear Fellow Members,

As the end of the 2010 approaches, I have been reflecting on the past year: serving as your Delegate has been another example of how a service position can and does provide a life changing spiritual experience. What has probably been my most profound awareness is how far reaching our Fellowship is in serving the still suffering alcoholic, both inside and outside our rooms -- in more than 120 lands, with books and pamphlets available in over 60 languages. I am constantly reminded by your example that the work of AA begins with each one of us; and I am grateful to each of you for all you do.

Here is an update on activities for you to share with your home-group and district, as well as with your sponsees and others interested in service:

- **NERAASA:** The 2011 Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) will be held February 25-27, 2011 in Tarrytown, NY. The theme is "We Are Responsible for A.A.'s Future - Let it Begin With Us." The stated purpose of NERAASA is "for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members, Intergroup and 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.

My experience, and certainly the experience of those who have attended past NERAASAs, is this is one of the most *educational* conferences available to trusted servants to obtain information about all of our service positions, and our own service position in particular. More information, including a registration form, can be obtained at [www.neraasa.org](http://www.neraasa.org).

- **TRUSTEE ACTIVITY:** In response to the 2010 General Service Conference's recommendation that "the Trustees' Committee on Literature develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous" the Trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories from A.A. members.

The Trustees are seeking stories that reflect the wide range of spiritual experiences of AA members, and how our members with any belief or non-belief have found a solution to the concept of spirituality and sobriety in AA for the literature under development.

In addition, and also in response to a 2010 General Service recommendation that "the Trustees' Committee on Literature update the pamphlet "AA and the Armed Services" to include recent experiences from members on active duty and a section which focuses on veterans of the armed services", the Trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories from our Fellowship.

In both "calls for experience, strength and hope", manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double-spaced. (On a separate sheet of paper, please include your name, address, telephone number and email address, as well as the project you are submitting your story for.)

The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not their story is selected for publication. Please send your sharing -- by February 15, 2011 -- to: Literature Coordinator General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 or email [literature@aa.org](mailto:literature@aa.org).

- **GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO GSO:** The number of groups contributing to the General Service Office from HMB Area 48 from 1/1/2010 through 9/30/2010 was 31.78%. In 2009, for the same period, the percentage of groups, which contributed, was 32.36%. Total monetary contribution equated to \$18,532.37.

- **GSO PUBLICATIONS:** Highlights from the G.S.O. Publications Report included the following activity: Total distribution of all books for the nine-month period ending September 30, 2010 was 1,303,084, down 537,775 units or 29% from the total distribution in the same period in 2009.

The following items of interest are now available for purchase from the General Service Office. To place an order, call the literature order department at GSO: 212-870-3400 (Monday- Friday, 9 am – 3:30 p.m.):

- o A limited number of the 2010 International Convention Souvenir Book "A.A. Comes of Age" is available in English, Spanish and French. The cost is \$7.00 per copy.
- o The new Young People's Animation Video has been released. For service committees, there is a set of 4 DVDs of ONLY the Animation video in your choice of English, Spanish or French for \$10.00. A combined set of the 2009 Young Peoples Video plus the new 2010 Animation Video is available for \$13.00.

- **DIGITAL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY FROM GSO:** On the A.A. website, you can subscribe to review the following newsletters via e-mail: Box 4-5-9, About A.A., and Markings (the Archives *electronic-only* newsletter). These are free and intended for use by A.A. members and friends of A.A. For more information, copy and paste the following link: <https://dds.aaws.org/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.aspx%3flang%3den&lang=en>

- **NEWS FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE, INC:**

- o The A.A. Grapevine Board has announced the selection of a new Grapevine Executive Editor/Publisher. Please help welcome Ami Brophy, as she assumes the mission to publish our international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- o There is a new book called "Spiritual Awakenings II - More Journeys of the Spirit". To order this book log on to <http://www.aagrapevine.org> (then click on "Catalog", then "Books"; or call (800) 640-6025. The cost is \$10.95 each; 5 or more copies are \$10.50 each.)

- o Themes for the next issues include:

- § December 2010 – My First Time Sober
- § January 2011 – We Admitted We Were Powerless
- § February 2011 – Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender in A.A.
- § January/February 2011 La Vina – Spiritual Awakenings

- o New one-year subscription rates have been announced:

- § Audio Grapevine: \$19.97
- § A.A. Grapevine, print magazine: \$26.97
- § Coming Soon: A.A. Grapevine digital magazine: \$19.97

§ For combination discounts – subscribing to more than one version of the A.A. Grapevine, please visit [AAGrapevine.org](http://AAGrapevine.org)

§ 30 packs of A.A. Grapevine at \$54.00 will be offered beginning January 1, 2011 and will replace the 50 packs for institutions.

May each of you have a safe and sober holiday season!

In love and service,

Deb D

Panel 60, Area 48 Delegate

**Alternate Treasurer Report – December 2010**

I had the opportunity to attend the HMB Convention in Lake Placid a couple of weeks ago and had a great time. Good workshops, good speakers, good fellowship and the Finance Committee snuck a meeting into the packed agenda.

We met to discuss several of items. The main focus was to discuss what to do when someone exceeds their allocation for the year since there is no longer a cushion built into the budget. It was agreed that the Finance Committee will review each instance on a case by case basis. Chris S., as he masters Quick-Books, will be able to generate reports much more readily and will notify officers and committee chairs when they are approaching their maximum allowed in the budget. He may also generate quarterly reports for informational purposes. Officers and committee chairs are asked to please watch their expenses carefully so there are no huge surprises.

I finally purchased the laptop for the Area Treasurer near the end of October as approved by the Assembly last May. The total cost was \$874.98. This included a two year extended warranty, a carrying bag, a mouse, and 6 months of antivirus protection. I set it up and Chris has been using it since the convention.

Meeting schedule orders are coming in and everyone is pleased with the pricing we were able to obtain for the next three years. The order form for 2011 has been sent out to all who ordered last year, is available in the HMB newsletter and on the website at [www.aahmbny.org](http://www.aahmbny.org). Orders are due by December 15, 2010 – please place your orders in a timely fashion.

Yours in service,

Tad J.

Alternate Area Treasurer

[hmbalttreasurer@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hmbalttreasurer@nycap.rr.com)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:****AREA SERVICE POSITION  
AVAILABLE**

The current Website Chairperson, Maryanne N will be leaving the State of New York to pursue an employment opportunity. As a result, she will need to resign immediately from her service position to the Area. Thanks to Maryanne for her service to the Area.

Needed immediately is the need for one or more people to make themselves available to serve the Area in overseeing, updating and evolving the website to continue to serve the Area. Open service positions include Website Chair, Alternate Website Chair, and web developer(s) to serve on the committee. Website programming skills are a requirement of this service position. If you are qualified and have the time to dedicate to this service position please contact the Area 48 Chairperson, Keith D. If you know of someone who might be qualified, please pass this information along to them.

Thank you!

In love and service,

Keith D. – HMB Area 48 Chair

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<b>HMB Area 48</b>	
<b>Monthly Treasury Report</b>	
<b>Nov-10</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$9,711.28</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Area Contributions	\$2,895.71
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,895.71</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Alternate Chairperson	\$112.80
Secretary	\$67.52
Alternate Treasurer	\$67.36
Bridging The Gap	\$60.00
Treatment Facilities	\$117.40
HMB Convention	\$1,926.52
Additional HMB Mtg. Books	\$996.00
Grapevine/AA Svc. Manual Seed	-\$200.00
Mail Box Service	\$30.09
Meeting Books for Com. Chairs	\$399.00
Website	\$19.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,595.69</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$699.98</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$9,011.30</b>
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$2,011.30</b>

Prepared by Chris S.  
[treasurer@aaahmbny.org](mailto:treasurer@aaahmbny.org)

**HMB Area 48 Area Fellowship Day**  
**United Cerebral Palsy, Utica, NY**  
**Sunday, November 21, 2010**

DRAFT minutes

*(Any item marked “**attached**” is part of the record; copies are freely available upon request.*

Agenda **attached**. A total of 43 attendees signed in at the event (Sign-up sheet **attached**).

Area Chair Keith D. called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Vote on Northeast Regional Trustee Candidate:** It was announced that Joan R. has withdrawn as candidate for NE Regional Trustee. Dave S. has made himself available to stand for the position. By unanimous vote of the Assembly, Dave S. was elected candidate for the position.

**Committee Roundtables and DCM meetings:** The Assembly adjourned at 10:10 a.m. to allow committees to meet, as well as DCMs. **Lunch** was served from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. **Assembly reconvened** at 12:53 p.m.

**HMB Area 48 Business Meeting:**

Delegate **Deb D.** reported that the General Service Office is providing **financial and contribution reports by Area and Group** through September 30, 2010. In Area 48, groups contributed \$18,532.37 to GSO in that time. Contributions came from 31.78 percent of groups in the Area, down from 32.36 percent of groups for the same period in 2009. GSO is selling **2009-10 A.A. Service Manuals**, 50 for \$15, until supplies run out. Orders can be made through your Delegate. **2010-11 A.A. Service Manuals**, meanwhile, are available for \$3.50 apiece from Deb. D. GSO has also made available the new **Young People’s Animation video** (4 DVDs for \$10.00; or bundled with last year’s Animation video for \$13.00. The new book, **Spiritual Awakenings II**, is available through the Grapevine Inc. Deb D. presented to Archives Chair Michael L. a **presentation case** with items from the April 2010 General Service Conference. Finally, Deb D. formally thanked the **HMB Area 2010 Convention Committee** for its outstanding work in making a successful Area convention at Lake Placid over the Nov. 5-7, 2010 weekend.

Alternate Area Chair **Pat L.** presented a report (**attached**) on today’s meeting of the DCMs. Highlights include a consensus that the **new additional Area event** is targeted for the June 18-19, 2011 weekend (Saturday **or** Sunday) in the Lake George Area, hosted by districts 9 and 12. The group also agreed that the second weekend in August would be best for the **2011 New York State Informational Workshop**, giving two weeks between the NYS Convention and NYSIW. Pat L. is also chairing an ad hoc **committee on Functions**, to look at ways of economizing on Area events. The ad hoc committee will start work in January 2011.

Area Secretary **William T.** presented the draft minutes of the October 16, 2011 Area Budget Assembly in Scotia, NY (**attached**). **Motion** (Lori W./Bill Cr.) to accept the minutes approved unanimously.

Area Treasurer Chris S. presented the Area Treasurers Report for October 2010 (**attached**). Income and expenses for the month were \$4,030.51 and \$4,283.85, respectively, leaving a balance of \$9,711.28. Minus \$7,000 prudent reserve, a total of \$2,711.28 is available. **Motion** (Lori W./Cindy S.) to accept the Treasurers Report approved unanimously.

(DRAFT minutes continued)

Area Alt Treasure **Tad J.** presented his report (*attached*). He added that the Finance Committee met at the just-concluded roundtable with members of the Newsletter Committee to discuss ways to reduce printing and postage costs of the Area newsletter. A proposal is being prepared for consideration at the May 2011 Assembly to make the electronic version of the newsletter the default delivery method.

Area Archives Chair **Michael L.** presented two new additions to the Archives: the above-mentioned gift from Area Delegate Deb D., and a framed oil painting of the "Man on the Bed" by an Akron, Ohio artist dating from the late 1950s. The painting made its way to the Area by way of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York City and the A.A. clubhouse on Madison Avenue in Albany, NY.

Incoming Bridging the Gap Chair **Erin T.** appeared on behalf of Sue P., who filed a report for the Assembly.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair **John D.** noted the new one-page General Service Office newsletter for the professional. He also noted the statistic that 25 years ago two-thirds of people coming into A.A. made their initial contact with a lay A.A. member, and one-third were referred by a treatment professional. Today, the percentages are reversed, reflecting the larger role played by the professional treatment movement.

Grapevine Rep **Doreen A.** reported that she sold \$533.75 of merchandise at the Nov. 5-7 Area convention in Lake George. She also announced that incoming Grapevine Rep Maria is looking for an Alternate Grapevine Rep, starting in January 2011.

Area Newsletter Editor **Dan J.** reported (*attached*) the results of the Finance Committee roundtable with the Newsletter Committee (see Alternate Treasurer's report above). Dan J. also announced that the monthly deadline for newsletter content is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the month of publication.

Special Needs Committee Chair **Lori J.** submitted a report (*attached*). Topics included preparations for a Special Needs table at the 2011 HMB Area convention, the Elders pamphlet coming from G.S.O.

Treatment Committee Chair Bill C. said he had heard from the Tully Hill treatment center in Central New York, looking for Bridging the Gap information and/or contacts. This underscores the fact that Bridging the Gap, Corrections and Treatment really operate as one in terms of service.

#### Reports of District Committee Members:

District 3 DCM **Lori W.** submitted her report (*attached*), which includes new of open District Committee positions, and an announcement of the **2011 HMB Area 48 Convention**, November 4-6, 2011 at the Fishkill (NY) Holiday Inn (save-the-date flyer *attached*). Once the registration and hotel reservation forms are available (to be e-mailed to DCMs), she urged people to sign up as early as possible.

District 4 DCM **Les B.** filed a report (*attached*) outlining the many activities in the District.

District 9 DCM **Ray B.** reminded the group of the Spiritual Breakfast on Dec. 12

District 12 DCM **Brenda O.** said the District is in transition, with Trusted Servant positions rotating at this time. So for the position of Grapevine Rep has not been filled.

District 14 DCM **Kathaleen H.** reported (*attached*) that there are two vacancies open on the District Committee – Archives and Literature; 17-19 people regularly attend District meetings; finalizing District budget for 2011.

District 18 (Maria, sec'y, reporting) said a new DCM, **Joanne B.**, is rotating in.

(DRAFT minutes continued)

**Report of Keith D., Area Chair:**

Two new ad hoc committees have been appointed: **Functions**, chaired by Pat L., and **Service Manual**, chaired by William T.. Both committees have members and are beginning work on what changes to make in their respective topics, with no set schedule for making recommendations to the Assembly but with the hope that changes will be in place for 2012.

Inventory Day (Day of Sharing) on January 8, 2011 (flyer attached) will be facilitated by Dave S. Keith D. also invited people interested in serving as Alternate Committee Chairs to please come on January 8 and make themselves available for those positions.

Review of year 2010: remembering Anne H. and Paul L., both of whom gave much in their service to A.A. and the suffering alcoholic, and inspired many with their service and sobriety.

Keith D. and Deb D. will get clarification from G.S.O. on what the status will be vis-à-vis listing groups at the General Service level who do not have a Group Service Representative or Contact in the database. What HMB Area 48 does in terms of listing the groups in its own records and meeting schedules is entirely up to HMB Area 48.

Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William T., Area Secretary

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

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



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

## **NERAASA 2012: March 2 – March 4**

**CROWNE PLAZA**

State and Lodge Streets

Albany, NY 12207

**Hosted by Area 48 HMB**

**Hudson-Mohawk-Berkshire**

[NERAASA2012@gmail.com](mailto:NERAASA2012@gmail.com)

## Important Message from the Area

### 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, Groups and individual members of HMB Area 48 of the importance of contributions to the Area, and to urge you to be as generous as possible in these last couple and first few months of the year, when our expenses are highest. *Certainly, the most critical point to this letter is that at this time, the Area treasury is close to prudent reserve with many expenses coming up. 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 2010-11, 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 two months 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,  
Keith D. – Panel 60, HMB Area 48 Area Chair

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