

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.

Second Tradition Checklist

- Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with any AA Twelfth Step job or other AA responsibility?
- Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
- 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?
- Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
- In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

Concept II 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?

HMB EVENT SCHEDULE - 2011

February	NERAASA	SENY	February 25-27
March	NERD	Ocean City, NJ	March 11-13
	Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley Cluster (District 7 Host)	March 19
	Corrections Connection	TBA	March 26
April	Delegate's Day	Adirondack Cluster (District 5 Host)	April 16
May	Area Assembly	Central Cluster	May 15
	Northeast Regional Forum	Sturbridge, MA	May 20-22
June	Fellowship Day	Western Cluster	June 18
July	NY State Convention	SENY (Tarrytown)	July 29-31
August	NYS Informational	HMB (TBA)	August 19-21
September	Election Assembly	Eastern Cluster	September 10
October	Area Assembly	Central Cluster	October 15
November	HMB Convention	Hudson Valley Cluster (Fishkill)	November 4-6
	Fellowship Day	Western (TBA)	November 20

February 12 5:00-7:30 p.m. Albany YPAA Speaker Jam. 1st Presbyterian Church, Corner of State and Willett Streets, Albany. Speakers from Burlington VT.

March 12, 2011, 10 a.m. -12 p.m. CDCO Informational Workshop.

Schuyler Inn, Rooms 128-130, 575 Broadway, Menands, NY, 12204 (off Route 787 at Watervliet Exit; inn is about 500 feet North of exit on East side of Broadway) The Capital District Central Office is hosting an informational workshop for any A.A. members who might be interested in exploring carrying the message of recovery through service on the 24/7/365 CDCO telephone exchange. The office, located in space we rent at the Schuyler Inn, 575 Broadway in Menands is staffed by faithful volunteers from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in two shifts Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. All other hours, when the office is closed, "Night Owls" answer calls from their homes and link the suffering alcoholic, the traveling alcoholic, the lonely alcoholic to a meeting, answer their questions, or just give away some of their experience, strength and hope! This is a valuable service and we can ALWAYS use new volunteers. Training is provided. In addition to its telephone mission, the CDCO stocks AA literature for sale to groups and members, HMB schedules for sale, pamphlets which are free to individual members, printouts of articles relating to alcohol and alcoholism. It is a nice place to visit and get to know fellow members! We hope to see many of you at the workshop.

October 22, 2011 Serenity of the Catskills in the City of the Hills Banquet. 5pm meet & greet. 6 pm dinner. 7 pm speaker. Northeast Regional Trustee. Holiday Inn. 5206 State Highway 23, Oneonta, NY.

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.

HMB AREA 48 FELLOWSHIP DAY

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Hosted by Hudson Valley Cluster (District 7)

MARCH 19, 2011

First Presbyterian Church

80 Elmendorph St., Kingston, NY

Directions: **Going south** on the New York State Thruway take exit 19 toward Rt. 28 Kingston/Rhinecliff Bridge, enter next roundabout and take 3rd exit onto I-587 E/Col George Chandler Drive Rt. 28 east (1.3 miles) to Rt. 32 S. Broadway. Make a left on Elmendorph Street, # 80 Elmendorph is on the right. **Going north** via Rt. 9W stay on 9W to Rt. 32 Flatbush Rd. left onto Rt. 32/Albany Ave. then left on Tremper Ave. Right on Elmendorph St. #80 Elmendorph is on the left. **Contact person:** Pat D. (845)943-9674

area48newsletter@gmail.com

Feburary 2011 Area Chair Report

To start off I want to thank all of those who participated with Inventory Day January 22nd which had been postponed from 2 weeks prior due to inclement weather. The cooperation I received from everyone was wonderful starting with our host DCM Gene S from district 2. Thanks to all who helped out in spreading the word of the cancellation and for that matter spreading the word about the reschedule; well done. Our attendance was 56, not bad all things considered. On a personal note, it was great seeing a couple of old friends, it brought me back to earlier sobriety and it certainly instills the importance of Unity to this alcoholic.

If you were at the event you would have heard me send out another SOS for help on filling two open service positions. Recently I have announced via the Newsletter and email the fact that both the Alternate Secretary/Registrar and Area Website Chairs are vacant. Like all of our service positions these are rather important. In this case both of these have a lot to do with communication to the Fellowship in particular Area 48, whether it is updating group or the directory (Registrar) or just spreading out valuable information (Website).

With this being said and as is usually the case with help from HP, you guys responded before the meeting ended with some names that maybe able to fill the spots. On the Website position a couple of folk are having coming back to me with names and contact numbers for possible programmers. This would be a huge gap to fill as I believe we have a person for the Chair position. And as far as the Alt. Secretary/ Registrar position goes a couple of people have expressed interest in this position but please do not hesitate to send in names.

Also on a very positive note we were able to fill a couple of Alternate positions this day. The first is Don S who recently rotated out of his DCM position for District 19 and has taken on the Alt. Corrections position. Secondly Eric E, District 3's Newsletter Editor has added the Alternate Area Newsletter position to his service resume, many thanks to both!

Speaking of Don S for those of you who attended last November's Area Convention in Lake Placid his name should be familiar. Don was the Co-Convention Chair along with Jen W. It was Dons' pleasure to give the Area a check for \$2400 left over monies from the convention. As is HMB policy, we split 50/50 left over monies with the General Service Office, so the Area will be contributing \$ 1200 to GSO.

Greetings to a couple of new DCMs: Tammy E has taken on that position for Dist. 9 and Bob M is the new DCM for Dist. 19. Good luck to both and I know you both will do well serving.

So the event was called Inventory Day and as such we did have one. This year I asked Dave S who is a Panel 52 Past Delegate to lead the meeting. Dave gave the Committees to take a look at what they are doing well and what they can/need to improve on. After that one person for each committee came up and gave a brief report back and we then entertained questions and comments. I had announced earlier that a goal of mine is that we do follow up on progress made or not at the newly added Area event on June 18th this year. Hopefully this will help us serve the Fellowship better. THANK YOU DAVID!

I am quite hopeful that by my next Newsletter transmission I will be able to report much progress on the filling of the vacancies until then thank you for your patience and cooperation.

As this is my February report it means but one major service event for me as others. It is NERAASA time and as you may already know the event is being held at the Tarrytown Marriot on February 24- 27th.

In Love & Service, Keith D HMB Area 48 Chair/ Alt. Delegate

January 2011 Area Convention Chair

I have the honor of serving you as next year's Area 48 Convention Program Chair, and I would like to reach out for some help. We have decided at our committee meeting to encourage participation in choosing the sub-topics of the workshops at the Convention. The following are the Theme, and Workshop titles, and we would like to ask the Area to fill in the blanks:

"We are Responsible for A.A.'s Future -
Let it Begin With Us."

The following will be presentation workshop panel topics for the 2011 General Service Conference. Please review them and submit your suggestions to me as soon as possible, so we can put together our agenda:

- a) Alcoholics Anonymous in a Digital Age:
 - 1. ?
 - 2. ?
 - 3. ?
- b) An Informed Group Conscience: The Voice of A.A.:
 - 1. ?
 - 2. ?
 - 3. ?
- c) Diversity in A.A.:
 - 1. ?
 - 2. ?
 - 3. ?
- d) Sponsorship:
 - 1. ?
 - 2. ?
 - 3. ?

Kevin B.

2011 Area Convention Chair

IMPORTANT NOTICE:**AREA SERVICE POSITIONS
AVAILABLE**

WEBSITE CHAIR

ALTERNATE SECRETARY

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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February 2011 Alternate Chair Report

In November 2010 we had a DCM meeting at the Fellowship Day in Districts 9/12. At this meeting we continued an ongoing discussion about locations and costs for upcoming Area functions such as Assemblies and Fellowship Days, in an effort to contain costs and also make the functions more accessible to as many AA members as possible. An outcome of this meeting is that our May 15, 2011 Assembly will be held in Amsterdam, NY, and hosted by District 4 with support from the other districts in that cluster. The Fellowship Day to be held in June will be hosted by Districts 9/12, and held in the Lake George Area, certainly an innovation in our Area. In March, the Corrections Connection will be held in Lake George on March 26, 2011. This is a joint effort of the Corrections Chair, the Treatment Chair, and the Functions Chair, cooperating to bring you the best Corrections Connection possible. Flyers will be available with all the pertinent information. The March 19, 2011 Fellowship Day will be in the Hudson Valley Cluster hosted by District 7. Flyers are available. The April 16, 2011 "Day of Sharing/Delegate's Day" will be hosted by District 5. Flyers will be available.

Our HMB Area will be hosting the New York State Informational Workshop this year. The date will be August 19-21 2011. This is a state-wide event which rotates among the 4 Delegate Areas in our State. This event was originally started in our area in 1980, as a one day event with an emphasis on PI and Institutions. It became a weekend event, and with an increasing number of attendees from other areas, the four areas agreed to rotate it around the state. It has expanded to include PI, CPC, Corrections, Treatment and Special Needs committees, as well as Archives, Grapevine, and Literature, and we include participation of the BTG committee (we are the only area that has a separate BTG committee and Chair). Last year there was much interest in the "Technology in AA" panel, and we expect to expand on this. We also have very active YPAA's in our area and we will welcome their participation. The workshop will be held at the Carondelet Hospitality Center at St. Joseph's Provincial House, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, in Latham, NY. We have verbal confirmation as of January 21, 2011, that we have that location and weekend confirmed. We still have to sign a contract stipulating prices and use of the facilities, and negotiate a price for lunch for the "locals". Organization and planning meetings will begin shortly. As Functions Chair, I am chairing the overall event, and Bill C will be registration chair. We will need many more key people to handle all aspects of this, and the Chairs of the standing area service committees will be fully involved in the planning process for the program to include roundtables, panels, workshops, and displays. A flyer announcing the date and location is now available for the purpose of getting the word out. The actual registration flyer will be out as soon as we have a PO box address for registrations, as well as checking account. At that time, prices will be available for those staying for the weekend as well as locals who will be commuting. This is a weekend service event which is for any and every AA member to attend; certainly for the area service committees, and the district committee chairs, as well as any AA member interested in any aspect of AA service. We will welcome anyone interested in being involved with this weekend event. We will need greeters, volunteers for the hospitality room, help with the registration table, planning the program, moderating, being on panels. Flyers at events and in the newsletter will keep everyone updated on all the 2011 functions and events.

Respectfully submitted January 22 2011

Pat L. Alternate Chair Area 48 HMB

HMB Area 48	
Monthly Treasury Report	
December 2010	
Beginning Balance	\$9,011.30
Income	
Area Contributions	\$2,052.23
Total Income	\$2,052.23
Expense	
Delegate	\$157.18
Bridging The Gap	\$149.49
Grapevine	\$281.29
Public Information	\$45.00
HMB Convention	\$289.58
Mail Box Service	\$51.30
Website	\$19.00
Total Expense	\$992.84
Net Income	\$1,059.39
Balance	\$10,070.69
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
Available Funds	\$3,070.69

Prepared by Chris S.

treasurer@ahmbny.org

HMB Area 48	
Year-End Treasury Report	
January - December 2010	
Beginning Balance	\$15,273.18
Income	
Meeting Schedules	\$10.00
Advances Ret	\$243.14
Seed Money Returned	\$3,000.00
Area Contributions	\$29,898.01
Literature Sales	\$162.00
Total Income	\$33,313.15
Expense	
Bank Service Charge	\$20.00
Delegate	\$4,298.32
Chairperson	\$2,450.00
Alternate Chairperson	\$318.27
Secretary	\$252.09
Treasurer	\$673.80
Alternate Treasurer	\$67.36
Bridging The Gap	\$635.39
Cooperation with Prof Community	\$203.86
Grapevine	\$281.29
Newsletter Editor	\$57.08
Public Information	\$472.23
Special Needs	\$160.26
Treatment Facilities	\$279.86
Website Chair	\$19.95
NERAASA	\$3,257.42
NYS Convention	\$108.86
NYS Info Workshop	\$895.52
HMB Convention	\$2,216.10
Area Assemblies	\$597.59
Area Delegates Day	\$379.80
Area Inventory Day	\$565.69
Area Fellowship Days	\$1,438.95
Corrections Connection	\$285.81
Additional HMB Mtg. Books	\$996.00
Archive Storage Fees	\$714.45
Computer & Software	\$1,671.76
GSO Conference Contribution	\$2,000.00
Grapevine/AA Svc. Manual Seed	\$0.00
HMB Convention Seed Money	\$4,000.00
Insurance Costs	\$298.00
Mail Box Service	\$371.03
Meeting Books for Com. Chairs	\$399.00
Newsletter Postage	\$2,840.10
Newsletter Printing	\$3,786.20
Prior Year Expenses	\$480.94
Tax Preparation	\$535.00
Website	\$666.75
Total Expense	\$38,694.73
Net Income	-\$5,381.58
Balance	\$9,891.60
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
Available Funds	\$2,891.60

**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**

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

Chris S. – Panel 60, HMB Area 48 Treasurer

3rd Annual

Corrections Connection

“Carrying the Message Behind the Walls”

Saturday, March 26, 2011

Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall

51 Mohican St.

Lake George, NY 12845

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Coffee and Donuts

Directions:

Northway Exit 21: If going North make a right. If coming from North make a left. Go a short distance on 9N to end of the road at traffic light (Junction of Rte 9 and 9N).

Make a left on Route 9 (North) toward Lake George Village. Go 1.1 miles to Mohican St., and make a left. Parish Hall is two blocks farther on left.

Contact Bill C (518)732-4380 or Pat L (518)463-5221

What is NERAASA?

NERAASA 2012

March 2 - March 4, 2012

<https://neraasa.org/Guidelines.html>

I have been asked by several members "what is NERAASA"?

The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee members and Intergroup and Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.

NERAASA is a weekend of panel presentations and floor discussions on issues affecting Alcoholics Anonymous. Today, the Northeast Regional Trustee's Report, Saturday dinner followed by a A.A. Speaker Meeting. In addition, there are several Round Table Sharing Sessions throughout the weekend. They include (but are not limited to); General Service Representatives (GSR's), District Committee Members (DCM's), Archives, Cooperation With The Professional Community (CPC), Public Information (PI), Correctional & Treatment Facilities (CTF), Grapevine, Area/Panel Officers, Central Office/Intergroups, Website, Alternate & Area Delegates.

There are 18 regions in the Northeast Region. and we expect over 500 members from the 18 regions will participate. ALL members are welcomed and encouraged to attend!!

We are members of HMB (Hudson-Mohawk-Berkshire) Area 48 and will host NERAASA the weekend of March 2 - March 4, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza in Albany. GREETERS, HOSPITALITY (smoking & non-smoking) and REGISTRATION have service positions available. If you have any questions and/or would be interested in serving, please send email to NERAASA2012@gmail.com.

I wish all HMB members continued blessings this New Year!!

In the Sunlight of the Spirit,
Joan R.

NERAASA 2012 Chair
NERAASA2012@gmail.com

HMB Area 48 Area Inventory Day
St. John's Episcopal Church, Troy, NY
Saturday, January 22, 2011 (re-scheduled from Jan. 8, 2011)
DRAFT minutes

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

Agenda **attached**. A total of 56 attendees signed in at the event (Sign-up sheet **attached**).

Area Chair Keith D. called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Area Reports:

Deb D., Area Delegate, gave the **attached** report. Highlights include the preliminary agenda items for the 2011 General Service Conference; the 2011 Northeast Regional Forum; and a report on Group Status Listings (all **attached**).

Tad J., Alt. Area Treasurer, gave the following report (**attached**). This concerned mainly the ordering and production of the 2011 HMB Area 48 meeting schedules, which are due to ship in the last week of January. The total number ordered from the printer was 30,806, consisting of 128 separate orders. The Area ordered 3,000 schedules to have on hand for groups and districts to order during the year (order form **attached**).

Pat L., Alt. Area Chair, reported on various events and venues scheduled for 2011 (report, schedule and event flyers **attached**). The new site for the May Assembly will be at the Carondelet Pavilion, Guy Park Avenue, Amsterdam. The new June Fellowship Day will be held at Lake George.

William T., Secretary, presented the draft minutes (**attached**) of the Nov. 21, 2010 Fellowship Day. Motion (Lori W./Dave S.) to accept minutes as presented **approved** unanimously.

Chris S., Treasurer, presented the December 2010 Monthly Treasury Report; the 2010 Year-End Treasury Report; the whole-year 2010 Area Income & Expense report; Quarterly District Report by Month (Jan.-Dec. 2010); and Quarterly contributions (Oct.-Dec. 2010). All are **attached**. As of Dec. 31, 2010, the Area had a Treasury balance of \$9,891.60. Subtracting the Area's prudent reserve of \$7,000, the Area has \$2,891.60 in available funds. Motion (Joan R./Tom E.) to accept the Treasurer's reports **approved** unanimously.

HMB Area 48 Area Inventory Day Draft Minutes (Continued)

Keith D., Area Chair, reported the following open Area service positions: Alternate Secretary/Registrar and Web site Chair. A programmer-type person is desired. He asked attendees to put out the word about these openings. He thanked the committee, headed by Tad J., that put out the 2011 Meeting Schedule book. Also in his report (**attached**), Keith said there is still time to register for NERAASA 2011; gave updates on the ad hoc committees on Functions and on the Area Service Manual; and asked if anyone had a lead for a new PA system for Area events.

Don S., Chair, 2010 HMB Convention, reported that the November 2010 convention, with 248 pre-registered guests, had \$18,255 in gross revenues, \$13,648 in expenses. Of the net, \$2,000 is returned to the Area Treasury as seed money, and an additional \$2,400 in "profit" is given to the Area. Under Area Guidelines, 50 percent of that amount, or \$1,200, will be contributed to the G.S.O.

Joan R., Chair of NERAASA 2012, hosted by HMB Area 48 in Albany, NY, presented a preliminary list of committee members (**attached**). She asked that members take information to their groups and districts and solicit for volunteers. Anticipated attendance is 600-800. An email for the event was announced: NERAASA2012@gmail.com.

At 11:05 a.m., the Assembly broke into small groups for **Committee Roundtables and DCM meeting**.

Lunch was served from 12 to 1 p.m.

Area Inventory

Keith D. called meeting back to order at 1:02 p.m. Before starting the Area Inventory, Keith had the following announcements: Eric E. has agreed to serve as Alternate Newsletter Chair; Two or three people approached Keith expressing an interest in the Web site chair position; and Don S. agreed to be Alternate Corrections chair. Keith introduced **Past Delegate Dave S.**, facilitator of the Area Inventory. Dave S. instructed the Assembly to break into the various service areas and meet in roundtable discussion for one hour, with another hour reserved for report-backs.

Area Inventory Report-backs:

Treatment & Corrections (Don S.): Facilities throughout the Area are being served, which is excellent. The problem is that we have not found a way to actually quantify how many and which facilities are getting A.A. services, because it's hard to get data from individual Districts. Not all Districts have Treatment & Corrections chairs reporting to the Area. Better communication needed – that's where we need to focus energies. Members urged to contact Don S. at (518) 521-3223. It behooves DCMs to provide lists of all treatment and correctional facilities in their Districts, what activities are happening, and report that to the Area.

Newsletter (Ritch L.): The newsletter is comprehensive and informative about the many Area events and activities and is getting wide distribution. The main challenge is cost (more than \$6,000 for printing and postage in 2010). A solution would be to make the newsletter digital *only*, as a default position, unless a recipient specifically requests a mailed copy. Deb D. will summarize the Delegates' discussion on electronic communication, and how it applies to the Area 48 newsletter.

HMB Area 48 Area Inventory Day Draft Minutes (Continued)

Grapevine (Maria): Report (*attached*) detailing recent activities and successes of the Grapevine Committee: staffing tables, ordering new literature, promoting paper and online subscriptions.

Bridging the Gap (Erin): BTG forms are getting out to people. However there is not a lot of knowledge or information about what BTG is or what BTG does. There needs to be more electronic communication. Does every District have a BTG chair? Critical to meet the bus, the minute a person steps out of jail or rehab, and to have a meeting planned. Make rounds frequently to facilities, and remind them to keep Bridging the Gap forms always stocked.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (John D.): Again, communication is the key. Importance of maintaining lists of volunteers who staffed tables at previous health fairs and conferences, so that they can be readily called on to staff this year's conferences. Push CPC literature at meetings, pamphlets on what AA is and what it is not. Stronger outreach needed to hospitals and schools, which are usually happy to welcome AA volunteers but are less likely to seek us out. Mine the knowledge of existing professional events. Make greater use of the Area Web site, get a CPC page up. There is a disconnect among Groups/Districts/Area. People are hesitant to get into CPC, thinking they'd like to keep their service at the group level. At the same time, they would enthusiastically volunteer to carry the message to professionals. Without CPC service, however, they won't know when and where to do that.

Special Needs (Lori J.): Inventory report *attached*. Area Special Needs Committee needs a better contact list of District Committee Members. Districts – PLEASE share with Area what is going on in your Districts. The Area Special Needs Committee is addressing many needs: physical, hearing, visual, veterans, PTSD, remote communities, brain injuries, literacy. Area Special Needs Chair to visit District business meetings.

District Committee Members (Tammie E.): Again, communication. In this case, the importance of sitting down with new GSRs and other new committee members, and mentoring them on how the service structure works. It must be more than handing them a booklet or packet of orientation materials. Keeping ego out of service, taking the "question" out of service. Education is the key to retaining new GSRs, so they don't get overwhelmed and don't come back. Serve food.

Meeting **adjourned** at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, William T., Area Secretary



HMB 2011 Convention

November 4-6, 2011

“We are Responsible for A.A.’s Future
- Let it Begin With Us”

Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center

542 Route 9
Fishkill, NY 12524
(845) 896-6281

[Http://www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com)

Single Rooms: \$89 per night (plus taxes) / Double Rooms: \$109 per night (plus taxes)

Hotel Reservations should be made directly with the hotel.

Please use Group Code "HMB".

Hotel Reservations MUST be secured by October 4, 2011

Friends • Fellowship • Meetings & Speakers • Panels & Workshops

*Pre-Registrants
will Receive an Extra
Free Raffle Ticket for
an Archive Item!*

Entertainment Friday & Saturday Night
Saturday Night Banquet
Hosted by the Hudson Valley Cluster
(Districts 3, 7, 11, 15, 16, 17)

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will Receive an Extra
Free Raffle Ticket for
an Archive Item!*

For More Information: Lori W. (518)837-1923/ Deb D. (845)881-4218

Convention Registration Form

One Person Per Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

E-mail: _____

_____ Years in Program

_____ A. A. _____ Al Anon _____ Alateen

Special Needs? (Ex. Hearing..) _____

Detach & Mail with Check or Money Order Payable to:

HMB Convention 2011
385 Dewitt Mills Rd.
Kingston, NY 12401

Saturday Banquet: \$30.00 per plate
Includes: Salad, Beverage, & Dessert

Please Indicate Choice:

_____ Chicken

_____ Pork

_____ Vegetarian

_____ Dietary needs?

Banquet Reservations MUST be Received by:
October 26, 2011


\$27.00 Registration Fee

_____ Banquet

_____ Total Enclosed

Walk in Fee for Saturday Evening Activities
will be \$12.00 (excluding Banquet)

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

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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

The simplicity of the A.A. program teaches me that happiness isn't something I can "demand." It comes upon me quietly, while I server others. In offering my hand to the newcomer or to someone who has relapsed, I find that my own sobriety has been recharged with indescribable gratitude and happiness. (Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimer's, p. 25)

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32nd Annual

New York State Informational Workshop

August 19, 20, 21, 2011

“We Are Responsible for AA’s Future: Let it Begin With Us”

Carondelet Hospitality Center

St. Joseph’s Provincial House

385 Watervliet-Shaker Rd.

Latham, NY 12110

This year Area 48 is hosting this annual AA service event, which rotates throughout the 4 delegate areas of New York State. Originally started in Area 48 in 1980 as a one-day event with a focus on Public Information and Institutions (Corrections and Treatment), this event quickly became a weekend event. Held in Albany, NY for the first three years, the event has rotated throughout the state at the request of the other areas.

There will be panels on PI, CPC, Corrections, Treatment, and Special Needs. In addition, there will be roundtables both nights for these committees, as well as displays by Archives, Grapevine, and Literature. This is by no means a complete schedule, and more information will be distributed as it becomes available.

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