

# HMB AREA 48 NEWSLETTER

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.  
And for that: I am responsible.

## AA Principles of the Month

**Step 6** - Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

**Tradition 6** – An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

**Concept 6** - The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

## Sixth Tradition Checklist

- Should my fellow group members and I raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
- Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
- Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
- Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
- Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, shouldn't we have these facilities?

## Concept VI Checklist

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (G.S.B.) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

# AREA 48 EVENT SCHEDULE - 2011

June	Fellowship Day	Western Cluster	June 18
July	NY State Convention	SENY (Tarrytown)	July 29-31
August	NYS Informational Workshop	HMB (TBA)	August 19-21
September	Election Assembly	Eastern Cluster (District 18 Host)	September 10
October	Area Assembly	Central Cluster (District 14 Host)	October 15
November	HMB Convention	Hudson Valley Cluster (Fishkill)	November 4-6
	Fellowship Day	Western (TBA)	November 20

## HMB AREA 48 FELLOWSHIP DAY

**Saturday, June 18, 2011**

Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall

51 Mohican Street

Lake George, NY 12845

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

Coffee and Refreshments

### Directions:

Northway exit 21. If going North make a right; If coming from the 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 Street and make a left. Parish Hall is two blocks farther on the left. Contact Becky (District 9 Functions Chair) (315)813-0908.

**June 11, 2011 6:00-8:30 p.m.** Albany Young People in AA Second Saturday Speaker Jam. First Presbyterian Church, corner of State St. and Willett St., Albany, NY.

**June 21, 2011 7:00 p.m.** The Capital District Central Office (CDCO) asks all groups interested in participating in 12th Step work to attend our monthly business meetings; held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in Rooms 128-130 of the Schuyler Inn, 575 Broadway in Menands. Groups sending representatives will have a voice in how CDCO carries A.A.'s message of hope to the suffering alcoholic. Volunteers are especially needed to answer phones in the office or at home overnight, and to get on the 12th Step lists.

**June 3-5, 2011** Center Square Promises Group Twelve Step Workshop Experience. First Presbyterian Church, corner of State St. and Willett St. This workshop is for AA members who wish to enhance their understanding of the 12 steps as a simple and concise plan for sober living as envisioned by the authors of the text *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Limited to thirty participants. No fees are involved for attendance. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Contact Taury S. for further information (518)369-6431 or smithstrat@hotmail.com

**June 11, 2011 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** District 14's annual Unity Day. Schenectady Central Park Pavilion, Ashmore Ave., Schenectady. Meetings at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Fellowship, speakers, picnic, volleyball, music, play area for kids, fishing, FUN! \$5 donation appreciated, but not required. Contact Fred C. (518)368-7375, or fclark4@nycap.rr.com

**July 4, 2011 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.** District 18 Fourth of July Picnic at Schodack Island State Park., Rte. 9J, south of Castleton. AA Meeting at 4:00 p.m. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and refreshments provided. Please bring side dishes. Suggested donation \$5. For more information contact Mike Mac (518)729-5639.

**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. Rob B. (607)441-3004.

**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).

## June 2011 Area Chair Report

### **Dear Fellow Members,**

I want to thank all who attended the May Assembly held in Amsterdam May 15<sup>th</sup>. District 4 was our host with support from districts 8 & 14, thanks to all for a wonderful event. The days agenda included the customary reading of next year's Area Budget along with a couple of proposals being voted on. There was enough time to conduct as Area Business meeting in the afternoon.

However the highlight of the day was our Delegate Deb D giving her report back from the 61<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference recently held at the Crowne Plaza in New York City. This was Deb's second and final report. As was the case in the first report, her accounting was wonderfully detailed and insightful. As was the case last year Deb had a power point presentation which gave us all a sense of being at the event ourselves. Those in attendance had opportunity to ask questions about issues that were on the Conference agenda this year. Many thanks to Deb for her dedication to our fellowship and HMB Area 48.

Recently the Area PI Chair Bill B had to step down for health issues. At the Assembly I introduce Bill's replacement; Cindy D. Her contact information is - (315) 337-7746, [cinder87@live.com](mailto:cinder87@live.com). Good luck to Cindy and many thanks for stepping up to serve.

The next Area 48 event will be the newly added Fellowship Day scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> in Lake George. The event will be from 9A to 1PM, with the first part of the day dedicated to Committee report backs from this year's Inventory Day held in January. At this moment the final agenda is still being worked on of which will be emailed out to the Area soon.

My next event will be the Northeast Regional Forum, also known as NERF. The event will be held on the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Sturbridge Massachusetts. The event features the General Service Office staff serving as our hosts and explaining their jobs to us and answering questions. This year we will be introduce to our newly elected Northeast Regional Trustee- Gary L. His term will be for 4 years and this is his opening event. Hopefully I will see you there.

In September we will be holding elections for the Panel 62 Area Officers. Along with this Committee Chairs will be decided on for several Committees. Please give serious consideration to making yourselves available for service and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy of Service.

In Love & Service, Keith D Panel 60 Chair/ Alt. Delegate

## June 2011 Alternate Chair Report

The May assembly was well attended by 87 members, and the Central cluster did a great job setting up and feeding us!!  
 Functions committee progress: we completed the Welcome packets and they were distributed at the assembly to any member who is attending their first Area event. There were 13 members attending their first Area function

The New York State Informational Workshop will be the weekend of August 19-21 at the Carondelet Hospitality Center on Watervliet-Shaker Road Latham (that is also known as Rt. 155). This will be a weekend of service panels, workshops, roundtables, and a chance to meet service folks from around the whole State to share information about their activities in PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections, Special Needs, and other service entities. (Flyers available and in the newsletter)

The New York State Convention will be the weekend of July 29 – 31 and will be held in Tarrytown NY (fliers are available in the newsletter)

Our next Area event will be the Fellowship Day in June in Lake George. We will be reporting back on our progress following up on issues identified at the Inventory Day in January.

In September we will have the election assembly, followed by a voting assembly in October, and our Area Convention in November as well as Fellowship Day in November. These events will be announced in the Newsletter as they get closer.

Functions committee progress: The ad hoc Functions committee is still working on proposals to clarify the scheduling of Area events throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat L

Area 48 Alternate Chair

I respectfully make myself available for the position of HMB Area Chairperson/Alternate delegate.

My sobriety date is January 8, 1981, and I have had a home group and a sponsor throughout my sobriety. My home group is the Original Colonie Group. I have a service sponsor. I have held every position in my home group over the years. After serving as GSR of my group, I was elected DCM of District I.

As Area 48's first Area Treatment Chair, I traveled throughout the entire Area visiting treatment facilities and I currently bring a meeting into the Capital District Psychiatric Center weekly.

I have been involved in Corrections facilities, Treatment facilities, and CPC and PI events. In 2006 I became District I Special Needs chair and was elected Area Special Needs Chair and served in that position until January 2010.

At that time I became Area 48 Alternate Chairperson serving until the present. In this position as Functions chair I am chairperson of the NYS Informational Workshop 2011 and I support districts in scheduling Fellowship Days and Assemblies, as well as facilitating DCM workshops at Fellowship Days.

I have served as Chairperson of two HMB Area Conventions as well as the NYSIW 2011.

I sponsor women in recovery and also am a service sponsor. I am most grateful for the spiritual benefits of doing service in HMB Area 48.

Respectfully submitted on May 15, 2011

Pat L

### June 2011 Area Treatment Chair Report

As some of you know, I was pretty sick with double pneumonia after our Saratoga Delegates Day. I will be on as needed oxygen for the rest of my life. I want to thank all those who showed care and concern. There are too many to name but again thank you. It made me feel real great that I had that many people who cared.

One week ago today, I went to the Fonda/Fultonville Drug Court and spoke. I was very well accepted. I could not believe my eyes. There were over 50 clients there. For a small community like that, that is terrific. Either they are a lot more vigilant than most communities, or they see the value in this kind of program. Either way, it did my heart good.

I want to take a moment to remind every one about the Stand Down that will be happening Oct. 1, The Colonie Elks are sponsoring it. It has been going on now I'm told for about 20 years. A Stand Down is an old World War I term for the current Rest and Relaxation term. The Elks will be sending vans out in a 60 mile radius of the Capital District and rounding up homeless Veterans. They will be brought back to the Elks Lodge in Colonie. They will be fed for the day as well as a complete physical along with eye care, dental, and flu shots. There will be lawyers there for free legal advice, HUD for housing applications, Price Chopper for job opportunities, etc. In the pm just before leaving, they will all get three changes of clothing including socks and underwear and a new pair of boots.

After doing this for 20 years, someone realized that a few of these people MIGHT have a problem with alcohol (it took 20 years to realize this?). So I was asked and accepted, if we might like to put up a table there. It will be from 8 am till 1 pm. I will be looking for about 8 people to help me man this both. I would like a couple of women to help as we must remember that we have homeless women vets and children. Believe me, not all of these people are there by choosing. Won't you give an hour or two to help someone less fortunate than you and who stood up to defend you and your country? Remember what some of them have seen and gone through when they were so young. There for the grace of God. Love in service-Bill Crowe

## HMB Area 48 Assembly

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Carondelet Family Health Center, Amsterdam, NY

### DRAFT minutes

Total attendance: 87. Sign-in sheet (**attached**)

Morning session consisted of report of May 1-7, 2011 General Service Conference by Deb D., Area Delegate. (**Attached.**)

**Regular business meeting** called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Keith D, Area Chair.

Welcome and thanks to host districts 4, 8 & 14.

Proposed 2012 Budget read by Joan R, Past Delegate, followed by an explanation & description of Area Finance Committee ~ comprised of Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Secretary and two Past Delegates.

Joan R. also provided a brief description of NERAASA in general and introduced committee chairs for NERAASA 2012.

Keith D. recognized five (5) Past Delegates in the room ~ Dave S, Charlie C, Joan R, Bobby F & Marcia G.

**Proposal # 1** - read by Keith D in Newsletter Editor Dan J's absence: *"That the Area newsletter be delivered primarily via posting on the Area Website and through e-mail distribution, with postal delivery available upon request. E-mail distribution will be those e-mails listed for the GSRs or group contacts in Fellowship New Vision (FNV)."* Proposal seconded by Rich L,

Discussion included concern for limited publication due to some groups/GSRs not having Internet or email access, and keeping the email addresses updated as well as anonymous.

Joan R proposed an amendment to proposal to read as follows: *"That the area newsletter be delivered primarily via posting on the Area Website and through email distribution, with postal delivery available upon request. Email distribution will be those emails listed for the GSR's or group contacts in the Fellowship New Vision (FNV), **all committee chairs and any other member upon request.**"*

Deb D seconded that amendment.

Amendment was passed with 2 opposed.

Minority opinion expressed concern for anonymity and frequent updates. It did not sway anyone's vote.

Amendment stood as amended.

Deb D proposed a second amendment to the amended proposal as follows: *"That the area newsletter be delivered primarily via posting on the Area Website and through email distribution, with postal **delivery to those with no email address in FNV and** available upon request. Email distribution will be those emails listed for the GSR's or group contacts in the Fellowship New Vision (FNV), **all committee chairs and any other member upon request"***

Joan R seconded that amendment.

Amendment passed.

No further discussion took place and the proposal, as amended was voted upon. Proposal was passed with 45 in favor, 5 opposed and 0 abstentions.

No minority opinion was voiced.

**Proposal #2** read by Keith D: *"It is proposed that HMB Area 48 approve a onetime payment to the NYS Convention Committee of \$250 to share the cost of increasing the seed monies available to host Areas to \$3000 from \$2000."* Seconded by Rob B.

Brief discussion called for a clarification and question as to whether the Area had the money and if it was coming out of the current year's or next years budget. Clarifications were made, no further discussion.

Proposal passed unanimously.

#### **Area 48 Chair Reports:**

**Alt Chair, Pat L:** NYSIW 8/19-8/21; NYS Convention 7/29-7/31; Fellowship Day June 18; Election Assembly in September; Voting Assembly in October; HMB Convention and Fellowship Day in November. Welcome packets distributed to newcomers today, will have more next month. (Full written report **attached**.)

**Chair, Keith D:** Requesting progress reports from committee chairs based on January Inventory Day. September Election for Chair, Alt Chair, Secretary & Treasurer - "resume" of experience should be submitted to Newsletter for all interested in these positions. (Oral report only.)

**Secretary, William T:** absent - draft minutes (**attached**) presented by Keith D. Motion to accept by Les B, second by Rob B. Minutes accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer, Chris S:** absent, no report.

**Alt Treasurer, Tad J:** absent, no report.

**Alt Secretary/Registrar, Jim L:** New group and group updates through GSO are currently taking several months due to a backlog. He (Jim) now has access and can process both new groups and group changes which should only take about 2 weeks. Please send information through him rather than directly to GSO. (Oral report only.)

**Archives:** absent.

**Bridging the Gap, Erin F** (read by Keith D): Bridges being made and visits to districts to explain the importance of bridges for newcomers are going well. (Full written report **attached**)

**CPC, John D:** Examples of service work being undertaken by Area 48 & it's component districts. Summary of discussions and report backs on CPC roundtables at March and April Days of Sharing. (Full written report **attached**.)

**Corrections, Bill G:** All is well as far as he knows, he has not heard of any difficulties in other districts, his district is working smoothly with correctional facilities. (Oral report only.)

**Grapevine, Maria:** New inventory ordered and available, recent events include St Anthony's Church in Troy for the New Beginnings Open House, EACYPA "Keeping It Green" meeting & dance & District 12 Spiritual Breakfast - all profitable for GV. Will be at District 14 Unity Day picnic next. Attempting to network all districts. (Full written report **attached**.)

**Newsletter, Dan J:** absent, no report.

**Public Information, Cindy D:** Just settling into service position taken over from Bill B. email address: cinder87@live.com, phone numbers: 315-337-7746 or 315-371-7039.

(Oral report only.)

Keith D read following update from **Bill B:** *"Good Morning. Just to stay in touch, had my heart surgery on the 12th. Am now a proud owner of a mechanically assisted heart."*

**Special Needs, Dawn M:** New to position, trying to coordinate with all districts to inventory meetings to find out which are and are not handicapped accessible. District 13 currently has no chair, working on a time to visit them. (Full written report attached.)

**Treatment, Bill C:** Nothing new to report. Requesting all District Chairs email him with their treatment status. Recently addressed the Fultonville Drug Court and is currently working in coordination with Erin F, BTG. (Oral report only.)

**DCM Reports:**

**District 8, Rob B:** Serenity in the Catskills dinner in October. (Oral report only.)

**District 4, Les B:** Thanks to all who helped with hosting assembly today, 6 of 11 chair positions are vacant, 30 of 34 groups have a GSR and the other 4 have a contact, Corrections doing well, no Treatment Chair but still working with facilities. (Full written report *attached*.)

**District 14, Kathleen H:** Unity Day, June 11 in Schenectady Central Park. (Oral report only.)

**District 1, Tom E:** Coordinating a 5 district roundup to include districts 1,2,5,14&18. (Oral report only.)

**District 9, Tammie E:** Informational booth at Ted Moore walk/run at MVCC, June Fellowship Day co-hosting with District 12, Sober BBQ plans underway, Website Development Committee recently formed, Physical Inventory of "stuff" to be done soon, 2 Committee Chairs and 4 Alternates currently vacant, Records Keeper & new Alternate working to get many outdated records corrected. (Full written report *attached*.)

**District 13, Lou H:** New to service position, all is well. (Oral report only.)

**District 7, Pat D:** New GSR meeting scheduled in June, will be feeding them pizza and information. Memorial Day picnic scheduled and Annual Saugerties Campout first weekend in August. (Oral report only.)

Meeting adjourned 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tammie E. (filling in for William T.)

**Proposal to change voting at Assemblies to include District Service Committee Chairs:**

Whereas: Area 48 expects each District to elect/appoint one Service Committee Chair parallel to the Service Committees in the Area, (ie: TFC, CFC, BTG, PI, SNC, GvC, CPC.)

and Whereas: Area 48 expects each of these District Service Committee Chairs to attend the Area events, especially the NYS Informational Workshop, and NERAASA,

And Whereas: Each of these Service Committee Chairs, with their Committees are doing the grassroots work needed to help the next suffering Alcoholic for the Area, District and A.A.'s primary Purpose,

And Whereas: Only the Area Service Committee Chairs are allowed to vote at our Assemblies,

I propose that: Each District Service Committee Chair be given the Right to Participation and the Right to Voice in the Area General Service Assemblies, and Area Committee Meetings with a recognized vote in the Area Assembly meetings, just as the GSRs are allowed.

Comments on the proposal:

Currently many of the District Service Committees are not structured, and often times not filled and not functioning. We, as an Area should encourage this work by allowing these Trusted Servants the Right to Vote and participate. They currently have no vote in our Assemblies. If someone serves in this capacity, policy is being set for their service work, and they have no right to vote on it. This is contrary to our 4th Concept: "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."

Service at the Grassroots level through this Committee work in Area 48 has been long overshadowed by event planning and functions such as Conventions. Service Committee work is neglected as the result. We seem to cater to the A.A. members who have already found the solution, rather than to those whom are still in need of our help.

More time and focus should be put into this Service work, and less focus on picnics, parties and dances, and social events for fellowshipping. Our Assemblies often have more Past Delegates at the microphone, than new GSRs and people we need to step into Service. The Right to Participation is neglected when those who Served in the Past won't step aside. It may be better to listen to what someone has to say who has been doing the grassroots A.A. work lately, than from those who may have never done it at all, or some years ago in the past.

In other Areas, some of these Service jobs are being done by Central Offices and Intergroups. If our Area does not do the work, an actual Service void will necessitate the creation of Intergroups and Central Offices to fill these jobs in our Area. The alternative is that the void will not be filled, and the newcomer suffers. Allowing more participation in our Area to the Service Committees to function will allow for more of the work to be done in our Area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin B.

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## **NERAASA 2012 March 2 - March 4, 2012**

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. There is also the Northeast Regional Trustee's Report, and a 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 (GSRs), District Committee Members (DCMs), 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 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 service, please send email to [NERAASA2012@gmail.com](mailto:NERAASA2012@gmail.com).

In the Sunlight of the Spirit,

Joan R.

NERAASA 2012 Chair  
[NERAASA2012@gmail.com](mailto:NERAASA2012@gmail.com)  
518-330-2800 Cell

*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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**NERAASA 2012~March 2-March 4**

**CROWNE PLAZA Albany [www.cpalbany.com](http://www.cpalbany.com)**

**Group Code: DNI**

**Toll free number: 877-462-4441**

**Rate \$115 plus tax**

**Hosted by HMB-Hudson-Mohawk-Berkshire  
Area 48**

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

**Interested in NERAASA 2012 service? Please contact the following:**

**REGISTRATION**

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**2011 Area 48 Convention – November 4, 5, 6 - Fishkill, NY**

**Speakers - Workshop topics - Alkathon**

Speakers:

- Jim C. from Kerhonkson (Friday night);
- Kathy O'S. from West Virginia (Saturday night);
- Paul McK. from NYC (Sunday morning).

We will be recruiting workshop moderators from folks in the Hudson Valley Cluster. We have requested committee members to bring a name of someone they would like to nominate as potential moderators. Names will then be drawn from a hat.

Workshop topics:

- a) Alcoholics Anonymous in a Digital Age
  - 1. Anonymity with Social Networks: Practicing our 11th and 12th Traditions
  - 2. Carrying AA's Message Online
  - 3. Restraint of Tongue, Pen, and Email
- b) An Informed Group Conscience: The Voice of A.A.
  - 1. Where Does A.A. Get its Direction?
  - 2. Humility: The Rotating Committee
  - 3. Self-support: Where Do Money and Spirituality Mix?
- c) Diversity in A.A.:
  - 1. We are People Who Normally Would Not Mix
  - 2. Are We Each at Eye Level in our Homegroup?
  - 3. The Hand of AA: Inclusive never Exclusive
- d) Sponsorship:
  - 1. Moving on from your Sponsor, or Sponsee with Love and Respect.
  - 2. Laying Out the Kit - 36 Spiritual Tools
  - 3. Walking Day By Day in the Path of Spiritual Progress

Alkathon: The time slots reserved are Friday 9:15pm – 2am; Saturday 9:30pm – 2am.

The Co-Chairs are Tim J. - Alt. DCM District 11, and Elaine B. - Treasurer, District 11

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin B. - 2011 Convention Program Chairperson

**32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL NEW YORK STATE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP**

August 19, 20, 21, 2011  
Carondelet Hospitality Center  
385 Watervliet Shaker Road  
Latham, NY, 12110

**“We are responsible for A.A.’s future: let it begin with us”**

Panels, Workshops, Roundtables: P.I., CPC, Treatment, Corrections, Special Needs

Displays: Archives, Grapevine, Literature

Speaker meetings, Ask-it basket, Lots of coffee and fellowship; hospitality room

Friday August 19, 2011 4:00 PM ---- Sunday August 21, 2011 12:00

Full Weekend accommodations \$175.00. Includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals (single occupancy only) and registration. Registration only \$15.00; no lodging or meals. Add \$8.50 for Saturday lunch. Please preregister for full weekend accommodations and registration plus Saturday lunch.

Directions: From Northway (I-87) exit 5 onto Watervliet-Shaker Road (Rt155) go east, crossing Rt. 9 and Old Loudon Rd. Continue straight about 1.3 mi.. on left is St Joseph’s Provincial House Carondelet Hospitality Center. Turn in and proceed to farthest parking lot and follow signs “HMB/NYSIW”

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Registration Onsite: \$20.00 no meals  
Weekend lodging and 5 meals and registration: \$175.00  
Commuter Special: \$15 registration plus \$8.50 for Saturday lunch  
Registration cut-off: August 10, 2011

**Checks payable to NYSIW2011. Send to NYSIW, 20 Twiller St., Albany, NY, 12209.**



# HMB 2011 Convention

## November 4-6, 2011

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

### Ramada Conference Center Fishkill

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

*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 Bottle 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)**

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

For More Information: Lori W. (518)997-1925/ Deb D. (845)331-4213

#### Convention Registration Form

*One Person Per Form*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Years in Program

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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 16, 2011**

**\$27.00 Registration Fee**

\_\_\_\_\_ Banquet

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

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

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