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**AA Principles of the Month**

**Step II** - Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

**Tradition II** – Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

**Concept XI** - The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualification, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

**Eleventh Tradition Checklist**

- Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem *unattractive*?
- Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
- Am I careful about throwing AA names around--even within the Fellowship?
- Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
- What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
- Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

**Concept XI Checklist**

- Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
- How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional "Right of Participation?"
- Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

## Area Calendar

November	HMB Convention	Hudson Valley Cluster (Fishkill)	November 4-6
	Fellowship Day	Western (TBA)	November 20

**Ongoing in Area 48 EACYPAA Committee Needs You** Meetings are held Wednesdays at 8:30 pm after the Saratoga YP meeting at 36 Phila Street (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (saratogaecypaabid@gmail.com) for more information.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Original Troy Group** is celebrating 67 years of AA service. Please join in celebrating this anniversary at St. John's Episcopal Church, 146 1<sup>st</sup> St., Troy, NY. Food and Fellowship at 6 p.m., speakers at 8 p.m. Bring dishes to share. For more information, contact Eric Q (518)935-8731.

**December 24-25, 2011 District I Christmas Alkathon.** 24 hours of meetings 6:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve to Christmas Day. Meetings held on the even hours. Al-Anon meetings also available. Food, fellowship, and fun! New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, NY, 12203. Donations made out to "Alkathon" can be sent to HMB District I, P.O. Box 6042, Albany, NY, 12206. Contact David F (518)446-1962 (nyalkathon1@gmail.com).

**December 31-January 1, 2012 District I New Year's Eve Alkathon** 6:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve through New Year's Day. See information above.

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## **HMB AREA FELLOWSHIP DAY**

Hosted by Western Cluster Districts 9 & 12

**November 20, 2011**

**9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**The Dorothy Smith Center for Advocacy**

**1607 Genesee Street – Utica, NY 13501**

Directions: Thruway to exit 31. Left toward I-790/Rt 8/Rt 12. Bear left toward Genesee Street ramp. Bear right onto N. Genesee Street to 1607 Genesee Street. Contact: Becky (315)813-0908

La comunidad de Alcoholicos Anonimos comunica e invita a el publico, especialmente a el publico Hispano parlante y familias, que tengan problemas con su manera de beber y que desean obtener ayuda, que se comuniquen con nosotros. Nosotros podemos ayudar. Llama a la oficina central: (518)463-0906.

Tenemos un grupo Hispano en Albany "Grupo Fuente de Vida" localizado en la New Governant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Av., Albany, NY (entre Daytona Street y Orlando Street). Tenemos reuniones cada Sabado de 7.30-8.30 p.m. Les esperamos.

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The A.A.Community invites Spanish speaking members, friends and relatives with a drinking problem to join our Spanish meetings held weekly by the Group Fuente de Vida, at the New Governant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Avenue, Albany, NY (between Daytona & Orlando Streets). Saturdays 7.30-8.30 p.m. All are welcomed!

## Area Delegate Report

### **Request for Theme, Presentation, Workshop Suggestions for the 63rd General Service Conference**

If you have any thoughts on suggested Themes, presentations or Workshops Suggestions, please send them to me no later than November 30, 2011. Thank you!

Email: [hmbdelegate@aahmbny.org](mailto:hmbdelegate@aahmbny.org) or

Postal Mail: Deb D - HMB Area 48 Delegate, 385 Dewitt Mills Road, Kingston, NY 12401

#### **Background:**

The theme, presentation and workshop topics for each General Service Conference are discussed by delegates during the week of the Conference. These topics revolve around basic principles of A.A. and can spark thought provoking discussion at Area and district meetings as well. Regions, areas and districts may incorporate discussion of these topics into workshops, meetings, pre-Conference assemblies, etc. This gives A.A. members involved in service the opportunity to participate and become more informed about A.A. The 2012 Conference Agenda Committee will consider suggestions for a theme, presentation and workshop topic for 2013. We hope that you will assist us by asking members in your area to offer suggestions for the theme, presentation and workshop topics for the 63<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the General Service Conference, April 21 - 27, 2013.

- Theme for 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference:
- Presentation Topics (related to theme suggestions):
- Workshop Topics:

## Area Delegate Report (cont.)

### Prior Conference Themes

- 1966 - Principles and Responsibility
- 1967 - Sponsorship--The Hand of A.A.
- 1968 - Unity Vital to A.A. Survival, Growth
- 1969 - Group Conscience Guides A.A.
- 1970 - Service--The Heart of A.A.
- 1971 - Communication: Key to A.A. Growth
- 1972 - Our Primary Purpose
- 1973 - Responsibility--Our Expression of Gratitude
- 1974 - Understanding and Cooperation--Inside and Outside A.A.
- 1975 - Unity Through Love and Service
- 1976 - Sponsorship--Our Privilege and Responsibility
- 1977 - The A.A. Group--Where It Begins
- 1978 - The Member and the Group--Recovery Through Service
- 1979 - The Legacies: Our Heritage and My Responsibility
- 1980 - Participation: The Key to Recovery
- 1981 - A.A. Takes Its Inventory
- 1982 - The Traditions - Our Way of Unity
- 1983 - Anonymity - Our Spiritual Foundation
- 1984 - Gratitude - The Language of the Heart
- 1985 - Golden Moments of Reflection
- 1986 - A.A.'s Future - Our Responsibility
- 1987 - The Seventh Tradition - A Turning Point
- 1988 - Singleness of Purpose - Key to Unity
- 1989 - Anonymity - Living Our Traditions
- 1990 - The Home Group - Our Responsibility and Link to A.A.'s Future
- 1991 - Sponsorship: Gratitude in Action
- 1992 - The A.A. Message in a Changing World
- 1993 - A.A. Takes Its Inventory--The General Service Conference Structure
- 1994 - Spirit of Sacrifice
- 1995 - Pass It On - Our Three Legacies
- 1996 - Preserving Our Fellowship - Our Challenge
- 1997 - Spirituality - Our Foundation
- 1998 - Our Twelfth Step Work
- 1999 - Moving Forward: Unity Through Humility
- 2000 - Trusting Our Future to A.A. Principles
- 2001 - Love and Service
- 2002 - Sharing the Steps, Traditions and Concepts
- 2003 - Living A.A.'s Principles Through Sponsorship
- 2004 - Our Singleness of Purpose - The Cornerstone of A.A.
- 2005 - Basics of Our Home Group - Recovery, Unity and Service
- 2006 - Sponsorship, Service and Self-Support in a Changing World
- 2007 - Our 12<sup>th</sup> Step Responsibility - Are We Going to Any Length?
- 2008 - Communication and Participation - The Key to Unity and Self-Support
- 2009 - Our Commitment to Carry A.A.'s Message - Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action
- 2010 - Practicing A.A.'s Principles - The Pathway to Unity
- 2011 - We are Responsible for A.A.'s Future - Let it Begin With Us
- 2012 - Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age

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## Area Chair Report

Dear Fellow Members,

The year is quickly winding down and the rotation from the Panel 60 Trusted Servants to Panel 62 is upon us. With this being said I encourage all of the Outgoing and Incoming Servants to attend Fellowship Day in Utica on November 20<sup>th</sup> in Utica so we can have an Orientation for the new people. This includes all Committee Chairs and DCMs and will take place in the morning session along with a fellowship workshop. In the afternoon we will have a brief Area Business meeting followed by our farewell to the outgoing Delegate Deb D and the transitioning of the “Gavel & Timer” from myself to our incoming Chair Pat L. Again please make sure that you attend the last event of the year.

Recently HMB Area 48 held its Budget Assembly in Scotia. I want to start off by saying thanks again to District 14 for hosting the event with Districts 4 & 8 for contributing to the event. The day’s agenda was filled with the 2012 Budget being voted on and passed by a unanimous vote. We had a couple of proposals that were discussed and a vote ensued. One of the issues that we discussed was the continuation of Area 48’s participation in the New York State Convention after the 2012 event in which we host it in Albany, July 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. It has become apparent that the 4 Areas that participate in the event cannot financially support the event and with the fact that all of the Areas have their own conventions we are abandoning the event after 2012. We finished the day with a business meeting and reports from all in attendance.

I attended a Spiritual Banquet hosted by District 8 at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rob B the DCM for District 8 did a wonderful job of coordinating the first time event and hopes to make this an annual event. The attendance was excellent for the first time with our recently rotated Past Regional Trustee John K being the keynote speaker and delivered a wonderful message.

Once again I want to say that it has been an incredible privilege to serve as your Area Chair/Alt. Delegate and I look forward to what lies ahead in my service journey. Remember “Service is the Secret”.

In Love & Service,

Keith D HMB Area 48 Chair/ Alt. Delegate

## Area Treatment Chair Report

Well another month gone. Even though I was out of the State for three weeks, it was a very productive month for me, HMB and AA as a whole. As you all know by now, we had a presence at the Stand Down sponsored by the Colonie Elks. It not only was very rewarding for me, but very emotional. We serviced close to 800 homeless vets. Men, women and children. We made contact with some new agencies that I didn't even know existed. We gave out all my stock of meeting schedules and a lot of literature. About 2/3 of the vets made statements like "I used to belong to your company, but I graduated." Or "I don't need it any more."

At one point, two vets came over and sat for 1/2 hour and we had an AA meeting right then. They thanked us as they left and said "We need to do this more often." I mentioned that we are available and pointed to the meeting schedule he was holding in his hand. I want to thank all those that came and helped me in this venture. Especially Ed and his wife. She assembled the literature so that each packet had all of the flyers that were available together. Paul and Larry from Kinderhook. Kathleen H. and her boy friend from Schenectady. As stupid as I am, I can't remember their names, but the two wonderful women from Clifton Park.

All in all, I feel that it was a very successful event. We have been invited back for next year, and on behalf of HMB and AA as a whole I accepted. I also mentioned that I will not be in the Treatment Chair, but I would be sure to send them the information on the new person. So, Jetta, get a hold of me so that I can do that. It will be again, the first Sat. in October. I have a feeling that this will be a yearly event for us. I hope so. If we avail ourselves enough to these Vets, maybe, just maybe, ONE might get the message. Lets pray for it. So folks, if you want to be part of a veteran's life and just maybe help them recover, mark your calendar. I love all of you and will miss doing service on the Area level, but you will always be in my heart and prayers. I will be doing service at a different level. I will be writing to inmates in the prisons. If any of you think that this is something you would like to do, contact GSO's corrections desk.

Love in service-Bill Crowe

### **Interested in NERAASA 2012 service?**

**Please contact the following:**

#### REGISTRATION

Tammie E. [tamster1962@roadrunner.com](mailto:tamster1962@roadrunner.com)

Don S. [dstrachan@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dstrachan@twcny.rr.com)

#### HOSPITALITY

Smoking Faye F. [fallonfaye@yahoo.com](mailto:fallonfaye@yahoo.com)

Non-smoking Fred F. [neraasa2012@gmail.com](mailto:neraasa2012@gmail.com)

#### GREETERS

Keith D. & Debbie D [neraasa2012greeters@hvc.rr.com](mailto:neraasa2012greeters@hvc.rr.com)

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<b>HMB Area 48</b> <b>Monthly Treasury Report</b> <b>October 2011</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$10,151.31</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Area Contributions	1,209.58
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,209.58</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Alternate Secretary/Registrar	137.89
Treasurer	63.15
Alternate Treasurer	18.60
Archivist	374.00
Corrections Facility	280.20
Website Chair	96.00
HMB Convention	324.98
Archive Storage Fees	297.61
Mail Box Service	42.91
Website	19.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,654.34</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$444.76</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$9,706.55</b>
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$2,706.55</b>

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Send donations to these addresses

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

**The 43rd New York State Convention**

**July 20th - 22nd, 2012**

*“Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age”*

**The Albany Marriott**

189 Wolf Road

Albany, NY 12205



Convention Co-Chairs: Tad J (518) 732-7385, [tjj4@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tjj4@nycap.rr.com)

Deb D (845) 331-4213, [thedomacks@hvc.rr.com](mailto:thedomacks@hvc.rr.com)

*There was actually a time when the press of America thought the anonymity of A.A. was better for us than some of our own members did. At one point, about a hundred of our Society were breaking anonymity at the public level. With perfectly good intent, these folks declared that the principle of anonymity was horse-and-buggy stuff, something appropriate to A.A.'s pioneering days. They were sure that A.A. could go faster and farther if it availed itself of modern publicity methods. A.A., they pointed out, included many persons of local, national, or international fame. Provided they were willing-and many were-why shouldn't their membership be publicized, thereby encouraging others to join us? These were plausible arguments, but happily our friends of the writing profession disagreed with them.*

*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 182*

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## NERAASA 2012 Registration Form

**Forms may be copied. Please use one form for each person registering.**

Mail-In and On-line Registration will be processed beginning October 1, 2011.

Credit cards will be accepted for online registration only.

**Hotel Registration Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2012**

(Hotel prices are guaranteed until Feb 17 or until room blocks are filled.)

**Event, Banquet & Meal Pre-registration Deadline: Friday, February 17, 2012**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AA AREA#: \_\_\_\_\_ (see front page map)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Commitments:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ GSR or Alt GSR
- \_\_\_\_\_ DCM or Alt DCM
- \_\_\_\_\_ DCMC or Alt DCMC
- \_\_\_\_\_ District Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Central Office or Intergroup
- \_\_\_\_\_ Area Committee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate or Alt Delegate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Panel \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Past Delegates:**

Area #: \_\_\_\_\_ Panel # \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Committee \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in moderating a round table session.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attended NERAASA before:

- \_\_\_\_\_ As a presenter
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to participate in a panel
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to record a round table

\_\_\_\_\_ I have special needs (please specify):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Translation request:

\_\_ASL \_\_Spanish \_\_French \_\_Other \_\_\_\_\_

*ASL will be provided if a need presents itself through pre-registration.*



**Comments, Suggestions & Requests** (No guarantees, but we will take everything under consideration and do what we can to be accommodating): \_\_\_\_\_  
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- \$ 20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Registration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Breakfast \$20
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \$30
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night Banquet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \$44
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Breakfast \$20
- \_\_\_\_\_ Delegates Luncheon \$30 (current, past & alts only)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

\*\*Please indicate each individual meal desired on registration form. Full payment is required at time of registration.\*\*

**Make check or money order payable to: NERAASA 2012**

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 beginning  
 October 1, 2011

November 1, 2011

# HMB Area 48 2012 Meeting Schedule Order Form

## Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area 48 of Alcoholics Anonymous 2012 HMB Meeting Schedule Book Order Form



**Pre Order Deadline December 1, 2011**



Please Make Checks Payable To: "HMB Meeting Schedules"

Schedules are \$.30 ea. (Minimum order 10)			
Shipping Cost:			
10-50	\$8.00	601-900	\$29.00
51-100	\$8.00	901-1200	\$38.00
101-300	\$10.00	1201-1500	\$47.00
301-600	\$20.00	1501-1800	\$56.00

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID**

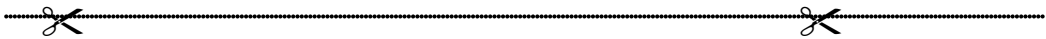


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Order Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$.30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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