

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 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

1. 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?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition--or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior--especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. 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?
12. What is the real importance of *me* among 500,000 AAs?

Concept XII Checklist

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- 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 Area 48 – Northeastern NY 2013 Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Host
January 12, 2013 Sat	HMB Inventory Day	Eastern Cluster District 18 (1, 2)
February 22-24, 2013	NERAASA	Lancaster, PA
March 8-10, 2013	NERD (Delegates and Alternates)	Linthicum, MD
March 23, 2013 Sat	Delegate's Day of Sharing	Hudson Valley Cluster District 17 (3, 7, 11, 15, 16)
April 5, 2013 Fri	Corrections Connection	HMB Area 48 Albany
April 14, 2013 Sun	Fellowship Day	Western Cluster Districts 9 & 12
May 19, 2013 Sun	Area Assembly	Central Cluster District 4 (8, 14)
June 7-9, 2013	NERF (Northeast Regional Forum)	Cromwell, CT
June 22, 2013 Sat	Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley District 15 (3,7, 11, 16, 17)
August 16-18, 2013	NYS Informational Workshop	Central NY – Area 47 Canandaigua, NY
September 14, 2013 Sat	Election Assembly	Eastern Cluster District 1 (2, 18)
October 19, 2013 Sat	Area Assembly	Central Cluster District 14 (4, 8)
November 1-3, 2013	HMB Convention	Western Cluster Districts 9 & 12
November 16, 2013 Sat	Fellowship Day	Adirondack Cluster District 10 (5, 13, 19)

HMB Area 48	
Monthly Treasury Report	
October 2012	
Beginning Balance	\$13,508.14
Income	
Area Contributions	\$1,752.84
Total Income	\$1,752.84
Expense	
Alternate Chairperson	\$164.26
Treasurer	\$90.00
Alternate Treasurer	\$190.26
Archivist	\$175.44
Corrections Facility	\$211.60
NYS Convention	\$78.50
NYS Info Workwshop	\$740.25
Area Assemblies	\$375.41
Area Fellowship Days	\$100.00
Archive Storage Fees	\$174.00
Mail Box Service	\$26.86
Newsletter Postage	\$90.00
Newsletter Printing	\$145.00
Total Expense	\$2,561.58
Net Income	-\$808.74
Balance	\$12,699.40
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
Available Funds	\$5,699.40

District and Group
Treasurers --
Send contributions to
the addresses below:

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

General Service Office
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

Prepared by Chris S.
treasurer@aahmbny.org

Have a calendar item or article for the HMB Area newsletter?
By mail: HMB Area Newsletter, 118 Polar Plaza #114, Amsterdam, NY 12010
By e-mail: newsletter@aahmbny.org

HMB AREA 48 REPORTS

HMB Area Archives Report

The HMB Area Archives have been moved to a location in the Albany area from Kingston. This location will give better access to the Archive Committee. The storage unit is similar to the former location and costs slightly less. I was filled with gratitude that so much of the collection had been saved from the flood. Thanks again to the members who took quick action as trusted servants.

The collection contains many wonderful artifacts, a collection of "tramp art" and documentation of the Area's development, about one half of it is in need conservation work of some kind. A selected display will be brought to every HMB Area Function. Work has begun on repairs and preservation; this will be an ongoing thing.

Charlie C.
Area Archivist
archives@aahmbny.org

Minutes Of October 13, 2012 Area Assembly, Scotia, NY

Meeting called to order with the Serenity Prayer at 10:07 a.m. by Pat L., Area Chairperson
Chris S recognized for his awesome job as Area Treasurer

For the voting portion of the agenda the following have a vote: GSRs (alternate GSR if the GSR is absent), DCMs (alternate DCM if the DCM is absent), Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs (alternate Chair if the Chair is absent) and Past Delegates. Forty-eight out of 54 attendees were eligible to vote.

The election portion of the Assembly was conducted by Keith D., Area Delegate, who read the Third Legacy voting procedure found on p. S22 of the AA Service Manual.

Item 1: Election of Area Treasurer

Pat C, currently Alternate Treasurer was nominated by Joan R. Nomination was seconded by Tammy E. There were no other nominations. One vote was cast and Pat C was elected.

Item 2: Selection of HMB candidate for the position of Trustee-at-Large

The position's duties, which involve international travel with activities in 48 out of 52 weeks a year, were explained by Keith. Joan R. was nominated by David S.; the nomination was seconded by Tammy E. Joan R was selected and accepted the nomination as the HMB candidate. Keith will take the nomination to the General Service Conference.

Item 3: Presentation of proposed 2013 HMB Area budget and voting on budget

2013 budget presented by Pat C. A motion was made by Don F. and seconded by Tammy E. to restore \$72.00 to the Corrections Chair allocation for HMB Meeting Schedules because the staples in the schedules do not prevent their distribution in correctional facilities. *Friendly amendments:* Committee Chairs receive the same \$400 allocation as Area Officers. The amended budget expenses total \$52,472 and the projected group contributions are increased accordingly to \$41,172. Motion to approve was made by Donna C. and seconded by Tim J. By a vote of 48 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions the budget was approved as amended and will be posted on the HMB website.

Item 4: Proposal to change designation of Alternate Secretary/Registrar

This was withdrawn by Pat L, to be reintroduced at the May 2013 Assembly with new information.

AREA BUSINESS

The 2013 HMB Meeting Schedule was discussed. Deadline for the print version is ASAP but no later than mid-November. Eventually it will be possible to print addenda from the online version. District online

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formats for displaying and finding meetings vary and difficulty getting meeting information added or changed in both versions was mentioned; it was explained that groups should give information to their DCM or District record keeper who will forward it to the HMB Area record keeper for updating both versions. Omission of the accessibility symbol from the 2012 print version was mentioned. Groups' GSRs should report on the status of their meeting locations, remembering that restroom accessibility is also required, to their DCM or District record keeper. The HMB Special Needs Chair has the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility guidelines. A suggestion was made to include more information about the online version to the print version of the schedule.

AREA OFFICER REPORTS**DELEGATE'S REPORT** -- Keith D.

The 2014 General Service Conference will be 4/27 - 5/3. He is seeking suggestions for a conference theme. He brought up many questions and seeks comments about the viability of The Grapevine publication.

AREA CHAIR REPORT-- Pat L.

Tammy E. is appointed Alternate Treasurer and Linda A. is appointed Chair of CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee. Pat L. requests input on topics for the January 2013 Area inventory Day.

ALTERNATE CHAIR REPORT -- Tad J.

DCMs and Area Committee Chairs are encouraged to use the available email accounts. The 2013 HMB Schedule Of Events is out and should be circulated so that groups, districts and committees scheduling additional events can minimize conflicts. In 2013, the April Area Fellowship Day will be hosted by District 9 and the November Area Fellowship Day will be hosted by District 10.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Chris S.

Presented the September 2012 Monthly report, which was accepted, the 2012 Year-To-Date report, and a list of contributions by groups.

ALTERNATE TREASURER'S REPORT -- Pat C.

There is a new PO Box number for ordering meeting schedules; the deadline for ordering is in December 2012.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**Archives** - Charlie C.

Wyatt is the new Alternate Archives Chair. The archives storage is being moved to the Albany area. New displays are being developed and all Area events will have a display; they are also available on request for District and out-of-Area events. They are accepting donations of items for the Archives, with the understanding that the donor is relinquishing all ownership rights. They will be establishing the insurance value of the material and focusing more on preservation of material.

Bridging The Gap - Ernie

They are providing facilities with a new email address; they keep a calendar showing anticipated release dates and destinations of participating residents and will forward the information to the destination district's BTG Chair. They need an updated list of those. The program has had 11 requests from residents since Sept. 16.

CPC - Brenda O. Mail contact continues with schools in District 12.

HMB Convention - Tammy E.

Next Area Convention in November 2013. Committee met October 17 in Utica; will meet October 28 in Rome and alternate thereafter. Tentative location is the Hotel Utica; they have done a walk-through and have reviewed menu options, have some speakers in mind and are in the process of choosing a theme.

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They continue planning for the April 5, 2013 Corrections Connection.

Grapevine - Carol A.

Carol is the incoming 2013 Chairperson. They have \$2,100 in literature inventory on display at events and these have helped sales. Most of their books are now \$11. The latest collection, Happy, Joyous and Free is available now and they have a catalog from which all publications can be ordered.

Newsletter - William T.

A total of 560 copies are sent by email and 160 by paper. The email version includes telephone numbers if submitted; the paper version omits them. A cartoon and crossword puzzle were added in October.

Public Information - no report. However, the Alternate Chair position is open.

Treatment Facilities - Jetta I.

Ten AA's participated in the September 29 Veterans Standdown event in Latham, attended by 500 to 800 mostly homeless veterans. 500 HMB Meeting Schedules provided by District 5 were distributed and AA was invited to attend the next Standdown, to be held in Poughkeepsie. District I's Treatment Facilities Chair position has been filled.

Website - Bill W

Reported on many changes transitioning meetings information; Kate O. is assisting. More Districts are using their linked sites and email accounts. Six districts are paying \$10 apiece per year for storage space. The site "meetings.hmb.aa.org" is being developed; newly-changed meeting information will be available in 24-48 hours from receipt from the Districts and search capability for meetings will be improved. Some interim updates will be put up by the end of November.

Special Needs - no report

DISTRICT REPORTS

1 - Linda S., Alt DCM: Reminder about Oct 20 six-District Workshop on BTG/CTF/CF/CPC/PI. This was listed in the September and October HMB Newsletters.

2 - Gary B., Alt DCM: Several open service positions; elections in November.

3 - Eric E., Alt DCM: All service positions are filled.

4 - Debbie W., DCM: 33 active groups in the district and numerous events, many at Club 24, including workshops and an alkathon.

5 - no report.

7 - Guy K., Treatment Chair: Many open service positions. Upcoming events include a Halloween Dance Oct. 26 and a Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 22.

8 - Gary C., DCM: Some meeting locations do not charge rent and decline contributions; the District is discussing how our Seventh Tradition applies.

9 - Tammy E., DCM: Upcoming events include a Spiritual Dinner Nov. 10, a January workshop with three panels on the Legacies of Unity, Recovery and Service and a Fellowship Day in April. District elections are also coming up. There are numerous treatment facilities in or near the District.

10 - Ken S., DCM: Because of their size, District meeting locations have rotated among Plattsburgh and two others; they will now focus on having two locations.

11 - Tim J., DCM: Their new CTF and CF Chairs are also attending this Assembly.

12 - Brenda O., DCM: They recently conducted a GSR Workshop and plan to conduct others.

13 - NO report. See the District 13 Newsletter.

14 - Tammy D., DCM: (Special thanks to District 14 for cohosting this Assembly with Districts 4 and

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8.) All service positions are filled. GSRs from 20- 25 groups regularly attend District business meetings. They conducted their second workshop in September on balancing demands of life inside and outside AA and will continue holding other workshops.

15 - Jeannie, DCM: Several open service positions. The district has one treatment facility, and one women's correctional facility with AA meetings held every other week. They are conducting A "Fall Into Service" event Saturday Oct. 20, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

16 - Bill W., DCM: All service positions are filled but they are having trouble getting enough volunteers to take meetings into correctional facilities.

17 - no report.

18 - Joanne B., DCM: She is rotating out; elections coming up in November. Hosting the Oct. 20 six-District workshop. Upcoming events include a Halloween Dance Oct. 26 and a Thanksgiving Alkathon Nov. 21 - 22.

19 - Bob, DCM: He is rotating out; elections coming up; many open service positions. They recently established a Functions Committee service position. The DCM actively solicits contributions from the groups to support the District.

Assembly was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve A

Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area 48

Members of our website committee would like to announce that our meeting schedule search and portal/links web site "ny-aa.org" has changed. You will find this page now only provides links to web sites in New York State that have meeting schedule information and no longer includes meeting searches. One of those links is to our **NEW** HMB Area 48 meeting search webpage "meetings.aahmbny.org."

Our work continues to improve these new web pages. Part of our work is hearing from you, our members, to help us correct, improve and support our efforts. Below are links and addresses that you can use to help us be of better service to our community.

MEETING SCHEDULE INFORMATION ACCURACY/CHANGES

Please use the new group or group/meeting change forms which are found at: aahmbny.org/Forms.html and submit them to records@aahmbny.org.

WEBSITE CORRECTIONS OF NEW PAGES

For comments regarding how or what our new web sites display, please send us your insights. Note, these addresses/links are also provided at the bottom of each of the web pages listed below.

For Site: "meetings.aahmbny.org" → meetings@aahmbny.org

For Site: "ny-aa.org" → ny-aa@aahmbny.org

**HMB Area 48
Inventory Day**

Saturday, January 12, 2013
9AM – 3PM
Hosted By the Eastern Cluster (Districts 1, 2, & 18)

Location: Bloominggrove Reformed Church
706 Blooming Grove Dr
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Just off Exit 8 - I-90 (Defreestville)

Tentative Agenda

Meet and Greet (Coffee, pastries, etc)

Area Committee Meetings (All are welcome)

Area Inventory – Roundtable Discussions:

- What issues are affecting our Area?
- Please come and share your thoughts

Lunch

Reports from Roundtables and Discussion

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