

# 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 I** - We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.

**Tradition I** – Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

**Concept I** - Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our fellowship.

## **First Tradition Checklist**

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into arguments?
3. Am I gentle with alcoholics who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

## **Concept I Checklist**

1. Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?
2. Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?
3. Is the "collective conscience" of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?
4. Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.?
5. Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?

## HMB Area 48 – Northeastern NY 2014 Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Host
February 21-23, 2014	NERAASA	Warwick, RI
March 7-9, 2014	NERD (Delegates and Alternates)	Freeport, ME
March 15, 2014	Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley Cluster District (3, 7, 11, 15, 16, 17)
April 12 or 13, 2014	Delegate's Day of Sharing	Adirondack Cluster District (5, 10, 13, 19)
May 18, 2014	Area Assembly	Central Cluster District (4, 8, 14)
June 14 or 15, 2014	Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley District (3,7, 11, 15, 16, 17)
August 1-3, 2014	NYS Informational Workshop	HMB Area 48 Albany, NY
September 13 or 14, 2014	Fellowship Day	Eastern Cluster District (1, 2, 18)
October 11 or 12, 2014	Area Assembly	Central Cluster District (4, 8, 14)
Oct 31-Nov 2, 2014	HMB Convention	Eastern Cluster District (1, 2, 18)
November 15 or 16, 2014	Fellowship Day	Western Cluster District (9,12)

For the most current HMB Area 48 Calendar of Events, as well as directions and maps of upcoming events, please see the Area website: [www.aahmbny.org](http://www.aahmbny.org)

Or contact the Alternate Area Chair - [althmbchair@aahmbny.org](mailto:althmbchair@aahmbny.org)

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**ESCYPAA I:** The Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous will be hosting their first Empire State Convention August 15 - 17, 2014 at the Ramada Hotel, 542 Rte 9, Fishkill, NY. Pre-register online @ [www.escypaa.org](http://www.escypaa.org). Contacts are Jeff [registration@escypaa.org](mailto:registration@escypaa.org); Danielle [outreach@escypaa.org](mailto:outreach@escypaa.org); and Martial [chair@escypaa.org](mailto:chair@escypaa.org).

**HMB Area 48  
Monthly Treasury Report  
October 2013**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$14,270.78</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Area Contributions	2,999.61
Bank charge reimbursement	20.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,019.61</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Treasurer	109.74
Alternate Treasurer	332.32
Bridging The Gap	222.06
Corrections Facility	133.00
Cooperation with Prof Community	106.69
HMB Convention Chair	171.95
Treatment Facilities	49.70
Area Fellowship Days	530.59
Archive Storage Fees	153.00
Mail Box Service	35.09
Newsletter Postage	138.00
Newsletter Printing	125.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,107.14</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$912.47</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$15,183.25</b>
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$8,183.25</b>

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**District and  
Group  
Treasurers --**  
Please send  
contributions to  
the addresses  
below:

**HMB Area  
Association**  
Ship & Copy  
118 Polar Plaza  
#114  
Amsterdam, NY  
12010

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

*-- Thank you!!!*

### The Death of Bill W.

At the age of 75, Bill W. dies on January 24, 1971  
at the Miami Heart Institute in Miami Beach, Florida.

On February 14th, groups around the world hold memorial meetings  
honoring Bill's work as co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, author  
of the Big Book and other publications, and architect and  
articulator of the Fellowship's principles.

## **HMB Area Past Delegate Report**

To My Fellow Members;

I would like to start off my last report to you as your delegate by offering my congratulations to both Districts 9 & 12 and Tammie E. and Brenda O. for a wonderful HMB Convention held in Utica in November. Through the girls and their dedicated hard-working folk, the convention was a great success. For me it is absolutely wonderful to see year after year our Area clusters work together to put on these wonderful events full of fellowship that we will remember for a long time to come. As for me, I have had the privilege of participating in several of these events and they certainly are a labor of love. If you have never had the opportunity to be a part of it, I strongly suggest you give it a try.

Along the lines of our convention, I want to remind you of the 2014 NERAASA [Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly], which will be held February 21- 23<sup>rd</sup> in Warwick, RI at the Crowne Plaza hotel. If you plan on attending, I strongly suggest you make reservations ASAP. As always you can register for the Assembly on site. Hope to see you all there.

Also recently the Adirondack Cluster hosted the area's last event of 2013 "Grillin' & Chillin'" up in Plattsburgh. What an incredible feast that was laid upon us by our family from the real upstate New York region. With the likes of barbecued steak, pork roast, roasted & baked potatoes, along with tasty treats, we enjoyed a feast fit for a king, or better yet "HMB Area 48." There are so many folks to thank [you know who you are] here and I do not want leave anyone out, so I will just say thanks to the men and women who helped make it a most memorable day for myself.

As things wound down to a close for me in my service position, I was wondering where the time has gone. I have had the honor of serving all of you at the Area level for the last 10 years with the last eight as an Area officer. What an incredible journey this has been for me, and one that I will be forever grateful for.

As like anything new for me, when I started this service journey, I was filled with many fears. But with much help from my Higher Power, my sponsor's and your support, these fears were, as usual, unfounded. So many times in the last eight years I was reminded by words a sponsor of mine had said to me, "Do I realize that 95% of the stuff I worry about never, ever happens?" Go figure. As I pass this along to you, I am hoping that this may encourage you to step out of your comfort zone someday and give any form of service work a try. As many have told me, "you will not regret it" and I strongly agree with them.

The last four years, serving first as the Area Chairperson and then as Delegate, have opened up not only my eyes, but my heart as well. For me, this has been the most wonderful spiritual journey to have the privilege to be on. With the responsibilities I have had, I have been forced to not only look at but embrace the Traditions & Concepts in my service career. Utilizing these wonderful principles in the fellowship has helped me outside of AA in my personal life. I have become a better person, or as we like to say, "I am becoming the person GOD had intended me to be." [Note: Still a work in progress.] As for myself, I can't put a price on this nor can I ever thank you enough for the blessings you have bestowed upon me. I am forever a changed man, thanks to a loving GOD, as I understand him, Fellowship of AA, and ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

In Love & Service, Keith D - Panel 62 Area 48 Delegate, 2012-13

## **HMB Area Delegate Report**

Hi all,

The final HMB Area Event for 2013 was a resounding success, as we gathered in Plattsburgh (District 10) for a day of Fellowship, Service, and lots of outdoor grilled specialties for lunch. Many thanks to Kurt, DCM in District 19, Ken, District 10 DCM, Peter, District 13 DCM, and Mike, District 5 DCM, as well as their crews who worked hard to put on such a great day!!! Committee meetings were followed by a workshop on how the service entities work together to carry the message to the sick and suffering in HMB. After lunch, we had a full business meeting, with Officer reports, Committee Chair reports, and DCM reports. We then conducted after our farewells with the outgoing Delegate and welcomed the incoming Area Chair and Alternate Area Chair. As is our custom in Area 48, we presented an engraved gift to Keith commemorating his dedicated service to our Area, as well as recognizing his Panel (62) and his Conference Committee: Grapevine.

There were a number of Alkathons for Christmas and New Years, and the ones I got to were packed. Many thanks to District 3 for inviting me to their Alkathon/Dinner/ Dance.....and I had the honor of sharing my story as the year wound down.

Our next Area event will be January 11, 2014 "Inventory Day" held at St. John's Church in Troy. The flyer is in the newsletter.

If you haven't made your room reservations for NERAASA, the main hotel has been sold out, and as of a week ago, the overflow hotel was filling up quickly. There are a lot of hotels and motels within a few miles of the Crowne Plaza in Warwick RI, which you can find by searching the Internet.

It has been an honor to serve as your Area Chair for the past two years and I look forward to working with all of you over the next 2 years as your Delegate. I hope 2014 is our best year ever.

Service has always been at the center of my recovery!!

In service and with much AA love,

Pat L

HMB Area 48 Panel 64 Delegate (2014-15)

## **HMB Area Chair Report**

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and that your New Year is off to a good start. Here in Area 48 we get to begin the New Year by looking within ourselves and doing what only we can do - take our own inventory.

At Inventory Day 2014 I would like to ask that each of us consider what HMB is doing right and what we could be doing better in carrying our message of recovery to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Specifically, how do we make service in our Area an even more attractive commitment for all members.

After meeting in Troy for our Inventory Day I hope to see you all at NERAASA 2014 in Warwick, Rhode Island, next month, February 21-23. I know that all the rooms have been booked in the meeting hotel already, but the overflow hotels are still open, I believe. Full details can be gotten from the <http://www.neraasa.org> website.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for entrusting me to be the Area Chair. This gift to my sobriety is one that fills me with both gratitude and humility. I will need the help, the guidance, and the support, of each of you as I work to fulfill the position's obligations. Fortunately, I know that you will be there, working with me, ensuring that our AA message gets out. Service saved my sobriety -- and it is still saving my sobriety -- so again, thank you.

In love and in service,

Bill W.

HMB Area Chair/Alt. Delegate

### **HMB Area Convention Report, Utica, November 1 - 3, 2013, hosted by Western Cluster, Districts 9 & 12**

Another HMB Convention comes to a close and those of us that worked so diligently behind the scenes for the past year can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

On behalf of the committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you in the Fellowship that made this event happen, either by participating in some way or simply by attending. It is my hope that each and every one of you took something away from the weekend that will ultimately aid in your future journey or possibly change something you may have been struggling with. In any case, I am sure it will be an Area Convention that will not soon be forgotten.

Although there were some predicaments and concerns that challenged Brenda and me as co-chairs, as well as the rest of the committee, we were grateful for those in the fellowship that stepped up to the plate to resolve these matters in quick time. There could not have been a better example of "Unity in Action" than what took place on Saturday evening. I am sure that our behavior as a group in dealing with the trials that were presented had a major impact on how we were treated and compensated by the hotel post-event. Yes, the hotel did their best to make it right for us. That is all we could ask for. We are taught here love and tolerance and this is a program of understanding and second chances. Things turn out the way they are supposed to, not the way we sometimes think they should. I believe that God, in His infinite wisdom, needed someone to hear a message of hope that weekend and we can only pray that they did and a seed was planted somewhere.

The feedback from members was greatly appreciated. Some of the most positive comments included commendation for selecting a local venue rather than a chain, ease of registration, a fabulous hospitality spread, and pertinent program topics. Thank you all who provided such inspiring remarks.

One final note: If you purchased the Old-Timer's Panel CD or any of the box sets that included the Old-Timer's Panel, an incorrect master was used to make the copies. Please contact Primary Purpose Recording to get the correct disc. The phone number and email can be found printed on the disc, close to the center circle.

Brenda and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for providing us this opportunity to be of service to you for this event.

May the God of your understanding walk with you always as you trudge the road of happy destiny.

Yours in Service,

Tammie E  
2013 HMB Area 48 Convention Co-Chair

### **HMB Area Bridging the Gap Report**

As of Nov. 15th I have been to most districts in our area to help with BTG and Treatment. I am happy to say everyone is doing a great job working together. I will try to hit the districts I missed. As of today, I have received 86 forms for the year 2013. I was not able to get help for 11 due to the forms being incomplete. I need to repeat this: **WE NEED TO GO TO NURSING HOMES TOO.** I have been to Areas 47,49, and 50 and the BTG is going well all over now. I am working with the webmaster and soon hope to have a BTG web site. I just want to say thank you to everyone in all the districts for all the service work you did. Please, if you need help or anything I will try my best to do what I can.

Happy holidays to you all,  
Sincerely,  
Ernie L.

### **HMB Area Grapevine Reports**

#### **• November Report:**

The HMB Grapevine Committee participated in several area and district events. We found that member interest in the magazine and related products is good. Most districts had GVR's and I have met with several. I provided assistance and materials to districts, groups, and members as requested.

Financially, HMB purchases Grapevine materials at quantity discounts, no sales tax, and \$38.00 shipping. Some of the discount is passed on to purchasers. Most of the discount and all sales income are retained by HMB for future purchases. Detailed inventory and financial records are available.

Districts have been encouraged to recruit group GVR's, and to include Grapevine books and CD's as raffle prizes. Pat L., Area Chair, has provided gift subscriptions at various events. Our AA Grapevine Inc. is supported by these (and only these) activities. HMB should continue to encourage district and group participation in these valuable tools of unity, recovery, and service.

Thank you,  
Carol A.  
HMB Area Grapevine Chair

#### **• December Report:**

**HOT OFF THE PRESS:** "No Matter What," the newest collection of our Grapevine articles, is out and selling fast! Also available are the 2014 Calendars and Pocket Planners. To order, contact your District Rep, [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org), or me at the Area website [aahmbny.org](http://aahmbny.org). To support our "meeting in print" please continue to subscribe, use the website, and purchase GV products as gifts or for raffles at your events.

I have completed my first year of a two-year appointment as HMB Grapevine chairperson. I look forward to 2014 District GvR Committee meetings and HMB events in the coming year. Many thanks to all the GvR's in service during 2013. If you are starting in a new service position in January, welcome!

Yours in fellowship,  
Carol A.

## **HMB Area Archives Report**

The complete HMB Archives collection was displayed at the Area Convention in Utica, November 1-3, 2013. One large display had to be carried up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (it would not fit into the elevator). Many thanks to the younger members who helped! And many thanks to District 12 who brought a display that included very early Grapevines and Traditions Pamphlets. It was a joy to be involved in the event.

In November a smaller display was taken to both the 'Serenity in the Catskills' dinner in Oneonta and the Area Fellowship Day in Plattsburgh. If your group would like a display at your event please contact us.

An Archives Committee meeting was held in Plattsburgh. Formats for saving and distributing AA recordings was discussed. Technology is changing quickly and the Archives has everything from 78-rpm records to CDs.

Service is the secret -- get involved at any level and your sobriety will grow and flourish.

Charlie C.  
Area Archivist  
[archives@aahmbny.org](mailto:archives@aahmbny.org)

## **HMB Area Corrections Chair Report**

With deep gratitude I want to thank Area 48 for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Corrections Chair for the past two years. This has been an amazing asset to my continued growth in recovery and I look forward to continued service to Area 48.

A couple of weeks ago I heard back from NYS DOCCS regarding our proposal to have the Area 48 Meeting List available to inmates being released to communities within our area. The Transitional Services Department has agreed to distribute the Area 48 Meeting list to EVERY prison facility in the NY State system. Transitional services provides for pre-release services to inmates to help prepare them for life back in their communities. In order to save the State on shipping costs, they have requested that we provide a digital file which they will forward within the NYS DOCCS Transitional Services system for printing at each facility. The result of this agreement is that all inmates will have access to our meeting list and, because it will be in an e-file we will no longer need to print meeting lists for Corrections, saving some costs.

Kathy R. has agreed to serve for the next two years as Area Corrections Chair. Kathy has been involved with Corrections service as a volunteer at the Albany County Jail and has been an involved participant at most of the Corrections Committee meetings over the past few years. Please join me in thanking her for being willing to serve Area 48 as Corrections Chair.

Thank you to all who attended the 'Grillin' & Chillin' Fellowship Day in Plattsburgh. I salute the dedication of all who travelled from the far reaches of Area 48 to attend to the business of Area 48 and to join in fellowship.

In Love and Service,  
Don S., Corrections Chair, 2012-13

### **Area Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair Report**

This will be my last report as CPC Chair. I thank the Area for allowing me to grow and serve in this position. I welcome the incoming Area CPC Committee Chair, Don S. The boxes and boxes of CPC items were officially transferred to Don during my first ever visit to Plattsburgh while attending the "Grillin' and Chillin" Area Fellowship Day. (My granddaughter is already missing reorganizing the pamphlets and climbing over the boxes.) The Adirondack Cluster hosted a great feast of food and welcoming fellowship. The air was alive and crackling with gratitude as each and every one in that room was blessed with the new life AA has given us, and the honors of carrying the message through various service positions.

In Sept., District I's CPC Chair attended New York State Thruway Authority's Health Fair. He was able to communicate about AA to several medical insurance companies. District 18's CPC Chair assisted in setting up a booth and spreading the message at the Albany College of Pharmacy Health and Wellness Expo. It was a well attended event. We used candy and our wide smiles as attraction. Several students, as well as other booth registrants, stopped by and chatted, talking freely about the alcoholism in their families. It felt good to be part of the solution.

Yours in Grateful Service,  
Linda A.

### **AA's International Convention**

Alcoholics Anonymous turns 80 years old in 2015! The International Convention will celebrate July 2-5, 2015, in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme will be "80 Years - Happy, Joyous, and Free." This is a celebration of sobriety, where experience, strength and hope are shared in meetings, panels and workshops at the Georgia World Congress Center, the Georgia Dome and at other locations throughout the friendly city.

Registration forms will be mailed in August of 2014 to all G.S.R.s, Central Offices, Intergroups and international G.S.O.s. Online registration will be available September 3, 2014. Once you have registered you can sign up for housing in the Convention Hotel Block of over 10,000 rooms. More information will be available throughout 2014 & 2015 in Box 4-5-9 and on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

### **January dates in AA History**

- 1929 - Bill W. wrote third promise in Bible to quit drinking.
- 1944 - Dr. Harry Tiebout's first paper on the subject of "Alcoholics Anonymous".
  - Onset of Bill's 11 years of depression.
- 1946 - Readers Digest does a story on AA.
  - The A.A. Grapevine increased the cost of a year's subscription to \$2.50.
- 1948 - 1st A.A. meeting in Japan
- 1951 - AA Grapevine publishes memorial issue for Dr Bob.
- 1958 - Bill writes article for Grapevine on "Emotional Sobriety".

- Jan 3, 1939: First sale of Works Publishing Co stock is recorded.
- Jan 7, 1984: "Pass It On" was published
- Jan 8, 1938: New York AA splits from the Oxford Group.
- Jan 10, 1940: 1st AA meeting not in a home meets at King School, Akron, Ohio
- Jan 13, 2003: Dr Earle Marsh, sober for 49 years, author of "Physician Heal Thyself" died.
- Jan 17, 1919: 18th amendment, "Prohibition," became law.
- Jan 24, 1918: Bill marries Lois Burnham in the Swedenborg Church in Brooklyn Heights.
  - 1945: 1st black group St. Louis
  - 1971: Bill W dies at Miami Beach, FL.
- Jan 25, 1915: Dr. Bob Smith marries Anne Ripley.
- Jan 26, 1971: *New York Times* publishes Bill's obituary on page 1.
- Jan 27, 1971: *The Washington Post* published an obituary of Bill Wilson written by Donald Graham, son of the owner of the *Washington Post*.
- End of Jan 1939: 400 copies of manuscript of *Big Book* circulated for comments and evaluation. A Baltimore doctor suggests having a physician write the introduction (a job taken on by Dr. Silkworth).

## ***HMB AREA 48 FELLOWSHIP DAY***

*Hosted by the Hudson Valley Cluster  
Districts (3, 7, 11, 15, 16, 17)*

***Saturday, March 15, 2014***

***9:00 am – 3:00 pm***

Senior Residence Auditorium, Benedictine Hospital  
105 Marys Avenue  
Kingston, NY 12401

### **AGENDA**

09:00 am - 10:00 am  
Registration / Meet & Greet

09:15 am – 09:45am  
GSR Orientation / Workshop

09:15 am – 09:45am  
DCM Orientation / Workshop

10:00 am – 10:10 am  
Introductions & The Day Ahead

10:15 am – 11:05 am  
Mutual Respect & Love

10:15 am – 11:05 am  
How We Got Here – Part 1

11:10 am – 12:00 pm  
Sober – Now What?

11:10 am – 12:00 pm  
How We Got Here – Part 2

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm  
Lunch

12:50 pm – 01:30 pm  
Service Committee Round Tables  
CPC/PI/SN/CF/BTG/Treatment  
Finance/Archives

12:50 pm – 01:30 pm  
What is a Service Committee?

1:30 pm – 03:00 pm  
Area Business Meeting

**ALL AA MEMBERS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**Additionally, come visit the AREA ARCHIVES which will be on display!!!!**

Directions and map on back of flyer.  
For more information email [althmbchair@aaahmbny.org](mailto:althmbchair@aaahmbny.org)

**HMB Area 48 May Assembly**  
**Sunday, May 18, 2014**  
**9AM – 3PM**  
**Hosted By Districts 4, 8, & 14**

**Location: Florida Town Hall**  
**167 Fort Hunter Road**  
**Amsterdam, NY 12010**

**Lunch will be provided**

**Directions- From Exit 27 NYS Thruway**  
Turn Left on NY Rt. 30S and go 1.8 mi.  
Straight on NY Rt. 161W (Mill Point Rd) and go 0.9 mi.  
Left on Fort Hunter Road travel and go 0.8 mi.  
Hall will be on Right

**Hall is in same location as Town Highway Dept.**  
**Garage**

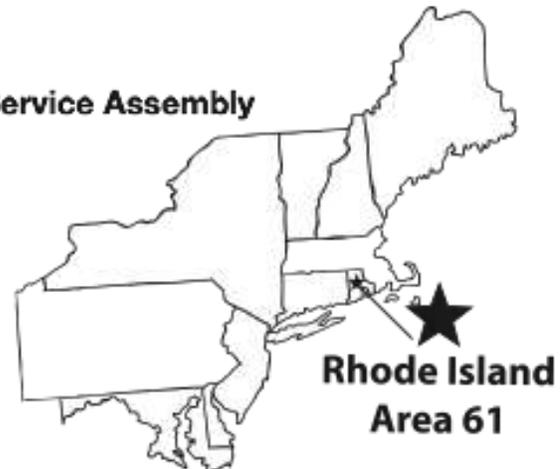
Contact Information: [district4dcm@aahmbny.org](mailto:district4dcm@aahmbny.org)

# ***NERAASA 2014***

## **Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly**

Rhode Island – Area 61  
Warwick, RI 02886-6832

February 21-23, 2014



## **Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World**

Purpose Statement: NERAASA is for General Service Representatives (GSRs), District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Officers, Area Committee Members & Intergroup/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.

### **ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

Panel Presentations/Floor Discussions  
Northeast Regional Trustee Report  
Saturday Banquet and AA Speaker  
Roundtable Sharing Sessions

Location: Crowne Plaza  
801 Greenwich Avenue  
Warwick, RI  
401-732-6000 or 800-227-6963  
Email: [Book@ProvidenceRI.CrownePlaza.com](mailto:Book@ProvidenceRI.CrownePlaza.com)  
[www.crownehotelwarwick.com](http://www.crownehotelwarwick.com)

\* Please note the Crowne Plaza Hotel is sold out. View overflow hotel information on page immediately following flyer \*

**DEADLINE:** Hotel & Event Pre-Registration: January 21, 2014

[Chair2014@neraasa.org](mailto:Chair2014@neraasa.org)   [Registrar2014@neraasa.org](mailto:Registrar2014@neraasa.org)   [Treasurer2014@neraasa.org](mailto:Treasurer2014@neraasa.org)  
If you are interested in helping: [Volunteer2014@neraasa.org](mailto:Volunteer2014@neraasa.org)

## NERAASA 2014 February 21-23, 2014

### Roundtable/Sharing Sessions

- Archives
- Area Chairpersons
- Cooperation with Professional Community
- Corrections / Treatment /Bridging the Gap
- Delegates
- DCMs
- Grapevine/La Viña
- GSRs
- Intergroups/Central Offices
- Public Information/Newsletters
- Registrars
- Secretaries
- Special Needs
- Treasurers/Finance
- Website/InformationTechnology
- Young People

***Some roundtables will have Spanish translation***

Onsite Registration  
Begins 1:00 PM  
Friday, February 21

Kickoff Redball Meeting:  
Thursday, February 20 @  
8:00 pm

First Panel:  
Friday, February 21 @  
3:00 pm

Crowne Plaza

801 Greenwich Avenue

Warwick, RI 02886-6832

401-732-6000 or 800-227-6963

Email: [Book@ProvidenceRI.CrownePlaza.com](mailto:Book@ProvidenceRI.CrownePlaza.com)

[www.crownehotelwarwick.com](http://www.crownehotelwarwick.com)

**Hotel reservations must be made  
through the hotel.**

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### Directions to Crowne Plaza:

**From North:** Take 95 South to Route 113/East Avenue via exit 12A in Rhode Island . Bear right off the exit. Take your first right onto Greenwich Avenue/Route 5. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be almost immediately on your right.

**From South:** Take 95 North to Route 113/East Avenue via exit 12 in Rhode Island toward Route 5/ Warwick. Turn slight right off the exit. Turn slight right into Greenwich Avenue/Route 5. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be almost immediately on your right.

**From West:** Take Massachusetts Turnpike (Route 90 East) to exit 10A ( US 20/Worcester/Route 146/ Providence) Turn right on Route 20. Merge onto route 146 south toward Millbury/Providence. Then merge onto route 295 south toward Warwick . Merge onto route 113W/East Avenue via exit 1. Make a U-turn onto Route 113 east. Turn slight right onto Greenwich Avenue/Route 5. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be almost immediately on your right.

Amtrak travels from Virginia to Providence (1-800-872-7245), Amtrak Acela travels from D.C. to Providence. Commuter Train (1-617-222-3200) from Downtown Providence to TF Green Airport Warwick, RI. Shuttle is available from the TF Green Airport to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Taxi service is also available.

TF Green Airport in Warwick, RI is served by commuter trains of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority known as the "T" from Providence/Warwick and Boston.

Crowne Plaza Shuttle service is available from TF Green Airport. (401-732-6000)

Pre-registration is now closed \*\*

**NERAASA 2014 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM:**

Forms may be copied. Please use one form for each person registering.  
 Credit cards will be accepted for online registration only.  
**Online Registration and Mail-in Registration is \$20.00**

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS Tuesday, January 21, 2014.** Hotel prices (\$119.00 per night single, double, triple and quad plus tax) are guaranteed until Jan 21<sup>st</sup> OR until room blocks are filled. Please use the group code "NER" when making a reservation. Hotel reservation must be made directly through the hotel.

\* Please note the Crowne Plaza Hotel is sold out. View overflow hotel information on page immediately following flyer \*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AREA #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME ON BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Current Service Commitment:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> GSR or Alt GSR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DCM or Alt DCM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DCMC or Alt DCMC</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> District Committee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Central Officer or Intergroup</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Area Committee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Delegate or Alt Delegate Panel _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	<p>Past Delegates:</p> <p>Area # _____ Panel # _____</p> <p>Conference Committee _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I would be interested in moderating a round table session</p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I would like to participate in a panel</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I would like to record a round table</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have attended NERAASA before  <input type="checkbox"/> As a presenter</p>
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I have Special Needs (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Translation request:  ASL  Spanish  French  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my weekend agenda material to be in Spanish

**EVENT REGISTRATION**

\$ 20.00 NERAASA Registration

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$38.00 Saturday Night Banquet (Choose ONE, deadline February 14)

Prime Rib  Stuffed Chicken Breast  Pasta Primavera

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Delegate's Luncheon (Current, Alt. & Past Delegates **only**)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed Check/Money Order made payable to: NERAASA 2014

**Mail completed form with full payment to:** NERAASA 2014  
 4 Winchester Avenue  
 North Smithfield, RI 02896

**Please read these important notes from the NERAASA Host Committee Chair:****The Crowne Plaza (the main hotel) is sold out;**

- Overflow Hotel #1 is the Holiday Inn Express, 901 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick RI 02886. For reservations call 401-736-5000 and mention Group Code "NER";
  - Overflow Hotel #2 is the Sheraton-Providence Airport, 1850 Post Road, Warwick RI 02886 For reservations call 1-800-325-3535 and mention Group Code "NERAASA"
- (Both overflow hotels have a room rate of \$99 plus tax, per night; both hotels are available until they either sell out or until February 7)

**Pre-registration** -- both online and postal mail via the registration flyer --**is now closed**. In person registration will begin Friday, February 21st, at NERAASA 2014.

**Banquet Reservations:** A note on the 2014 registration flyer states that banquet reservations are available until February 14 - that was a typographical error - no more banquets are available; however, if you wish to be put on the wait list email the Host Committee Registrar: registrar2014@neraasa.org.

**Some General Information about NERAASA:****• *What is the purpose of NERAASA?***

The purpose of NERAASA is for General Service Representatives (GSR's), District Committee Members (DCM's), Area Officers, Area Committee Members, District Committee Members, and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the areas of the Northeast Region.

**• *What happens at NERAASA?***

NERAASA is a weekend of Panel Presentations and Floor Discussions on Issues Affecting A.A. Today; the Northeast Regional Trustee's Report; Saturday Dinner followed by an A.A. Speaker Meeting. In addition, there are several Round Table Sharing Sessions throughout the weekend. They include (but are not limited too); 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.

**• *When and where is NERAASA held?***

NERAASA is scheduled for the last full weekend of February each year, rotating throughout the different Delegate Area's of the Northeast Region.

**• *Who should attend NERAASA?***

**ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

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