Mission: The HMB Newsletter is published to foster unity and provide communications among AA members, groups, districts & the GSO.

**Tradition 5 Checklist**

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me?"

2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?

3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?

4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who he is or what is in it for me?

5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose? Does my group carry the message, or do we expect people to come get it?

6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

**Concept V Checklist**

1. Do we encourage the minority opinion, the “Right of Appeal”, to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?

2. What does our group accept as "substantial unanimity"?

3. Has our group experienced the “tyranny of the majority” or the “tyranny of the minority”?

4. Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?

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**AA Principles of the Month**

**Step 5** – Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

**Tradition 5** (long form) – Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

**Concept V** (long form) – Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

**Fifth Step Promises**

“...Once we have taken this step, withholding nothing, we are delighted. We can look the world in the eye. We can be alone at perfect peace and ease. Our fears fall from us. We begin to feel the nearness of our Creator. We may have had certain spiritual beliefs, but now we begin to have a spiritual experience. The feeling that the drink problem has disappeared will often come strongly. We feel we are on the Broad Highway, walking hand in hand with the Spirit of the Universe.”

~ Alcoholics Anonymous p. 75.

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**CONTEST:**

NAME

YOUR

AREA

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES MAY 10

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A new Service position of “Alternate Registrar” is now available. If you are interested in this position, please contact Bill W., our Area Chairperson, at: hmbchair@aahmbny.org.

ATTENTION: GROUPS IN AREA 48

Donations Wanted for the upcoming 2015 HMB Area 48 Convention

To notify us of what your group would like to donate, email hmbconvention@aahmbny.org and use “Hospitality” in the subject line.

- Thank You

- 3 large platters
- 7 large bowls
- 5 baskets
- Aluminum foil
- Stirrers
- Plastic silverware
- 1 case cups
- 2-35oz. Decaf
- 4-35oz. Coffee
- 3 boxes assorted teas
- 2 large boxes hot cocoa
- 2 boxes apple cider
- 500 packets sugar
- 5 large non-dairy creamers
- 1 large box Sweet’N Low
- 300 large and small paper plates
- 600 napkins
- 8 rolls paper towels
- 6 cases spring water
- Assorted cases of soda
- Garbage bags
- Mustard, mayo, ketchup, salt & pepper
- Assorted bags of chips, cookies, granola bars
- Assorted juices singles
- or $10.00 per group

On pages 7 - 11 there are SIX proposals submitted for the May 2015 HMB Area Assembly. Please review and discuss at your home group and district meetings. At the May 16th Assembly there will be a discussion and then a vote. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For the Assembly, those eligible to vote are:

- Area Delegate, Area Chair, Alternate Area Chair, Area Treasurer, Alternate Area Treasurer, Area Secretary, Alternate Area Secretary/Records
- Area Service Committee Chairs OR their Alternate: Archives, BTG, CPC, PI, Grapevine, Special Needs/Accessibility, Treatment, Corrections, Newsletter Editor, and Website Chair
- Past Area Delegates, DCMs OR their Alternate, GSRs OR their Alternate

NOTE: Each person only has ONE vote.
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To view all upcoming HMB Area 48 Event FLYERS and District event flyers, as well as directions and maps, please view the Area website: www.aahmbny.org.

**District 12:**
Is hosting a ‘Spiritual Breakfast’ on Saturday, May 2, at the Beeches, 7900 Turin Road, Rome. Registration at 9am, Breakfast at 10am, and the speaker is at 11am. Tickets are $12.00.

**District 18:**
Is hosting its annual ‘Spring Fling Sober Dance’ on Friday, May 8, at the Greenbush Reformed Church in the Christian Education Building, off Hays Road, East Greenbush. Meeting at 8pm and dance from 9pm - Midnight. $5.00 suggested donation.

**District 14:**
Is hosting a Spring Workshop: “The AA Group” on Saturday, May 9, from 10am - 2pm, at the Awaken Church, 935 Balltown Road, Schenectady. There will be speakers, panels, lunch, and raffle prizes. Suggested donation $5. If interested in service contact Tammy D. at district14workshops@yahoo.com.

**District 2:**
Is hosting its annual ‘Memorial Day Picnic’ on Saturday, May 23, from noon to dusk at Prospect Park, off Congress Street, in Troy, with a speaker meeting at 3pm and a 50/50 raffle. Please bring a dish to share. $5 suggested donation. For more info contact Mike D. at dist2adcm@aol.com.

**ESCYPAA II:**
The Young People of A.A. will be hosting their Second Annual ‘Empire State Convention’ on August 21 - 23, 2015 at the Riverside Radisson Hotel, Rochester, NY. Pre-registration is $20. Go online at www.escypaaii.org to pre-register and for hotel and conference information.

**Capital District Central Office (CDCO)** Please join us at our monthly business meeting, Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m., at the Schuyler Inn, Room #130, Menands.
HMB Area 48 May Assembly
Saturday May 16, 2015
9AM – 3PM
Hosted By District 14
and the Central Cluster
Location: Scotia Methodist Church
201 North Ten Broeck St.
Scotia, NY 12302
Handicapped/Wheelchair Accessible

Tentative Agenda:
9-10am: Meet and Greet/GSR Workshop
10-12pm: Delegate’s GSC Report
12-1pm: 7th Tradition Lunch will be provided
1-3pm: Proposed Budget 2016 Discussion & Vote on Proposals
Business Meeting, time permitting

For Directions/Questions email: althmbchair@aahmbny.org

All members are welcome to the spring Area Assembly and all GSRs are most encouraged to participate in discussion and voting in your service position as GSR.

Those seeking to be enlightened through NERF service ...

The Hospitality Suite
Prepare your favorite recipe &/or donate your time - email your info to newsletter@aahmbny.org

Greeters welcome your fellow members & familiarize with event locations (& the Hospitality Suite) - email info to alttreasurer@aahmbny.org

HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION
2015 Northeast Regional Forum
May 29 - 31, 2015

ALBANY MARRIOTT Hotel
189 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12205
Phone: (518) 458-8444 or (800) 443-8952
Rate cutoff date: May 8, 2015

Hotel Reservations at the Albany Marriott Hotel can be made by one of the following methods:
• By phone: (800) 443-8952 no later than May 8, 2015
• ONLINE: www.aa.org (Click on “For A.A. Members”)

Room rates:
Single/Double: $119 (plus tax)

For special room rate use Group Code: HMB

REGISTRATION FORM

Name ________________________________
Street Address ____________________________
City ______ State ______ Zip Code ______
Phone ________________________________

Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter? [ ]
Have you ever attended a Regional Forum? [ ]
For ASL Interpretation please contact G.S.O.: regionalforums@aa.org

Information collected is “Confidential” and will only be used for this Regional Forum.
Mail to G.S.O to Arrive by: May 8, 2015

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

REGISTER RESPONSIBLY. Can be made by:
PHONE: (800) 443-8952 or (518) 458-8444
ONLINE: www.aa.org (Click on: “For A.A. Members”)

Tentative SCHEDULE of Events

FRIDAY
2:00 - close Registration
6:45 - 7:00 pm First Timer Orientation
7:00-8:30 pm Welcome Remarks
8:30-8:45 pm Break
8:45-9:15 pm Video
9:15-10:00 pm General Sharing
10:45 - 12:00 pm Delegate Presentation
12:00-1:30 pm Lunch
1:30-2:30 pm Presentations

SATURDAY
9:00am - close Registration
9:00-10:00 am A.A. Grapevine
10:00-10:15 am Break
10:15-11:00 am General Sharing
11:00-12:00 pm Delegate Presentation
12:00-1:30 pm Lunch
2:30-3:15 pm Ask-It Basket
3:15-3:30 pm Break
3:30-4:00 pm Presentation
4:00-5:00 pm Dinner
5:00-7:00 pm Dinner
7:00-8:15 pm Workshops
8:15-8:30 pm Break
8:30-9:45 pm Workshops

SUNDAY
9:00 - 10:00 am General Sharing
10:00-10:30 am First Timer Sharing
10:30-10:45 am Break
10:45-11:30 am Past Trustees’ Sharing
11:30- Noon Closing Remarks

REGISTRATION Information:
Registration is FREE! You can register online at www.aa.org - go to INFORMATION ABOUT A.A. CLICK ON “For A.A. Members” select Regional and Local Forums. You do not have to register to attend but please register early to help us in our planning. All registration information is “Confidential” and will only be used for this Forum. All who register will receive a Final Report. You are on your own for meals.

HMB Area 48 June Fellowship Day
Saturday, June 13, 2015
9AM – 1PM
Hosted By District 3 and the Hudson Valley Cluster

Location: Resurrection Lutheran Church
186 Main St
Cairo, NY 12413

Tentative Agenda:
9:00 – 9:30 Meet and Greet
9:30 – 10:30 Committee meetings, DCM meeting
10:45 – 11:45 Area Business Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 Panel: In Love and Service

All members welcome for last Area event until September. Join us for fellowship, communicating our legacies and 7th tradition brunch snacks throughout the day.
For more information and directions contact Alt Area Chair at althmbchair@aahmbny.org

2015 Northeast Regional Forum REGISTRATION FORM
Name ________________________________
Street Address ____________________________
City ______ State ______ Zip Code ______
Phone ________________________________

Do you need a Spanish Language Interpreter? [ ]
Have you ever attended a Regional Forum? [ ]
For ASL Interpretation please contact G.S.O.: regionalforums@aa.org

Information collected is “Confidential” and will only be used for this Regional Forum. All who register will receive a Final Report. You are on your own for meals.
The New York State Information Workshop is an educational sharing forum for the purpose of carrying the A.A. message through our General Services Committees. We meet annually with the four General Service Areas in New York State, to share our experiences with the most effective ways to do our 12th Step Work.

This event is open to all who wish to learn about carrying the A.A. message, through their Home Groups, Districts, and Area General Service Committees. If you serve on a Committee, or would like to, this event will be of great interest to you!

2015 NEW YORK STATE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
HOSTED BY SENY AREA 49

WHEN
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH
TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH, 2015

WHERE
STORM KING SCHOOL
314 MOUNTAIN ROAD,
CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON, NY 12520

WHAT
PANELS & ROUND TABLES ON EACH AREA OF SERVICE, A SPEAKER FROM GSO, ENTERTAINMENT & AA MEETINGS

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________________
Tel: _____________________________________________
Email: __________________________________________

Service Position(s): ______________________________
Area (47,48,49,50, other): _________________________

Amount Enclosed: ________________________________
(Personal Checks or Money Order only) Make Payable to: SENY-NYSIW

Or register online at NYSIW.org
On the website you will find:
- Lodging information for hotels
- Two on-site lodging choices
- Two weekend-long meal choices
- Two day registration choice

WEEKEND ACCOMMODATIONS:

☐ $170 Lodging with Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast
☐ $20 Saturday only with lunch
☐ $35 Saturday only with lunch & dinner
☐ Dietary Restrictions: ______________________________

☐ Accessibility/Special Needs: ______________________

Note: All rooms are double occupancy. Please contact with any special needs.

Send Registration to: NYSIW@SENY, PO Box 571, New York, NY, 10116-0571
Hospitality Donations may also be sent to NYSIW@SENY, PO Box 571, New York, NY, 10116-0571

For more information visit NYSIW.org

Any questions or suggestions can be emailed to NYSIW@AASENY.ORG
HMB Area 48 Convention
November 6-8, 2015
“Celebrating LXXX Years of Unity, Recovery, & Service”

Holiday Inn
State Highway 23
Oneonta, NY 13820

Convention Room Rate: $99.00 plus tax per night

Deadline for reservations: October 6, 2015

You can register online @ www.aahmbny.org/2015hmbconvention
Convention Registration Form - Pre-Registration Deadline, October 23, 2015
(One Form Per Person)

Name: _____________________________
Address: ___________________________
City/State/Zip: _______________________
Phone: ______________________________
Email: ______________________________

AA ____ Al-Anon ____ Other ________
Old-timer with 25+ Years? (Circle One) Yes  No

Convention Registration.................$20.00
Banquet .....................................$35.00
Check one:  Broccoli & Cheese Stuffed Chicken (  )
            London Broil(  )        Pasta Primavera ( )
Special Dietary Needs (Please Specify):

Total Enclosed: $_____________________

Special Needs (Please Specify - for example ASL, Translation, etc): ________________________________________________

Make Checks Payable to:
“HMB Area Convention”
HMB Assoc/Convention
PMB 161
61 Elmwood Avenue
Gloversville, NY 12078

Info: hmbconventionchair@aahmbny.org

Hotel Reservations

Online Reservations:
Select dates (11/6-11/8) -
Enter group code “HMB”

Click “Submit”
By Phone: (800) 465-4329
When reserving rooms, use code “HMB” for Convention Rate.

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PROPOSALS FOR THE MAY ASSEMBLY

* Please note: Proposals #1 & #2 have been updated (from the March Newsletter) after the Ad Hoc Committee received feedback from our members. Proposals #4 thru #6 (submitted by Bill W) were recently added to the April Newsletter. These 3 proposals have also been updated since distribution at the Area Fellowship Day on March 14.

**#1.** The HMB Area 48 Service Manual Ad Hoc Committee submits the following proposed guidelines for hosting area events for inclusion in the Area Service Manual:

**SUGGESTED GUIDELINES HOSTING AREA EVENTS**

The Area Events Calendar is coordinated by the Alternate Area Chairperson who also serves as the Functions Committee Chair. The Functions Committee is typically comprised of the Functions Committee Chair and the DCMs.

The Functions Committee Chair is responsible for:
- establishing the area calendar of events
- identifying the host cluster for each event
- identifying a host district from the host cluster

A Cluster is a group of districts. In HMB Area 48, the clusters are designated as follows:

- Adirondack Cluster – Districts 5, 10, 13, & 19
- Central Cluster – Districts 4, 8, & 14
- Eastern Cluster – Districts 1, 2, & 18
- Hudson Valley Cluster – Districts 3, 7, 11, 15, 16, & 17
- Western Cluster – Districts 9 & 12

The primary role of the host district is to provide overall coordination for a specific event and ensuring the tasks outlined below are assigned to the districts in the host cluster.

Remember, it is intended for Area events to be hosted by all the districts in a cluster. If you do not have contact emails or phone numbers for the DCMs in your cluster, ask the Area Registrar for this information. You will benefit from communicating amongst yourselves when hosting an event and build more fellowship and unity in the process!

The following suggestions come from shared experience from prior hosted Area events.

**A. Securing a Facility** - The facility should have enough rooms/space to accommodate both Fellowship and Area Committee meetings. Remember that at least two, and sometimes three meetings will be going on at the same time. **Ensure the space is accessible to those with physical limitations.** Check with the facility on set up times to ensure the space is available at least an hour before the event. Secure the facility with a deposit from the Host District (unless otherwise assigned) or the Area.

**B. Themes/Topics** - Fellowship Days and/or Area Assemblies are organized by the assigned district in the Host Cluster. Please give a heads up to speakers on a panel or workshop at least a month in advance to allow speakers to prepare. Follow up with speakers by email or phone a week before event.

**C. Table Space for Service Committees** – Check with the Area Archives and Area Grapevine Chairs to see if they will need space for displays. Other Area Service Committees are responsible for contacting the Host Cluster to arrange for special setup space. Also have a table available for flyers and other handouts.

**D. Flyer** - A flyer (to be made by Alternate Chair or assigned district in the Host Cluster) should be published in the Area Newsletter a minimum of two months prior to the event. The flyer should also be posted on the Area Website. The flyer should include day and date, address, agenda, directions and altmbchair@aahmbny.org as the contact email (no phone numbers). The assigned district in the Host Cluster should coordinate with the Area Chairperson and the Alternate Area Chairperson on the agenda for the event. The flyer should be sent to the alternate area chairperson (altmbchair@aahmbny.org), newsletter editor (newsletter@aahmbny.org), and webmaster (webmaster@aahmbny.org). Remember to make copies of the flyer and make them available at Area events prior to the event you are hosting (100 copies per event).

**E. Food / Refreshments** - Coffee/Tea, doughnuts or other breakfast items should be provided during the registration time. Lunch is provided during all Area events except for the June Fellowship Day. 7th Tradition cans should be supplied by the assigned
district in the Host Cluster and placed in convenient locations.

If you are hosting the event, plan on feeding 75 people and request help from host cluster districts with morning food or coffee/beverages/paper items.

F. **Volunteers** – The assigned district(s) in the Host Cluster are responsible for arranging for volunteers to handle the registration table including sign-in sheets and name tags. It is suggested to have two people to greet at the table and to answer any questions about the event. Additional volunteers will be needed to handle food, set up and clean up. The sign-in sheets should be given to the Area Secretary at the end of the event.

G. **Reimbursement** - The Area will reimburse the assigned district in the Host Cluster for expenses not covered by the 7th Tradition contributions, up to the budgeted amount. Refer to the approved Area budget for budgeted amounts.

Remember to KEEP ALL RECEIPTS in order to be reimbursed. If more than one district is purchasing items for the event, please submit only ONE reimbursement form to the Area Treasurer. If Districts provide contributions to support the event, please include this information on the event summary.

If you have more questions, please contact your Area 48 Alternate Chair (althmbchair@aahmbny.org)

Respectfully submitted,
Deb, Thea, Amanda, Tad, and Mark

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**#2.** The HMB Area 48 Service Manual Ad Hoc Committee submits the following proposed description for the Corrections Service Position for inclusion in the Area Service Manual:

**Corrections Chair**

**Chair Responsibilities**

- Chairs the Area Corrections Committee, including meetings at Area events.

- Attend all Area meetings, select New York State events and select Regional events as described in section **Event Participation and Funding** of this manual.

- Coordinate the “Fifth Tradition in Corrections Workshops” in the clusters.

- Coordinates correctional information with GSO.

- Works closely with District Correctional Facilities Chairs.

- Assists Districts and Clusters with establishing AA meetings in correctional facilities where there are none and providing support in those facilities where there are issues.

- Follows up with requests for information from individual AA members and family members of inmates.

- Is familiar with the Corrections Workbook and Kit, the A.A. Service Manual and the HMB Area 48 Service Manual.

- Cooperates with other area and local service committees.

- Passes along communications and requests from AAWS/AA Grapevine of possible interest to the membership.

- Submit expense reports on time as described in the **Allocations** section of this manual.

**Qualifications**

- Suggested to have service experience at the group and district level.

- Suggested to have a good foundation with the Traditions and the Concepts.

- Time and energy to do the service position.

**The Area Corrections Committee**

- The Area Corrections Committee is chaired by the Area Correction Committee Chairperson.

- All District Corrections Chairs and District Alternate Corrections Chairs make up the Area Corrections Committee.

- Other A.A. members of the fellowship can serve as active service workers on the committee. Interested A.A. members are encouraged to talk with the Area Corrections Chair.
Getting Started

- It is suggested to meet with the immediate past chair of the service committee. If there has not been a chair of the service committee in some time, the new chairperson can work with the Area Delegate, Area Chairperson, Past Delegates, a service sponsor or a past Corrections Chair.

- The Corrections Workbook and Kit, which is available from the General Service Office, is also a key tool to help you get started.

- The General Service Office Corrections Desk staff can provide shared experience from the fellowship. They are available at corrections@aa.org or by calling 512-870-3400.

Literature


Respectfully submitted,
Deb, Thea, Amanda, Tad, and Mark

#3. The HMB Area 48 Service Manual Ad Hoc Committee submits the following proposed sections for inclusion in the Area Service Manual:
- Event Participation and Funding
- Allocations

Event Participation and Funding:

Members of the Area Committee and the Service Committee Chairs are expected to attend and participate at Area events, select New York State events and select Regional Events. The table below indicates by position what those expectations are. The Area budget includes funding for this activity. Please refer to the approved budget for specific dollar amounts.

Allocations:

An allocation is financial funding that is made available to those serving the Area, as described in the section “Event Participation and Funding” of this manual.

In the approved Area Budget, each service position will have a general allocation and event allocations.

General allocations can be used for mileage, tolls, literature, postage, copying, office supplies and other reasonable expenses.

Event allocations are used for mileage, tolls, lodging and registration for events that are funded. Allocations should not be used for meals or banquet costs with the exception of the New York State Informational Workshop where meals are normally included in the costs for the weekend. There will be no reimbursement for hotel costs if the participant lives within a 25 mile radius of the event. This will not apply if special accommodations are required. Allocations from one event cannot be used for another event.

Alternate Service Committee chairs are not funded unless the chair of that service position is unable to attend the event.

Refer to the approved budget for the mileage reimbursement rate.

Actual expenditures must be reported in writing and documented with receipts. Reports are due by April 15th, July 15th, October 15th and December 15th. The Finance Committee must review all reports past due before any payments are made. Allocated monies are disbursed when requested, and only when an accounting of the previous allocation has been made.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb, Thea, Amanda, Tad, and Mark

#3. The HMB Area 48 Service Manual Ad Hoc Committee submits the following proposed
the most important questions addressed was the following:

\[
\text{Does our election process encourage all qualified members to stand for our service positions?}
\]

Our Inventory Facilitator, US Trustee at Large, Bob W., brought up the possibility of enlarging our pool of candidates to include all those qualified and willing to serve.

Accordingly, I am submitting the following motion for consideration:

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#4. At our Inventory Day in January, one of the most important questions addressed was the following:

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In order to better ensure that Area 48 has the most capable and qualified trusted servants, I propose that the following procedure for electing Area Officers be included in the HMB Area 48 Service Manual:

All present or past members of the Area with at least 5 years of sobriety will be asked by the Area Delegate to stand up. These are the eligible candidates for Area Chair. The Delegate will then ask those who have determined that they will not be available to fulfill the obligations to sit down. The names of those that remain standing will be written on the board as the candidates for Area 48 Chair. Before voting begins, the candidates will be asked to briefly share their service experience with the Assembly, each having no more than 3 minutes. The selection process will be conducted using the “Third Legacy Procedure” described in Chapter One of ‘The A.A. Service Manual.’ The details of this procedure will be described before the elections begin. The key qualities that distinguish this from a “normal” majority-rule election are: a 2/3 majority is required to reach a decision, voting will last no more than 5 ballots, all voting will be by written ballot, some candidates may be eliminated after each ballot, and – if no candidate has been selected after five ballots - the choice will be made by lot, called “going to the hat.”

The list of remaining Area Chair candidates is the beginning list of eligible candidates for Alternate Chair. The Delegate will ask if anyone wishes to add or remove his/her name to/from the list and the “Third Legacy Procedure” will be followed to select the Alternate Chair.

The list of remaining Alternate Chair candidates is the beginning list of eligible candidates for Treasurer. The list of remaining Treasurer candidates is the beginning list of eligible candidates for Secretary. Since the service history and desired length of sobriety change as we move through the different service positions, others may add their name to the list of eligible and available candidates at each stage of the process.

**#5.** At our Inventory Day in January, a question addressed was the following:

*Does our election process keep the Principle of Rotation in mind when we allow the Treasurer and Secretary to stand for second terms?*

Accordingly, I am submitting the following motion for consideration:

In order to better ensure that Area 48 has the most capable and qualified trusted servants, I propose that our Area Treasurer and Secretary be limited to serving one two-year term. Should the individual assume the position of either Treasurer or Secretary due to the resignation of the serving office holder they will still be eligible to serve a full two-year term upon subsequent election.

In Fellowship and In Service,
Bill W.
HMB Area 48 Chair

**#6.** At Inventory Day, the fact that we have no formal process of orientation for new Area Officers was discussed.

Accordingly, I am submitting the following motion for consideration:

Following our election of Area Officers, the remaining half of the Area 48 Election Assembly be allocated for orientation of the new Area Officers by the previous office holders. The Area Chair will have other sessions scheduled for those members who are not immediately involved in the orientation sessions.

In Fellowship and In Service,
Bill W.
HMB Area 48 Chair

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*JOKE…*

Sitting in a bar having drinks with a friend… I casually pointed to two old drunks sitting across the bar from us and said "That's us in ten years."

She said, "That's a mirror, dipshit!"
Hi All,

Writing this on April 17. I'm aware that I will be arriving in New York City for the 65th General Service Conference in less than 24 hours for a fully packed agenda, with little down time throughout the entire week, going from 7:00 AM (the AA meeting every morning) to probably 9:30 or 10:00pm every night. This year feels a little different for a lot of reasons. Most past delegates have told me “the second year is different,” having had the experience of last year’s Conference. I will recognize many of the delegates I served with last year, and will know half of the delegates on my Literature Committee. We’ve been emailing already, so we are looking forward to meeting! Having it in New York City, in Times Square, also makes it different than last year’s in Rye, New York. There are some activities on Saturday, including a Delegate’s-Only meeting Saturday night, and we will be jumping right into AA business on Sunday.

I was so pleased with the turnout at Delegate’s Day in Lake George. I got to meet some of the new DCM’s and Alternate DCM’s, and have since been emailing with a few. I left Lake George that day feeling energized and aware of our Area conscience on the agenda items. Subsequently, I have received another round of completed Delegate’s questionnaires. In addition, I have received well wishes from so many members who have
kindly taken the time to email.

I am humbled when I realize what an awesome responsibility you have trusted me with for our Area, and I take it very seriously. Stay tuned!!

In Service,
Pat L., Panel 64 Delegate
Conference Committee Literature

• Area CHAIR ———————

Dear Fellow Trusted Servants,

I was told early on that one of the most important responsibilities of the Alternate Delegate is to pray extra hard for the health of the Delegate. With the General Service Conference only now just past, and knowing just how much material Pat, our Delegate, had to be ready to decide upon, you can believe me when I tell you I took that responsibility very seriously.

At our meeting in Lake George we talked about some of the questions that the General Service Conference would discuss, debated them, and offered our informed opinions. For those of us who were at NERAAASA, some of these questions were familiar. We still needed to give them serious consideration.

In May we have two important dates for HMB:
FIRST is our May Assembly. As you know, there are several very interesting proposals for us to consider. We have a total of SIX proposals so the debate and voting may take a while. If you familiarize yourself with the proposals in advance, we will be able to get right into them. They were all printed in the newsletter and they are available on the website.

ALSO – two weeks after the May Assembly, we are hosting NERF – the Northeast Regional Forum. Not only is NERF fun to say, it is a great event. Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service, throughout the A.A. service structure. There is no registration fee for Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses. On May 29 – 31 AAs from all over the Northeast Region will be coming to us, in Area 48, to the Marriott on Wolf Road, in Albany, for the Northeast Regional Forum. And here’s the kicker – we need some more volunteers. Specifically, we need people who can help SET UP and TAKE DOWN. Got that? Please, volunteer – TODAY. This is a fantastic event and by volunteering you can be a real active part of it. Talk to me TODAY – if I am busy, talk to Jeannie or Keith. OK?

Just a reminder – we have a new service position here in HMB – ‘Alternate Registrar.’ We need to fill it. I’m a bit surprised that no one has stepped forward yet. This is a terrific opportunity to do service here in Area 48 and you get to work with Kevin, our Registrar, who is just one of the best people to do service with. If you need more information about this position, please talk to him or me, and consider making yourself available for it.

Earlier I mentioned the WEBSITE – guess what – it is looking GREAT. Hawk and Kate have been busy and the HMB AREA 48 website has been upgraded in look, content, and functionality. We need to thank them for all their hard work. It really looks good.

One last thing: the New York State Informational Workshop will be down in Orange County this year. SENY is sponsoring it. We have full links to it on our Area Website. If you are a Committee Chair you are funded for this and expected to be there – so mark your calendars and make your reservations soon. It’s August 14-16, at the STORM KING SCHOOL, 314 MOUNTAIN ROAD, CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON, NY.

Part of my responsibility as Area Chair is to visit our Districts and attend their Meetings. I will be making some more plans for that, and arranging to head out to those Districts I haven’t been to yet. There are only a few of them and I am more than eager to visit.

As always, please feel free to let me know how I can be of further service to you here in HMB.

In Fellowship and In Service,
Bill W.
HMB Area 48 Chair

• Area SECRETARY ————

The following minutes approved at Delegate’s Day, April 11, in Lake George.
HMB AREA 48 Fellowship Day  
Saturday, March 14, 2015  
New Paltz, NY

Hosted by District 15 and the Hudson Valley Cluster.

Meeting opened at 10:02am by the Chair with the Serenity Prayer.

I. Committee Meetings
II. Panel Workshop – The AA Triangle: Unity, Recovery, Service
III. Area Business Meeting and Reports

Area Chair – Culled suggestions from Inventory Day to create 3 proposals. NERAASA had 917 in attendance. NERD (North East Regional Delegate’s meeting) in Newport, RI attended in early March. Delegate’s questionnaire for Conference is available on the Delegate’s Page on aahmbny.org. There are many important issues to be discussed. Please fill out the questionnaire with your home group. Cathy P. of District 17 has stepped up as Area Grapevine Chair. Next month’s meeting is in Lake George, May in Scotia. Large number of motions to be voted at the assembly. Please make sure your GSR or Alt. GSR will be present to vote.

Alt. Chair – Thanks to DCMs for putting together area event hosting guidelines.

Alt. Treasurer – 2015 Meeting books are sold out. The schedule is on the website. You can also print out just certain meetings. Finance committee met and is preparing budget to present.

Secretary – Minutes from January Inventory Day approved.

Alt. Secretary/Registrar – Seeking Alternate Registrar with the hope that that person will be ready to rotate into the Registrar position next year. See newsletter for ‘Want Ad.’ Ideally, the person will have experience with databases and spreadsheets. Working on Confidential Directories. Will email a .pdf of the Area Meeting Book to anyone on request.

Corrections – Given by Alt Corrections Chair - Corrections 5th Tradition Workshop March 24, from 5pm – 8pm at Dannemora Correctional Facility, Adirondack Cluster. Fifth Tradition Workshop in Hudson Valley Cluster in August.

Had committee meeting this morning and discussed Bridging the Gap between the DOCs and AA cultures. Many prisons don’t have meetings yet (see attached for more).

Website – Looking at some of the issues facing us in the internet age, especially, how to improve search engine optimization. This may require spending a bit of money for professional consulting. Attended NERAASA and met with other Web Chairs. Make sure to include the website information in your communications with treatment and corrections – e.g. on business cards and as email signatures. Other discussions on ways to improve using websites as tools for PI & CPC as well as for alcoholics; and implementing new technologies.

Archives – Have some new displays that will be presented at the next couple of area meeting days. Moving archives to a new storage for easier access. Chair will be rotating out in the fall. The Alternate has been taking more and more responsibility for the committee and is prepared to take over. Alt. attended NERAASA. At this morning’s roundtable had archivists from 3 districts and some interested AA members who are not yet archivists. District 15 has been recording old-timers and has CDs.

Newsletter – Working to fix email problems. If you have submissions for April newsletter, please send them by March 17. newsletter@aahmbny.org. Send event flyers and she will extract the information for the newsletter. Holding a contest to name the newsletter: please submit ideas. Winner will get a copy of the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the Big Book.

Public Information (PI) – Attended NERAASA. Lots of new ideas for getting people involved in PI. e.g. a group can adopt a literature rack and make a commitment to keeping it filled (in a library, police dept., etc.). Great meeting this morning combined with CPC. District PI people can have CDs of PSAs for radio stations. Groups/districts can also put local meeting lists in hotels. There is a CPC/PI conference call every third Tuesday from 7-8pm, lately focusing on working with judges but other topics will also be covered in future calls. Call in number is: 857-232-0159 pin 819630.

Treatment – Had good committee meeting today, with 4 districts. What if your district does not have a treatment facility? Help the district next to you. Groups can take a commitment to carry a meeting. Check with your booking meeting to see if they could include a specific time to fill treatment meetings. Calling is a better way to get in touch than email.
NERF – Albany, May 29-31. Looking for volunteers for set up, take down, registration, and hospitality. GSO presents finances, what’s going on in service committees, etc. etc. No registration fee. No banquet, plan for all meals on your own.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Service Manual – Made 3 proposals for the May Assembly (two of which are slightly changed in the next newsletter based on feedback). Expecting this to be a lengthy process. Updating all of the service committee information, as well as guidelines.

HMB Convention – In Oneonta at Holiday Inn, November 6-8. Registration is $20, banquet $35. Flyers are available. Looking for group contributions for hospitality. Online registration is available at aahmbny.org. DCMs think about who in your district could speak on a panel.

DISTRICT Reports

1 – 80 groups and 45 GSRs regularly attending. DCM attended NERAASA. There has been a DCM email group set up for the North East Region. Groups are reviewing the Service Manual. Newsletter getting more input, service workshop is being planned.

3 – Thanks to the Activities committee for today’s desserts. Looking forward to hosting Fellowship Day in June.

4 – Have a couple open positions. Reviewed the Area Service Manual with the GSRs at the last district meeting. Helping people to understand that the district is us.

7 – Enjoyed speaking on a panel at NERAASA. Upcoming events: spaghetti dinner with service speakers on April 18. Memorial Day picnic. No Booze Cruise possibly in September. Have a new excited PI chair, with lots of ideas and activities. Instead of newsletter focusing on website, which can be reached through area. DCM will be rotating out and is looking for the next person to step up.

8 – Have been able to donate $1000 to both Area and GSO. The district is ordering books (large order gets free shipping) and make those available to the groups in the district. Beginning work on the District Service Manual, possibly including sending DCM to NERAASA or other Regional Events.

9 – About half of groups are sending GSRs. Have moved district meeting to a new venue.

11 – Attended NERAASA. Things are going well. Had 10 people during a snow storm last month.

12 – Spiritual Breakfast May 2, tickets $12. Have started a traditions meeting and planning service workshops for fall. Working on helping people to understand the spirit of rotation. Started a newsletter. Hosting Area Fellowship day in the fall.

13 – Looking forward to hosting Delegate’s Day. Attended NERAASA. Discussing adopting a budget, including funding the DCM to attend some events. Have moved from bi-monthly to monthly and has improved attendance.

14 – New to position. Attended NERAASA. Hosting May Assembly. Excited to be a co-host district for the HMB convention. Have noticed that when refreshments are offered more people come to the district meetings.

15 – Thank the Hudson Valley cluster for planning today. Looking forward to supporting the cluster in future events. Attended NERAASA and looking forward to bringing the excitement back to the GSRs.


17 – Very good attendance at last district meeting. Attempting to reach out to dark groups, and giving them the Delegate’s Questionnaire. New PI/CPC has mailed out Big Books to libraries, and literature rack in hospital. New treatment meeting. Working with local correctional facilities.

At the Delegate’s Day of Sharing on April 11, 2015, one area where feedback was sought was Corrections. Specifically, the two agenda items were seeking feedback on the Corrections Correspondence Program, and feedback on how to engage AA members in Corrections service. Being part of this workgroup, I reported that we felt that the Corrections Correspondence Program was a great service for inmates, as it helped them to keep in touch with sober AA members on the outside. To get involved in this, you can download the form “Corrections Correspondence” from www.aa.org, complete the form, and submit it to GSO. You will then
be put in touch with an inmate with whom you may correspond, at least 3 states away. There are three times as many men inmates as women who request this service, and this is a great way to get involved with Corrections work if you are not yet ready to take an AA meeting into a jail or a prison.

On the second topic of engaging members in Corrections Service, our group suggested talking about Corrections (naming specific Correctional Facilities in the district) at the group and district level, and educating our sponsees on the benefits and rewards of this type of service. We can also share our experience, strength, and hope, refute the misconceptions about people in prisons, and help to dispel members’ fears. For those members who may say “I have nothing to offer because I was never in prison,” this is nonsense. Inmates do not want to talk about prison life; they want to talk about what it will be like when they get out, go to AA meetings, and live clean and sober lives in the community. We need to talk up Corrections Service work, and talk it up some more. Also, we can announce at the group and district level the ‘Fifth Tradition in Corrections Workshops’ being held in clusters to better meet the needs of the individual geographic areas. Finally, we can announce that the Corrections Committee is being held clusters to better meet the needs of the individual geographic areas. We need to talk up Corrections Workshops work, and talk it up some more. Also, we can announce at the group and district level the ‘Fifth Tradition in Corrections Workshops’ being held in clusters to better meet the needs of the individual geographic areas. Finally, we can announce at the group and district level the ‘Fifth Tradition in Corrections Workshops’ being held in clusters to better meet the needs of the individual geographic areas.

Our next ‘Fifth Tradition in Corrections Workshop’ (aka ‘Corrections Connection’) will be held in the Hudson Valley Cluster, most likely the first week of August, 2015, on a weekday, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. A location is being sought in the Kingston area. You will be hearing more on this!

Kathy R.

• Area CPC ———— ——— ——— ——— —

HMB Area 48 CPC Committee has a conference call each month on the third Tuesday at 7:00pm. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call in number is 857-232-0159, the conference code is 819630.

The CPC Committee conference call was called to order at 7:05pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. In attendance were Karen H., D13; Deb D., D7; Ted W., D7; Jim C., D9; Emmet J., D9; Kieran M., D8; and Don S., D19.

The primary focus of the conversation was ‘Carrying the Message to Medical Professionals.’ Most of us had provided local meeting lists to medical facilities in our districts. These include our doctors’ offices, local clinics, and hospitals. Discussion turned to other forms of information such as pamphlets, as well as presentations to these facilities.

We discussed who we initially approach with our request to present the AA program. The suggestions seemed to center around the Board of Directors and Administrative Staff, before ER personnel, or other staff members. The comment was made that “if pamphlets were placed by administration they were likely to remain”.

Our focus is to center on presenting the AA program to Medical Staff, at all levels, through introducing AA-approved literature, as well as following up, when possible, with a presentation about AA.

Karen H. brought to our attention that District 13 also sends a thank-you letter to the Hudson Headwaters Health Network for providing AA the opportunity to reach out through their network of health centers. I think it is an important point that we should always extend a thank-you to all of our contacts who assist us in carrying the message.

District 7 BTG has a business card which we might want to look at as a way to further our appearance of professionalism with our professional contacts.

District 7 CPC has initiated a program to provide Big Books, 12&12s, Living Sober, and a package of 10 pamphlets (in literature racks), at Kingston Hospital, Benedictine Hospital, Ellenville Hospital, and Emergency One. The racks are re-stocked as needed. Also, they send a package of literature (pamphlets, meeting lists, and books) to High School nurses. D7 has budgeted $1000.00 in 2015 for this effort. Deb states they are about half way through this initial allotment.

Don S.

• Area GRAPEVINE —— —

Here is what I have been up to since taking over the Grapevine Chair position last month:

I contacted AAGrapevine.org and received my
"Welcome Packet" and lots of great information in the mail. I have had numerous correspondence with Janet, the office manager there.

I also read Chapter Twelve in the AA Service Manual - Grapevine. (Not sure I could pass a quiz on all the info I read, though.)

I have met with Carol A, the previous Grapevine Chair. We had a few hours of lively conversation regarding the "dos and don'ts" of this position. She has been enormously helpful and kind to me. I received all of the inventory that Carol was keeping, in addition to all of the funds.

I have set up a checking account with The Bank of Greene County with the funds that the previous chair gave me and deposited $989.54. (I received a free travel bag for setting up this account and I'm keepin' it! LOL!)

My next task is to contact all the area Grapevine Reps and introduce myself, etc.

My home group - GOYA - in Hudson, has graciously agreed to let me set up my table and literature/CDs, etc. at their next anniversary meeting on April 29th...as a kind of "dry run." I am very excited about this.

I was contacted by District 3's Thomas S. and have been asked to attend the Fellowship Day in Cairo, in June, which, of course, I accepted.

I also brought some literature with me to a meeting I regularly attend in Greenville, NY (District 3) and I sold my first book! So exciting....

That is about it for now!

So Grateful for Spring and Sobriety,

Cathy P.
HMB Area 48 Grapevine Chairperson

The May Issue has a special section in which AAs share their experiences doing service with CPC.

® Area WEBMASTER ———— —

THE NEW HMB WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED - AND WE ARE KEEPING THE SAME ADDRESS 'www.aahmbny.org.'

You will see that everything that was on the old website is included here, but with cleaner, less busy, pages and easier navigation.

There is much more coming. One is the ability for the HMB Committee Chairs and Officers to have a dialogue, just like a blog. Plus more features to come, however everything has a price and this website is no different.

Of course our main concern is Anonymity. After all, it's the foundation of our Fellowship. So the conundrum was, how to have a website that would serve as a communication for HMB Area 48, and at the same time be able to serve the public looking for information on Alcoholics Anonymous, whether it be Recovery or Service.

What we needed was a website that had some private areas, viewable by the Area Officers and Committee members, and other pages that were viewable by anyone. We also needed to be able to grant certain people the ability to correspond and comment, while not making it available to everyone. Finally, we needed a method to prevent, or at the very least, limit Spam.

Working with a completely different system then I have in the past, I had to get the site installed, do a lot of reading on the CMS (Content Management System: Geek-talk for websites, forums and blogs), and familiarize myself with all the functions, hacks, plugins, and other gizmos (non Geek-talk for everything).

The answer was that in order to accomplish our goals, the website would require that people who are going to be able to post, comment, and read the private pages would have to register. Once registered, I could assign them a "role" (user level) that would allow them to utilize the functions necessary to best utilize the site. Additionally, in order to help prevent spam, the first comment that anyone makes will have to be approved by the administrator (myself at the moment) before it is posted. Once a comment has been approved, any future comments will automatically be posted without requiring administrator approval. There is also a spam catcher in place, as well as security measures.

We are all having to do things differently from the old website, especially myself. I am absolutely sure that there will be some glitches that I will have to fix (Progress, not Perfection) and I thank you for your patience as we get this worked out. If you do come across a glitch, please take note of what page or post you were viewing and email me at webmaster@aahmbny.org with the information.
Finally, the primary reason for this change was to set up a website that could be maintained and administered without a lot of technical knowledge, making it much easier to replace me or whoever is webmaster. The other benefit, besides the obvious improvements of the new system, is that Alcoholics Anonymous is moving into the digital age, using Area, District, and Intergroup (as well as aa.org) websites to carry the message of recovery, unity, and service. It is my sincere hope that this new website is a step in that direction.

Yours In Service,
Hawk
HMB Area 48 Webmaster

Volunteers who staff the Capital District Central Office and who serve as Night Owls continue to make sure that the “AA Hotline” is answered rain or shine, 24/7 365 days a year. During the first quarter of 2015, 34% of the incoming calls were routine requests for meeting information. Another 8% were calls about meetings from individuals who were visitors to the Capital District. 24% of the calls were from “first time callers” contacting A.A. for the very first time. And the remaining 38% were “business” calls about the Central Office’s hours or location, its prices for Literature or Medallions, and questions about Group contributions and where to send them. That 38% also includes calls from outside entities requesting A.A.’s assistance. Volunteers refer these requests to the appropriate Chairperson in the appropriate District.

At the beginning of the year the Central Office began selling Anniversary Medallions in addition to A.A. Conference-approved and Grapevine Literature. As a result, the number of visitors to the Central Office has increased dramatically. Our volunteers welcome visitors and enjoy the fellowship they bring to the Office. All in all, service in the Central Office offers great opportunities for 12-Step work.

CDCO Hotline #
518–463–0906

AA Historical Events in MAY

May 1:
1940 - Rollie Helmsley, Cleveland Indians, first anonymity break on national level.
1941 - First Wisconsin AA meeting was held in a Milwaukee hotel.

May 3:
1943 - Democrat Chronicle in Rochester, NY, reported first annual AA dinner at Seneca Hotel with 60 attending.

May 4:
1940 - Sunday Star reported founding of first AA group in Washington, DC.
1946 - Marty Mann explained Alcoholics Anonymous and the Nat’l Committee for Education on Alcoholism on the “We the People” radio show.

May 8:
1971 - Bill Wilson was buried in private ceremony, East Dorset, Vermont. Dr. Jack Norris gave eulogy.

May 11:
1935 - Bill W. called Walter Tunks from the Mayflower Hotel, and was referred to Henrietta Seiberling who set up a meeting with Dr. Bob.
1939 - First group to officially call itself Alcoholics Anonymous met at Abby G’s house in Cleveland.

May 12:
1935 - Mothers’ Day - Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob met for the first time in Akron, Ohio, at the home of Henrietta Seiberling.

May 14:
1939 - First group to officially call itself Alcoholics Anonymous met at Abby G’s house in Cleveland.

May 17:
1942 - The Journal-Herald in Dayton, Ohio, ran a story on A.A. with photos of members in Halloween masks to protect their anonymity.

May 19:
2000 - Dr. Paul Ohliger died at the age of 83. He was author of “Acceptance Was the Answer” in the 4th edition of the Big Book, previously titled “Doctor, Alcoholic, Addict” in the 3rd edition.

May 28:
1974 - The first World Service meeting of AA outside of America was held in London.

Other May events, no specific date:
1938 - Bill begins writing the Alcoholics Anonymous.
1946 - The AA Grapevine announced: “AA has 6,000 members in 180 groups.”
1948 - The AA Grapevine reported $2.00 was sent to the General Service Hdqtrs. of AA in NY, asking for “… a bottle of Alcoholics Anonymous.”
The theme of AAS 80th International Convention: “____ ____, _____ _____, and _____ ___”

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4. ‘Area 48 Echoes’
2. ‘The Daily Reprieve’
Current entries are:
Commemorative Edition of the Big Book
Group your submission of the ‘75th Anniversary and that lucky person will receive a copy you have plenty of time to get creative.

The winner will be decided & announced at the Area May Assembly on May 16 and that lucky person will receive a copy of the ‘75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the Big Book.’

Current entries are:
1. ‘Happy, Joyous, & Free Press’
2. ‘The Daily Reprieve’
3. ‘The HMB Messenger’
4. ‘Area 48 Echoes’

The DEADLINE for entries into the June Newsletter is May 20!! Please remember to forward all picnic flyers!! Email to: newsletter@aahmbny.org. Many thanks...