

The Happy Joyous & Free Press



Tradition 3 Checklist:

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he has been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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AA Principles of the Month

Step 3 - Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Tradition 3 (long form) - Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

Concept III (long form) - As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Concept III Checklist:

1. Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision?" Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we "instruct?"
2. Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?

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Need Help with a Drinking Problem?

If you want to stop drinking and need to find AA near you or wish

To learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous, visit www.aahmbny.org

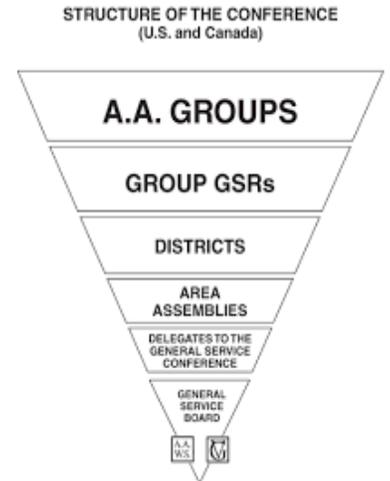
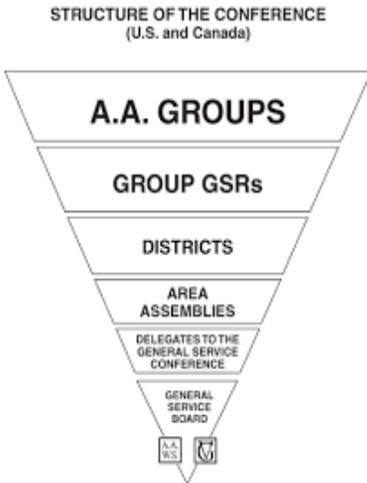
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HMB Area 48 Delegates Day of Sharing

Hosted by Central Cluster
Districts 4, 8, & 14



Saturday, April 27, 2019

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

9am-10am: *Meet & Greet Coffee Hour*

10am-3pm: *Let your voice be heard at Conference*

The day will focus around sharing and discussion of this year's conference agenda items.

Please contact:

hmbdelegate@aaahmbny.org

for more specifics on agenda items

First United Presbyterian Church
(The Red Door Church)
2 Walling Ave, Oneonta, NY

Parking is limited, please carpool
7th Tradition Lunch will be served

Date	Event	Host
March 8-10, 2019	NERD*	Area 44 Somerset, NJ
April 27, 2019	HMB Delegate's Day Of Sharing	Central Oneonta, NY
May 11, 2019	HMB Area Assembly	Eastern Greenbush, NY
May 19-26, 2019	General Service Conference**	G.S.O. New York City, NY
May 31-June 2, 2019	NERF	Area 49 Tarrytown, NY
June 23, 2019	HMB Joy of Service Day	Western Utica, NY
August 2-4, 2019	NYS Informational Workshop	Area 49 SENY Garrison, NY
September 8, 2019	HMB Election Assembly	Hudson Valley Rosendale, NY
October 5, 2019	HMB Area Assembly	Adirondack Plattsburg, NY
November 1-3, 2019	HMB Area Convention	Eastern Cluster Albany, NY
November 16, 2019	HMB Fellowship Day	Central Schenectady, NY

*NERD is a closed event for Delegates and Past Delegates only. We keep it on the schedule as a place holder to explain why the March event is either held on the 1st or 3rd weekend rather than the traditional 2nd weekend.

** For Standing Delegates only – included as a placeholder and guide for scheduling Delegate's Day of Sharing

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

[Link to the Area 48 Service Manuel](#) hold the Ctrl key then click the link

Proposals submitted for May Assembly
To be voted on

Proposal to Prototype Accepting Online Contributions for HMB Area 48

Background:

The finance committee has looked at the possibility of accepting online contributions for HMB Area 48. Key details are as follows:

The General Service Office (GSO) as well as many other AA service areas have already implemented the acceptance of online contributions. This provides a framework in which the Area can model.

In 2018, the HMB Area 48 approved the usage of JotForm for usage of the accepting online registration for the NYSIW and the HMB Area 48 Convention. JotForm can be used as the front end for creating this capability. JotForm is software that allows for online forms to be created and used.

The ability to take online contributions would provide an additional method for HMB Area 48 to receive contributions from our groups and individual members.

Proposal:

While the finance committee has done the initial investigation, the finance committee is seeking approval from the Area to proceed with creating a prototype for accepting online contributions.

The prototype would include:

- Webpage prototype;

- JotForm form(s) for accepting contributions;

- Procedure for moving transactions to Quicken

- Adhere to the following guidelines

 - Would require acknowledgement that the person sending contributions online is an AA member

 - Would take group contribution – no dollar limit

 - Would take individual contributions with a limit of \$3000 annually needs to be tracked and adhered to

 - That an acknowledgement letter be sent to the persons email address

 - That the area assume any fees associated with the online contribution.

- Need to establish and document the desk procedures for how this would work.

- A final proposal would be brought back to the area detailing costs and process.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Finance Committee (Jeannie S, Diane R, Cathy P, Deb D and Bill W)

Proposal for HMB Area 48 Debit Card for Ongoing Expenses

Background:

The HMB Finance Committee is proposing that the Area obtain and use a Debit Card for ongoing expenses. At this time, these would be chiefly: Area Mailbox; Area Archival Storage; Software purchase and licensing. Especially with online purchases, more and more vendors require an electronic payment method. The Area cannot continue to ask its trusted servants to use their personal debit/credit cards for this. The proposal is for one card to be held by the Area Treasurer with the Personal Identification Number (PIN) being held by the Area Chair. This arrangement is the online equivalent of the two-signature policy that we currently have on Area Checks.

The debit card would be linked to a second account at the Area’s bank. Having the card linked to a sub account would limit any exposure the Area would have should the card be illegally accessed or misused. There would also be a daily limit on the amount that could be charged to the debit card. With each use of the card being reported, this should minimize any financial exposure the Area should face. As a non-profit, our bank will issue the debit card and set up the second account both without any additional fees.

Each time we have elections and have rotation of Officers, a new PIN can be set. Also, the Finance Committee will include a review of the use of the debit card in its annual audit of the Area financial records.

HMB would not be the first Area to use Area Debit Cards. SENY adopted their use last year and other areas as far away as Hawaii and as close as New Hampshire and Ontario have them in current use. The Finance Committee does not believe this will leave us any more exposed than we are now, but will simplify online transactions, make recurring expenses easier, and relieve the Area Officers of having to use personal cards for transactions.

Proposal:

The Finance Committee of HMB proposes that the Area obtain a debit card that would be linked to an account opened expressly for this purpose. The debit card would be physically held by the Area Treasurer with the Personal Identification Number (PIN) held exclusively by the Area Chair. This card will be used for ongoing expenses occurred by the Area. The card will be linked only to a separate account that Citizens Bank will set up for us with limited funds in it. The PIN will be changed with each rotation of officers.

The debit card usage is to be reviewed by the Audit Committee in its annual audit of the Area’s accounts.

If this proposal is approved, the following updates to the HMB Area Service Manual would be required.

Under **Area Chairperson** Section

HMB Area Debit Card

Will retain the Personal Identification Number (PIN) for the HMB Area Debit Card.

Note: The HMB Area Debit Card is held by the Area Treasurer

Upon the rotation of the Treasurer or Area Chairperson position, the Area Chairperson is responsible for changing the PIN.

Will be alerted via email on any Debits that occur.

Under **Treasurer** Section

HMB Area Debit Card

The treasurer will hold the HMB Area Debit Card.

Note: The Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be held by the Area Chairperson

Note: Upon the rotation of the Treasurer or Area Chairperson position, the Area Chairperson is responsible for changing the PIN.

The Area Debit Card will be linked to a separate account with a maximum daily allowable limit of \$1,500.

The treasurer will ensure that the Debit Card account has adequate funds to cover expenses.

Maximum funds in the account should not exceed \$2000.

The Area Debit Card will be set up to email the Treasurer and the Area Chairperson when a debit is initiated.

The Area Debit Card usage will be limited to reoccurring type expenses that would typically require a credit card to be on file.

Examples of allowable expenses: JotForm, Airtable, Website Domain, Archive Storage

Examples of expenses not allowed: Allocations, Reservations for service committee chairs to attend regional events like NERAASA, NERF, NYSIW.

Create an **Audit Committee** Section

The Audit Committee will comprise of three (3) past Delegates that are appointed by the Area Chairperson

The Audit Committee will conduct an audit of the HMB Area Treasury accounts and report back to the Area Assembly by the May Area Assembly.

Scope of the audit would include:

Review of tax filings with the IRS and the State of New York

Review of Area Debit Card to ensure that usages is limited to approve purposes

Review of Service Committee Expenses

Review of Process & Procedures used by the Area Treasurer

Any other topics the committee thinks may need review

Respectfully Submitted,

The Finance Committee (Jeannie S, Diane R, Cathy P, Deb D and Bill W)

Proposal for Guidelines on Financial Accounts for Area Hosted Events

- Financial Reporting to the Area should occur on all financial matters; not just related to the main account the Area holds for 7th Tradition Contributions and expenses.
 - HMB Convention
 - Regional Events when hosted by HMB Area 48
 - New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW)
 - Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA)
 - Northeast Regional Delegates Reunion (NERD)
- All checking/financial accounts related to events, unless otherwise explicitly authorized by the Area Assembly, need to adhere to the following guidelines
 - All persons on the account are required to have minimum of 5 years of sobriety
 - No debit cards (*activated or used*)
 - 3-4 signers on the account
 - 2 signatures required on all checks
 - Monthly financial reporting to the host committee for events
 - Financial reporting to the Area at Area meetings
 - Closure of accounts within 30 days of the event ending.
 - If the account cannot be closed within 30 days, then this needs to be disclosed to the Area Chair, Area Treasurer and Chair of Event, as soon as this is known
 - Any misappropriation of monies needs to be immediately reported to the Area Chair, Area Treasurer and Chair of the Event (if applicable).

AREA 48 COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Dear Friends in the Fellowship,

Hope all who attended NERAASA left with some new takeaways on how to carry the message in your service positions-it's always a refreshing weekend...

The Finance Committee has already penned two proposals for the voting Assembly in May; you saw them here in February and on the website; they will be available to look over until then in both places. We have also worked on another proposal for financial guidelines for Area hosted events-you will see the proposal in this edition of the newsletter. Though we are well aware that this proposal missed the 3-month posting in the newsletter and website, we hope that the Convention 2019 Committee will find these guidelines useful and worthy of implementing. We will vote on it in October.

You'll also find our full report that we were asked to put together regarding the NYSIW treasury in the upcoming minutes from the Fellowship Day held earlier this month.

We are working on the 2020 budget at this writing and await suggestions from ad hoc committee on how best to spend current Area surplus. Hope to see you in April at Delegate's Day.

In love and service,

Your Finance Committee (Jeannie S., Deb D., Bill W., Diane R., Cathy P.)

Area Chair Report March 2019

I was fortunate to attend NERAASA 2019 (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) in Hunt Valley, Maryland February 22-24. Area 48 was well represented – many made the drive and down and many took the bus that was chartered. There were 1005 people in attendance so I only got glimpses of many of you there. As always it was a busy weekend, but rewarding and educational. I made it to all of the panels save one, and all were well done, the presenters well prepared and informative, and they were all followed by some lively discussion. Plenty of food for thought.

At night I attended the Delegate's round table sessions facilitated by our current Northeast Regional Trustee, Rich P. with a cameo appearance Friday night from Greg T., GM of the General Service Office. We heard about some of the happenings at GSO and had discussions about the nuts and bolts of attending the General Service Conference. All in all, it was a great weekend and as usual I came home exhausted, but energized about the work we do.

Yesterday we had our March Fellowship Day in Plattsburgh. It was well attended and the ADK cluster did a great job hosting. We heard a few reports, including one from the Finance Committee regarding the treasury issue from the NYSIW. It included a timeline and recommendations for going forward. This report will be in the minutes from yesterday when they are completed. There will be a proposal put forth from the committee with guidelines for events and other accounts we have to help safeguard funds. In the afternoon, there were two workshop presentations, one on Traditions and one on Safety in AA – both were well done and very poignant.

The ad hoc committee looking into our surplus funds has been talking, and I'm sure will come up with some good ideas for using some of the money to help carry the message. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch with one of the members of our Finance Committee, which is also looking into this unusual luxury issue. Or send them to me (hmbchair@aahmbny.org) and I will forward them on.

Next weekend I will be in New Jersey attending NERD, the Northeast Regional Delegates weekend.

Next up will be our Delegate's Day of Sharing in Oneonta on April 27th, followed by our May Assembly in East Greenbush on May 11th. There are two proposals on the website and in the newsletter from the Finance Committee to be voted on at this moment, and there may be others in the works. Remember that anyone can submit a proposal for consideration by the Assembly, following the procedure outlined in the HMB Service Manual.

As always, it's an honor and privilege to serve HMB Area 48,
Tad J Panel 68 Area Chair/Alternate Delegate

Delegates Report

For me this was a very special NERAASA. There was something truly spiritual happening around us as we attended the panels and meetings.

I arrived at 2:30 AM on Saturday morning after a day of medical appointments in Manhattan, to a few of my fellow Area 48 Trusted Servants sitting in the lobby. When I walked through the door they jumped up and welcomed me saying they had been waiting for me and they were glad I made it safely. I was overwhelmed with the feeling of love and support from my friends in 48 and AA at large.

There were some melancholy moments as I realized this would be the last time I would participate in some of these activities. Like a mad politician, I began to be a bit resentful of term limits.....Of course that is exactly WHY we have a two year rotation.

I was intrigued with some of the results of the communications audit. The audit is available on our website on the Delegates page should you be interested. This audit was attempted to try to understand what hurdles exist to the flow of communication between the groups and GSO. The data that suggests many groups exist outside the service structure was, I thought, telling. How do we communicate with groups who prefer not to have communication? In District 19 there are several such groups, I know there are in other districts as well. These seem to relish in the idea that we should have so little organization as to make communication unnecessary. In my view this makes it impossible to have a fellowship.

The Agenda Items for this year's conference are available via Google Docs. All DCMs, Area Committee Chairs and Officers have received access. I have asked that the questions for Delegates Day in April come from the membership so please take time to review some or all the documents and provide some thoughtful questions in the next couple of weeks.

In Fellowship and In Service,
Don S.
Delegate Panel 68, Area 48 HMB

CPC/PI Conference Call 2/18/19

On Call: Marcia (Area CPC Chair and CPC Chair for District 1), Cathy T. (PI Chair for District 3), Heather (CPC/PI Chair for District 5), Edie (CPC/PI Chair for District 7), Sally (Area PI Chair), Marcy (CPC/PI Chair for District 16), Kevin (new CPC/PI Chair for District 18). Welcome Kevin!

District Reports

District 1-Marcia (CPC Chair)

Marcia was approached by a social worker who was looking to learn more about A.A. as a potential resource/support for some of her immigrant clients. She had a list of roughly a dozen languages spoken by a variety of refugees receiving services at USCRI (US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants). Because the Big Book has only been translated into a handful of those languages and the pamphlets, into practically none, she left an English version of the Big Book with the social worker to use as well as an A.A. Literature Catalog.

District 3-Cathy (PI Chair)

*Is working to get A.A. pamphlets into the schools. *Is also looking into getting A.A. information to those attending impact panel with probation.

District 5-Heather (CPC/PI Chair)

*Working to create a database of physicians, clergy and other professionals to approach with A.A. info.

*Putting together informational packets about A.A. to bring to professionals listed above

*Planning to bring info. packets to monthly district meeting to offer to gsr's to bring back to their groups (so that members of their groups can leave packets off with their own doctors or clergy members if they are comfortable doing so)

*Will begin carrying packets to meetings and announcing that these packets are available to anyone wishing to bring A.A. info. to their own doctor or clergy.

*Have a couple of people interested in helping out and will contact them to discuss further.

District 7-Edie

*Has two people really enthused about helping out. One is very interested in getting info. into the schools and is making it her mission to make sure school libraries are stocked with A.A. literature.

*Other interested party is a retired physician asst. and she and Edie are going to get together to put together a letter for physicians.

*Has begun to bring a presentation into Kingston High School during the last period of the day. Students come voluntarily. Most recent presentation included two younger A.A. women going in and reviewing some of A.A.'s history as well as telling their stories. The teacher was overjoyed and thanked Edie for sending in such great speakers. Teacher would like them to come back. They handed out brochure with 12 questions to all students who attended so as to not single one out. Another presentation is scheduled soon.

District 16-Marcy

*Has been taking an inventory of what she has and will be restocking. Wants to create an Excel spreadsheet so she can have a better idea of what she has on hand.

*Dropped off some A.A. meeting schedules to Phonecia Library.

*In December, made sure Phonecia Library had copies of Living Sober, the 12 & 12, and the Big Book. Has additional copies of books to be delivered to other libraries in district.

*Plans to set up a table at Hope Rocks. Has someone she is working with and may also include Spanish and French A.A. literature as well.

Alternate Chair Report March 2019

NERAASA proved, yet again, to be a plethora of information and I came away feeling much recharged for service. Due to my recent surgery I found it difficult to attend all the events and regretfully needed to turn in early both nights so I could not attend the late night committee round table discussions. That I found to be somewhat disappointing but a necessary evil to my physical recovery. The overall event however, never disappoints. I was very pleased to see that Area 48 was well represented, with members from almost every district there and DCM's (or their Alternates) from 12 out of the 18 districts in attendance.

The Area Calendar is almost complete, with only 2 dates (the October Assembly and November Fellowship Day) not yet confirmed. I am pleased to say that we've been able to schedule the June Joy of Service Day and the September Election Assembly on Sunday rather than Saturday, in accordance with the recently passed proposal.

The Functions Committee continues to meet via a conference call on the third Sunday of each month where many lively discussions concerning Area business take place. It's becoming a well-oiled tool that enhances the effectiveness of the committee overall. If other committees are not yet utilizing this means of communication I would encourage them to do so. Please contact me to reserve a spot on the schedule.

In Love & Service,

Tammie

HMB Alternate Area Chair

Records report:

Aside from processing records, Tori and I have setup a beta version of our newest Meeting Finder at <https://aahmbny.org/meetings>. Please feel free to test this out and fill out the form with any feedback you'd like to provide. As soon as we have everything we need on this website we'll be decommissioning the current meeting finder and replacing it permanently with the newest version.

Yours in Service,

Adam S Area 48 Registrar records@aahmbny.org

<u>HMB Area 48</u> Monthly Treasury Report Jan-19	
Beginning Balance	\$39,115.27
Income	
Area Contributions	
Districts	\$400.00
Groups	\$4,714.58
7th Tradition Ori- entation Day	\$171.00
Seed Money Re- turned	
HMB Meeting	
Booklets	\$841.00
NYSIW	\$25.60
Total Income	\$6,152.18
Expense	
Delegate 1st Half	
Allocation	\$2,500.00
Area Chair 1st Half	
Allocation	\$2,000.00
Area Inventory Day	
Venue	\$300.00
Area Inventory Day	
Food	\$760.29
Air Table	\$104.00
Air Table 1 Year	
Payment	\$1,200.00
Treasurer	\$146.47
Archivist	\$71.60
BTG	\$72.10
CF	\$156.80
Newsletter Editor	\$16.17
BTG NERAASA	\$555.22
Additional HMB	
Meeting Booklets	\$790.00
HMB Mtg Books for	
Svc Committees	\$410.00
Archive Storage	
Fees	\$80.00
AA Service Manuals	\$359.12
HMB Service Manu- al Updates	\$306.47
Mail Box Service	\$27.88
Newsletter Postage	\$110.00
Newsletter Printing	\$191.09
Total Expense	\$10,157.21
Net Income	-\$4,005.03
Balance	\$35,110.24
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
Available Funds	\$28,110.24

Prepared by Diane R

treasurer@aahmbny.org

Minutes from November Inventory day and the January Orientation Day

Please note these minutes are not the voted on and approved versions .

Happy New Year everyone and welcome to those of you that are new to Area Service! We are all here to help you. Attached you will find the Nov. 10, 2018 Minutes of our Inventory Day. Please review them as we will be voting on them on Sat., Jan. 12 for Orientation Day in Shokan.

See you then!

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Hello everyone,

It was great seeing so many happy, sober faces at our recent Orientation Day. I am attaching the Minutes from that event. Please review them as we will be voting on these in March.

I hope to see you at NERAASA on Feb. 22-24, 2019...maybe we will be on the bus together! Or, perhaps I'll see you in Plattsburgh on March 2nd at our Fellowship Day Event.

Until we meet again..... Cathy P Secretary

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3rd Sunday of the Month
 DCM's:6:30-7:30pm
althmbchair@aahmbny.org

3rd Monday of the Month
 CPC&PI:7:30-8:30pm
cpc@aahmbny.org
pi@aahmbny.org

2nd Tuesday of the Month
 Grapevine:6:30-7:30pm
grapevine@aahmbny.org

1st Thursday of the Month
 BTG:7:00-8:00pm
btg@aahmbny.org

Conference Call Schedules

Conference calls are another avenue for the area committees to stay involved, stay in touch and exchange information pertinent to that committee on a regular basis.

Anyone outside the specific committee is welcome to participate in the call, however it is suggested that if you are not part of the committee, you make contact with the committee chair in advance to be sure that the call is still scheduled.

Any committee chair interested in scheduling a monthly conference call should contact the Area Alternate Chair to be added to the schedule.

althmbchair@aahmbny.org

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Access Code: 231435

District Happenings

Event	Date & Time	Location and Info
DO You Want your Districts	Sober events announced	Here?
Saratoga SpringFest	March 29-31 Saratoga Springs NY	Register online Saratogaspringfest.org
District 16 Spiritual Breakfast	Sunday March 24 Saugerties Senior Center	830 Breakfast & fellowship 930 Speaker Info: District16dcm@aahmbny.org
District 18 Ebby Thatcher Spiritual Breakfast	Saturday April 6 8:30am-N	Greenbush Reformed Church 688 Columbia Tpk East Greenbush
District 3 Spring Fling Luau Dance	April 13 6pm-11pm Speaker at 8pm	Gallaghers Hall 513 Main St Cairo NY Info: district3dcm@aahmbny.org
Sober Picnic season is	A coming look for the	Announcements upcoming here!!
Submit your flyer to:	newsletter@aahmbny.org	And it will be listed in district happenings
District 16 Summer Picnic	Sunday August 25 11am-2pm	Cantine Field pavilion Saugerties, NY Info: district16dcm@aahmbny.org

Good day to you all. So as I attended NERAASA and like was said by my other trusted servants I too learned much and it was a very busy weekend. One of many takeaways is that AA did create an ASL sign language big book. It was pretty cool as the person that is hearing impaired can now have the big book read to them with a video of someone signing to them. There are many other cool take away's too. Such as you will see the cover of the pamphlets changing and being more about the diversity in today's world and AA as a whole. And yes getting the word out to the next sick and suffering alcoholic of all genders / nationalities was also a big topic. An awesome time and very educational.

So about the newsletter. I sat in on two roundtables and the first night was the newsletter. So the Area that hosted NERAASA, Maryland newsletter editor was in attendance and she discussed how their area has gone away from the postage and mailing of the newsletter. It is totally digital on their website and a link is emailed to the receipt. Prior to me taking on this position Area 48 had a discussion and a committee was started to look into this. This is something that we as an area should look at again. The Area in Maryland was able to divert the savings of the printing and mailing costs to other committees mainly the website committee as we move forward into the future. I then the next night attended the website round table. I was amazed with the work and support that is available to the individuals who are forging AA forward into the digital age. Yes most of what they were discussing I did not follow. However I must say Area 48 is in good hands with the technology team we have in place as Tori was in attendance and we are very supported in our technology and like I said in good hands with her and Adam. Thank you both for all the hard work you are putting in. So I did discuss this idea with Tori of doing similar to what the Maryland Area did as it will add to the already much amount of work she does but I am confident that if we as an Area head in this direction that it can happen and would be good for the Area. Working in collaboration on projects is important as we grow. I will be in communication with the Area on setting up and being part of the newsletter committee and sub committee on exploring this. If you wish to be a part of this please reach out to me at newsletter@aahmbny.org.

In love and service,

Pat R Newsletter Editor Area 48 HMB

[2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous](#)

The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2–5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme “Love and Tolerance is our Code.” A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.’s 85th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit.

We know many are excited about the International Convention and eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and Detroit, our host city, will be provided.

This website will be updated as more information becomes available. Also watch for articles in Box 4-5-9 that is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. and is also posted on the website.

Information about Convention registration and housing reservations will be available in fall 2019. All necessary information will be included in the registration packet which will also be available in the fall of 2019. This packet will list numbers to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, etc. The information will be mailed to A.A. group offices and contacts around the world and posted on the website.

[We look forward to seeing you in Detroit!](#)

SAVE THE DATE

2019 HMB Area 48

Spring Assembly

Saturday, May 11, 2019

First United Methodist Church of East Greenbush
1 Gilligan Rd, East Greenbush, NY

9:00am – 3:00pm

**Hosted by Eastern Cluster
Districts 1, 2 & 18**



Agenda may include, but not limited to panels, workshops, proposals to be voted on, 2020 budget presentation and general area business.

There are several proposals to be considered.

Proposal descriptions may be found in the **Area Newsletter** or at: aahmbny.org/proposals-voting-assembly

GSR's are encouraged to read and discuss these proposals at Group Business meetings and bring their group conscience to the table to vote.

**9:00 am Meet & Greet Coffee hour and
7th Tradition lunch to be served**

Come find out what your Area is doing for you

****Please note: Absolutely no smoking anywhere on church grounds****

Questions? Contact: district18dcm@aahmbny.org or althmbchair@aahmbny.org

HMB Area 48

Joy of Service Day

Sunday, June 23, 2019

9:00am – 3:00pm

9:00 am – 10:00 am: Meet & Greet Coffee Hour
10:00am – 3:00pm: Agenda TBA
Stay tuned

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Districts 9 & 12

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