

# DISTRICT 18 NEWS

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## Step 4

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

## Tradition 4

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

## Concept IV

Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation," taking care that each classification or group or our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

**District 18 holds its monthly business meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm on the first floor of Blooming Grove Reformed Church, 706 Bloomingrove Drive, Defreestville. All GSRs & members please join us. The next meeting will be held May 16th with a Picnic Committee planning meeting at 5:30.**

In Bill Wilson's 1955 speech regarding the circle and the triangle he writes:

*"The circle stands for the whole world of AA, and the triangle stands for AA's Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service Within our wonderful new world, we have found the freedom from our fatal obsession. That we have chosen this particular symbol is perhaps no accident. The priests and seers of antiquity regarded the circle enclosing the triangle as a means of warding off spirits of evil, and AA*

*'s circle and triangle of Recovery, Unity, and Service has certainly meant all of that to us and much more."*



"You give him unrealistic expectations. I'll start working on tearing his ego apart."

## Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2019

ATTENDEES: Linda A., Paul P., Tom P., Andrea A., Mike McB., Kerri B., Ginny E., John G., Tom McM., Dick E., Pam DeC., and Gene S.

- I. Opened the meeting at 6:31pm with the Serenity Prayer
- II. Alternate DCM read Tradition 4 and Concept IV
- III. Members introduced themselves.
- IV. DCM discussed upcoming events and passed around flyers. She also brought a copy of 'The Broken Bottle' CDCO's Spring Edition Newsletter showing meeting changes.
  - a. Delegate's Day of Sharing: Saturday, April 27 from 9am - 3pm
  - b. Spring Assembly: Saturday, May 11 from 9am - 3pm
  - c. District 2 Memorial Day Picnic: Sunday, May 26 from 12 - 5pm @ Prospect Park in Troy (top of Congress Street). Will have drinks, hotdogs and hamburgers. Speaker meeting at 4. Bring a dish to share. \$5 suggested donation (no flyer)
  - d. Joy of Service Day: Sunday, June 23 from 9am - 3pm
  - e. D18 Summer Bash Picnic: Sunday, July 14 from Noon - 5pm
  - f. NYSIW: August 2 - 4 at Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, Garrison
  - g. HMB Area 48 Convention: Nov. 1 - 3 at Red Lion Inn, Albany (no flyer)
    - \* please view attached flyers
- V. GSR Group Reports
  - Surrender Acceptance Gratitude - Needs a GSR. Many retired folks attend.
  - Yankee Doodle Beginners - Tom McM. present. Doing well. Has newcomers. Looking for support.
  - Fresh Start - Kevin Q. Not Present. Member present states doing fine.
  - Soggy Tuesday - Rich F. Not Present. Reports doing fine.
  - Nassau Tuesday Night Step - Bob W. Not Present. Member present states doing well.
  - Original Clinton Heights - Ginny E. brand new GSR! Thanks for stepping up. Group is doing well. Averaging between 8 - 12 in attendance.
  - Share at Noon - Needs a GSR.
  - Blue Teapot Big Book - Nicole P. Not Present.
  - Wed. Night Women's - Pam DeC. present. States a good core group of women and good topics.
  - Set Aside - Dick E. present. Going Great!

Rensselaer Wed. Night - Kevin McN. Not Present. Emailed report: Has been averaging eight attendees. If you like small groups, good discussions and great coffee, it is the place to go. Ample parking on a well lit street. Nice range of sobriety.

Hampton Manor Big Book - Rich F. Not Present. Reports doing fine.

Late Bloomers Big Book - Needs a GSR. John G. present and may become new GSR. Per John the group is doing well.

New Lebanon - Needs a GSR.

Out to Lunch Bunch - Paul Mac. Not Present.

Caring and Sharing - Mike McB. present. Group doing good.

Near Noon - Mary C. Not Present.

Hour of Power - Kerri B. present. Nice meeting. Averages 8. Come hear the coyotes howling.

Late Bloomers Candlelight - Needs a GSR. Member present states doing good.

Primary Purpose - Needs a GSR.

Light for Dark Places - Marilyn L. Not Present.

Castleton Carry the Message - Pam R. Not Present. Member present states doing well with good topics.

- VI. DCM Report - Linda A. Nothing to report other than in old and new business.
- VII. ALT. DCM Report - Paul P. Nothing to report other than picnic in old business.
- VIII. SECRETARY - Jen D. not present. Linda A. took notes.
- IX. TREASURER Report - Tom P. States good donation response. Handed out some "Thank you" notes. Please include a name/address on donations so we can send your group a "Thank you" note. Motion to accept report - passed.
- X. CORRECTIONS Chair - Rich F. Not Present. Reported everything is fine.
- XI. TREATMENT Chair - Mike McB. states everything great. Brought previous year meeting schedules to St. Mary's. Purchased literature from his budget (\$31.86) for both St. Mary's and St. Peter's. Is looking for volunteers to share at St. Mary's the next few months.
- XII. PI / CPC Chair - Kevin Q. Not Present.
- XIII. BRIDGING THE GAP Chair - Tom McM. states no contacts.
- XIV. ACCESSIBILITY - Paul P. said all is fine. He gave a description of what it means.
- XV. FUNCTIONS - Pam DeC. - All is functioning well. Took a vote and will be getting a new cooler donated by Deb S. Thanks Deb!
- XVI. RECORDS / ARCHIVIST - John E. Not Present. Advised nothing to report.
- XVII. GRAPEVINE Rep. - Paul Mac. Not Present.
- XVIII. NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Position vacant. Linda A. standing in.

XIX. CDCO Liaison - Fred F. Not Present. Mike McB. states looking for night owls and phone volunteers. Contact CDCO at 518-463-0906. Great service!

XX. OLD BUSINESS

- EBBY THACHER SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST: Mike McB. chaired event. Wanted to thank everyone for all their help. It was well supported and well attended. Approx. 75 - 100 in attendance. Ebby Thacher's niece, who is 80 years old, came with her son John and gave a talk. CDCO donated books to raffle off and a 50/50 raffle was held. Thanks CDCO! The left over food was donated to St. Joseph House. The event took in \$130 50/50 raffle, \$215.80 7th Tradition cans, and a \$50 donation from the Set Aside Group = \$395.80. Costs were \$197.80 for food and \$100 donation to the church = \$297.80. The balance of \$98 was given to the District Treasurer.

- 2019 MEETING SCHEDULES: Mike McB. states we still have about 40 meeting schedules if there are any meetings that need some.

- ANNUAL SUMMER BASH PICNIC: Paul P. and Linda A. co-chairing event. Linda A. will create a flyer and a volunteer food/help list. This will be emailed to all GSRs. Please print and bring to meetings. Get the word out! The event announcement is in the HMB Area 48 Newsletter. There are only 2 more district meetings before the picnic so we will be having a Picnic Planning Meeting one hour prior. Access to church should not be a problem.

**May 16 at 5:30pm and June 20th at 5:30pm**

- HMB AREA CONVENTION: Linda attended the 2nd Convention Planning Meeting. They are still looking for volunteers for hospitality, greeters, literature, and registration. If anyone is interested please attend a Convention Meeting the 3rd Monday of each month @ 6pm at The Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Avenue, Albany in the basement. The next meeting will be May 20th at 6pm. This is lots of fun! Any questions email Dana, the Convention Chair, at [district1altdcm@aahmbny.org](mailto:district1altdcm@aahmbny.org).

XXI. NEW BUSINESS

- THE HMB AREA 48 MAY ASSEMBLY: District 18 is the host district and Districts 1 & 2 are helping out. District 1 is responsible for breakfast (except for coffee/tea) and District 2 will provide cold drinks, ice, and desserts. Volunteers are needed. This will be a great experience to join in. Meet us at the First United Methodist Church of East Greenbush, 1 Gilligan Road at 7:30 am. Bring a dish along as well! *\*Please view attached notes and email Linda A., [district18dcm@aahmbny.org](mailto:district18dcm@aahmbny.org) if you can help! \**

- VOTE ON PROPOSALS: The district members present took a vote to vote on the three proposals that are in the Area Newsletter. The DCM will take that vote to the May Assembly. All GSRs have a vote at the May Assembly. Please bring your group conscience forward!

Each proposal was read and discussion followed. Background information and further material is in the Area Newsletter on the Area Website. PROPOSALS are:

1. *While the Area 48 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. A final proposal will be brought back to the area detailing costs and process.*

11 voted “yes” and 1 voted “no.” Minority opinion heard and revote taken with same result.

2. *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.*

11 voted “yes” - 1 abstention

3. *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...*

9 voted “yes” - 3 abstentions

XXII. Group member anniversaries. Congrats to Doug F. with 21 years and MaryAnne W. with 32 years. Please email May anniversaries to be included in the next newsletter.

The meeting was closed at 7:40pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

*“I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the Hand of AA always to be there and for that I am responsible.”*

DISTRICT 18  
TREASURER REPORT  
MARCH 2019

Beginning Balance \$625.15

INCOME

03/04 Original Clinton Heights Group	\$26.00
03/04 Fresh Start	28.00
03/04 Donation	50.00
03/11 Out to Lunch Bunch Group	150.00
03/11 Linda A. - NERAASA Bus Fee Returned	30.00
03/18 Near Noon Group	50.00
03/21 District Meeting 7th Tradition	<u>15.00</u>

Total Income \$349.00

EXPENSES

None \$0

Ending Balance \$974.15

Prudent Reserve 700.00

Available Funds \$274.15

**Group Treasurers and group members:** Your donations help keep AA alive in your district, our Area 48, the Capital District Central Office( CDCO) and the General Service Office. Please continue your support:

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Please visit the CDCO to purchase AA books and pamphlets as well as month and year medallions.

The CDCO office hours are on their website: [aaalbany.org](http://aaalbany.org).

The DISTRICT 18 24/7 HOTLINE NUMBER IS 518-463-0906.

If you are interested in serving your district there are three service positions open:

- NEWSLETTER EDITOR
- ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR
- ALTERNATE SECRETARY