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# DISTRICT 18 NEWS

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[aahmbny@org](mailto:aahmbny@org)

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## District 18 Business Meeting

Blooming Grove Reformed Church  
706 Bloomingrove Drive  
Rensselaer NY 12144

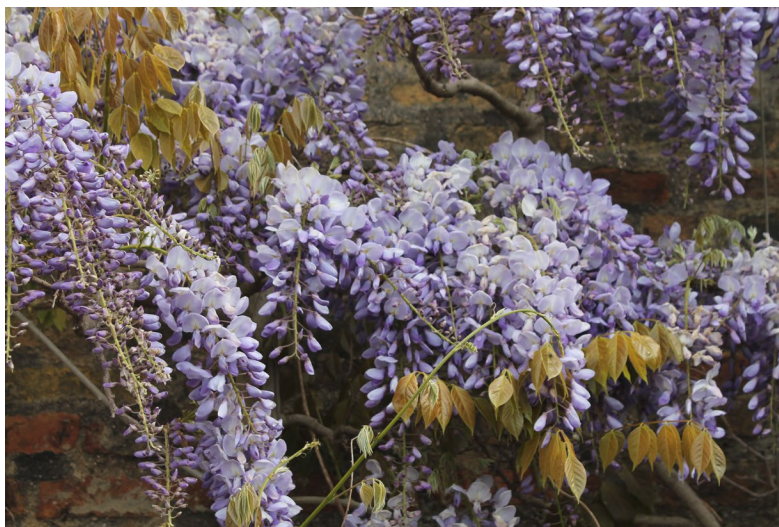
The next meeting may be held April 16, 2020 at 6:30pm. Stay tuned!

### [Report Compilation – March 19, 2020](#)

The monthly district meeting was canceled due to guidance from state authorities regarding safeguards to slow the spread of COVID-19. In lieu of a meeting, officers, chairs, and GSRs were asked to submit reports electronically to the DCM.

The long version of AA's Third Tradition: 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.

AA's Third Concept: To ensure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”



Wisteria to soothe any hysteria

## I. GSR Group Reports

Surrender, Acceptance & Gratitude Group: Rick C: temporarily closed.

Yankee Doodle Beginners' Group: Tom M: temporarily closed.

Fresh Start Group: Mike S: before the coronavirus, group was strong with 40+ people and donations were healthy; temporarily closed.

Soggy Tuesday Group: Rich F: temporarily closed.

Nassau Tuesday Night Step Group: Bob W: temporarily closed.

Original Clinton Heights Tuesday Night Group: Ginny E: temporarily closed.

Share at Noon Group: **Needs GSR**. Has contact person. No report.

Blue Teapot Big Book Group: Nicole: no report.

Nassau Wednesday Night Women's Group: Pam D: no report.

Wednesday Set Aside Group: Paul P: temporarily closed.

Regular Wednesday Night Meeting in Rensselaer: Kevin McN: thrilled to have reached a new normal of 10-12 people before the coronavirus; enough space to allow for social distancing; group conscience is to provide a place for alcoholics who need in-person meetings to stay sober and maintain their mental health; losing our meeting space at the end of April.

Hampton Manor Big Book Group: Rich F: temporarily closed.

Late Bloomers' Rule 62 Big Book Group: **Needs GSR**. Temporarily closed.

New Lebanon Group: **Needs GSR**. No report.

Out to Lunch Bunch: **Needs GSR**. Temporarily closed.

Friday Night Caring and Sharing Group: Mike McB: temporarily closed.

Near Noon Group: Mary: temporarily closed.

Hour of Power Group: Kerri B: temporarily closed.

Late Bloomers' Saturday Night Candlelight Group: **Needs GSR**. Temporarily closed.

Primary Purpose Group: **Needs GSR**. Temporarily closed.

Light for Dark Places Group: Marilyn L: temporarily closed.

Castleton Carry the Message Group: Pam R: no report; per group member Ginny E, they continue to meet and have plenty of space for social distancing.

## II. DCM - Linda A

Message: First and foremost, I want to thank all the GSRs for keeping us posted on their meeting closures. This is a difficult and uncertain time in the world, and it is important that we stick together [not literally] and help each other. I have been sending out a lot of emails to keep you posted of all the up-to-date information. It is amazing how we have come together and started all these online meetings/groups. Please be safe and stay healthy. If there is any information needed to get out to our district members, please email me at [district18dcm@aahmbny.org](mailto:district18dcm@aahmbny.org).

a. Upcoming event (**Please look for the flier attached to the newsletter**):

HMB Area 48 will hold the May Voting Assembly (*inshallah*) on May 16, 2020 at the United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church St., Amsterdam NY (not The Netherlands).

- b. The Eastern Cluster (Districts 1, 2 & 18) presumably is hosting the Joy of Service Day June 13 or 14. D2 has not secured a venue yet. D18 is responsible for providing breakfast.
  - c. Area 48 has compiled a list of online meetings held by groups within Area 48. This list also includes teleconference meetings. All may be found at [aahmbny.org](http://aahmbny.org).
  - d. To help members during this time, everyone has free access to most 2020 *Grapevine* and *La Viña* issues. <https://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help>.
- III. ALTERNATE DCM - Paul P
- a. No report.
- IV. TREASURER - Tom P
- a. See attached report from Linda A.
- V. CORRECTIONS - Rich F
- a. Meetings at RCJ are canceled until further notice.
- VI. TREATMENT - **Open position**
- a. Meetings at St. Mary's are canceled until further notice.
- VII. PI/CPC - **Open position**
- VIII. BRIDGING THE GAP - Tom M
- a. Nothing to report
- IX. ACCESSIBILITY - **Open position**
- X. FUNCTIONS - Pam D.
- a. The Bloomingrove Church asked us to move our items from storage in the basement due to the Office of Children and Family Service's inspection. All items have been moved to Storage Solutions, a self-storage facility at 590 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush.
- XI. RECORDS/ARCHIVIST - John E
- a. No report.
- XII. GRAPEVINE REP - **Open position**
- XIII. NEWSLETTER EDITOR - Kevin McN
- a. Please remember that social distancing is not the same as isolation.
- XIV. CDCO LIAISON - Fred F
- a. February 2020 Report is attached.
  - b. All CDCO reports are available at [aalbanyny.org](http://aalbanyny.org)
- XV. ZOOM MEETINGS
- Groups are setting up meetings on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/support/download>. The groups below have notified District 18. A full list is available at [aahmbny.org](http://aahmbny.org).
- 1) The Set Aside Group is hosting a Big Book study on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7pm. Call 929-436-2866 and use Code #653765330.
  - 2) The Fresh Start Group is holding a Zoom meeting on Monday evenings at 7:30pm. Call 929-436-2866 and use Code #652959538.

- 3) The Sunday Light for Dark Places Group is holding Zoom meetings on Sundays at 7pm. Using the Zoom app, use Code # 650337260 and password 972574.
- 4) The Original Clinton Heights Group is holding Zoom meetings through the end of May on Tuesdays at 8pm (not the regular meeting time of 9pm).  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/646830014>.
- 5) The Late Bloomers' Candlelight Group is hosting a Zoom meeting each Saturday at 9pm until further notice. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7524310373>.
- 6) The Late Bloomers' Rule 62 Big Book Group is hosting a Zoom meeting each Thursday at 8pm until further notice. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7524310373>

#### XVI. MEMBER AND GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

##### Group anniversaries:

Fresh Start Group celebrated 33 years on March 1  
 Yankee Doodle Beginners Group celebrated 33 years on March 1  
 Soggy Tuesday Group celebrated 30 years on March 2  
 Share at Noon Group celebrated 10 years on March 13  
 Hour of Power Group celebrated 9 years on March 5  
 Primary Purpose Group celebrated 7 years on March 17  
 Set Aside Group celebrated 8 years on March 26

##### Member Anniversaries in March:

Marilyn L - 35 yrs	John G - 3 yrs
Paul D - 28 yrs	Jenn D - 3 yrs
Harry W - 18 yrs	

Please email April anniversaries to: [district18dcm@aahmbny.org](mailto:district18dcm@aahmbny.org).

And remember:

*"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."*



These are animals that share space with us on this planet.  
 The universe is full of interesting things when we take the time to notice them.

**Group treasurers and members:** Your donations help keep AA alive in your district and our Area 48 and support the work of the Capital District Central Office (CDCO) and the General Service Office (GSO). Please consider donating.

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PO BOX 188  
EAST GREENBUSH NY 1206

HMB AREA ASSOCIATION  
RT 30 #144  
1118 POLAR PLAZA  
AMSTERDAM NY 12010

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE  
PO BOX 45911  
GRAND CENTRAL STATION  
NEW YORK NY 10163

CDCO  
COMPUTER DRIVE WEST  
SUITE 100  
ALBANY NY 12205

Please visit the CDCO to purchase AA books and pamphlets as well as month and year medallions. The CDCO office hours and monthly reports 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 service, consider one of these splendid positions, ready when you are:**

**ALTERNATE SECRETARY  
PI/CPC CHAIR  
GRAPEVINE CHAIR**

**ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR  
TREATMENT CHAIR**

**DISTRICT 18  
TREASURER REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2020**

Beginning Balance -	\$2400.31
<b>INCOME</b>	
02/20 - District Meeting 7th Tradition	<u>17.00</u>
Total Income	\$17.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Ck.# 700 02/20 - Linda A.: Area Travel Expenses	96.45
Cash 02/20 - Coffee Supplies	<u>5.00</u>
Total Expenses -	\$101.45
Ending Balance	\$2315.86
Prudent Reserve	<u>700.00</u>
Available Funds	\$1615.86

Prepared by Linda A.  
03/21/2020

**CAPITAL DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE, INC (CDCO)**  
**Report of Phone Calls Received**  
**and Other Data**  
**February 2020**

The office address is: 11 Computer Drive West, Suite 100, Albany, NY 12205. The hotline phone number is 518-463-0906. A daily log has been kept of all phone calls received since the Office's opening day, November 10, 2005. Following is the latest monthly report.

***Telephone Calls***

District 1 (Albany region)	63
District 2 (Troy-Cohoes region)	8
District 14 (Schenectady region)	11
District 17 (Hudson-Kinderhook region)	3
District 18 (Rensselaer-Nassau region)	3
	<b>88</b>
Calls for other New York State sites*	15
For out of state**	0
	<b>15</b>
CDCO information	<b>27</b>
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>130</b>

Of the calls received, 1 was for NA, 2 were for Al-Anon, 10 were regarding literature, 14 were for 12<sup>th</sup>-step action, 15 were first-time callers. All other calls were for general AA meeting information.

\*Castleton-On-Hudson, Clifton Park, Cobleskill (2), District 5, Glens Falls (2), Gloversville, Greenville (2), Hillsdale, Long Island, Melrose, Oneonta, and Saratoga Springs.

General office visits	13
Office visits to purchase literature	102
	<b>115</b>

The Office sold \$3,341 worth of AA literature, at list price, and \$370 worth of medallions.

The CDCO website received 930 visitors; 91 % were new visitors.

The Office received 39 emails at [chair@aaalbanyny.org](mailto:chair@aaalbanyny.org). All were resolved.

All CDCO reports are available at <http://aaalbanyny.org/reports>.

Respectfully Submitted, CDCO data coordinator, Tom O.

**HMB AREA 48**  
**MAY VOTING ASSEMBLY**  
**5/16/20**

United Presbyterian Church  
25 Church St.

Amsterdam, N.Y. 12010

**WE ARE VOTING ON UPCOMING PROPOSALS**

(VIEW PROPOSALS IN HMB NEWSLETTER)

**ALL VOTING MEMBERS PLEASE ATTEND**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020**

**9:00am – 3:30pm**

**Coffee hour/Meet and greet**

**9:00am – 10:00 am**

**Full Agenda TBA**

For more information contact: [althmbchair@aahmbny.org](mailto:althmbchair@aahmbny.org)