
DISTRICT 18 NEWS

Area 48 Website for meeting lookup, events, info, and archived newsletters:
aahmbny@org



District 18 Business Meeting

Zoom online forum

(virtual meeting due to state health directives regarding face-to-face meetings during the novel coronavirus pandemic)

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Meeting ID: 459 947 511

Password: 016922

Meeting Report – May 21, 2020

ATTENDEES: Linda A, Paul P, Ginny E, Tom P, Fred F, and Paul D

- I. Meeting opened at 6:31pm with the Serenity Prayer
- II. Alt DCM Paul P read Tradition 5 and Concept V
- III. GSR Group Reports
 - Surrender, Acceptance & Gratitude Group: Rick C, not present: temporarily closed.
 - Yankee Doodle Beginners' Group: Tom M, not present. Per Alt GSR Paul D: 17-18 attendees meeting on Zoom; Zoom meetings planned through end of June at present; still paying rent at the physical location and hope to be there in July (inshallah).
 - Fresh Start Group: Mike S, not present. Per Paul P, group member: 25-30 attendees meeting on Zoom, including lots of newcomers.
 - Soggy Tuesday Group: Rich F, not present: temporarily closed.
 - Nassau Tuesday Night Step Group: Bob W, not present: temporarily closed.
 - Original Clinton Heights Tuesday Night Group: Ginny E: 8pm (not 9pm) Zoom meeting with 12-15 attendees; good meeting.
 - Share at Noon Group: **Needs GSR**. Has contact person. Still meeting face-to-face.
 - Blue Teapot Big Book Group: Nicole P, not present. Per message to Linda A: still meeting in person.
 - Nassau Wednesday Night Women's Group: Pam D, not present: private Zoom meeting.
 - Wednesday Set Aside Group: Paul P: 7pm Zoom meeting; about 30 attendees per week; good attendance and good shares.
 - Regular Wednesday Night Meeting in Rensselaer: Kevin McN, not present. Per Ginny E, group member: 5-8 attendees still meeting face-to-face; lots of room for social

distancing; no meetings at the Greenbush Presbyterian Church after May 27; moving to St. John the Evangelist and St. Joseph Church on Herrick Street, Rensselaer in June (inshallah), not May, as previously reported.

Hampton Manor Big Book Group: Rich F, not present: temporarily closed.

Late Bloomers' Rule 62 Big Book Group: **Needs GSR**. Meeting on Zoom.

New Lebanon Group: **Needs GSR**. Per message to Linda A, members still meeting in person..

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

Friday Night Caring and Sharing Group: Mike McB, not present. Per member: meeting is taking place in parking lot of Blooming Grove Reformed Church.

Near Noon Group: Mary, not present. Meeting on Zoom.

Hour of Power Group: Kerri B, not present. Temporarily closed.

Late Bloomers' Saturday Night Candlelight Group: **Needs GSR**. Contact person Barb K, not present. Meeting on Zoom.

Primary Purpose Group: **Needs GSR**. Contact person Laura C, not present. Temporarily closed.

Light for Dark Places Group: Marilyn L, not present. Meeting on Zoom.

Castleton Carry the Message Group: Pam R, not present. Per group member: in person meeting of 6-8 attendees with lots of room for social distancing.

IV. DCM – Linda A

- a. May Area Voting Assembly: Saturday, May 30 starting at 09:30am Zoom Meeting ID: 830 8549 6011 Password: 668627. Please use identifier: name/GSR
- b. Joy of Service Day is in the works. Will give info once it becomes available.
- c. I am hoping everyone is staying safe and taking all the precautionary measures mandated by the governor. Reopening guidelines are being discussed. It appears some Districts will be able to reopen soon. An ad-hoc committee appointed by the Area 48 Chair is investigating all things that might be implemented to ensure that safe, healthy environments may be created for our members as well as adherence to any health or legal guidelines implemented by outside entities. A document with these guidelines has been drafted by the ad-hoc committee and is currently being edited and refined for publication to be available to all groups and members. As soon as the committee is satisfied, the document will be available on the Area 48 website. Since this is an ongoing and fluid situation (More will be revealed) changes will be made as information is received or changed. It is suggested that you check the website regularly to stay up to date.

V. ALTERNATE DCM – Paul P

- a. See Old Business

VI. SECRETARY – Jenn

- a. Not present due to work obligation. Ginny E took minutes.

VII. TREASURER – Tom P

- a. Linda and Tom clarified the months paid for at Blooming Grove Reformed Church.

b. See attached reports for April 2020, Group Donations 2019, and Expenses/Events 2019.

c. Motion was made to accept the April 2020 report, seconded, and passed.

VIII. CORRECTIONS – Rich F

a. Not present, no report.

b. Paul D, D2 Corrections Chair, discussed Area Zoom meeting conducted by the Area Corrections Chair. An idea to use cell phones (they are in jail cells, of course they have cell phones) was blocked. Not likely to do real life (as opposed to?) meetings until the summer. Waiting to hear more, but for now RCJ meetings are suspended.

IX. TREATMENT – **Open position**

a. Meetings at St. Mary’s are canceled. District 2 may attempt Zoom meetings.

X. PI/CPC – **Open position**

XI. BRIDGING THE GAP – Tom M

a. No contacts.

XII. ACCESSIBILITY – **Open position**

a. No contacts.

XIII. FUNCTIONS – Pam D.

a. Not present, no report.

b. Linda A made a copy of the key to the new storage unit and gave the original to Pam D.

XIV. RECORDS/ARCHIVIST – John E

a. Not present, no report.

b. Keeping up with noting Zoom meetings in the records and getting the information to the Area Webmaster.

XV. GRAPEVINE REP – **Open position**

a. Everyone has free access to all the 2020 *Grapevine* and *La Viña* issues. The audio versions of *Grapevine* stories are available as well. Please share this information with other AAs. Members also are directed to the *Grapevine*’s YouTube channel featuring original audio stories and other important information.

www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help.

XVI. NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Kevin McN

a. Not present, no report.

XVII. CDCO LIAISON – Fred F

a. March 2020 Call Log Report, not available to attach last month, is attached.

b. April 2020 Call Log Report is attached.

c. CDCO is looking for donations.

d. The CDCO Website has been redesigned and meets with Linda A’s approval.

e. CDCO can now receive payments through PayPal (yippee!).

f. CDCO remains closed due to health and safety regulations, but will attempt a book order if needed.

g. All CDCO reports are posted at aalbanyny.org.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Summer Bash Picnic. A motion was made to cancel the event. Discussion and vote taken in agreement for cancellation.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on whether to go over the proposals for the Area Assembly for a district conscience or rely on Linda's judgment. Paul P moved that Linda vote for the district. All GSR's present approved.

XX. MEMBER AND GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

Group anniversaries:

Regular Wednesday Night Meeting in Rensselaer celebrates 47 years on May 30, 2020.

Member Anniversaries in April:

Bill R - 43 yrs

Claire B - 37 yrs

Bob A - 33 yrs

Jim - 25 yrs

Bob A - 22 yrs

Linda A - 18 yrs

Kyle C - 10 yrs

Pam DeC - 9 yrs

Athena - 4 yrs

Tom P - 4 yrs

Please email June anniversaries to: district18dcm@aaahmbny.org.

Motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 7:11pm, followed by the AA 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."

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.

DISTRICT 18
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
11 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: aaalbanyny.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
APRIL 2020**

Beginning Balance -	\$2205.54
INCOME	<u>00.00</u>
Total Income	\$00.00
EXPENSES	
Online Payment - Storage Solutions: May rent	<u>60.00</u>
Total Expenses -	\$ 60.00
Ending Balance	\$2145.54
Prudent Reserve	<u>700.00</u>
Available Funds	\$1445.54

Prepared by Linda A.
05/06/2020

District 18 2019 End of Year Group Donations

MEETING	TTL. DONATION	JAN.	FEB.	March	April	May	June	July	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
SAG	\$75.00				75.00							
Yankee Doodle	\$200.00		50.00					50.00	50.00		50.00	
Fresh Start	\$128.00			28.00				50.00			50.00	
Soggy Tues.	\$100.00							100.00				
Nassau Step	\$75.00							50.00			25.00	
Clinton Heights	\$176.00			26.00		50.00	50.00			50.00		
Share at Noon	\$0.00											
Blue Teapot	\$0.00											
Wed. Women's	\$0.00											
Set Aside	\$279.00		34.00			39.00		80.00	76.00		50.00	
Renss. Wed.	\$150.00		50.00				50.00			50.00		
Hampton Manor	\$50.00							50.00				
Late Bloomers BB	\$60.00							25.00			35.00	
New Lebanon	\$0.00											
Out to Lunch	\$200.00			150.00							50.00	
Caring & Sharing	\$100.00		25.00				25.00			50.00		
Near Noon	\$125.00			50.00				25.00			50.00	
Hour of Power	\$0.00											
Late Bloomers Sat.	\$60.00							25.00			35.00	
Primary Purpose	\$45.00							20.00			25.00	
Light for Dk. Places	\$0.00											
Castleton	\$100.00					50.00					50.00	
Anonymous	\$319.00	14.00		50.00			20.00	40.00			195.00	
7th Tradition	\$179.00	19.00		15.00	8.00	26.00	32.00	10.00	18.00	15.00	25.00	11.00
TOTALS	\$2421.00	\$33.00	\$159.00	\$319.00	\$83.00	\$165.00	\$177.00	\$525.00	144.00	\$165.00	\$640.00	\$11.00

District 18 - 2019 EXPENSES / EVENT INFO

EXPENSES	JAN.	FEB.	March	April	May	June	July	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Totals
RENT - Blooming Grove		200.00			200.00					200.00			\$600.00
District Pizza Party		72.00											\$72.00
NERAASA - DCM		282.00											\$282.00
Literature for Treatment				31.86					63.72				\$95.58
Post Office Box Rental				77.00							154.00		\$231.00
Post Office Late Fee											22.00		\$22.00
Coffee Supplies						5.00	5.00	5.00			5.00	5.00	\$25.00
Envelopes / Stamps						14.77							\$14.77
TOTALS	\$0.00	\$554.00	\$0.00	\$108.86	\$200.00	\$19.77	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$63.72	\$200.00	\$181.00	\$5.00	\$1342.35
EVENTS	INCOME	EXPENSE	Balance										
Ebby Thatcher Day	\$98.00	?	\$98.00										
Summer Bash	\$901.00	\$874.99	\$26.01										
Thanks Giving Alkathon	\$838.25	\$685.80	\$152.45										
TOTALS	\$1837.25	\$1560.79	\$276.46										

AREA 48 - SPRING ASSEMBLY

TENTATIVE AGENDA

VIA ZOOM - SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020

9:30AM – 9:45AM:

MEET & GREET – SAY HELLO

9:45AM – 10:00AM:

BRIEF TUTORIAL ON ZOOM FUNCTIONS
AND VOTING PROCEDURES

10:00AM – 10:30AM:

DELEGATE CONFERENCE REPORT BACK

10:30AM – 11:00AM:

AREA OFFICER REPORTS

Alt Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt Treasurer, Registrar, Chair

11:00AM – 11:10AM:

BREAK

11:10AM – 11:30AM

COMMITTEE CHAIR & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities, Archives, CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, Literature,
Public Information, Treatment, Website, Convention,
HMB Name Change, Service Manual Review, Reopening Guidelines

11:30AM – 12:00PM:

DCM REPORTS

12:00PM – 12:15PM

2021 BUDGET PRESENTATION

12:15PM-12:30PM:

BREAK

12:30PM – ?:

PROPOSAL PRESENTATION & VOTING

PRE-ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ZOOM

1 – The waiting room will be enabled. Please use a recognizable first name and last initial to facilitate easy entry. If you are not recognized by a host, you will be asked questions to verify your membership. If you will be calling in from a phone, a quick note in advance to Guy at althmbchair@aahmbny.org providing the last 4 digits of your phone number will be helpful.

2 – If you are a voting member*, include your service position after your name.

For example: John S, GSR; Mary B, DCM; Bill W, Area PI

If you need assistance with this, please ask immediately following entry.

3 – The private chat function will be disabled; chat will be available for the entire assembly only.

4 – Screen share will be disabled. If your report requires screen share, you will be granted temporary co-host privileges during your report.

5 – For anonymity purposes, recording features will be disabled.

6 – Voting will occur by use of the yes/no functions in the participant window and/or the polling function. Voting members on phone calls will vote with a verbal yes/no.

7 – All participants will be muted upon entry and will be unable to unmute once the meeting begins at 10AM. It will be necessary to raise a virtual hand (in the participant window) to be recognized and unmuted by a host.

Members on phones, use *9 to raise the virtual hand.

**As per the Area 48 Service Manual, the following are considered voting members: Area Officers (excluding the Area Chair), Area Committee Chairs (or their alternates), DCM's (or their alternates), GSR's (or their alternates), and Past Delegates.*

OFFICIAL ZOOM INVITATION

Area 48 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Area 48 May 2020 Voting Assembly

Time: May 30, 2020 09:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83085496011?pwd=RGI5cGhaK3dDbFZmMWdCU3hFaFJWUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 8549 6011

Password: 668627

One tap mobile

+19292056099,,83085496011# US (New York)

+13126266799,,83085496011# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 830 8549 6011

CAPITAL DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE, INC (CDCO)
Report of Phone Calls Received
and Other Data
March 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)	100
District 2 (Troy-Cohoes region)	18
District 14 (Schenectady region)	11
District 17 (Hudson-Kinderhook region)	8
District 18 (Rensselaer-Nassau region)	3
	140
Calls for other New York State sites*	23
For out of state**	4
	27
CDCO information	8
TOTAL CALLS	175

Of the calls received, 4 were first-time callers, 4 were regarding literature, and 11 were 12th-step actions. All other calls were for general AA meeting information.

*Clifton Park (4), District 5, Dutchess County, Elmira, Glens Falls (3), Gloversville, Lake George, New York City, Saratoga Springs (8), Schoharie County, and Staten island.

**Los Angeles, CA; Massachusetts; New Orleans, LA; and Philadelphia, PA.

General office visits	7
Office visits to purchase literature	50
	57

The Office sold \$1,242 worth of AA literature, at list price, and \$235 worth of medallions.

The CDCO website received 1,095 visitors; 90 % were new visitors.

The Office received 68 emails at chair@aaalbanyny.org. All were resolved.

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

Respectfully Submitted, CDCO data coordinator, Tom O.

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

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Telephone Calls

District 1 (Albany region)	76
District 2 (Troy-Cohoes region)	10
District 14 (Schenectady region)	5
District 17 (Hudson-Kinderhook region)	0
District 18 (Rensselaer-Nassau region)	4
	95
Calls for other New York State sites*	5
For out of state**	4
	9
CDCO information	6
TOTAL CALLS	110

Of the calls received, 1 was regarding literature, 2 were for Al-Anon, 5 were for 12th-step action and 5 were first-time callers. All other calls were for general AA meeting information.

*Fort Edward, Glens Falls (2), New York City, and Rochester.

**Akron, OH; Charlotte, NC; Missouri, and North Dakota.

General office visits	0
Office visits to purchase literature	2
	2

The Office sold \$113 in AA literature, at list, and \$0 in medallions
 The CDCO website received 1,071 visitors; 91 % were new visitors.
 The Office received 42 emails at chair@aaalbanyny.org. All were resolved.
 All CDCO reports are available at <http://aaalbanyny.org/reports>.
 Respectfully Submitted, CDCO data coordinator, Tom O.