
DISTRICT 18 NEWS

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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 July 16, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Meeting Report – June 18, 2020

ATTENDEES: Linda A, Paul P, Ginny E, Tom P, John E, Pam D, Jen D, and Paul D

- I. Meeting opened at 6:32pm with the Serenity Prayer
- II. Alt DCM Paul P read Tradition 6 and Concept VI
- 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: Meeting has been on Zoom since March 30. It is going "famously". Group has reached out to host church asking how soon meeting may be able to go live (i.e., face-to-face).

Church admin expected to have a committee meeting soon at which this will be discussed. Live meeting will happen sometime this summer. Meeting may go "hybrid" – meaning some AAs will meet at church in person while also inviting other AAs via Zoom. More to come on this.

Fresh Start Group: Mike S, not present. Meeting on Zoom.

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: Zoom meetings have been going very well. Meeting still starts at 8pm and will remain so while on Zoom. One member of the group is also a member of the host church congregation and has placed an inquiry with church admin regarding when meeting may be able to go live. Awaiting church's reply. More to come.

Share at Noon Group: **Needs GSR**. Has contact person. Still meeting face-to-face.

Blue Teapot Big Book Group: Nicole P, not present. Still meeting in person.

Nassau Wednesday Night Women's Group: Pam D. Meeting via Zoom. Group texting continues during the week. Members are talking about going live soon.

Wednesday Set Aside Group: Paul P: Meeting on Zoom. Attendance has been around 10-15 people lately. Group is looking forward to going live, possibly very soon. Group has placed an inquiry to the church.

Regular Wednesday Night Meeting in Rensselaer: Kevin McN, not present, provided report: Group is still meeting in person, people are bringing their own chairs and gathering in the CDTA Park & Ride across from Blooming Grove Church. Hope to move to new digs across the street from the Rensselaer train station as soon as the Diocese of Albany approves meetings at RC churches.

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

Late Bloomers' Rule 62 Big Book Group: **Needs GSR**. Mike S has been leading Zoom meetings. Attendance has been good. Laura C, treasurer for Late Bloomers, has spoken with Blooming Grove church admin. July 2nd will be the first in-person meeting. Waiting to hear back regarding church's specific protocol.

New Lebanon Group: **Needs a GSR**. Group meeting live.

Out to Lunch Bunch: **Needs GSR**. Per Tom O'T, contact person, the group has been meeting at Love Lutheran Church. The pastor at the Greenbush Reformed Church, where the meeting is normally held, lost 2 parishioners to Covid-19 and has not reopened for church services yet.

Friday Night Caring and Sharing Group: Mike McB, not present. Per member Ginny E: meeting is taking place in parking lot of Blooming Grove Reformed Church. Attendance has been less than eight people, a few birds, and some insects.

Near Noon Group: Mary, not present. Per member John E: Meeting on Zoom. Averaging 18-25 attendees.

Hour of Power Group: Kerri B, not present. Temporarily closed. Host church waiting until Phase 4 to open for worship and then will bring back outside groups.

Late Bloomers' Saturday Night Candlelight Group: **Needs GSR**. Contact person Barb K, not present. Mike S has been leading Zoom meetings. Attendance has been pretty darn good.

Primary Purpose Group: **Needs GSR**. Contact person Laura C, not present. Rumored to be meeting face-to-face with just a few people each week.

Light for Dark Places Group: Marilyn L, not present, but reports: Meeting on Zoom. New meeting ID and password good for three months: Meeting ID 962 0615 9900 and password light. Post D18 meeting learned church will be opening up and group may use the parking lot.

Castleton Carry the Message Group: Pam R, not present. Per member Pam D: in person meeting with lots of room for social distancing. Ginny E and Sean P, two of the most disinfected AAs around, have been preparing coffee and setting up.

IV. DCM – Linda A

- a. The NYSIW will be a zoom meeting taking place August 1 & 2. This is an opportunity for any AA member who would like to learn about general service in NYS. It is a terrific way to meet other AA members and share experience with

reaching out the hand of AA to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Please view the NYSIW 2020 website for future information. Five flyers of the Zoom workshops emailed out to district.

- b. Necessary to update the area upon reopening of meetings and/or if hybrid. Much information and guidance on safely reopening live meetings on the HMB website: aahmbny.org.
- c. Vote taken to have our next business meeting in July and to cancel the August meeting. Will keep all updated if July will be on Zoom or in person.
- d. District 18 has received one donation since February. Please support us.

V. ALTERNATE DCM – Paul P

- a. Reminding all the 2020 International Convention will be held virtually. Visit aa.org website for information.

VI. SECRETARY – Jen D

- a. Nothing to report.

VII. TREASURER – Tom P

- a. Tom P read Mary's report.
- b. Motion was made to accept the May 2020 report, seconded, and passed.

VIII. CORRECTIONS – Rich F

- a. Not present, no report.
- b. For now RCJ meetings are suspended.

IX. TREATMENT – **Open position**

- a. Meetings at St. Mary's are suspended.

X. PI/CPC - **Open position**

XI. BRIDGING THE GAP – Tom M

- a. Not present, nothing to report.

XII. ACCESSIBILITY - **Open position**

- a. Paul P is standing in. Nothing to report

XIII. FUNCTIONS – Pam D.

- a. Nothing to report.

XIV. RECORDS/ARCHIVIST – John E

- a. Not much going on. No changes.

XV. GRAPEVINE REP - **Open position**

- a. Per Linda, our area Grapevine Chair: Grapevine and La Viña are here to help. As the U.S. and Canada begin the cautious reopening of communities and businesses, the January, February, March, April and May Grapevine and Jan/Feb-May/June La Viña issues will remain available and free for all to access until July 1, 2020. For those who wish to take advantage of our new downloadable, digital ePub version of Grapevine (including audio), it's currently available at a rate of \$1.99 per issue (even less with a year or more subscription and the ability to cancel at any time). Visit website: store.aagrapevine.org.

XVI. NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Kevin McN

- a. Hope GSR-type people are sharing the newsletter via email or document sharing on Zoom with AAs.

XVII. CDCO LIAISON - Fred F

- a. Not present, but reports the CDCO has a newly designed website.
- b. May 2020 Call Log Report is attached.
- c. CDCO remains closed due to health and safety regulations. All services remain available by calling the 24-hour help line: 518-463-0906. Beginning on July 11, the office will open on Saturdays between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. for curbside pick-up of AA literature, medallions, and cards.
- d. All CDCO reports are posted at aaalbanyny.org.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Summer Bash Picnic will not be happening this summer. Paul is working on getting the \$100 deposit back.

XIX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business.

XX. MEMBER AND GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

Member Anniversaries in June:

Bill O'D - 46 yrs
Paul Mac - 46 yrs
Desi B - 38 yrs
Lee F - 38 yrs
Gregg M - 30 yrs
Chuck R - 30 yrs

Noreen C - 18 yrs
Sarah H - 12 yrs
Christina H - 10 yrs
Sharon D - 7 yrs
Sean D - 7 yrs

Please email July and August anniversaries to: district18dcm@aaahmbny.org.

Motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 7:02 p.m., 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.

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AMSTERDAM NY 12010

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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: 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:

**ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR
PI/CPC CHAIR
TREATMENT CHAIR
GRAPEVINE CHAIR**

**DISTRICT 18
TREASURER REPORT
MAY 2020**

Beginning Balance -	\$2145.54
INCOME	
05/04: Donation Yankee Doodle Beginner Group	100.00
05/04: Anonymous Donation	<u>8.00</u>
Total Income	\$108.00
EXPENSES	
05/27: Online Payment- Storage Solutions (June rent)	60.00
05/31: Ck #703 - Blooming Grove (June/July rent)	<u>50.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$110.00
Ending Balance	\$2143.54
Prudent Reserve	<u>700.00</u>
Available Funds	\$1443.54

Prepared by Linda A.
06/16/2020

CAPITAL DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE, INC (CDCO)
Report of Phone Calls Received
and Other Data
May 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)	47
District 2 (Troy-Cohoes region)	10
District 14 (Schenectady region)	6
District 17 (Hudson-Kinderhook region)	4
District 18 (Rensselaer-Nassau region)	3
	70
Calls for other New York State sites*	9
For out of state**	0
	9
CDCO information	3
TOTAL CALLS	82

Of the calls received, 3 were for 12th-step action, 4 were regarding literature, and 5 were first-time callers. All other calls were for general AA meeting information.

*Corning, District 4, Millerton, Moravia, New York City, Round Lake, Saratoga, Syracuse, and Woodstock.

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General office visits	0
Office visits to purchase literature	2
	2

The Office sold \$7.25 in AA literature, at list, and \$1.25 in medallions.

The Office was closed due to COVID 19.

The CDCO website received 789 visitors; 89 % were new visitors.

The Office received 24 emails at chair@aalbanyny.org. All were resolved.

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

Respectfully Submitted, CDCO data coordinator, Tom O.



Virtual

5th Annual Unity & Service Conference

"Applying our 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts to Real Life"

**September 5-6, 2020 (PDT)
Labor Day Weekend
Concord, CA, USA**

**Pacific
Daylight
Time Zone**

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

Welcome!

Serenity Prayer & Kickoff

8:45 am

9:00 am

Memoirs of a Judge that Nudged

*Rogelio Flores, Santa Barbara, CA
Retired Judge & Past Class A Trustee*

Contempt Prior to Investigation?

**The 12 Concepts -
"A Spiritual Experience"**
Jennifer D., Wilmington, NC

10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker

Service Panels

Panel 1 - **Young People**
Panel 2 - **Bridging the Gap**
Panel 3 - **Corrections (H & I)
Q&A**

Service Panels

Panel 1 - **Public Info & Cooperation with
Professionals**
Panel 2 - **Intergroup/Hotline**
Panel 3 - **General Service**
Panel 4 - **Sponsorship
Q&A**

10:30 am

12:00 pm

Break

12:30 pm

**Finance & Romance
in AA's Digital Age**

Jennifer D., Wilmington, NC

**Anonymity and Outside Issues:
Right vs. Responsibilities**

Roger W., Vine Grove, KY

10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker

2:00 pm

The Three Legacies and Relationships

Chuck & Beth H., Cary, NC

10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette
from an AI-Anon Speaker

*This 2 Hour and 15-Minute Session Includes
a 15-Minute Break at 3 pm Before Concluding at 4:15 pm*

Ask It Basket with Speakers

*Rogelio, Jennifer, Don, Roger,
Chuck & Beth*

3:00 pm

Break

Close with Responsibility Statement

4:30 pm

**Unity vs. Conformity
in the Home Group**

Don L., Bellingham, WA

10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette to Open

6:00 pm

Close with Responsibility Statement

Online-Only Event!

Space is Limited.....

Pre-Registration Encouraged!



Registration Link & Contact Info: Unityandserviceconference.org

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