
DISTRICT 18 NEWS

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



District 18 Business Meeting

Zoom online forum

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020 at 6:30pm.

District 18 will be using Zoom for business meetings through the end of 2020. Meeting ID: 653 765 330. Password: 658575.

Meeting Report – October 15, 2020

ATTENDEES: Linda A, Paul P, Kevin McN, Pam D, Tom P, Ginny P, Sean P, Jen D and Paul D

- I. Meeting opened at 6:30pm with the Serenity Prayer
- II. Alt DCM Paul P read Tradition 10 and Concept X
- III. The Seventh Tradition

Linda noted that the District does not have a virtual basket for the monthly meetings. Donations can be sent to the District post office box (see last page before the attachments). There have been only two donations from groups since February. **The District still has monthly expenses. (hint, hint)**

IV. 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: Hybrid meeting for last three to four months; in-person meeting inside the church with a Zoom presence; passing an iPad around the room so Zoom attendees can see in-person attendees; group is mailing chips to members to recognize stages of recovery.

Fresh Start Group: Mike S, not present: Meeting in person at Blooming Grove Church.

Soggy Tuesday Group: Rich F, not present: Temporarily closed; GSR regrets he can no longer attend D18 meetings.

Nassau Tuesday Night Step Group: Bob W, not present. Per member Pam D: In-person meetings began on October 6 at their original location-Grace United Methodist Church; everyone excited to be back; currently about 10 attendees; bring hand sanitizer and your copy of the 12&12; masks required when on church property; bring a beverage but carry in, carry out.

Original Clinton Heights Tuesday Night Group: Ginny P: Meeting back to 9pm start time and in person at new location-Love Lutheran Church; 5-6 attendees.

Share at Noon Group: **Needs GSR**. Has contact person. Per Linda: Meeting is live.

Blue Teapot Big Book Group: Nicole P: Temporarily closed.

Nassau Wednesday Night Women's Group: Pam D: Former location will no longer allow meetings; hybrid meeting in person and via Zoom while searching for a new location; with earlier sunsets, meeting mainly on Zoom.

Wednesday Set Aside Group: Paul P: Meeting is still on Zoom; good attendance.

Regular Wednesday Night Meeting in Rensselaer: Kevin McN: group meeting in person at Love Lutheran Church; averaging 12-16 members; good discussions.

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

Late Bloomers' Rule 62 Big Book Group: **Needs GSR**. Per member Tom P: Meeting in person, masks mandatory and social distancing practiced; attendance has been 20-25.

New Lebanon Group: **Needs a GSR**. Contact person Mike. Presumed in-person based on last month's report.

Out to Lunch Bunch: **Needs GSR**. The group meets in person at Love Lutheran Church.

Friday Night Caring and Sharing Group: **Sean P new GSR (yeah!)**: Meeting in person in original space; masks are required; bring your own coffee; **needs support**.

Near Noon Group: Mary C, not present. No report.

Hour of Power Group: Kerri B, present: Temporarily closed.

Late Bloomers' Saturday Night Candlelight Group: **Needs GSR**. Per member Jen D: Meeting in person with good attendance.

Primary Purpose Group: **Needs GSR**. Contact person Laura C, not present. Still meeting in person.

Light for Dark Places Group: Marilyn L, not present. Per member Kevin McN: Meeting is in person; 6-7 attendees; masks are required; simultaneous Zoom meeting hosted by a member from her house, but not interacting with in-person meeting due to WiFi difficulties.

Castleton Carry the Message Group: Pam R, not present. Per member Pam D: Meeting in person, masks optional, social distancing promoted; big space; surfaces disinfected before and after meeting.

V. DCM - Linda A

a. Area 48 has a monthly check-in session on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. Meeting ID: 349 408 103. Password: A48CheckIn.

b. Area 48 Virtual Voting Assembly was Saturday, October 17.

c. Area 48's annual Convention will be VIRTUAL and will take place October 30-31.

Pre-Registration is now open: <https://aahmbny.org/area-48-virtual-conventionflyer/>

Albin Z, the Grapevine publisher, will be the Saturday night speaker. They are looking for help. Contact Linda and she will send an email to the proper person. Or place your interest on your registration form.

- d. District 3 is hosting a Halloween Dance and Costume Contest 6-11 pm on October 31 at Gallagher's Banquet Hall in Cairo (NY, not Egypt). Features food and a speaker at 7pm.
- e. HMB Area 48 Virtual Inventory Day is Sunday, November 15 at 9:30am.
- VI. ALTERNATE DCM – Paul P
 - a. Everything's the same, nothing to report. Leaves are changing, take pictures.
- VII. SECRETARY – Jen D
 - a. Nothing to report.
- VIII. TREASURER – Tom P
 - a. September treasurer's report was screen-shared.
 - b. Motion was made to accept the report, seconded, and passed.
- IX. CORRECTIONS – Rich F
 - a. Rich F is unable to attend due to work obligations. Paul D is standing in.
 - b. No one is going into the jail due to COVID-19 precautions.
- X. TREATMENT – **Open position**
 - a. Per Linda, Rick B from District 2 is doing virtual meetings for St. Mary's every Tuesday evening. Please contact Linda if you want to speak at one of these meetings.
- XI. PI/CPC - **Open position**
 - a. The Area CPC Chair conducts monthly conference calls. If interested, contact Sally at cpc@aahmbny.org.
- XII. BRIDGING THE GAP – Tom M
 - a. Not present, emailed nothing to report.
- XIII. ACCESSIBILITY - **Open position**
 - a. Paul P is standing in. Nothing to report
- XIV. FUNCTIONS – Pam D.
 - a. Functions has no functions due to COVID-19 so Functions is not functioning.
- XV. RECORDS/ARCHIVIST – John E
 - a. Not present, nothing to report.
- XVI. GRAPEVINE REP - **Open position**
 - a. A virtual Grapevine story hour is held the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meeting ID and password are available on the Area website.
- XVII. NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Kevin McN
 - a. Encourages people to get the newsletter into the hands of members.
 - b. The newsletter is posted to the Area website for accessibility.
- XVIII. CDCO LIAISON - Fred F
 - a. CDCO is taking orders for literature and tokens that are available for pick-up on Mondays 2-6pm (new day!), Wednesdays 5-8pm, and Saturdays 12-4pm.
 - b. The CDCO Website has an up-to-date list of in person and hybrid meetings. On their website under "Meetings" (on the banner) click on "Meeting Re-openings." Then click on "View Re-openings" and a list will pop up (careful, it might splash).

- c. The September CDCO report is not available from the website yet.
- d. All CDCO reports are posted at aaalbanyny.org.

XIX. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Kevin McN placed a proposal in February that will be an addition to the District 18 Area 48 Service Manual's Introduction section 1.1 in the form of an additional last paragraph: "Keeping with AA traditions, this Service Manual and all other service manuals adopted at any level of the AA service structure are guidelines. They do not contain rules or dictates. Care for our fellow AAs, respect for the autonomy of each AA group, and reference to group conscience lead us to the appropriate application of these guidelines." The proposal was passed by the GSRs in attendance and will be published in the District 18 Area 48 Service Manual by records keeper John E.
- b. Thanksgiving Alkathon: Linda spoke with Jeff, the contact at Blooming Grove Reformed Church. If we used the space for the Alkathon masks would be required at all times, no more than 20 people could be in the church at any time, windows would need to be opened for ventilation, and no food or cooking would be permitted. After some murmuring and heavy sighs, no one felt able to take charge of ensuring these requirements were met. The idea of a Zoom-a-thon run by speakers every hour or every other hour ricocheted around the meeting, but never found anyone willing to take charge of that either. Linda will inform Jeff that District 18 will not need the church premises for Thanksgiving. Linda will report if she finds any other districts holding virtual Alkathons or the like.

XX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nominations were made, accepted, and voted for District 18 service positions for the 2021-2022 rotation. They are:

Secretary: Ginny P	Grapevine: Mike C
Treasurer: Tom P	Newsletter: Kevin McN
Records: John E	Functions: Pam D
Corrections: Tom M	
- b. The following positions remain to be filled:

DCM	PI/CPC Chair
Alt DCM	Bridging the Gap
Treatment Chair	Accessibility
- c. Linda encourages everyone to promote district service opportunities in meetings they attend. Anyone curious about what a position entails can email Linda. Service is a meaningful way to give back to AA, help others, and strengthen one's sobriety.

XXI. MEMBER AND GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

Member Anniversaries in October:

Jack C - 39 yrs	Rich F - 21 yrs
Lisa C - 27 yrs	Eric - 17 yrs

TJ N – 10 yrs
Jackie R – 3 yrs

Kristen L – 1 yr

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 7:44 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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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: 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:

**DCM
ALT DCM
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR
BRIDGING THE GAP CHAIR
PI/CPC CHAIR
TREATMENT CHAIR**

**DISTRICT 18
TREASURER REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2020**

Beginning Balance -	\$2063.54
INCOME	
09/30: Adjustment per bank statement	<u>9.00</u>
Total Income	\$9.00
EXPENSES	
09/24: Online Payment- Storage Solutions (Oct. rent)	<u>60.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$60.00
Ending Balance	\$2012.54
Prudent Reserve	<u>700.00</u>
Available Funds	\$1312.54

Prepared by Linda A.
10/06/2020

Save the Date..

HMB Area 48

Virtual Inventory Day

Sunday, November 15, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Hosted by Adirondack Cluster

Virtual Platform: ZOOM

Meeting ID: 821 2119 4548

Passcode: Inventory

Please DO NOT POST information on Social Media

Login using an appropriate and recognizable Area/District/Group name and service position

The 70th Annual Area 48 Virtual Convention

October 30th & 31st 2020

Pre-register by going to aaahmbny.org/2020-convention
to get the convention login information.

****Pre-registering is quick and will save you time later!****

Workshops

- Updating the Big Book
- The Black & African American Pamphlet
- Sobriety the Old-Fashioned Way
- And more!

Speakers

- Friday:
- Saturday: Albin Z. – Grapevine Publisher



Missed Pre-registration?

If you missed pre-registration you can join the “Registration Table” virtual meeting during the convention and, from there, the host can provide the login information to the Convention.

Friday Registration Table

Link: [Click Here](#)

Meeting ID: 857 6940 8048

Password: A48walkin

Saturday Registration Table

Link: [Click Here](#)

Meeting ID: 830 1810 2774

Password: A48walkin

Please log into the meetings with an easily recognizable name