Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area 48 www.aahmbny.org **May 2018 Edition**

The Happy Joyous & Free Press

The Area 48 Newsletter, published since 1974, is to foster unity and provide communications among AA members groups districts & the GSO.

I am Responsible.

When Anyone, Anywhere

Reaches Out For Help,

I Want The Hand Of A.A.

Always To Be There.

And For That,

I Am Responsible !

AA Principles of the Month

Step 5: - "Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

Tradition 5 (*long form*): "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Concept 5 (*long form*): Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will

Tradition Five Checklist:

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?

2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?

3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?

4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?

5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose

6. Do I remember that AA oldtimers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

Concept Five Checklist:

Do we encourage the minority opinion, the "Right of Appeal", to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?

What does our group accept as "substantial unanimity"?

Has our group experienced the "tyranny of the majority" or the"tyranny of the minority"?

Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?

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HMB Area 48 – Northeastern NY
2018 Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Host
May 12, 2018	HMB Area Assembly	Central Cluster Glenville, NY
June 9, 2018	HMB Joy of Service Day	Hudson Valley Cluster Hudson, NY
July 27-29, 2018	NYS Informational Workshop	HMB Area 48 Utica, NY
September 8 or 9, 2018	HMB Fellowship Day	Eastern Cluster
October 13, 2018	HMB Area Assembly	Central Cluster Amsterdam, NY
October , 26-28, 2018	HMB Area Convention	Western Cluster Utica, NY
November 10, 2018	HMB Inventory Day	Adirondack Cluster

** Subject to Change—updates will appear as events are finanized**
For more information contact: aahmbchair@aahmbny.org

HMB Area Clusters	
Adirondack Cluster	Districts 5, 10, 13, & 19
Central Cluster	Districts 4, 8, & 14
Eastern Cluster	Districts 1, 2, & 18
Hudson Valley Cluster	Districts 3, 7, 11, 15, 16, & 17
Western Cluster	Districts 9 & 12

Your Upcoming District Events

District 7 Memorial Day Picnic Monday May 28th click this link for event flyer

Robert Post Park Ulster Landing Road Kingston NY 10am 4 pm Bring a dish to share or just come for food and fellowship

ULSTER COUNTY BOOKERS MEETING *meets the 2nd Wednesday in Jan., Apr., July, Oct.; 6 PM before District 7 meeting @ Christ the King Church, 3021 Route 213, Stone Ridge, NY.*

DISTRICT EVENTS IF YOU WOULD LIKE THEM LISTED HERE YOU CAN EMAIL ME DIRECTLy ON WHATS HAPPENING IN YOUR DISTRICT SUCH AS GROUP ANNIVERSARIES AND OTHER FUN EVENTS!!!!!

HVYPPA Burning Desire Bonfire August 3-5, 2018 https://www.hvypaa.com/bonfire
Rip Van Winkle Campground 14 Blue Mountain Rd Saugerties, NY 12477

Find out more about the role and importance of the GSR to the group and AA as a whole. If you've been involved in service for a while, come help new GSRs learn what it's all about. All AA members welcome!!

ATTN all DCM's or District Functions Chairs If you would like your event listed in the upcoming district events please send me and email with the information to newsletter@aahmbny.org

Flyers will not be posted for district events in the Area Newsletter

2018 HMB Area 48

Spring Assembly

Saturday, May 12, 2018

9:00am – 3:00pm

Hosted by Central Cluster

Districts 4, 8 & 14

BEUKENDAAL Temple Association
20 Schonowee Ave
Glenville, NY 12302

Tentative Agenda*

9:00 -10:00	Meet and Greet
10:00 - 10:50	Area Committee Reports
11:00 - 12:00	Delegate's Conference Report
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 3:00	Draft budget presentation
	Voting on proposals**
	District reports (as time allows)

*Subject to change

**Please see website or newsletter for description of proposals

Area Chair Report May 2018

It's been a busy month now that Spring is here (yes, it really is!) and I have a feeling it's only going to get busier. As I write this, Don, our Panel 68 Delegate, is wrapping up his week at the General Service Conference in NYC. He was elected as the Chair for his conference committee (Corrections) – congrats to him and many thanks for representing Area 48!

This past month, I've visited the Districts 1 & 7 business meetings – they have the typical struggles that seem to be ongoing everywhere finding people to fill positions but AA is alive and well in both Districts. I will be visiting Districts 3 & 14 this month and am looking forward to it.

I had the opportunity speak at District 18's Ebby Thacher Spiritual Breakfast – there was a great turnout and tons of good food. I've been asked to participate at District 5's General Service Workshop & GSR Orientation along with Bill W, our recent past Delegate, on May 5th in Saratoga Springs. It's exciting to see the Districts putting on these service related events to help our trusted servants in their positions!

The next Area event is the May Assembly in Glenville on May 12th. There will be Area reports, our Delegate's General Service Conference report, and there are four proposals for consideration by the Assembly. If you are a DCM or GSR (or their Alternates if they can't attend), I implore you attend and let your group's voice be heard. The Area serves the Districts and Groups – we need your input!

Tad J

Panel 68 Area Chair/Alternate Delegate

Delegate News

I have returned from NYC where rousing discussion and true fellowship of the spirit was in full leaf. (like that? Spring reference)
I will have a full report for the Area Assembly on May 12.
For now I will just express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve AA.
Thank you Area 48 HMB

In Fellowship and In Service,
Don S.
Delegate
Panel 68, Area 48
HMB

Alternate Chair Report

May 2018

The 2018 Area Schedule is finally complete. Our September Fellowship Day has now been booked for September 8. As of this writing the website has not been changed to reflect this but I will be notifying our webmaster soon to do this.

The NYSIW is coming along nicely. There are no more single rooms available and all further registrants will be put into doubles. The committee had the opportunity to check out the facility during Delegate's Day here in Utica and I'm pleased to say I think they all liked what they saw.

I was able to join Tad for the visit to the District 1 business meeting this past month and want to give a shout out to all who were there to participate in AA service. It was a well-run meeting and I particularly liked the brief intro by members who shared on the Tradition and Concept of the month. Maybe this is something that could be done in more places.

I was not able to attend the District 7 meeting as planned, but hoping to be able to make more over the next several months.

Our monthly DCM Conference call for April got bumped to the first Tuesday in May, due to my own forgetfulness, but I do look forward to touching base with everyone before the May Assembly that is quickly approaching.

As always, it's a privilege and an honor to serve as your Alternate Chair.

In Love & Service,

Tammie

Public Information Area Chair Report

Hi All,

Delegates Day was informative in many ways. I learned much from our tech committee chairs about future ways to get out our message.

There are now 7 Districts with active PI and PI/CPC committees.

We are working on getting into schools, getting our literature into libraries with meeting lists and answering service information, contacting the medical society, firehouses and emergency squads. Having a presence at Health Fairs.

Starting in March our PSAs were on the air with a local independent radio station in Ulster County. They will run every other month alternating with NA, 40 time slots in 30 days.
We are also in contact with a place-mat company to continue our service with them.

As always,
Thank you
Love and Service
Area 48 PI Chair
Sally

HMB Area 48

2018 Meeting Schedule Order Form

Hudson Mohawk Berkshire Area 48 of Alcoholics Anonymous

Inquiries to: alttreasurer@aahmbny.org

No Shipping to PO Boxes

Schedules are $.40 ea.

(Minimum order 10)

Shipping Costs*:			
10-100	$12.00	601- 900	$40.00
101-200	$15.00	901-1200	$50.00
201-300	$20.00	1201-1500	$60.00
301-600	$30.00	1501-1800	$70.00

For every additional 100 over 1800 add $4.00

***Due to the high price of shipping, it is recommended that groups with small orders combine with other small order groups to maximize savings.**

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name:_____ Group or Organization: _____

Street Address:_____

City/Town:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Contact Person:_____ Email: _____

Phone: (___)_____

Quantity: _____ x $.40 = $_____

Shipping & Handling (see box above): $_____

Total Enclosed: $_____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND MAIL ORDERS TO:

HMB MEETING SCHEDULES
PO BOX 585
HIGHLAND, NY 12528

CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP AREA 48

Carrying The AA Message Behind The Walls

With guest speaker Tom O

Thursday May 10, 2018 5pm - 8:00pm

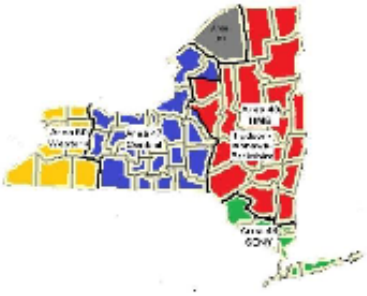
ST. Benedictine Hospital 105 Mary's Ave. Kingston NY, take Mary's Ave to Webster St. turn right , entrance on Webster St. end ground floor.

This workshop is designed to educate recovering alcoholics on the process of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous into jails and institutions. Hosted by Area 48 in the Hudson Valley Cluster, Districts 3, 7, 11, 15, 16 & 17. Light refreshments will be provided.

More info contact: Corrections@aahmbny.org

btg@aahmbny.org

39th Annual
New York State Informational Workshop
July 27-29, 2018



Hosted by HMB Area 48
At
Mohawk Valley Community College
1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY

Pre-Registration deadlines online or by mail:
July 13 – Weekend package
July 20 – No lodging, registration & meals only

Online registration available February 1
Go to aahmbny.org
And follow the links for NYSIW

On-Site Registration begins Friday, July 27 at 3pm

What is the NYSIW?
A service weekend each summer that rotates between the 4 service areas (47, 48, 49 & 50) in NYS where trusted servants and committee chairs can meet to exchange information and ideas on how to effectively carry the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

Anyone in service, whether at the group, district or area level, as well as anyone interested in learning more about service is welcome to attend.

Friday & Saturday 8:00p
Speaker Meetings open to all members
A 7th Tradition basket will be provided for Non-registrants

Spanish Translation will be available upon request

Weekend package includes registration, 2 nights lodging*, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast
*Lodging is suite style; each suite has a common area, 1 shared bathroom, 1 single bedroom and 2 double bedrooms each with 2 single beds.

$180 – single occupancy
$170 – double occupancy

Please specify suite mates and/or roommate preferences, if any

A la carte meals are also available for day registrants
All meals are buffet/cafeteria style – Saturday night dinner is barbecue themed
A full menu can be viewed online at aahmby.org
Questions: email nysiw@aahmbny.org

Weekend Package:		
Single Occupancy	$180	_____
Double Occupancy	$170	_____
Registration & Meals (No lodging):	$90	_____
Or A la carte:		
Weekend Registration	$20	_____
Saturday only	$15	_____
Friday Dinner	$20	_____
Saturday Breakfast	$10	_____
Saturday Lunch	$15	_____
Saturday Dinner	$20	_____
Sunday Breakfast	$10	_____
Total Enclosed:	$	_____

Name: _____ Phone_____

Address: _____ State____ Zip_____

Email: _____
(please print clearly to receive a receipt)

Service Position: _____ District ____ Area____

Badge Name Preference: _____

Dietary or Accessibility needs: _____

*Lodging Preferences: _____

Make check or money order payable to "HMB Area Association"
Mail with registration form to:
NYS Informational Workshop
PO Box 91
New Hartford, NY 13413

Click this hyperlink to go to the NYSIW registration page

May 2018 Archive Report

On April 21, 2018 District 18 hosted The Ebby T. Spiritual Breakfast at the

Greenbush Reformed Church Educational Bldg. in East Greenbush. About 90 AA's attended, who got to enjoy the delicious breakfast served, followed by the first speaker on "The 12th Step and Carrying the Message". Then a presentation of the historic episode "The Man who carried the message to Bill W." enacted by two AA's that dramatized Ebby T. visiting Bill W. as described in The Big Book, at Bill W.'s kitchen table in November 1934. The HMB Area 48 Traveling Archive Displays had exhibits on Ebby T.'s family in Albany, NY and Manchester, VT. Including "The Farm" of Margaret and Micky Mc.P., where Ebby spent the last two years of his life, SOBER. Around noontime, a trip was made to the Albany Rural Cemetery, pictured here, and we had a memorial service celebrating his birthday (April 29, 1896) and a reading of Bill W.'s Eulogy from Ebby's funeral. Ebby's great-nephew also spoke about his family's strong ties to Alcoholics Anonymous, and their involvement with local business and politics that dates back to mid- 1800's. A great day of Fellowship, and many thanks to all who participated. In Love and Service, Wyatt W. HMB Area 48 Archivist.

Area Grapevine Report

Hello , Right now I'm working on getting a once a month teleconference with district grapevines. I'd be happy with any day that is convenient. I am placing order for our new grapevine books and other books we need. I also am trying to set up tables as often as possible. I will be out of state during mays area day but if you have any orders please e-mail me at grapevine@aahmbny.org. Thank you

Christine O.
Area Grapevine Rep

HMB Area 48 Monthly Treasury Report April 2018	
Beginning Balance	**$25,585.98**
Income	
Area Contributions	
Groups	$3,264.16
Districts	$150.00
7th Tradition Can Delegate's Day	$96.04
Checkbook adjustment	$50.00
Total Income	**$3,560.20**
Expense	
Secretary	$138.90
Treasurer	$240.07
Archivist	$79.40
Bridging the Gap Chair	$44.10
Correction Facility Chair	$130.90
Newsletter Editor	$557.08
CPC Chair	$170.00
Assessability Chair	$170.00
Area- Delegate's Day Expense	$238.85
Archive Storage Fees	$80.00
Mail Box Service	$82.98
Total Expense	**$1,932.28**
Net Income	**$1,627.92**
Balance	**$27,213.90**
Prudent Reserve	-$7,000.00
Available Funds	**$20,213.90**

Secretary Minutes from April

Click the link below or cut and paste the link below into your internet browser

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/b37cbc8a44a6b14b6ce5bb7c8/files/66e4e81d-afe4-4cb5-90a9-3c0713c915c9/Minutes_4_7_18.pdf

THE ROOTS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: HISTORIC SITES IN THE NEW YORK AREATHE HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS

17 William Street (William Street near Broad Street), Newark, New Jersey

Hank P. & Bill W. set up the first A.A. "headquarters" office here at the office of Honor Dealers, an auto dealership owned by Hank. Bill wrote much of the Big Book from this office. Ruth Hock had begun working for Hank as a secretary and now worked with Bill on the book; she was A.A.'s first non-aloholic employee. The office remained here from about 1938 to 1940.

30 Vesey Street (Vesey and Church Streets), Manhattan

The second headquarters office of Alcoholics Anonymous and Works Publishing Inc., after Bill split with Hank; the group operated here in Room 703 from 1940-1944.

415 Lexington (Lexington and 43rd Streets), Manhattan

A.A. headquarters moves to the Grand Central Area after Bill and Lois find their new home at Stepping Stones in Bedford Hills. Bill could easily take a train from Stepping Stones to Grand Central and walk from there to the new office, making for an easy commute. The offices remained here from about 1944-1950. The new mailing address was P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Annex.

141 East 44th Street (44th in between 3rd Avenue and Lexington), Manhattan

Still close to Grand Central, the headquarters moved to this larger office in 1950 to accommodate the growing organization. The office remained here until 1960.

305 East 45th Street (2nd Avenue and 45th Street), Manhattan

Again, the growing group moved to larger quarters, still in the Grand Central Area, and stayed in this building from 1960 to 1970.

468-470 Park Avenue South (31st Street and Park Avenue South), Manhattan

This served as A.A.'s General Service Office for over 20 years (1970-1992), eventually occupying five floors in two buildings.

475 Riverside Drive (between 119th and 120th Streets),

The General Service Office moved to this building, adjacent to the Riverside Church, in 1992. Offices occupy the 11th floor, with Grapevine offices on the 10th floor. John D. Rockefeller made the entire block of land available for the structure, which houses many church groups, interdenominational agencies, and non-profit organizations. The office is open for tours during business hours, 5 days a week. An appointment is not necessary; just come by.

WHERE ALCOHOLICS WENT FOR HELP

Towns Hospital: 293 Central Park West (between 89th and 90th Streets), Manhattan

Bill landed in Towns Hospital four times between 1933 and 1934 for treatment of alcoholism, and ultimately had a spiritual experience there in 1934 that led to his sobriety. Dr. William Silkworth, Medical Superintendent at Towns, treated 40,000 alcoholics there, including Bill W., and wrote the "Doctor's Opinion" in *Alcoholics Anonymous.*

Calvary Episcopal Church: 237 Park Ave. South (4th Avenue and 21st Street), Manhattan,

Calvary Mission: 246 East 23rd Street (2nd Avenue and 23rd Street), Manhattan

Bill attended Oxford Group meetings here from 1934-1936, and got sober along with Ebby T., Rowland H., Cebra G., Hank P., and many others. Samuel Shoemaker, source of AA's spiritual principles via Oxford Group, was the pastor of Calvary and originally brought Oxford Group meetings to New York City.

30 Rockefeller Plaza (off 49th Street), Manhattan

Here Bill met Willard Richardson, a friend of his brother –in-law, and the conduit to John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Bill met Rockefeller in October 1937 in his 66th floor office, and told him about the A.A. program. The meeting went well, and in many ways Rockefeller helped the fledgling organization get started.

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