February 2022

DISTRICT 18 NEWS

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

District 18 Business Meeting

Zoom online forum and Love Lutheran Church, Schodack

The next regular business meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in person at Love Lutheran Church

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Meeting Report – May 17 2023

ATTENDEES: Ginny P, Lisa C, Tom M, Howard, Jeff C, Pam D, Lee A.

I. Meeting opened at 6:07 p.m. with the statement of our Primary Purpose* and the Serenity Prayer
* As trusted servants of the AA fellowship and the groups of District 18, our primary purpose is to help the members of our district carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. All our decisions are to be made according to group conscience and AA's Twelve Traditions.

II. The Seventh Tradition
Donations from groups and individuals to support District 18's recurring expenses cn be sent to the district post office box or brought to the monthly business meeting. See the last page (before the attachment(s), for the post office box address.

III. GSR Group Reports
Surrender, Acceptance & Gratitude Group:
Yankee Doodle Beginners' Group: Tom M: doing pretty well some newcomers, still doing hybrid, could use support.
Fresh Start Group: Jeff C, doing good, steady 10-15 people. Lot of new faces, just had a pizza party with 30-40 people.
Outsiders Group: Mike C, not present. No report.
Soggy Tuesday Group: the new GSR Wells P, no report
Nassau Tuesday Night Step Group: Bob O, meeting is doing good between 10 – 15 people.

Share at Noon Group: Needs GSR
Nassau Wednesday night women's group Pam D Had 6 people last week! Could use support, great topics and fellowship.
Blue Teapot Big Book Group: Nicole P, not present. No report.
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Wednesday Set Aside Group:
Regular Wednesday Night Meeting [not] in Rensselaer: Howard 6 people each week could use support. Fresh cookies most weeks.
Hampton Manor Big Book Group: Lee, no report.
Late Bloomers' Rule 62 Big Book Group: **Needs GSR.** No report. (1)
New Lebanon Group: **Needs GSR.** No report. (2)
Out to Lunch Bunch: **Needs GSR.** No report. (3)
Friday Night Caring and Sharing Group: **Needs GSR.** Sean, steadily growing, up to 12 people.
Near Noon Group: **Needs GSR.** No report.
Hour of Power Group: Kerri B, not present. Temporarily closed.
Late Bloomers' Saturday Night Candlelight Group: Andrew, not present. No report.
Primary Purpose Group: **Needs GSR.** No report.
Caring And Sharing Group: Lisa C. doing well, 8-9 people.
Castleton Carry the Message Group: Needs GSR
Thursday Evening Meditation; Ginny, 4-6 in attendance, great meeting.
Light far dark places Kevin 7-9 people

IV. DCM – ;
See end of newsletter for position description.

a. The area has virtual meetings every month for each chair position! For example, DCMs and Functions chairs meet every third Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. Zoom ID 952 7302 1180; Passcode 983748.
b. The area chair for CPC/PI asks all district CPC/PI chairs to attend a monthly online meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Zoom ID is 868 7177 3923; Passcode 080625.
c. Check aahmbny.org for information.

V. ALTERNATE DCM – Open

VI. SECRETARY – Ginny P
a. All is well

VII. TREASURER – Lee A see attachment

VIII. ACCESSIBILITY - **Open position, position entails making sure there is proper accesses at meeting places within our district,**
a. No report.

IX. BRIDGING THE GAP – Not present

X. CORRECTIONS – Tom M
   a. 6 big books and 3 living sober books were taken into the Rensselaer jail. Emailed Jeff about volunteers for meetings to be brought in. I will need to get the word out but they do have some literature.

XI. CPC/PI – Open position, Position entails working with the professional community, hospitals, doctors etc....to help carry the message.

XII. FUNCTIONS – Pam D.
   a. Thins are functioning until the summer bash. Next month I will have a signup sheet out.

XIII. Literature – Kevin M, has plans to start visiting meetings to let them know he can get literature from them.

XIV. NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Bob O
   a. Glad to be of service for district 18
   b. **If you attend a meeting that doesn't have a GSR, please, please, please print out the newsletter, take it to the meeting, and ask to have a business meeting to nominate a GSR.**
   c. Please forward, print and hand out, or otherwise distribute the newsletter to groups and members in District 18.

XV. RECORDS/ARCHIVIST – Open position, Responsibilities include gathering current and historical information about aa in our district and to preserve it in a meaningful order.

XVI. TREATMENT – Barb
   a. No report

XVII. CDCO LIAISON – Trish M
   a.
   b. Volunteers are needed at the Central Office. Please contact Allan D or Trish McB.
   c. All Area events are updated on the website, **aaalbanyny.org**.
   d. All CDCO reports are posted at **aaalbanyny.org**.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. a. New DCM need one!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

XX. b.

XXI. NEW BUSINESS
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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.*

XXII. MEMBER AND GROUP ANNIVERSARIES

Pam D 12yrs
Barry 8yrs
Wendy B 10yrs
Howard 11yrs

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 12061

HMB AREA ASSOCIATION
SHIP AND COPY
118 POLAR PLAZA
AMSTERDAM NY 12010

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
PO BOX 2407
JAMES A FARLEY STATION
NEW YORK NY 10116-2407

CDCO
11 COMPUTER DRIVE WEST
SUITE 100
ALBANY NY 12205

Please visit the Capital District Central office (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 life-enriching positions:

ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR
BRIDGING THE GAP CHAIR
WEBSITE CHAIR
GSR (back up to seven groups need a GSR)
DCM
Alt DCM
Literature
CPC/PI
Records

DISTRICT 18 GROUPS	START DATE
Blue Teapot Group	11/01/2011
Caring and Sharing Group	07/01/1985
Castleton Carry the Message	01/09/1992
Fresh Start Group	03/01/1987
Hampton Manor BB	02/19/2004
Hour of Power	03/05/2011
Late Bloomers BB	02/02/1989
Late Bloomers Candlelight	02/04/1989
Light for Dark Places Group	11/01/1980
Nassau Step Mtg.	09/12/1989
Near Noon Group	04/05/2008
New Lebanon Group	09/06/1977
Original Clinton Heights Group	02/27/1975
Out to Lunch Bunch	01/01/1998
Primary Purpose Group	03/17/2013
Rensselaer Wed. Night Grp	05/30/1973
Set Aside Group	03/26/2014
Share at Noon Group	03/13/2000
Soggy Tuesday Group	03/02/1990
Surrender Acceptance Group	04/06/2015
The Outsiders Group	01/04/2021
Nassau Wed. Women's Grp	07/13/1991
Yankee Doodle Group	03/01/1987 (?)

DCM description:

What is a D.C.M.? The heart of A.A. is the group, which elects a general service representative (G.S.R.). The G.S.R. attends district meetings that are made up of the groups in that district. The G.S.R.s elect a district committee member (D.C.M.). Thus, the D.C.M. is the vital link between the group's G.S.R., and the area service structure, including the area's delegate to the General Service Conference. Where does the D.C.M. come from? G.S.R.s in each district usually elect their D.C.M.s. The qualifications for a good district committee member are not complicated: background in A.A. service work that Your D.C.M. District Committee Member goes with the G.S.R. job, and perhaps some central office/ intergroup service; enough sobriety (say four to five years) to be eligible for election to area office; and the time and energy to serve the groups and district well. When is the D.C.M. elected? D.C.M.s are usually elected before the area assembly meeting at which the delegate is elected. Some areas, however, rotate half their committee members each year. How long does the D.C.M. serve? Most D.C.M.s serve for a two-year period. What does the D.C.M. do? The D.C.M. carries the collective group conscience of the A.A. groups in the district to the area committee. Among the two-way communication responsibilities of the D.C.M. are: · Holding regular meetings of all G.S.R.s in the district. · Assisting the delegate in obtaining group information in time to meet the deadline for appropriate A.A. directories. · Keeping G.S.R.s informed about Conference activities. · Acquainting G.S.R.s with The A.A. Service Manual, Box 4-5-9, and other A.A. literature. · Holding workshops on carrying the message of the Seventh Tradition to Non supporting A.A. groups. · Holding sharing sessions on just about any service subject. · And, of course, making a regular practice of talking to groups (new and old) on the responsibilities of general service work. Are there growing responsibilities for the D.C.M.? Continuing growth of the Fellowship brings new opportunities for service to the D.C.M. As the numbers of groups in an area increase, the maintenance of a vital active link between the groups and the Fellowship as a whole becomes a challenge to the D.C.M.s. By maintaining active contact, both with the groups in the district and with the area delegate, the D.C.M. is a key link in ensuring that all the A.A. groups are aware of the importance of their total participation in local, district, area and world services.