Daily Reprieve

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Step 11

”Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

Tradition 11

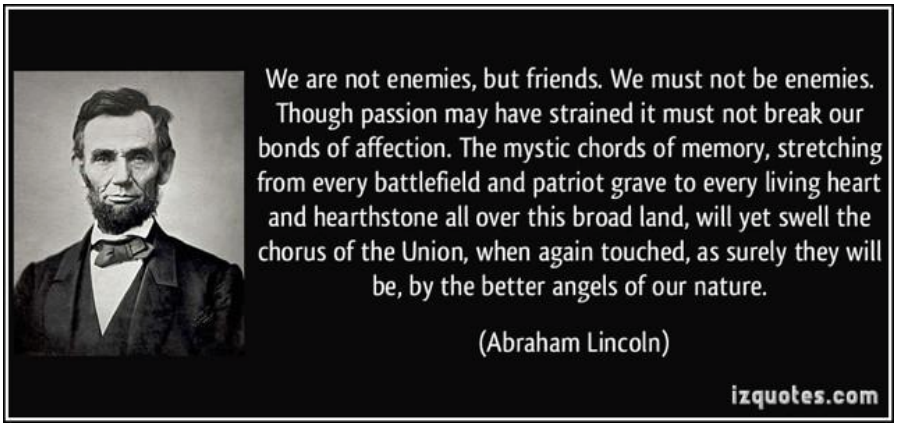
“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

Concept 11

“The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.”

Welcome to the November edition of the District 13 Newsletter.

Greetings. My Name is Ernie and I am an Alcoholic.



You have probably figured out why I included this particular Lincoln quote.

Remember, this is also the month when we traditionally celebrate Thanksgiving. Each of us have many good reasons to be thankful. We each receive, each day, a Daily Reprieve. That alone is worth being thankful for.

Take inventory of all that you have, and all that you have become. And be Thankful for yourself and for each other. Remember our Declaration of AA Unity:

To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come.

THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (personal recovery) A.A.’s Twelve Steps are a group of principles, spiritual in their nature, which, if practiced as a way of life, can expel the obsession to drink and enable the sufferer to become happily and usefully whole.

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (Short Form) (unity of the fellow- ship) A.A.’s Twelve Traditions apply to the life of the Fellowship itself. They outline the means by which A.A. maintains its unity and relates itself to the world about it, the way it lives and grows.

THE TWELVE CONCEPTS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS A.A.’ s Twelve Concepts provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.’s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve.

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Opportunities for District Service!

Attend the district meeting, and find out where you can help!

DISTRICT 13 MEETING SCHEDULE

(2nd Wednesday of each month)

@ 7pm-8pm,

St James Church 172 Ottawa St. Lake George, NY 12845

GSRs should plan to attend

All AA members welcome

Next Meeting is on

November 13th, 2024

If you cannot attend in person, then you can attend virtually via Zoom:

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Service Opportunities Food and drink

First, a Link to the Area 48 Newsletter. There is always excellent content available here.

Quarterly Group Speaker Exchange Meeting

In the spirit of encouraging and facilitating groups and districts to be of maximum service to the still suffering alcoholic and to celebrate the diversity of groups throughout NENY 48, a group speaker exchange meeting is envisioned for further consideration by the Area in 2025. For further information on this subject and to become involved please contact:

Paul Mac 518-821-9169 Milk & Honey Group, Canaan, NY (D 17)
Pete R. 518-817-8399 Road to Happy Destiny Group, Queensbury, NY (D 13)
Jimmy G. 516-754-8370 Kinderhook Friday NightGroup, Kinderhook, NY (D 17)

In District 13 contact the folks below for further information.
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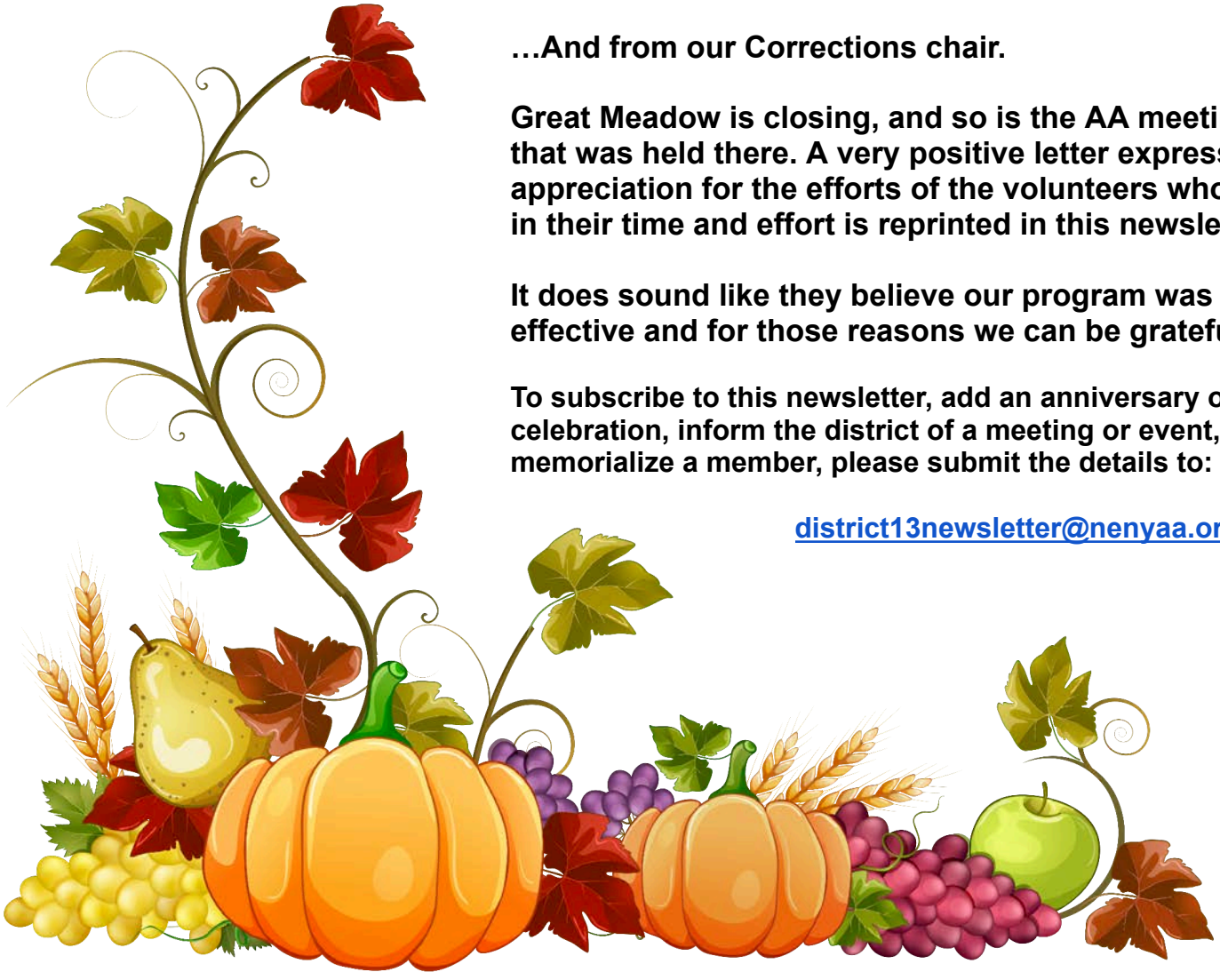


…And from our Corrections chair.

Great Meadow is closing, and so is the AA meeting that was held there. A very positive letter expressing appreciation for the efforts of the volunteers who put in their time and effort is reprinted in this newsletter.

It does sound like they believe our program was effective and for those reasons we can be grateful.

To subscribe to this newsletter, add an anniversary or a celebration, inform the district of a meeting or event, or memorialize a member, please submit the details to:

district13newsletter@nenyaa.org.

NENY Area 48 District 13 Business Meeting
AGENDA OCTOBER 9, 2024 7:00pm

1. Open meeting with Declaration of Unity

   "This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

2. Attendance and Introductions
   a. Anyone present have an upcoming anniversary?
3. Minutes - Pete *district13secretary@nenyaa.org*
   a. Vote on Approval
4. Treasury Report - Tesha *district13treasurer@nenyaa.org*
   a. Vote on Approval
5. Committee Reports - Please contact Area 48 Chairs to stay updated and informed
   a. Archives Rob S. *district13archives@nenyaa.org*
   b. Bridging the Gap Vicki B. *district13btg@nenyaa.org*
      Vicki will be giving us an overview of BTG
   c. CPC/PI April S. *district13publicinfo@nenyaa.org*
   d. Corrections Tim S. *district13correction@nenyaa.org*
      Laura M. will share her experience taking meetings into County
   e. Functions **OPEN** *district13altdcm@nenyaa.org*
   f. Grapevine/Literature Sherri R. *district13grapevine@nenyaa.org*
   g. Hotline/CDCO John D. *donovanj@sprynet.com*
   h. Newsletter Ernie P. *district13newsletter@nenyaa.org*
   i. Records Rob S. *district13records@nenyaa.org*
   j. Treatment / Accessibility Debra L. *district13treatment@nenyaa.org*
   k. Website **OPEN** *district13webmaster@nenyaa.org*
6. Alt DCM Report **OPEN** *district13altdcm@nenyaa.org*
7. DCM Report Susan C. *district13dcm@nenyaa.org*
   a. Fellowship Day 9/22 report
   b. ad hoc committee for District 13 Budget - to be discussed with Treasury report
   c. ad hoc committee for District 13 website - to be discussed with Website report
   d. Plain Language Big Book - to be discussed with Literature report
   e. Voting on proposals and importance of October 19th Fall Voting Assembly

   GSR Reports
   f. Issues / Meeting status or changes / Announcements
8. District Workshops
9. Old Business
   a. Speaker Exchange
   b. meeting list distribution
10. New Business
    a. anyone?
11. Motion to adjourn
12. Close meeting with the Responsibility Statement

    "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."

NENY District 13
Treasury Report
September 30, 2024

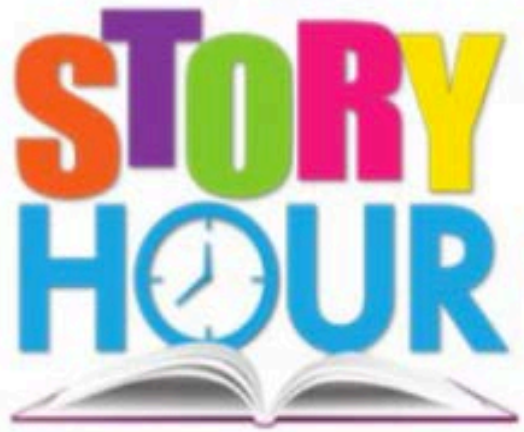
Prepared by: Tesha M. - Treasurer

Beginning Balance	**September 1, 2024**		**1,718.37**
Contributions:	Road to Happy Destiny (TMM)		50.00
	Alive Again Group (TMM)		40.00
	7th Tradition - District (pizza)		19.00
	7th Tradition - Picnic (TMM)		182.00
	Road to Happy Destiny (TMM)		50.00
	Top of the Morning Group (TMM)		10.00
	Knuckle Head Group		107.00
	Schroon Lake Thursday BB Meeting		90.00
Total Contributions			**548.00**
Expenses	St. James Episcopal Church - September	#677	(25.00)
	U-Haul - September (Electronic)		(109.95)
	US Postmaster (PO Box 4335)	#678	(200.00)
	Pete Roland - Picnic reimbursement	#679	(228.39)
	Rob Scheidegger - Meeting Lists & ZOOM acct	#680	(645.76)
	Rob Scheidegger - Picnic reimbursement	#681	(286.46)
Total Expenses			**(1,495.56)**
Ending Balance	**September 30, 2024**		**770.81**
Prudent Reserve			(500.00)
Picnic Reserve			(248.28)
Balance above Reserves			**22.53**
Closing Balance	**September 30, 2024**		**770.81**
Balance per bank			
Less O/S Checks			
Ending Balance	**September 30, 2024**		**770.81**

AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

VIRTUAL MONTHLY GRAPEVINE READING & DISCUSSION



Tuesdays

(second Tues. of each month)

7:00-8:00pm

(eastern)

Get in your PJs, your fluffy slippers, and cozy blanket, have your popcorn ready, and enjoy a bedtime story!

ZOOM ID: 834 1851 2300

PASSCODE: Grapevine

Please do not post to general public

Contact: grapevine@aahmbny.org

Zoom Meetings: It's not just for pandemics anymore.

Nothing beats attending a meeting or an AA function in person, but when you cannot physically be there, you can still be present, unfettered by location and without regard to the weather.

There are now multiple opportunities to join meetings and participate in various service roles by the use of Zoom meetings. Here are just a few examples:

Monthly GSR Forum: On the 1st Sunday of the Month, 7:00 PM EST
Meeting ID: 870 0168 1934, Passcode: gsr

AA Grapevine Reading and Discussion: 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00 PM EST
Meeting ID: 834 1851 2399, Passcode Grapevine

District 13 Monthly Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7:00 PM EST
Meeting ID: 834 1851 2300, Passcode: 131313

A48 Delegates Connection: Last Monday of the Month, 7:00 PM EST
Meeting ID: 824 1507 5353, Passcode: Service

Area 48 Meetings:
Accessibilities | 2nd Sundays @ 2pm | ID: 459 479 4411, Passcode: 731508
Bridging the Gap (BTG) | 2nd Wednesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 861 6963 8196, Passcode: 741803
Corrections | 2nd Fridays @ 6pm | 867 1213 3948, Passcode: A48Correct
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) & PI (Public Information) | 4th Thursdays @ 6:30pm | 868 7177 3923, Passcode: 080625
DCMs & Alt DCMs + Functions 3rd Sundays @ 6pm | ID: 952 7302 1180, Passcode: DCMfun
Grapevine & Literature | 3rd Thursdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 885 5335 7701, Passcode: GV/LIT
Inclusivity | 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 822 5687 7420, Passcode: 353180
Technology | 4th Wednesdays @ 7pm | 829 5229 5872, Passcode: Techteam48
Treatment | 1st Tuesdays @ 6pm | 812 2153 8564

For a list of online AA meetings: Online Meeting List

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AREA 48 NENY EVENTS 2024

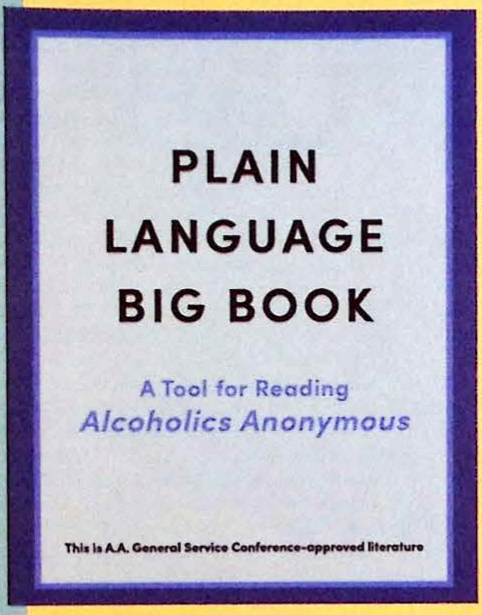
Date	Event	Host
January 20 or 21, 2024	NENY Orientation Day	Hudson Valley Cluster (D17)
February 23 -25, 2024	Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)	Hershey, PA
March 8-10, 2024(tentative)	Northeast Regional Delegates' Reunion (NERD)	Area 48 NENY (delegates and past delegates)
March 16, 2024	NENY Delegate's Day of Sharing (or Fellowship Day)	Adirondack Cluster (D13)
April 20, 2024	NENY Fellowship Day (or Delegate's Day of Sharing)	Central Cluster (D4)
April 2024	General Service Conference (for our Delegate only)	NYC
May 18 , 2024	NENY Spring Assembly ****	Eastern Cluster (D18)
June 15 or 16, 2024	NENY Joy of Service Day	Western Cluster (D20)
July/ Aug , 2024	NYS Informational Workshop	Area 47
September 22, 2024	Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley Cluster (D7)
October 19, 2024	NENY Fall Assembly****	Adirondack Cluster (D19)
November 1-3, 2024	NENY Convention	Eastern Cluster
November 16 or 17, 2024	NENY Inventory Day	Central Cluster (D8)

****. Voting Assembly

Approved by Functions Committee 7.16.24

Cluster
ADK-D5, D10, D13, D19
Central- D4, D8, D14
Eastern- D1, D2, D14
Western- D9, D12, D20
Hudson Valley- D3,D7, D11,D15, D16, D17

Announcing:
a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024



The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* "the Big Book." It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.'s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

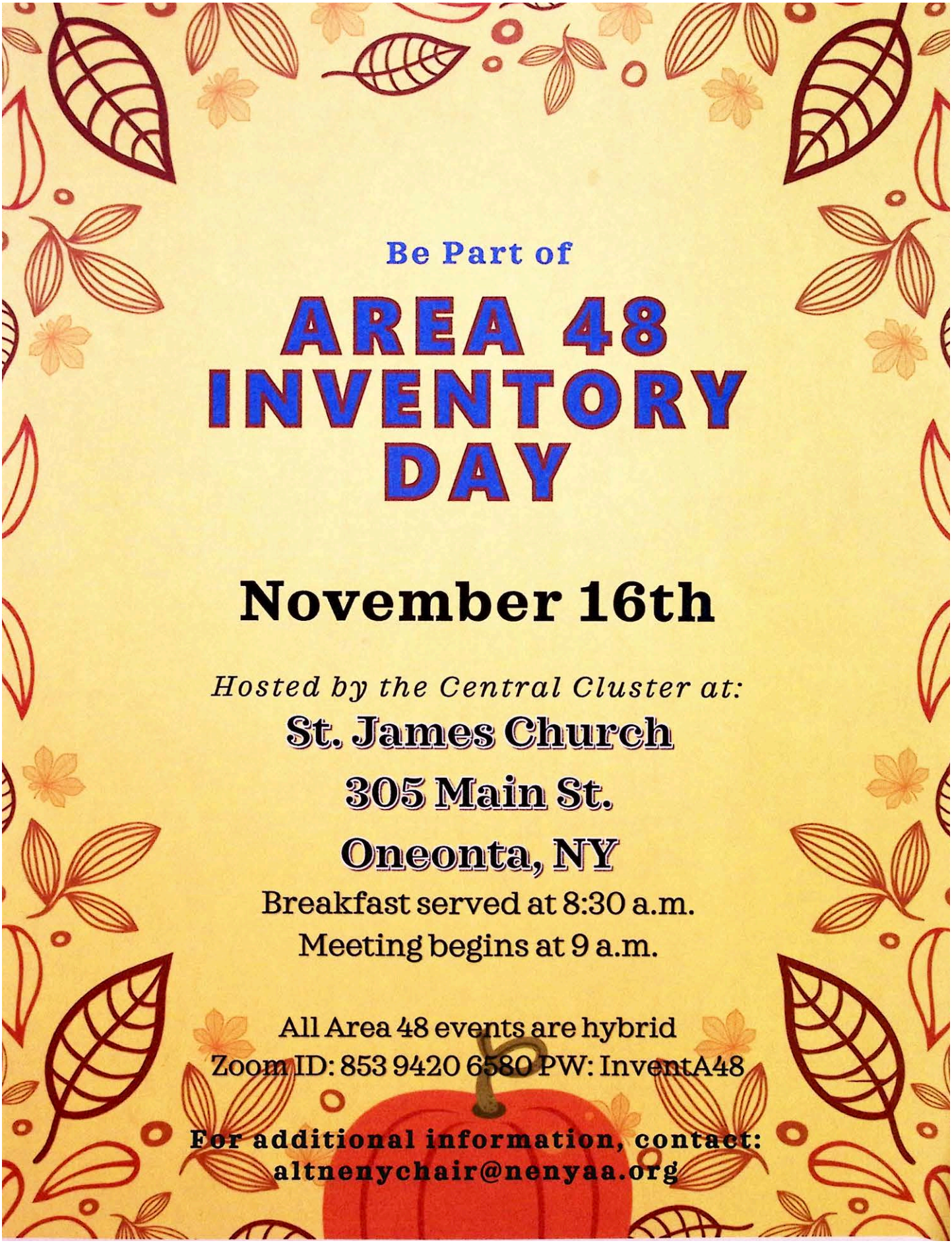
The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the "abridged version" (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*

- **Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024**
- **List Price $11.**
- **Item B-90**
- **192 pages; 8 ½' x 11"**
- **Softcover format with flaps**


Be Part of
AREA 48 INVENTORY DAY
November 16th
Hosted by the Central Cluster at:
St. James Church
305 Main St.
Oneonta, NY
Breakfast served at 8:30 a.m.
Meeting begins at 9 a.m.
All Area 48 events are hybrid
Zoom ID: 853 9420 6580 PW: InventA48
For additional information, contact:
altnenychair@nenyaa.org

This is a letter received thanking our District 13 Corrections Program for the work that AA members performed at the now closed at Great Meadows Corrections…

Hello John, Zene and Tim,

I spoke with VSS Rapp (and DSP Walker). The AA program is no longer meeting.

We want to thank you for your selfless service to the population at Great Meadow. The feedback and review of the program was always of high standard with special thanks to each of you.

Your mentorship no doubt will have lasting effects.

Zene and Tim, your names have been put forth at Washington CF.

I am waiting on a review of the program from VSS Lang to determine the need for additional volunteers and will get back to you when a determination has been made.

John, Thank you as well for taking on the role of Key Volunteer for AA at Great Meadow.

(please see a previously sent email regarding the need for an updated TB).

Special Thank You to Ms. Rapp for overseeing the AA program.

This ancillary duty required you to put forth much effort in getting this program off the ground and scheduling appropriate I/I's to participate.

On behalf of your AA Team, and myself, we wish you the best in whatever direction lay ahead for you in the future.

May God's Blessing pave your paths.

Best Regards,

Tammy R.

Supervisor Correctional Facility Volunteer Services

District 5 Functions

Thanksgiving Alcathon

Please Come Share Gratitude With Us

Thursday, November 28th

Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church

175 5th Ave, Saratoga Springs

6 AM To 6 PM

Meetings On Every Even Hour

6 AM Thru 4 PM

Meal Served At 1 PM

Family & Friends Are Welcome

Traditional Thanksgiving Meal & Beverages

Bring a Dessert To Share

Questions & To Volunteer:

District5functions@ncnyaa.org

Take Warning, or Don't Be Like This Guy!
A cautionary note from the Area 48 archives!

The 2024 date we have all been waiting for is now set…

Mark your Calendars-- November 1st 2024…

Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous

- On sale Date November 1st 2024
- List Price $11.00
- Item Number B-90
- 192 Pages; 8.5"x11"
- Softcover format with flats

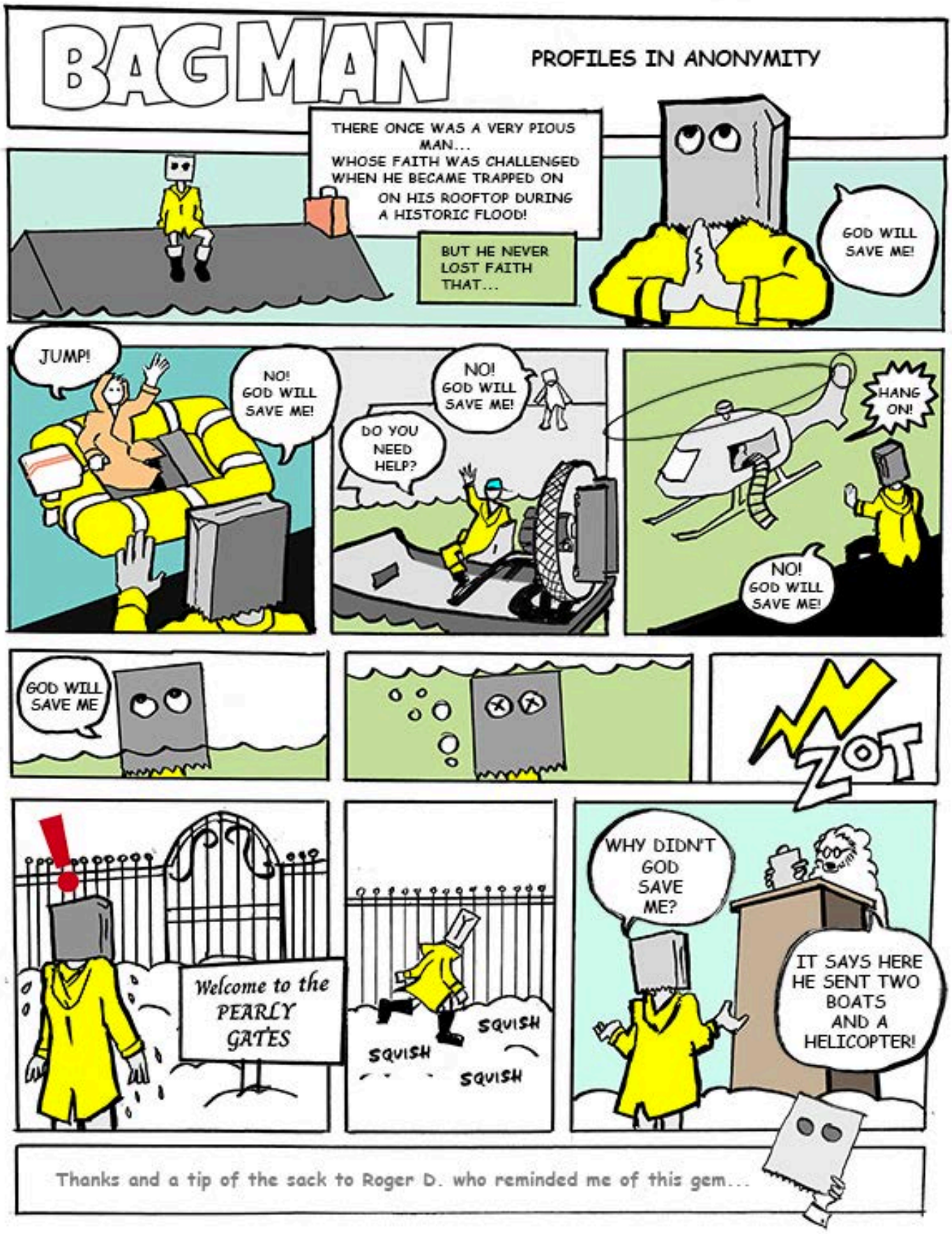
****Important information you NEED TO KNOW if you are planning**** on ordering thru the Area

I will be accepting orders from DCMs, District literature chairs and Area 48 trusted servants. If your group is interested in purchasing books thru the Area please contact your DCM/Literature Chair. All orders MUST be submitted to me by email only, by end of day Wednesday 10/30/2024. If you have any questions please feel free to email me. Literature@nenyaa.org. You can also order directly from AA World Service at aa.org.

**** ALSO COMING THIS FALL!!!!****

"Black in A.A." (P-51) The completely rewritten pamphlet will replace the current "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."

Literature Workbook A brand-new publication compiled from the practical experience of A.A. members in the literature service area.


BAGMAN
PROFILES IN ANONYMITY
THERE ONCE WAS A VERY PIOUS MAN...
WHOSE FAITH WAS CHALLENGED WHEN HE BECAME TRAPPED ON ON HIS ROOFTOP DURING A HISTORIC FLOOD!
BUT HE NEVER LOST FAITH THAT...
GOD WILL SAVE ME!
JUMP!
NO! GOD WILL SAVE ME!
DO YOU NEED HELP?
NO! GOD WILL SAVE ME!
HANG ON!
NO! GOD WILL SAVE ME!
GOD WILL SAVE ME
ZOT
Welcome to the PEARLY GATES
SQUISH
SQUISH
SQUISH
WHY DIDN'T GOD SAVE ME?
IT SAYS HERE HE SENT TWO BOATS AND A HELICOPTER!
Thanks and a tip of the sack to Roger D. who reminded me of this gem...