

District 13 News



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Statement Of Purpose

The primary purpose of this newsletter will be to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all it's affairs. This newsletter's goal is to create a more informed community within AA as it serves District 13. The opinions expressed are those of the contributor, not necessarily that of District 13 or AA as a whole.

Step Twelve

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Tradition Twelve

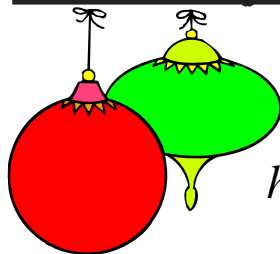
Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Concept Twelve

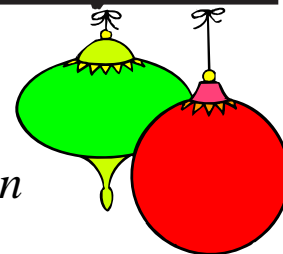
The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

God grant me the Serenity to Accept the Things
I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can,
and Wisdom to know the difference.

Alkathon Schedule



*33 Hours of Continuous
meetings with
half hour breaks in between*



Monday, Christmas Eve

Set up starts at 8:00 am at Spartans Hall

Opening remarks and Lunch at Noon

Old Timers Speak from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Dinner from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Sunday, Christmas Day

Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30 am

8:00 to 9:00 pm Raffle and Countdown

9:00 to 10:00 pm Clean Up

The Alkathon Mission Statement

*“ The purpose of the Alkathon is to provide a safe and
healthful environment for those persons with a desire to
stay Sober during the Holiday Season”*

For more information call Michelle H. at 566-2731 - Need a ride? Call 312-1360

Twas the night before Christmas (AA Style)

Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the halls;
Not an alkie was drinking, or eating rum balls.
The children were happy, their folks were serene,
asleep in their rooms, dreaming Christmas-time dreams.

The sponsees were nestled all snug by their phones;
hoping their sponsors, soon would be home.

Papa in his bathrobe, and I in my gown; were
grateful to be home, not stumbling 'round town'!

When out in the driveway, I saw some headlights;
who was coming to my house, at this time of night?

Away to the window, I flew at great speed;
I wanted to see, what these people would need.

The night it was late, didn't they know,
I would go downstairs quickly, and tell them to go.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear?
But a lawn full of drunks, and not one with a beer!
With hope in their hearts, anxious looks on each face;
They were scoping the town, for their next meeting place.

I opened the door, to let my friends in;
The Christmas Eve meeting was about to begin!

On coffee pot, cups, and some sugar and cream,
old-timers, newcomers, and those in between.
"In my home you are safe!" "Come on in! Hear my call,
new sober drunks, sober drunks, sober drunks, all !!"

As dry drunks before a meeting do cry,
when they meet with the 'obstacles selves' they deny;
So into the kitchen, the alxies they flew,
with a room full of feelings, some joyous, some blue.
And then in a moment, the meeting did start;

A gratitude meeting, sober living ... and art !!

As we went 'round the room' there were stories of woe,
descriptions of lives, only alxies would know.

Stories dressed all in booze, from beginning to end,
that "drink" was a gut-wrenching, fair-weather friend.

A bundle of pain, each drunk slung on her back;
The road was quite bumpy! The deck had been stacked!

Relationships, crumbled, our finances, weary,
our soles were like vacuums, our eyes always teary.

Each drunk bared her soul, and shared through the hour;
Of recovery held dear, and a new "Higher Power."

The fellowship gave, new life to each face;
All sober people, with dignity and grace.

A desire to stop drinking, is all that's required,
a way out, a way up; New lives to inspire!

It was time for the meeting to come to an end.
Alcoholic mentors and sisters and friends.

THE LORD'S PRAYER was then said as we held
hands and prayed, electricity, wonder and magic displayed.

We did "clean up" and chattered, and when saying
goodbye, embraces, well wishes, and not a dry eye.

I sprang to my bed, and thanked God for this night.
I snuggled to Papa; And all felt oh, so right!!

But I heard them exclaim, as they all drove away,

"Thank God for A.A. and each sober day!!"



Money Talks

NHAA Area 43 Treasurer's Report Headlines for September 2006;

All bank accounts have been reconciled.

Combined net income for September was \$7,802, with \$5,144 from donations, \$227 above projections. Media sales for the month were \$12,298.57. Credit Card sales were \$5,602.50 or 45.6% of sales.

Service Office expenses were \$6,064, \$1,105 over budget. Area Officer and Committees had expenditures of \$1,171, \$429 under projected spending.

Combined operating expense for the Area was \$8,826 over projected spending by \$1,114.

Total Net Income for September is -\$1,025 leaving us with a deficit of \$3,167 YTD.



Newsletter Deadline

This is YOUR Newsletter. If you would like to contribute an article or personal experience for publication or advertise an upcoming event for your group, please send to:

District 13 News
P.O. Box 3513
Nashua, NH 03061

Email: dcm@nhaa13.org
Subject line: District 13 Newsletter

Deadline For Next Issue -
December 4th, 2006

Upcoming Events...

Area Inventory Assembly

Saturday, November 18
8 to 4pm - Harbor Homes,
45 High Street, Nashua

How can we be more effective in our service responsibilities, both to each other, as well as to the sick and suffering alcoholic who has yet to come through our doors?"

8am-9am - Registration

9am - Open Meeting

9:30am to 10:30am - Roundtables
10:30 Break

11am to 12pm - Roundtables

12pm Lunch (Donation) & Bookie Swap

1pm - Normal Area business

30 Minute Sharing Session (2 minutes per person)

Close in normal manner

November 17-19

Al-Anon/Alateen Convention,

Crowne Plaza, Nashua,
AA Speakers & Workshops

24 Hour

Thanksgiving Alkathon

District 15

Wed. 11/22 Thru Thurs. 11/23
Triangle Club, 120 Broadway
Dover, NH

Queen City Group

60th Anniversary

Friday, December 1, 2006

6:30pm - Potluck Supper

8pm - Meeting

9pm - Dance

11:30pm - Clean Up

Congregational Church

Corner of Hanover & Union Sts.
Manchester

Questions? Call John at 497-8464

Area Committee Meeting

December 17 - 1 PM to 4 PM
(Hooksett) moved for Christmas

Area 43 Convention

April 13-15, 2007—Grand Hotel,
No. Conway NH More to come....

**DISTRICT 13
OCTOBER DONATIONS**

	Actual This month	Actual Year to Date
Donations Received:		
B & M Honesty		\$ 276.00
Bedford Big Book (Thur. Amherst)		81.69
Brookline BB Study		120.30
Early Birds, Nashua	30.00	220.00
Get it Together		105.00
Good Shepherd		75.00
Mens Peace of Mind		67.78
Merrimack 12 & 12		130.00
Milford Beginners		350.00
Milford New Horizon		75.00
Milford No Name	168.40	268.40
Nashua BB Step Wed.		125.60
Nashua Original Wed.		142.39
New Alternative		50.00
New Day		200.00
New Horizons G		160.00
Noontime Sobriety		75.00
Peculiar Mental Twist		25.00
Rarely Have We Seen Merr.		60.00
Souhegan Sunrise	78.30	586.89
South Nashua Today		90.00
Sunday Night Beginners Nashua		10.00
Terrace	80.00	228.00
Womens' Speaker Discussion		63.00
Total Donations received	356.70	3,585.05



Hello!
I Need Help!
...Hello!

Hotline Report: In October 2006, District 13 used 120.86 minutes of Hotline call time. This amount equals \$85.36 of the cost burden carried by the Area. Remember that the Hotline is of great value to the sick and suffering alcoholic and to our primary purpose. Thank you for your generous support of the Hotline and NHAA and its outreach to the alcoholic.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
to bring meetings into
GOFFSTOWN WOMEN'S
PRISON**

Download paperwork from the Corrections link on the area website - www.nhaa.net. For more information, call Lin B. at 485-2064.



**Christmas Help Needed
& Donations Needed**

2 to 6 Hour Shifts During Alkathon

Cash, Cash and more Cash Needed

Friendly Working Environment

Make checks out to "District 13 Alkathon"

Paid in Love by the Fellowship

Gifts for Raffle call Deb @ 598-3564

Help Make a Difference This Year

Food Donations?

Call Jeri @ 305-4191, Rocky @ 765-1301 Or

Cory @ 582-7557 All other inquires Michelle H @ 566-2731



December 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The 12 Steps keep us from committing suicide. The 12 Traditions keep us from committing murder.					1947- Anchorage has the first Alaskan AA group.	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Area 43 Function Committee 7pm - Service Office	District 13 Function Committee 5:30-6pm Alkathon Committee 6-7pm - Church of the Good Shepherd	1936 - Fitz M. leaves Towns Hospital to become NY's AA #3. Bill D. & Hank P. are the other two.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	1939- NY AA's urge Bill W. to stay on as a Fellowship leader and not hunt for a job, despite money problems.		District 13 GSR Meeting 7pm - YMCA Merrimack	District 1314 Function Committee 5:30-6pm Alkathon Committee 6-7pm - Church of the Good Shepherd		1950 - Dr. Bob, AA Co-founder, dies from cancer.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Area Committee Meeting Hooksett 1pm (Moved for Christmas)		1966 - The Big Book is published in paperback.		District 1321 Function Committee 5:30-6pm Alkathon Committee 6-7pm - Church of the Good Shepherd		
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
District 13 Alkathon Opens at Noon with a luncheon at the Spartans Hall, East Hollis St	District 13 Alkathon ends at 9:00 pm	1895 - Bill W. is born in East Dorset, Vermont.				
Any one needing a ride call 312-1360						

**Don't miss it -
November 18th**

Area Inventory -
Are we doing all we can to help the still suffering?

Area Assembly
9am - 4pm
Nashua Harbor Homes
45 High St.
Bookie Swap at Noon

November

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

January

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

The Shared Gift - AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.