

# District 13 Newsletter

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## Statement of Purpose

The primary purpose of this newsletter will be to carry the message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all its 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.

## **Tradition Eight**

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

## **Step Eight**

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

## **Concept Eight**

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

## **GREETINGS FROM YOUR SERVICE OFFICE**

This month we have to introduce a price increase from World Services. We have included a revised price sheet with this issue of the Pipeline. You can also download a new price sheet from the website [www.nhaa.net](http://www.nhaa.net) or pick one up at the Service Office. The Area price increase is in response to the increase in prices to us from G.S.O. G.S.O. has seen increases in cost for operations, warehousing and shipping. Therefore, the A.A. World Services Board asked management to come up with solutions to help keep their prudent reserve at an acceptable level.

After much discussion, the board approved increasing book prices, while keeping the shipping and handling practices the same. Price increases always hurt, but keep in mind that the last price increase in the **Big Book** was 12 years ago in 1997 when it moved from \$5 to \$6. Shipping and warehousing prices for G.S.O. increased approximately 107 percent during that same period and total operating expenses increased by 63 percent. A.A. is not immune to economic conditions. Just like we are, World Services is also instituting wide-range cost saving measures throughout the organization.

If you have an older book order form, please give us a call at 622-6967 to check prices before you send in your book order. We're happy to hear from you.

In grateful service,

*Mary Anne and Ingrid*

## THE TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

### From the AA Grapevine

...(Continued from the July issue of the District 13 Newsletter.) These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

#### **Tradition Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.**

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get *some* reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on *humility*?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*? To the pamphlet *AA Tradition—How It Developed*?



**GET ACTIVE  
JOIN THE ALKATHON**

*Volunteers Needed*

*The Alkathon Committee Will be Electing All Positions.*

*Chairperson*

*Assistant Chairperson*

*Secretary*

*Treasurer*

*Food Coordinator*

*Gift Table Coordinator*

*Shift/Volunteer Coordinator*

*Computer Geek Needed*

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**MAIN ST in NASHUA**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th 6:00pm to 7:00pm**

*The Alkathon is 33 hours of continuous meetings, fellowship, food and fun*

*Starting Thursday, Christmas Eve at noon with a luncheon and ends*

*Friday, Christmas Night at 8:00 pm.*

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

*"The purpose of the Alkathon Committee is to provide a safe and healthful environment for those persons with a desire to stay sober during the Holiday Season".*

*Any questions contact Steve C. 204-7907 or Michelle 566-2731*

### Dates To Remember

#### **District 13 GSR Meeting**

Wednesday July 15th  
7pm Merrimack YMCA

#### **Area Assembly**

Hosted by District 20  
Saturday August 22nd  
8am—4pm

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Wednesday August 22nd  
7pm Merrimack YMCA

#### **District 12 Service Conference**

Saturday, September 12th,  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Manchester, NH

#### **Area Committee Meeting**

Sunday September 27th,  
Hooksett Area Office  
1pm—4pm

#### OPEN POSITIONS FOR DISTRICT 13

DISTRICT 13 IS LOOKNG FOR  
ANY GRATEFUL MEMBERS  
WHO ARE INTERESTED IN  
ADDING ANOTHER LEVEL OF  
SERVICE TO THEIR INDIVID-  
UAL PROGRAMS:

AVAILABILITY FOR:  
CORRECTIONS CHAIR  
AA GRAPEVINE

PLEASE CONTACT ANDY (603)  
305-0910 FOR DETAILS

### **District 13 Hotline Needs Your Help!**

**Is answering a call from a  
stranger in need 12th Step  
Work? You bet it is!**

**If you're interested in  
adding your contact  
information to the District  
13 Phone List please give  
your information to your  
GSR.**

**1-2 years of sobriety  
suggested.**

### **District 13 Function Committee**

If you are interested in  
participating with the  
Function  
Committee,  
please e-mail Eva at:

[function@nhaa13.org](mailto:function@nhaa13.org)

### Newsletter Contributions are Welcome

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 the information to:

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Nashua, NH 03061  
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[newsletter@nhaa13.org](mailto:newsletter@nhaa13.org)

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