

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 Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Step Two

Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Concept Two

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

By choosing its most qualified man or woman as a G.S.R., a group helps to secure their own future - and the future of A.A. as a whole.

ATTENTION ALL GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES (GSR's)

THE FIRST ANNUAL DISTRICT 13 INVENTORY!



Saturday February 7th
10 - 4pm
Merrimack, YMCA

THE TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

From the AA Grapevine

...(Continued from the January 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

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1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers?
New comers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober for a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little

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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 is suggested.

THANK YOU FROM THE ALKATHON COMMITTEE

The District 13 Alkathon Committee would like to thank all volunteers and the many others that helped out this year as well as all the group and gift donations that were received. Our goal of the Alkathon is to help keep people sober during Christmas. Attaboy AAers!!!

Steve C. Chair

The (Bill) Wilson House

The Wilson House located in East Dorset, Vermont is the birthplace of Bill W., co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. The house is located about a mile from the cemetery where Bill and his wife Lois, are buried. The house, which was originally conceived as a hotel as been under extensive renovations which began in 1987. The renovations have been aimed at stopping the natural deterioration of the ancient building and preserving it for friends of Bill W. to visit. Although the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the Wilson House are constant on-going endeavors, it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1995.

The house has fourteen guestrooms, available for overnight guests, including a small efficiency apartment with a sitting room, a bath with a shower, and loft bedroom.

Local groups hold several A.A. and Al-Anon meetings in the House each week. Seminars are also held throughout the year. Check below for upcoming seminar topics:

UPCOMING SEMINARS & RETREATS: 2009

February 7 & 8 ~ "The 12 Steps Brought to Life" presented by Larry G. assisted by Victor V. both from AR. Both of these talented presenters work at The Kelly Foundation. Joe McQ. who was the executive director of the foundation until his death, was on the first Board of Directors at The Wilson House. Joe's personal ideal of "We are born to help one another" is being carried on by Larry and Victor and others who work with them. Call early to register!

March 14 & 15 ~ "Sermon on the Mount" will be presented by Jim K. of NY. The text for this weekend will be the book of the same name written by Emmet Fox. This text played an important role in A.A.s formative years. It is recommended that people planning to attend, read this book before the weekend gathering. The preferred printing is the Harper Collins paperback edition. Registrations are already coming in for this seminar!

March 28 & 29 ~ "Big Book Based Recovery" presented by Chris R. from TX and Chris S. of NJ. Both of these presenters are incredible and committed to passing on the recovery noted in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. Chris S. has been a very well received presenter at The Wilson House for several years. It's the first time for Chris R., who is well known for his knowledge and presentation. There will be a waiting list for sure!

For more information or to receive literature about The Wilson House, please write to us at P.O. Box 46, East Dorset, VT 05253, call 802-362-5524 or email at WILSONHOUSE_532@comcast.net.

Dates To Remember

District 13 Function

Committee

Thursday Nights @
Good Shepherd Church
Nashua 6-7pm

District 13 GSR Meeting

Wednesday January 21st
7pm Merrimack YMCA

DISTRICT 13 INVENTORY

Saturday February 7th
10-4pm Merrimack YMCA

District 13 GSR Meeting

Wednesday February, 18th
7pm Merrimack YMCA

NERAASA 2009

February 20th - 22nd
Hosted by District 28
(Portland, Maine)

District 13 GSR Meeting

Wednesday March 18th
7pm Merrimack YMCA

Area Assembly -

Pre-conference Assembly

March 28th 8am - 4pm
Hosted by District 12

New Hampshire Area Convention

April 3rd - 5th
Courtyard Marriot - Nashua

NHSCYPAA

The New Hampshire State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (NHSCYPAA) is a group of young men and women who work together within the state and local community to assist others in recovering from alcoholic addiction. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety through hosting an annual conference and other activities throughout the year to carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer. NHSCYPAA operates in accordance with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous.

2009 CONFERENCE

**February 20th - 22nd
Courtyard Marriot
70 Constitution Avenue
Concord, NH 03301**

For reservations call: (603) 225-0303

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mhtcn-courtyard-concord/>

Room rate: \$79 per night

Pre-registration: \$15

Registration after January 1, 2009: \$20

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 the information to:
Email: newsletter@nhaa13.org
**Deadline For Next Issue —
February 13th 2008**

OPEN POSITIONS FOR DISTRICT 13

DISTRICT 13 IS LOOKING FOR ANY GRATEFUL MEMBERS WHO ARE LOOKING TO ADD ANOTHER LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS.

**AVAILABILITY FOR :
CORRECTIONS CHAIR
AA GRAPEVINE**

SELECT LCM POSITIONS (DEPENDING ON LOCATION)

PLEASE CONTACT ANDY (603) 305-0910 FOR DETAILS