

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 Seven

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Step Seven

Humbly asked Him to relieve our shortcomings.

Concept Seven

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purpose for final effectiveness.

ATTENTION DISTRICT 13: IT'S TIME TO UPDATE YOUR GROUPS'S INFORMATION

Have you ever shown up at a meeting only to find that it is no longer held at the published location or that the meeting time has changed? Have you or anyone you know intentionally attended a meeting because it is listed as handicapped accessible only to find that it really isn't? At best this is merely inconvenient.

GROUP REGISTRATION FORM			
Group Name	_____		
Meeting Location	_____	Day	_____
Address	_____	Time	_____

Meeting Description	_____	Handicap Accessible?	Yes No
Point of Contact	_____	Phone #	_____
GSR	_____	Phone #	_____

Over the course of the next five months District 13 will be undertaking an effort to update all District Meeting information using a form similar to the one pictured here. The accumulated information will be passed on to the New Hampshire Area 43 to update their information as well as ours here in the District. Here's how you can help. Start talking about this! Bring this up at your next group business meeting! Keep an eye out for a representative from the District 13 who will be stopping by your meeting to update your information. If your group doesn't have a designated point of contact it might be wise to discuss this prior to being asked for updated group information. As always, thank you for your help and support.

- District 13

THE TRADITIONS CHECKLIST

From the AA Grapevine

...(Continued from the April 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 Seven: Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I tanked in a barroom.
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Last month the District 13 Newsletter featured an original poem, "What I Was Like, What Happened, And What I'm Like Now" contributed by a gentleman by the name of Stan B. It is our regret to inform you that Stan B. passed away on 6/11/09 after thirty plus years of sobriety.

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The **NERF** REGIONAL FORUM *is coming!*

- All AA members welcome to participate
- Presentations by your GSO Staff, Trustees, and the North East Regional Delegates
- Open mic sharing sessions
- No registration fee

June 26-28, 2009 Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, NJ

NERF '09 Host Committee will meet Friday Feb 6, Mar 6, April 3, May 8, and June 5 at the Area Office @ 7pm. Come join us!

They are coming to New Jersey from 12 states and 18 areas...

We're going to need a lot of volunteers!



Hospitality Suite

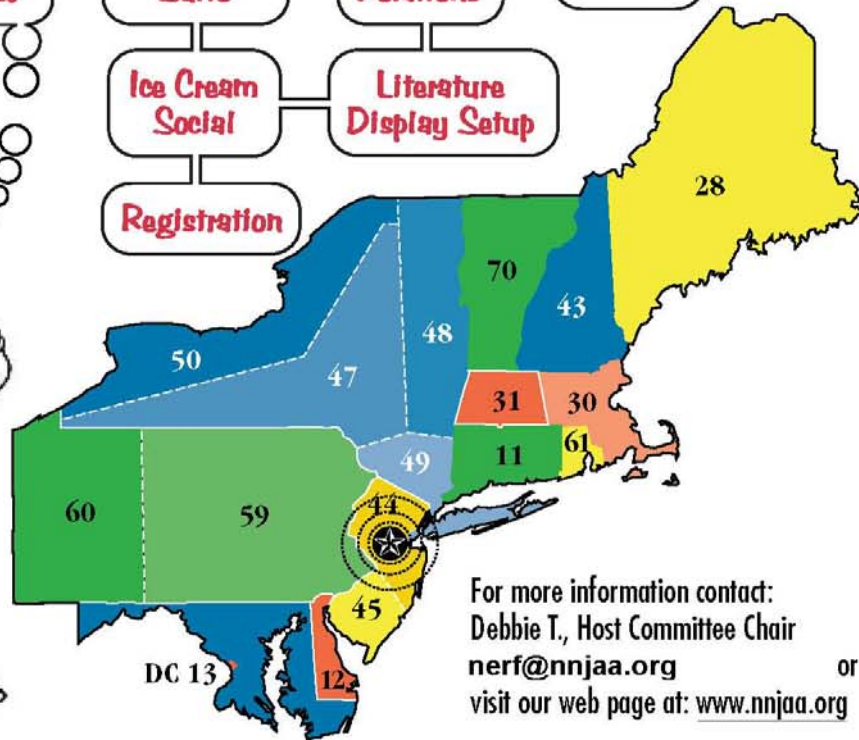
Public Relations

Greeters

Ice Cream Social

Literature Display Setup

Registration



For more information contact: Debbie T., Host Committee Chair nerf@nnjaa.org or visit our web page at: www.nnjaa.org

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Dates To Remember

Area Committee Meeting
June 21st (Moved for NERF)
Hooksett Office 1-4pm

NERF 2009
Northeast Regional Forum
June 26th - 28th
Doubletree Hotel
Somerset, NJ

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

District 13 GSR Meeting
Wednesday July 15th
7pm Merrimack YMCA

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

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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