

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 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.

Tradition Six

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Step Six

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Concept Six

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

WHAT I WAS LIKE - WHAT HAPPENED - WHAT I'M LIKE NOW

*A few drinks with the boys a rosy glow; what I'm feeling I was ready to go
So it started then with no idea; I'd get relief from just a couple of beers*

*But soon progression had to come; and trouble came along with fun
A shot with a beer, one for the road, staggering home with a heavy load*

*Now missing work and getting in fights while staying out night after night
Shakes, blackouts, and benders too; friends were gone because they knew*

*Finally a broken home and deep in debt with so many promises never kept
What could I do, where could I go; this can't be the me I once used to know*

*But then maybe there was still a way; many years before I tried AA
It seems they told me then; you really have to want sobriety bad my friend*

*Did I accept the helping hand from these people who seemed to understand
Well the days went and I felt well so I had the thought; wouldn't it be swell*

*If I could still take a little nip or two, without the trouble, like I used to do
Of course you already know the rest, because I still wasn't doing my best*

*So down some more as far as need be, so I could get more honest with me
Now it's great to be back a day at a time, working it this way suits me fine*

*I ask in the morning and thank at night, knowing in my heart, this is right
I still have to be careful I have so much, to do my part without a crutch*

Now I can truly feel that day by day if I do need to lean; it will be on AA.

Stan B. (9-1-65)

Editor's Note:

Thanks Stan for graciously sharing your experience, strength, and hope.

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 Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

Come to a BBQ!

District 13 Function
Committee
is hosting a BBQ!

Date: May 23, 2009

Time: 1:30pm-4:30pm

The Unitarian Universalist Church

58 Lowell Street

Downtown Nashua

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and more!

For only \$5.00

**There will be music, movies and a TAG Meeting,
too.**

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Dates To Remember

District 13 GSR Meeting

Wednesday May 20th
7pm Merrimack YMCA

District 13 BBQ

Saturday May 23rd
1:30 - 4:30pm
Unitarian Church – Nashua

District 13 GSR Meeting

Wednesday June 17th
7pm Merrimack YMCA

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

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 add-
ing your contact informa-
tion 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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