

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 Five

Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Step Five

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Concept Five

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

AREA 43 CONVENTION REPORT

Report from the 2009 Area 43 Convention:

I attended the Area43 Convention on Saturday April 4. I had volunteered to take a turn staffing the Hospitality Suite at 9pm, and thought I might as well go early and catch the Saturday Night Speaker. The AA countdown showed sobriety ranging from 40 years to 2 weeks. The speaker was Harold G from Annapolis Maryland. He shared his experience which ranged from living only to drink in a dark cellar in New York City to being the Chairman of the General Service Office. He brought home a lot of good solid AA tips about having a sponsor, working the steps and being active in Service. There were 418 registered attendees, and I was amazed at how many of them I knew from my own participation in District and Area Service.

I got to meet some AA members I did not know during my turn in the Hospitality Suite. I got to swap stories about my recovery and listen to their journey. I saw many of the District 13 GSR and Chairs doing their part to make the Hospitality Suite a success. Lastly, on my way out I ran into one of my younger friends who is active in NHYSCPA (New Hampshire's Young People in AA) who was getting ready to Chair a Midnight to 1:30am meeting. Many folks were milling around waiting for that to get going while the Band (The Visitors) were playing some great Dance Music.

I almost did not go because I thought I would be too busy! Next Year the Area 43 Convention will be in the same place and I hope I can spend more time there. It was a wonderful way to be of service and at the same time recharge my own commitment to the AA way of life. Thanks to those who took the time and effort to make the Convention happen, you all did a wonderful job.

Best Regards,

John N

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 Five: Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me?"
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that A.A. old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

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

Area Committee Meeting
Sunday April 26th, 1pm - 4pm

District 13 GSR Meeting
Wednesday May 20th
7pm Merrimack YMCA

District 13 BBQ
Saturday May 23rd
1:30 - 4:30pm
Unitarian Church – Nashua

**Area Assembly - POST
CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**
Hosted by District 9
May 16th
8 - 4pm

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

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

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:

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Newsletter Contributions are Welcome

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contribute an article or personal experience for
publication or advertise an upcoming event for
your group,

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