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News & Notes from NNJ General Service Area 44 and Northern New Jersey Intergroup

A message from your Area Chair



Greetings from your Area Chair. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and Area 44. As always there's a lot going on in our Area. We recently held our 55th Annual Convention and from what I saw, a wonderful time was had by all. The attendance, program, speakers, and theater; were terrific. More old-timers participated in our old-timer's meeting than ever before - it was awesome. Many thanks to the entire Convention Committee for a job well done.

We also just wrapped up our October Area Assembly and I'd like to express my

appreciation to all who attended and to our hosts Districts 8 and 9. Participation was great, with spirited and passionate sharing during the reports, workshops, and open mike sessions. During the course of the assembly it became clear to all attendees and especially to the GSRs that the Area Committee is here to listen to, and serve them (and you). And if the Area Committee makes a decision that the GSRs or our Area Membership disagrees with, then they have the right and responsibility to bring it up again. No decision in Area 44 is ever set in stone as our process always includes an avenue for re-examination and reconsideration. Our Area 'Work Weekend' is also right around the corner. For those who may not know, Work Weekend is the time when the members of the Area Committee - your

officers, committee chairs, DCMs and alternates - gather to review our year of service, take stock of our accomplishments, see where we may have fallen short, and set our course for the coming year.

On a serious note, one of our districts recently reported that a town in the district was having a problem with the local A.A. meetings. There were town meetings, articles published in the local newspaper and on NorthJersey.com, as well as an email circulating, written by a former A.A. member that painted a very negative picture of AA and these local meetings. The first question asked by many concerned AAs was "What will our response be?" In keeping with our traditions we in Area 44 had no formal response, no formal position, and no opinion on these

allegations. The next question asked was "What can we do?" Fortunately there are things we can do when faced with a situation like this. We can be the best tenants, neighbors and community members possible; understanding that each of us is a reflection of AA. For the past 12 years I've been bringing a regular meeting to Bergen Regional Rehab. I tell the residents that I don't speak for A.A....but they think I do. To them I am AA. To the neighbors of a church where an AA meeting is held; that meeting and those who attend are AA. What we can do is use a misunderstanding of AA as motivation for all of us in Area 44 to redouble our CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) and PI (Public Information) efforts.

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A message from your Intergroup Chair



When I stopped drinking and came into AA, I treated AA like a buffet. I chose to do the things I wanted to do, I tried new things I wasn't sure I would like or not and I stayed away from the things I didn't want to do. After eight years of working a program, that is: doing things I wanted to do, trying new things and sometimes even doing things I didn't want to do, I realized that everything I did in AA benefited me and since I had "time" I had better stop picking and choosing and just do. It was time to become willing as a front-line defense against alcohol.

This came to mind because every year the Area Officers and the Intergroup Trustees do a skit at the Convention. This year the skit was titled, *The Big Booze Theory*. It was a witty and comical skit about anonymity in the digital age. Flubbed lines and technical issues made the skit even funnier. When I was rehearsing someone mentioned, "I would never be able to do a skit in front of people." I realized that I felt the same way most of my life. AA, however, has challenged me and asked me to do things I could never imagine myself doing. Asking someone to be my sponsor, calling him, joining a home group, showing

up early every week to make coffee, going on speaking commitments, making amends to people for my wrongs, reading the traditions, and getting more involved in service are just a few examples of my learning to do things that I would never have done prior to my coming to AA.

First, I was an Intergroup delegate for my homegroup. Next, I ran for Intergroup Trustee, which got me involved with the skits. After that, it was suggested I run for Intergroup Chairperson which involves writing these articles-something that definitely puts me outside of my comfort zone! These are things I would never have wanted, but my life, which only exists because of AA, has led me here.

There is nothing to me that is scarier than picking up a drink. So, I remain "willing" to do things despite my level of discomfort. Consequently, I have been rewarded with many wonderful experiences. Many of the promises have materialized! I may not be the first to volunteer or be the most willing but I find I benefit from participating in Service. There are many opportunities for Service - one or two which might help you. They always need help. And that's a shame. AA gave me my life back. AA is an oasis in a sea of "Me." By becoming willing and getting involved, it can be the same for you.

In love and service, Scott K., Your Intergroup Chairperson

A Message from your Area Treasurer



I Heard... vs. I Read...

What a year it has been. With record setting rains, earthquakes, hurricanes and an October snow storm, Area 44 has continued working seamlessly in carrying our message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic! Our committees truly rock! I strongly suggest that you take a look at all those committees, pick the one that speaks to you and get involved. Meeting makers make meetings but service keeps you sober! I want to thank all the groups and individuals that continue to support your area!

It has been two weeks since your Finance Committee hosted the first Seventh Tradition Workshop. This was a pilot workshop to see if there is interest from the Fellowship to go along with the need. We definitely have a tremendous need to discuss our 7th tradition responsibility at meetings and home groups! I have been at two meetings in the last couple of weeks where people have shared from the floor and podium that AA is free. We know that is not true. Having no dues or fees does not make AA free. Meeting spaces, Big Books, meeting books, an 800 number, coffee, etc. all cost money. The 7th tradition

explains to us that AA's paying our own way is a spiritual guarantee for us to stay sober and for our fellowship to be healthy for the next generation.

Over 50 people attended the workshop and the response was overwhelmingly positive! By having a discussion based on our literature like *AA Comes of Age* and *Language of the Heart* along with articles from *The AA Grapevine*, we were able to show how our history directly connects to today's needs. In October 1990, one of Area 44's past delegates, John H., wrote an article for the Grapevine. He talked about putting \$5 in his home group basket and \$2 in the baskets at the other meetings he went to. That was 21 years ago! Go to Grapevine's digital archives and check it out.

The main question asked at the Area Assembly last month was a simple and direct, "How is the Area doing?"

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Treasurer's Report

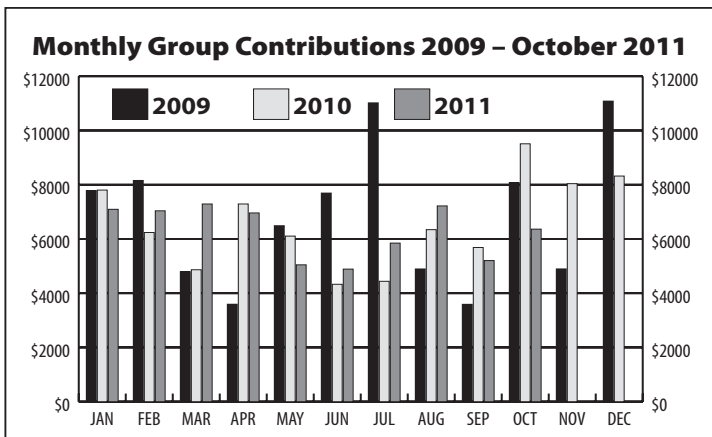
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Contributions are down. We are averaging \$600 per month less than we received in 2010. Times are tough. We know that many groups are under pressure with rising costs of rent, coffee, and some are now required to have their own insurance. Some groups forget they are autonomous "except in matters effecting other groups or AA as a whole". Large prudent reserves (with no stated AA purpose), hosting anniversaries with basket money, sponsoring members to go on retreats, etc. are just a few examples of why the monies put into the AA 7th tradition basket gets diverted from our primary purpose – reaching the still sick and

suffering alcoholic.

The challenge we all face is the one of discussing the 7th tradition at our home groups and meetings we attend. Where is the money being spent? Ask the question. You have the right to know before putting money in the basket. We have so many pieces of literature on the 7th tradition. Read them. Discuss them. You will be amazed how powerful the message will be – "I read" vs. "I heard" when talking about our traditions.

If you would like to have a workshop brought to your home group or district, please let me know. We would love to do it! Thank you so much for allowing me to serve!

*In AA Love and Service, Chuck F.,
Area 44 Treasurer*



Area Treatment Facilities Committee

Joy of Bringing Treatment Facility Meetings to the Sick and Suffering

I have been honored to bring in, and speak at, treatment facilities here in New Jersey and in the rehab I attended in upstate New York, since the first time I experienced the 12 steps with my sponsor. He explained to me that this was like taking out an insurance policy on sobriety. That I needed to live my life according to the principles associated with all three sides of the triangle. Each time, as I leave one of these commitments I pray that at least one person heard something that can help them with their journey in sobriety.

Once, a man walked up to me at a meeting in Barnegat. "Hi, do you remember me? I heard you speak when I was in xxxxxx. I will be celebrating 1 year this month." I was speechless. Here, standing right in front of me, was an answer to a prayer. This has been repeated many times since then and on each occasion I

thank God for allowing me to be a vessel through which a message of hope can be passed. Recalling the moments leading up to my entry into our fellowship, when I woke up every morning feeling hopeless, helpless, useless, worthless and alone, I thank God again for allowing me to be a member of AA. Those dark feelings have slipped away, replaced by the utter joy of living life one day at a time, Sober.

How can I ever repay AA for this new life granted to me? Truth be told I never will. Today, I am both honored and blessed to serve AA, as the Treatment Facilities Chair for my district, continuing the tradition of service that has been passed down from one AA member to another. I currently bring in, and find new commitments for AA, to institutions all around New Jersey sharing my experience, strength and hope. On each occasion I find myself moving further away from the darkness of my afflictions and into the wondrous light of the spiritual realm. In the words of Bill W. "We speak the language of the heart, from the heart, to reach the heart." What never occurred to me was that the heart that could be reached would be mine!

*Yours in sobriety, Richie M.,
District 25 Treatment Rep*

Area Grapevine Committee

Hark, the Grapevine Angels Sing!

They warned me my first year. "It's a three-fold disease: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's." I was heading into the holidays with a whopping 11 days under my belt. Thank goodness for tools like the Grapevine magazine. It fits in a pocket or purse. It's written by alcoholics so they speak my language, the language of the heart. And the November and December issues are full of articles about how to stay sober through the holidays. Make sure your meeting subscribes so magazines are there for newcomers during the holidays.

If you've made your list of the naughty and the nice, you can shop for the nice ones at our Grapevine table (or on aagrapevine.org). A subscription guarantees they'll thank you all year long. Right now there's a special offer: buy one gift subscription, get the second half price. The Grapevine calendar also makes a nice gift. It's in English and Spanish, with no visible 'AA' connection

RUS SERVICE CORPORATION T/A NNJGS AREA 44 YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON REPORT: 2010 AND 2011 FOR PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2011

	2010 - July	2011 - July
Checking Account (A)		
Balance as of January 1st	\$ 25,810	\$18,796
Group and Individual Contributions	45,315	44,508
Total Other Receipts (Intergroup, Literature & Grapevine Sales, etc.)"	56,337	62,163
Total Expenses (Standing & Other Committees, Lit. & GV Purchases, etc.)	(110,304)	(115,130) ^(B)
Transfer (To) / From the Money Market Account	0	6,926
Balance July 31st	17,158	17,263 ^(C) ^(D)
Prior 12 Months Avg Monthly Total Expenses Times Two. Finance Guidelines state the checking account balance should not exceed this amount.	27,664	32,354
Account Balance Over / (Under) Guideline	(\$10,506)	(\$15,091)
Money Market Account (A)		
Balance as of January 1st	\$42,950	\$42,993
Interest Received	25	24
Transfer (To) / From the Checking Account	0	(6,926)
Balance July 31st	\$42,975	\$36,091 ^(C)
Prudent Reserve (50% of the prior 12 months Operating Expenses)	\$42,340	\$49,028

FOOTNOTES

- (A) Details of all income and expense items, as well as a comparison of Operating Expenses to the Annual Expense Budget are available from the Treasurer.
- (B) Included are budgeted expenses of \$59,452 for the seven months ended July 31, 2011, compared to a full year expense budget of \$113,045. Other includes non-budgeted payments of \$55,104 for Literature & Grapevine inventory purchases, Mid-Winter Luncheon and other items.
- (C) July 31, 2011 Checking and Money Market Balances have been reconciled to the Bank Statements by the Finance Committee."
- (D) July 31, 2011 amount includes Designated Funds of \$2,022 of Jailbox Contributions.

Summary of Official Approvals / Reviews

Individual / Group	Action	Completed Through
Treasurer	Approved	July, 2011
Alternate Treasurer	Approved	July, 2011
Finance Committee	Approved	July, 2011
Officers	Reviewed	July, 2011
Area Committee Members	Approved	July, 2011
Area Assembly	Approved	July, 2011

for anonymity's sake. The photos are stunning and all taken by alcoholics (sober ones, so the pictures are in focus.) The pocket planner is another way to remind them to take it one day at a time. And there are two Grapevine books you can be sure they don't own because they just came out: *Step by Step*, and *Emotional Sobriety II*. There are also 20 English language CDs to choose from as well as Spanish language books and CDs. For a fan of AA history, you can give them every story ever published in the Grapevine, with a subscription to the digital story archive. And with all these gifts you can feel good about supporting AA and its meeting in print.

On behalf of your Grapevine committee, have a happy, safe, and sober holiday season.

Jeff W., Area Grapevine Chair

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Buy 2 one-year subscriptions for the discounted rate of \$42

Area History and Archives Committee



Your History and Archives Committee presented a short film at the past North New Jersey Area 44 Convention called *Problem Drinkers*. This 1946 March of Time movie we like to say is the first public service announcement “by and for” AA.

You may ask how it is that this film was chosen by your archives committee to be shown? It all started back in March of this year at a workday in the Intergroup office in Union, NJ. Actually, it started even earlier than that.

My husband and I traveled to Stepping Stones, the home of Bill W. and Lois, in Bedford Hills, NY, and then on to East Dorset, Vermont to Bill’s birthplace. Being in their home in Bedford Hills, where so much of our history actually took place. I realized that I too was now a part of that history that had started when I had my last drink. I always loved history in school. It took me away from what was usually troubling me, an escape. Both of us started to read the books that you can buy from your Literature and Grapevine committees about AA’s founders.

So when the opportunity to go to New York City in 2007 and see a play about our co-founders became available, we

went. To be able to see how they would have dressed, to hear how they talked and might have laughed - did this match or live up to what I had pictured in my mind? No, it was better. After the play I wanted to know how it was that the writers got all the details about the beginnings of AA. They too must have read and talked with people who knew them.

The journey began for me and for the others that joined the archives committee to see how we get the archives and what do we do with them once we have them. It says that the definition of history is “record of events: a chronological account of past events of a period or in the life or development of a people, an institution, or a place.” This to me means that all material that has influenced where we are now is part of that history. It is not up to one individual to say what is allowed or not allowed in our archives, it is the consensus of our membership. The GSO Archives workbook and pamphlet answers many questions concerning archives. I believe that it is all and everything that has brought us to the point of where we are now. “Only through the systematic maintenance of our written, permanent historical record can we prevent distortion and remember where we came from” (taken from the pamphlet - *The AA Archives*)

If you would like to see the 1946 March of Time presentation “*Problem*

Drinkers” it is available through your area films committee. You may also want to read the two Grapevine articles about the film. One more very interesting fact about the film. In our archives we found a letter dated May 29, 1946 from Margaret B., General Secretary of the Alcoholic Foundation (AA General Service Office) with the heading “Contents of this bulletin are for all AA members and their friends. Secretaries please read at meetings or post on bulletin boards.” the following are some quotes from the letter:

“MARCH OF TIME informs us that its feature, “*Problem Drinkers*”, a film which takes as its main subject Alcoholics Anonymous but also covers other organizations interested in alcoholism, will be released nationally on June 14th. This film is distributed Twentieth Century Fox.”

“I would like to take this opportunity to tell our membership of the wonderful cooperation the MARCH OF TIME staff have given us in the production of this film. Before one word was written of this script, their writer attended many AA meetings and held several conferences with Bill W., some of our older members and myself. From that point on cooperation was checked with us on every point as to authenticity of the script, interpretative filming of the script and consultation on the commentary. We have been assured that all our suggestions in regard to fac-

tual data and policy have been carefully followed.”

“When you see the film you will get a small idea of your Central Office for pictures were taken of some of its operations and functions. The employees shown in these shots are our non-alcoholic workers, the stenographers, typists, etc. Charlotte L. and I were photographed just once in such a way that our faces are in no way identifiable. I believe my hands made the picture and the back of Charlotte’s head. In all other AA shots our members’ anonymity has been carefully watched and those people whose faces were photographed are either of actors or non-alcoholics. This, of course, refers only to the part dealing with AA.”

“We hope all AAs will be able to see this MARCH OF TIME feature and enjoy it as much as we expect to when it is previewed next week. It is conceivable that this film will mean a happy recovery to thousands of alcoholics and will directly affect the lives of tens of thousands of their families and friends.”

As you can see this movie had the full cooperation and recommendation of the Alcoholic Foundation and that is why it was such a great find in our Archives and why we felt we had to share it with our fellowship.

*Yours in Love and Service, Brenda D.,
History and Archives Chair*

NIGHTWATCH

It was two or three years ago when I took my first Nightwatch commitment. A friend of mine was the Nightwatch coordinator for his home group and was having trouble filling that weeks commitment. He began to network and asked me if I would like to help out. I reluctantly agreed. I say reluctantly because I wasn’t sure just how much time I wanted to devote to any service commitment. After all, being swamped with calls overnight from some drunks who only wanted to cry on my shoulder, or worse yet talk my ear off, wasn’t very appealing to me. I was also concerned that should I get a legitimate caller, genuinely seeking help, was I going to handle the call correctly. I was sure that somewhere along the line I was going to screw this thing up. It turns out nothing could be further from the truth.

From that very first opportunity I came to realize that there is nothing much that can get screwed up when keeping a Nightwatch commitment. Materials and instruction are provided by the groups coordinator or a member of the Nightwatch committee so that just about any type of call can be handled effective-

ly, efficiently, and such that the caller will reap the maximum benefit. My fears were unfounded. In the years since that first commitment I’ve also come to realize that my faith in AA and it’s members has been reaffirmed time and time again as evidenced by some of the encounters I have been blessed to experience.

I can bring to mind, in particular, one call I took from a desperately suffering man who was pretty well convinced that he had a problem with alcohol and was seeking a ride to what would be his first meeting. I assured the caller that I would do everything I could to have someone call him back and set up a ride to a meeting. I consulted my 12th step contact list but as it was about 7:00 pm on a Sunday, during football season I wasn’t too hopeful of my chances for success. I made at least five or six calls and connected with nothing but voice mails. There was really no point in leaving a voice message since I was looking for an immediate response and was also trying to keep the incoming line as free as possible for the next caller. I continued down my list and at about 7:20 hit pay dirt. The gentleman who answered told me that he was at his home group and was about to chair the 7:30 meeting but would dig up a replacement leader and gladly call back and pick up the prospect. Later that night I received a

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Taking Our Inventory

We held our annual Work Weekend meeting this week. It is that time of the year when the newsletter committee reviews the accomplishments of 2011 and sets goals for improvement for 2012.

One of our goals last year was to better report on the area’s assemblies and area committee meetings. It was one that we never got around to.

This proved most evident at our last assembly. Our Area Chair mentioned in his report that the Garden State Young People would be using the area office for their monthly meetings. This bothered some GSRs who wanted to know how that was approved? This was news to them, who made this decision and why weren’t the groups consulted?

Our chair replied that it had been approved by the Officers, Standing and Special Committees, and DCMs at an area committee meeting. There are six area committee meetings a year. Officers, Standing and Special Committees Chairs, and DCMs meet from noon to 4pm on the 2nd Sundays of the odd months to decide on area business. Business can be

approved at the ACM or sent back to committee or sent to the groups for feedback at the next area committee meeting. With positive feedback the item is sent to the next area assembly for GSR approval.

Some years ago the area committee was sending everything back to the GSRs for their feedback. We asked for GSR feedback on assembly guidelines before voting on approval at an area assembly. The GSRs told us enough. If you want to change the number of spoons and forks required for an area assembly, just do it and don’t bother us with these things. We trust our trusted servants.

So the pendulum swung the other way. The area committee tried to conduct its business without bothering the GSRs with minor details. The area committee had a right to approve GSPY’s use of the office. Where the problem occurred is in not informing their GSRs of this decision at their monthly district meetings.

With this in mind, I would like to mention here that at the last ACM our Delegate made a recommendation that “*The Area 44 Delegate prepare and place a bid for hosting NERAASA 2015.*” This was approved by a vote of all present without GSR feedback.

I personally am a big fan of NERAASA, I’ve never missed one since being sober and was on the NERAASA ’98
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From your Area Mid Winter Luncheon Chair



This past summer at the area assembly I had the honor of being asked to join the committee for the Mid-Winter Luncheon. I gotta tell you I was more than a just a little nervous to say thank you, yes, I will. I have a sponsor that taught me that I should not say no to Alcoholics Anonymous when they ask for help. It is a way of giving back she would tell me. Well I need to say that being asked to be the Ticket Chair has given me so much. I had the opportunity to ask another woman to be my alternate...again fear crops in so I asked God for direction upon retiring that night. I asked the next woman I ran into at my homegroup if she would like to become a part of our committee and to my surprise she said yes without blinking an eye. It was obvious that God had his hands all over this one, not only was she willing and a huge help to committee, she has since asked me to be her sponsor.

I have made a lot of new friends through this commitment. People that I truly admire who are living this AA way of life through service. They take our responsibility pledge very seriously and it

shows through their actions, smiles, and laughter I see every month when we get together to plan for the luncheon.

This February promises to be the best Mid-Winter Luncheon ever. The Forsgate Country Club is an elegant setting and the food sounds marvelous. Our menu consists of Penne pasta for our appetizer, Chicken Florentine with Béchamel for our main course and yummy Chocolate mousse Cake for dessert. We will have three GSR's from three different districts to read the twelve steps, the twelve traditions and the twelve concepts followed by two GSR presentations. Our guest speakers will be Eva S., GSO Staff Member, 2012 General Service Conference Coordinator and Ami B., Executive Editor/Publisher, A.A. Grapevine, Inc. The GS's from all over the area will be recognized for all their hard work just as they have since the first Mid-Winter Luncheon back in 1981.

The purpose of the Mid-Winter Luncheon is three-fold: it focuses primarily on the GSR's commitment to the group and to AA as a whole. Considering that the time involved being a GSR often seems to go unnoticed, and under-appreciated, the Luncheon is a way of showing gratitude for their efforts. The GSR helps to keep the lifeblood of AA, the homegroup, involved in AA worldwide.

Secondly, the luncheon introduces the new GSR's to the entire area and the area officers. The GSRs participate in putting on the luncheon by contributing with their talks. Finally, it allows our family members to join us in a social setting with our AA Service Family.

This past Area Assembly was very exciting our Mid-Winter Luncheon Committee was able to set up in the middle of all of the other committee's right at the Welcome Desk with our cute little Mid-Winter Luncheon Poster, some yummy chocolates and of course the tickets for the event.

I love living all three sides of our triangle, but for this AA member service work

had given me an opportunity to really feel that I truly am a part of this HUGE family. In closing I invite anyone who cares to join this committee next year and have some fun with us. Hope to see you at the Luncheon.

*In love in service Judy M.,
A Design For Living Group*

Annual GSR Mid-Winter Luncheon
(Open to all AA Members)

"Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age"

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Forsgate Country Club
375 Forsgate Drive
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

Price - \$32.00

Deadline for Tickets: Monday, January 30, 2012
(NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR)

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Fellowship)
Coffee, Crudites & Dip

LUNCH: 12:30 p.m.

MENU: Penne Pasta, Chicken Florentine, Chocolate Mousse Cake
(Vegetarian Lasagna upon request)

LEADER: Barbara B.-R., Area 44 Mid-Winter Luncheon Committee Chair

SPEAKERS: Eva S., G.S.O. Staff Member, 2012 General Service Conference Coordinator
Ami B., Executive Editor/Publisher, A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
e-mail: luncheon@nnjaa.org

****ASL and Spanish interpreters will be provided****

Area Committee on Corrections



Twenty years ago, my parole officer required me to attend one AA meeting per week. I wasn't ready to listen or hear the message but for fear of returning to the state penitentiary, I made myself get there once a week. I saw and met a lot of people and learned that they were just like me except that they were clean, sober and living happy, purposeful lives. I was a prisoner in my own mind on the streets with pain, suffering, guilt and remorse and on my way back to jail once again.

I hit bottom, again, only this time, I knew there was a place to go to ask for help. I started attending meetings daily,

got a sponsor, made my phone calls and worked the steps and amazingly, I stayed sober one day at a time. I couldn't have done it without knowing that I HAD to ask for help and that help was freely given if I did a few simple things.

I got involved with the Corrections Committee about five years ago. I began bringing meetings into the jails to see if I could touch a sick and suffering person, even one, so he too, could learn that there's a place to go for help. Over the course of the last three years, I have found that there are many corrections institutions in New Jersey that need AA meetings brought in and want meetings brought in, but there are not enough people involved to cover all the meetings available.

The Corrections Committee handles the jails and state penitentiaries in New

Jersey. We are in severe need of groups and individuals who would like to speak in the jails. There are a lot of ways to help, even if you have never been incarcerated. Each one of us know what it's like to be a prisoner in his own mind. Most people that are locked up are alcoholics or drug addicts and need a way up and out. Some facilities require paperwork, others require only a driver's license or state ID and the desire to help. I have found that there are many who are not getting involved that would be instrumental in helping in these institutions. There are 18 meetings per week that I personally book for, with the help of 8 other individuals and the assistance of 80 members that speak in the facilities regularly. We are looking for an increase in groups and individuals that will commit to speak

at the institutions. The more participation we have in this will make it easier and more pleasant for groups and individuals to commit without becoming overwhelmed.

This overwhelming need is our responsibility. I AM RESPONSIBLE, WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE REACHES OUT FOR HELP I WANT THE HAND OF AA TO ALWAYS BE THERE, AND FOR THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE. Every individual can help with Corrections. We need your help. They need your help.

Please contact us at cfc@nnjaa.org. We meet every third Saturday during odd numbered months if you would like to attend.

*Yours in service, Patrick C.,
The Alive Again Group &
District 9 Corrections Representative*



The Corrections Committee would like to thank the following groups and districts for their Pink Can and Jail Box contributions:

Belleville Thurs Night	District 20	Haworth Saturday Night Group	North Brunswick Step Up To Sobriety	The How and Why of It Group
Boonton Tues Night	District 22	Highland Lakes Breakneck Grp	Old Tappan Day Group	Three Bridges As Bill Sees It
Budd Lake Abiding	District 39	Hill Street Blues Group	Pattenburg Primary Purpose	Three Bridges Miracle Meeting
Peace	Downtown Serenity Group	Little Falls Monday 12:15 CD	Pompton Plains Thurs Nite	Union Hill - Fri Grapevine Meeting
Cedar Knolls Women	Early Risers Group	Madison Group	Prt Murray Will Know a New Peace	Upper Montclair Live & Let Live
Clifton 3 Legacies	E. Brunswick Give & Take Mon	Matawan Smog Lifters Group	Recovery Life Line Group	Various Groups - Convention
Clinton Became Willing AA	Edison Monday Nite Madness 7pm	Metuchen As Bill Sees It	Recovery Hall	Vernon Friends of Bill
Cranford Tuesday Night	Edison Not Just any Book Thurs	Metuchen Monday Night	Red Bank Fri Sober & Fun Promises	Vernon Downtown Serenity
Dayton P.O. Box 554	Edison Vineyard Rd Group	Millburn Sunday Big Book	Ridgewood Wed Nite Promises	Vernon Monday Nite
Denville Union Hill Drop In Cntr	Franklin G.U.T.S. Group	Milltown Monday Night	Saddle River Tuesday Night	Verona Tuesday Night Group
Dover Union Hill Drop In Center	Friendship Hall Saturday	Netcong Big Book	Sea Bright Last Call Wed Ocean Ave	Waldwick Bagel Bash Group
Dover Wednesday Women's Grp	Friendship Hall Let Go & Let God	New Brunswick Thurs Nite	Serenity Porch Group	West Orange 10am Women's Mtg
District 1/2	Haledon On A Different Footing	New Brunswick Step Up to Sobriety	Somerville Let Go, Let God Sat.	Woodbridge 12:15 Time Takes Time
District 3	Hamburg Group	New Brunswick Thurs Nite BB	South Amboy New Beginnings Grp	Woodbridge Tues Nite Beginners
District 18	Hampton Primary Purpose Group	New Brunswick Fri Nite	The Cedar Knolls Woman's Group	Wyckoff Grapevine Discussion Grp



SPEAK OUT! This Day Newsletter provides this forum for individual AA's viewpoints and opinions. The opinion expressed here are individual opinions only and not necessarily the opinions of This Day, Area 44 or AA as a whole. We welcome your comments, opinions or viewpoints on anything found in this newsletter. — The Editor

Misunderstanding Anonymity

Ever since I came into AA in the '70s I have viewed cameras at AA events with alarm. When someone takes out a camera at an AA event I believe it immediately, potentially compromises AA's "Promise of Anonymity." The fear and shame that others know he may be Alcoholic may be all that is needed to keep a newcomer away from the AA program of recovery that saved our lives.

I have recently attended two large AA service events in as many months. In the event programs, and in the opening addresses at these events, it was requested that no cameras, video recorders or other recording devices be used. At both these events, and other prior events, this simple but important request seemed to be ignored.

At the first event, during the banquet, It wasn't long before the flash of phone

cameras could be seen. Later on at a play someone with a blackberry phone, seated up front and center, recorded the entire play while holding the device overhead with both hands. When the play ended the filmmaker slowly rotated the camera 360 degrees to capture the applauding audience. When I asked an area officer about this I was told the "film maker" had been given permission to film the event. I think giving an amateur permission to record a play without putting that information in the program handout, as was done for the Banquet, is inconsiderate and a threat to our Promise of Anonymity. It's also a double standard.

At the second event It was also requested, by the master of ceremonies, that no cameras, video recorders or other recording devices be used. This banquet had 1,900 attendees and before long at least a hundred flashes from cameras could be seen.

As I was researching information for this letter I came across an excerpt from an anonymously written November 1951 Grapevine article. The article changed my outlook on this dilemma, and my suggestions for solutions to it. It read;

"There never was a chance that AA could 'police' anonymity or effectively reprimand those who flout it. In fact, to do so would be to destroy the very purpose of the tradition. Besides, there are automatic penalties. The anonymity-breaker may have acted in innocence, and may consider himself still to be a perfectly good AA. But, beyond our power to judge, he probably isn't. He has cut himself off from the spiritual oneness which has given us an almost unbelievable unity".

An Attitude of Gratitude: "For What Am I Grateful?"



I am grateful to all who participated in NNJGS Area 44, District 34's "Spirituality Breakfast" which was held on Saturday, November 5th at Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange.

It was a wonderful experience on how AA works, when we work it! The loving presence of sharing, caring and service once again shows me that a Higher Power makes all things possible. For that I am grateful! Next year, we look forward to sharing This Day with all of you.

Have a blessed day, Cindy W., South Orange Group

I now believe the only thing an AA can do is to encourage others, in a gentle manor, to take another look at our very important Principal of Anonymity. This can be done thru articles such as this and when speaking to groups. Dr. Bob sug-

gested using kindness and consideration and tolerance when doing this. Without Anonymity we in Alcoholics Anonymous are just Alcoholics.

Anonymous

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Committee the last time Area 44 hosted. This could only enhance the service work being done in Northern NJ. NER-AASA is self-supporting, it would require no monies from Area 44, only volunteers to help host the event.

I am mentioning this here in case your DCM forgets to report this at your next district meeting. Also there were DCMs who didn't attend the last ACM.

In any case, our area chair explained, at the assembly, that nothing is final on this matter. If anyone has a problem with GSYF's use of the office just send a letter to the area chair, it will be discussed at the officer's meeting, sent to the ACM and brought back to the (GSRs) groups for their feedback and if necessary an assembly vote. The same can be said for our Delegate's NERAASA bid. If there is any disapproval expressed by anyone, in the area the bidding process can be stopped, and the matter discussed, before proceeding with the bidding to be submitted next March.

In any case it will be a goal of the This Day Committee to cover the decisions of the Area Committee Meetings as well as the four assemblies in future issues of the newsletter. We will establish a regular column for reporting to all of the fellowship what issues are being decided or need to be decided in Area 44 Northern New Jersey General Service.

Yours in service, Bill L., Editor, This Day

A Day in the Life of an Alcoholic:

Wake up and ask the God of my understanding for help to not drink. Wash up and get dressed and if I'm able to get down on my knees and pray. Every alcoholic has their own way of praying, mine is to talk to my higher power (God). For me talking to God works out well, because I can talk as long as I want, and God never interrupts. I know He is listening for He never tells me to shut up. Not all of us are able to get down on our knees some of us would not be able to get up if we did. So we do what we can to start our day off right. If we're working we try an early AM meeting and then go to work. If we're not working we usually go to a noon time meeting or a night time meeting. Sometimes when we go to a meeting we're the speaker or the leader and try to give our experience, strength, and hope. Each day is different than the last but the one thing we know for sure is we cannot drink for that day, no matter what. Sometimes if we need help we talk to our sponsor, a friend, or just someone who will listen. A day in the life of an alcoholic is like a day for anyone else, except that as an alcoholic, alcohol is our greatest enemy. So just for one day my day in the life of an alcoholic has worked out well. *Ray, C., Roselle Sunday Night*

Night Watch

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text message which read "you called?" I recognized the telephone number as one from my 12th step list which I had called earlier but had gotten no answer. I called back, identified myself as Nightwatch and was told that he was at a meeting when I called earlier but to call back anytime and he would be so grateful if we did. This is how it works.

I was asked recently to serve as alternate Nightwatch coordinator for Middlesex county and I serve with pleasure and much gratitude. Today I embrace the opportunity to give back that which was so freely given to me through Nightwatch. If you are interested in a simple but very effective way of becoming active in service work call us. If you are interested in possibly being the first point of contact for the still sick and suffering alcoholic call us. If you are interested in maybe changing a life or perhaps saving one call us at Nightwatch we will be glad to have you.

Danny D., Metuchen Friday night New Hope Group

Some Thoughts On Our Area Convention

I attended the Area 44 GENERAL SERVICE Convention this year and as always I had a feeling of excitement as I packed my overnight bag and prepared to leave on Friday for the Doubletree in Somerset. I was greeted by many happy AA members who were also excited as I was. The program Friday night was excellent with a great speaker and good fellowship. How blessed we are, those of us who were lead to the doors of AA.

On Saturday I met with several friends who had not ever been to a convention before and was so tickled by their amazement at all that was to be gained on a personal and spiritual level just by attending such a wonderful event. It was quite surprising, however, to find the hotel lobby full of FBI agents and homeland security people due to the arrival of a VIP from another country. It was a bit unnerving at first but the spirit of the fellowship was very high and the day went on as planned in spite of the short interruption by this event.

I attended the "old-timers' luncheon" as I have done previously and enjoyed myself

immensely. I was surprised at the deviation of the program when the microphone was turned over to one of the old timers who gave a short but pointed speech on all the changes in AA and about how worried he was that the AA legacy was in jeopardy due to drug addicts and young people who do not understand the concepts and traditions of AA. He called a meeting for the old timers who cared to attend—a workshop of sorts as I was told by one member who attended—to brainstorm and share ideas on what to do about it. Personally I am not worried about things that have not happened yet and I choose to remain positive and place my faith in God that He is watching over us at all times.

I am not of the opinion that the future of AA is threatened by changes going on in the rooms. I feel that as long as we remember the Traditions and Concepts that Bill passed on to us to assure the future of AA all will be okay. As long as there are people who love AA and are willing to do the work required to fulfill the primary purpose of AA the future is in good hands. I believe this is a God-given program and will go on into the future for many generations to come.

As the weekend came to a close with the Sunday spiritual meeting and the closing remarks by the chairperson I was once again reminded that the legacy of AA starts with me fulfilling my responsibility to be of service to the fellowship.

I was a bit disappointed by the fact that there were no oatmeal raisin cookies this year but we did have those great macadamia nut and white chocolate cookies which were just as good if not better. The free bottled water was great. Last year I spent quite a bit of money on bottled water and was happy to see the coolers this year. Thanks guys for good thinking!

If there were something I would improve on it would be the old timers' meeting. I would NOT have the bagpipes playing "America the Beautiful," "Amazing Grace" or "The Marine Corp Battle Hymn" as they are songs which are affiliated with patriotism, Christianity, and maybe a bit of a political agenda. I think the format should be changed. A simple opening of the meeting which is aligned with the AA tradition of non-affiliation would be appropriate as we are NOT affiliated with any outside organization or institution, do not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorse nor oppose any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

We are men and women of all races, ethnicities, religions, and political persuasions who have found the solutions to our problems in the pages of the Big Book and the meeting rooms of AA. Let us safe guard AA for the future alcoholics who enter the doors by practicing the principles of the program even in our wonderful and joyous events such as the convention. God bless and keep you safe and sober.

*Yours in fellowship and service,
Just another anonymous alcoholic*

"What if I should discover that the poorest of the beggars and the most imprudent of all offenders are all within me, and I stand in need of the alms of my own kindness, that I myself am the enemy who must be loved - what then?" — Carl Jung

Garden State Young People Present....

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Full Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____ **Under 18 Parental Consent Required**

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Special Diet Needs: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ Willing to Chair a Meeting: Y / N

Topic Suggestions: _____ Who You Want to Room With _____



NNJGS Area 44 Office Calendar

DECEMBER 2011

1	Joint Website Committee*	7:30 PM
1	Films Committee	7:30 PM
3	Translation Committee	7:30 PM
3-5	ANNUAL WORK WEEKEND	
5	Mailing Committee	6:30 PM
5	Remote Communities	7:30 PM
6	Officer's & Standing Com.	7:30 PM
10	Grapevine Committee	10:00 AM
12	Convention Subcommittee	8:00 PM
13	Luncheon Committee	7:30 PM
13	Public Information	7:30 PM
14	Treatment Committee	8:00 PM
15	Newsletter Committee	7:30 PM
18	Garden State Young People	2:00 PM
19	Literature Sales	6:30 PM
19	Literature Committee	7:30 PM
20	Archives Committee*	7:30 PM
20	Coop w/Professional	8:00 PM
21	Convention Committee	8:00 PM
26	Finance Committee	7:30 PM
29	Policy & Admissions	7:30 PM

JANUARY 2012

2	Translation Committee	7:30 PM
2	Mailing Committee	6:30 PM
2	Remote Communities	7:30 PM
5	Joint Website Committee	7:30 PM
5	Films Committee	7:30 PM
6	Officer's Meeting	7:30 PM
7	Grapevine Committee	10:00 AM
8	AREA COM. MEETING	12 NOON
9	Convention Subcommittee	8:00 PM
10	Luncheon Committee	7:30 PM
10	Public Information	7:30 PM
11	Treatment Committee	8:00 PM
15	Garden State Young People	2:00 PM
16	Literature Sales	6:30 PM
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17	Archives Committee*	7:30 PM
17	Coop w/Professional	8:00 PM
18	Convention Committee	8:00 PM
19	Newsletter Committee	7:30 PM
23	Finance Committee	7:30 PM
26	Policy & Admissions	7:30 PM

FEBRUARY

2	Joint Website Committee*	7:30 PM
2	Films Committee	7:30 PM
4	Grapevine Committee	10:00 AM
6	Mailing Committee	6:30 PM
6	Translation Committee	7:30 PM
6	Remote Communities	7:30 PM
7	Officer's & Standing Com.	7:30 PM
8	Treatment Committee	8:00 PM
8	Treatment Committee	8:00 PM
12	MID WINTER LUNCHEON	12 NOON
13	Convention Subcommittee	8:00 PM
14	Public Information	7:30 PM
14	Luncheon Committee	7:30 PM
15	Convention Committee	8:00 PM
16	Newsletter Committee	7:30 PM
17	THIS DAY DEADLINE	5:30 PM
19	Garden State Young People	2:00 PM
20	Literature Sales	6:30 PM
20	Literature Committee	7:30 PM

21	Archives Committee*	7:30 PM
21	Coop w/Professional	8:00 PM
23	Policy & Admissions	7:30 PM
27	Finance Committee	7:30 PM
28	Joint Unity Meeting	7:30 PM

MARCH

1	Films Committee	7:30 PM
1	Joint Website Committee	7:30 PM
1	Computer Committee	7:30 PM
2-4	NERAASA Albany, NY	
5	Mailing Committee	6:30 PM
5	Remote Communities	7:30 PM
5	Translation Committee	7:30 PM
6	Officer's Meeting	7:30 PM
10	Grapevine Committee	10:00 AM
11	AREA COM. MEETING	12 NOON
12	Convention Subcommittee	8:00 PM
13	Luncheon Committee	7:30 PM
13	Public Information	7:30 PM
14	Treatment Committee	8:00 PM
15	Newsletter Committee	7:30 PM
16-18	North East Regional Delegates	
18	Garden State Young People	2:00 PM
19	Literature Sales	6:30 PM
19	Literature Committee	7:30 PM
20	Archives Committee*	7:30 PM
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1	Joint Website Committee	7:30 PM
5	Delegate's Meeting, Clark	8:30 PM
11	Booker's Exchange, Cranford	7:00 AM
20	History & Archives	7:30 PM
26	(OFFICE CLOSED) Christmas	

JANUARY 2012

2	(OFFICE CLOSED) New Years	
5	Joint Website Committee*	7:30 PM
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18	Nightwatch Committee	7:30 PM

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District Doings

DISTRICT 1/2 – Many District 1&2 members enjoyed, and served at, our Annual Area 44 Convention in September.

On October 6th Several District members enjoyed the hospitality of the Thursday Night West Orange BB Group. A wonderful history presentation, by AA historian Bill S. of Connecticut was given.

On October 8th we held our Day of Sharing in Sparta. It was a success due to all who gave freely of their time. An interesting Q&A session was held with Area and District members, involved in service, making up the panel. Next was the AA Jeopardy game lead by Barbara B. As usual It was a lot of fun as well as a good learning experience. After lunch Lester G. gave a wonderfully informative history presentation followed by a sobriety countdown and Big Book give away. Area Corrections, Grapevine, History and Archives and Literature committees were present. Thanks to all who attended.

Five District 1&2 GSR's and committee members attend our October 15th Area Assembly in Randolph. Thanks go to Districts 8 and 9 who did a great job hosting the event.

On October 29th Four District members attended the 7th Tradition Workshop held at our Area Office.

On November 5th our DCM attended the Annual Bill W. Dinner at the NYC Hilton. A good meal was followed by 3 great local speakers who carried a great AA message.

On November 7th the Reflections Meeting Intergroup chair and GSR attended the Intergroup Delegates Meeting in an effort to get this new meeting listed in our meeting book.

Several District 1&2 Officer positions remain unfilled. They include Alt. DCM, Secretary, Alt. Secretary and Alt. Treasurer. We were very happy to welcome the first two GSR's from District 2 at our November District Meeting. — **Bill J., DCM**

From Your Area Chair

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So naturally, inside we may want to set these folks straight about how wonderful AA really is, but we need to look to ourselves and ask how we can do a better job with the tools that we do have. And like the theme of our recent convention: "AA's Future Does Begin With Us".

These area committees and others need our help. Believe it or not, each committee has only a few participating members and these are the committees that represent tens of thousands of A.A.s in Northern New Jersey. If you think you might be interested reaching out to those

DISTRICT 39 – As the fall season comes to a close and we turn the clocks back to rest up for the upcoming winter season, it is my pleasure to say it has been a joy serving District 39. Thank you to all the AA Groups, AA members, General Service Representatives, Officers, and Committee Representatives, who have served our fellowship throughout the year. It has been wonderful working together. One way District 39 likes to help the next sick and suffering alcoholic is through a ten hour (from 10am-10pm) Thanksgiving Alkathon at St. Mary's Church (232 Central Avenue) in Rahway. AA and AI-Anon meetings are scheduled and all are invited to attend. We are always in need of new ideas to carry the message of AA and we encourage anyone, anywhere to share their thoughts with us anytime. Peace and love to all this holiday season! See you in 2012! — **Trish L., DCM**

DISTRICT 40 – Our first Spirituality Breakfast on October 8th went well. We had two great speakers Sharon G, and Riley R. Special thanks to all who helped out. We had a lot of group anniversaries going in November. Thursday's Bridgeway group will be celebrating their one year group anniversary this month on Nov. 17th. Bridgeway still needs support so if your looking for a Thursday meeting they meet Thursday 4:30pm at Bridgeway House cafeteria on Morris Ave. in Elizabeth. Sunday morning's More Will Be Revealed group will be celebrating there group anniversary.

Right now we are getting ready for our Christmas alkathon which will run from noon Xmas Eve till midnight Christmas at St. Michael in Cranford. Anyone interested in getting involved, the planning meeting are held after the Saturday morning Elizabeth Step meeting on Galloping Hill Road. In addition the Friday night Progress Not Perfection group is having there annual New Year's Eve Alkathon at Trinitas Hospital Grassman Hall in Elizabeth. — **Susanne M., DCM**

who may not know about us or to professionals who may not understand what A.A. is really about, then we've been saving a spot for you, with a reward beyond your wildest dreams. You can learn a little more about all of our committees by visiting www.nnjaa.org and clicking "SERVICE COMMITTEES" but the best way is to attend a committee meeting and see for yourself. You can find the various meeting times on www.nnjaa.org through the "CALENDAR" link.

You can always reach me by emailing area-chair@nnjaa.org; I'd love to hear from you.

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Above: Doubletree Hotel, Somerset Below: Convention coffee station



ALKATHONS

CHRISTMAS

DISTRICT 1/2 LAFAYETTE

Christmas Alkathon
Sunday Dec. 25 10am to 10pm
Held at the Sunrise House, 37 Sunset
Inn Rd, Lafayette. AA meetings start
on the hour and will run 45 minutes.
Last meeting: 9pm A safe, sober, fun
gathering & good food. For more info
contact: district1_2@nnjaa.org

DISTRICT 17

22nd ANNUAL HOLIDAY ALKATHON
30 Hrs of Continuous Meetings
Starting: December 24, 2011 @ 6pm
Ending: December 25, 2011 @ 12
(Midnight) At The Alanon Association
7th St & 7th Ave, Newark
A.A. & Grapevine Literature &
Materials Will Be Available
Email: District17@nnjaa.org

DISTRICT 15/21 - LAMBERTVILLE

Christmas Alkathon
Lambertville Church
31 North Union Street Lambertville
~ All meetings are OPEN ~
Every hour on the hour
Saturday December 24: 11am to 11pm
Sunday, December 25: 10am to 6pm

LIVING SOBER NOON - CLINTON

Christmas Alkathon United Methodist
Church, 12 Halstead Street Clinteon.
Sunday December 25th 12 noon - 8pm

DISTRICT 22

Holiday Alkathon
Saturday, December 24th 9pm until
midnight Sunday, December 25th 9am
until midnight meetings every hour
Reformed Church 19-21 South 2nd
Avenue, Highland Park
park behind the church-entrance to lot
on Raritan Ave. Food & Fellowship

CHRISTMAS ALKATHON - DENVILLE

Union Hill Drop-In Center
427 Franklin Road
Denville, NJ 07834
Saturday December 24 starting after
the 10:00 am meeting
through Sunday, December 25 at mid-
night. For more info contact Kathy S.

CRANFORD

36 Hour Christmas Alkathon Starting
Sat. Dec. 24th at noon to Sunday Dec.
25th at midnight at St. Michael's
Church 40 Alden St, Cranford
Denville, NJ 07834 For more info con-
tact email: district39@nnjaa.org

DISTRICT 41 - HOBOKEN

Christmas Alkathon Our Lady of
Grace School Hall, 5th Street and
Willow Avenue, Hoboken Sunday
December 25th 8am - 9pm Meetings
on the even hours.
First meeting at 10am.

DISTRICT 17

5th Annual New Year's Alkathon!
December 31, 2011 (New Year's Eve)
6:00 p.m. thru January 1, 2012 (New
Year's Day) - 6:00 p.m.
Alanon Association
384 7th Ave and 7th St, Newark
There will be meetings, movies, fel-
lowship, fun & food.
Any questions contact:
Email: District17@nnjaa.org

DISTRICT 15/21 - LAMBERTVILLE

New Year's Eve Alkathon
Lambertville Church
31 North Union Street Lambertville
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Saturday, January 1: 10am to 6pm

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Sunday January 1st 12 noon - 8pm

UNION HILL - DENVILLE

New Year's Alkathon
Union Hill Drop-in Center
427 Franklin Road Denville
Sat, Dec 31 starting after the 10am
meeting through Sun, Jan 1 at mid-
night
Email: district10@nnjaa.org

DISTRICT 36 - FORDS

Annual New Year's Alkathon
Saturday, December 31, 2011 (New
Year's Eve) Doors open at 4pm.
at Our Lady of Peace School
Cafeteria, Fords
corner of Amboy and Ford Avenues

DISTRICT 37 - GLEN RIDGE

Annual New Year's Alkathon
From Saturday, December 31, 7pm
through Sunday, January 1, last meet-
ing at 7am.
at the Glen Ridge Congregational
Church Ridgewood Ave, and Clark
Street, Glen Ridge

THE WORKING WITH OTHERS
Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
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13TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

- Beverly B. (AFG)
Lewisville, TX 12:00 NOON
- Scott F. (AA)
Philadelphia, PA 1:30p.m.
- Dave P. (AA)
Boston, MA 3:00p.m.
- Karen G. (AA)
Los Angeles, CA 8:00 p.m.

"ALL FOR FUN AND FOR FREE"
Saturday, January 7, 2012
Grace, Church On The Mount
US Highway 46 Netcong, NJ 07857