

District 1 (12/07/20)

Check out additional info @ <https://district1.aahmbny.org/>

Corrections Chair - Women (district1correctionsw@aahmbny.org) : (OPEN)

Corrections Chair - Men (district1correctionsm@aahmbny.org) : (OPEN)

25 in attendance; 23 with voting rights.

I. Opening Moment of Silence with serenity prayer

II. Roll call (In zoom chat, not verbal)

III. Group Announcements/questions:

IV. Review of Minutes & Secretary's Report (district1secretary@aahmbny.org) :

a) Motion to Accept[2nd] All in favor.

V. Treasurer's Report(district1treasurer@aahmbny.org; district1AltTreasurer@aahmbny.org):

a) Motion to accept [2nd] All in favor

b)Please discuss contributing to the district with you group!

VI. DCM Report (district1DCM@aahmbny.org) :Nothing to report.

a) January 2021 Orientation Day (flier attached) We are part of the host cluster! If anyone would like to be involved in the planning / service the day of, please let me know. A virtual planning meeting will take place before Christmas, and I will send out that info once we have scheduled it.

b) Just Checking In- 2020 has been quite a year. We are in the midst of a global pandemic that has changed, well, everything! But AA has continued to not just exist but to bring in new people - my home group has several "Zoom babies" that we have welcomed since March! And all of you in District 1 have continued to serve the alcoholics in Albany County. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

c) On a personal note, this is my anniversary month, and I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for being part of my journey. Sometimes I just don't feel like hopping on a Zoom District meeting on a Monday night, but inevitably I feel lifted up and grateful by the time 8:30 rolls around. You have taught me grace and humility and how to be of service to others, and I thank you all for that and for my recovery

d) 2021 Meeting Schedules- At the October Voting Assembly, Area 48 voted to print trifold brochures in lieu of full meeting schedules. They can be downloaded and printed for free at <https://aahmbny.org/hotlines/> and I have attached it to this email. I also have 200 print copies and can mail them to anyone who would like them.

VII. Alt DCM Report (district1AltDCM@aahmbny.org) :

a) Worked w/ D1 Functions Chair and Alkathon Committee to get the first two Holiday Alkathon planning meetings off the ground.

b) Working with D1 Treasurer to provide Budget vs. Actual Snapshot of 2020 YTD for D1 Review at upcoming District Meeting.

VIII. LCM Report (district1LCM@aahmbny.org) : Nothing to report.

IX. Committee Reports:

a. Accessibilities (district1accessibilities@aahmbny.org) : Nothing to report.

b. Bridging the Gap Chair - Women (district1btgw@aahmbny.org) : Nothing to report.

c. Bridging the Gap Chair - Men (district1btgm@aahmbny.org) : Nothing to report.

d. Cooperation with Professional Community (district1CPC@aahmbny.org) :Nothing to report.

e. Corrections Chair - Women (district1correctionsw@aahmbny.org) : (OPEN)

f. Corrections Chair - Men (district1correctionsm@aahmbny.org) : (OPEN)

g. Functions (district1functions@aahmbny.org) :

- The planning of our District 1 Alkathons is in full swing. A.A. meetings will be held on even hours -- December 24th, 6pm - December 25th, 6pm; and December 31st, 6pm - January 1st, 6pm;
- (To anyone who isn't familiar with what an Alkathon is, it is 24 hours of A.A. meetings, during a time of year that may be particularly fraught with intense feelings; they're a great way to stay connected to the Program, and with other members who identify with you);
- We have two more scheduled committee meetings, prior to December 24th. The flyer is attached here, and can also be found on our District 1, Capital District Central Office, and Area 48 websites; <https://district1.aahmbny.org/> <https://aalbanyny.org/event/alkathon-2020> <https://aahmbny.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/D1-2020-Alkathons-.jpg>
- Any group interested in leading a speaker meeting (beginning on even hours), please send an email to me at district1functions@aahmbny.org and state your group's first, second and third choices of days and times;
- There will be experienced hosts overseeing the Zoom functions; individual groups will only need to be concerned with conducting the actual A.A. meetings -- nothing more;
- If you have experience hosting meetings on Zoom, please contact me to volunteer to cover a time slot; we will, potentially, need a total of 48 hosts, to cover the two 24-hour periods;
- Our final "Bring a friend to our District 1 Business Meeting" will be this coming Monday, December 7th. Why not show up and enter a drawing to win a year-long Grapevine subscription (for you and your friend), AND introduce your friend to the "not-very-mysterious" goings on in our District.
- We will be reaching out to John B, our proposed AA History Workshop presenter. When we last spoke, there was talk of offering his presentation sometime in the Spring 2021. It had been postponed from October of this year. Stay tuned...
- member asked if Alanon was involved. Explained that it isn't possible over zoom.
- Discussion of how to make it easier to sign up to host a meeting.

h. Grapevine Chair (district1grapevine@aahmbny.org) :

i. Literature Chair (district1literature@aahmbny.org) :

- Assisting people with literature inquiries
- Contactless pickup available at www.goaanow.org

j. Public Information Chair (district1PI@aahmbny.org) : (OPEN)

- Attended monthly CPC meeting, received good feedback about Times Union Proposal, discussed the tri-fold pamphlets
- Potential Altamont fair

k. Records/Registrar (district1records@aahmbny.org) : Absent, no report.

l. Treatment (district1treatment@aahmbny.org) :

- Attended area 48 treatment meeting
- GSO website has pamphlet package for treatment centers (P-69) https://onlineliterature.aa.org/Treatment-Facility-Discount-Package_2
- Zoom meeting letter sent via US Mail to different treatment facilities in Area 48. We are sending as an informational to the facility. To follow our tradition of "Attraction rather than Promotion" we are just putting what we can offer, and waiting for responses. We have not had any real bites as of yet.
- Need two speakers for a virtual Treatment meeting, December 16th at 6 pm.

m. Webmaster (district1webmaster@aahmbny.org) :

- Updated the website with latest Alkathon information.
- PDF files are now embedded so they can be directly read.
- I reorganized and reworded Covid 19 information.
- With help from the Area Webmaster created and updated Zoom meetings for the Alkathon and giving the Functions chair the ability to start the planning meetings.
- Please use the district1.aahmbny.org site to catch new district information.
- Let me know at district1webmaster@aahmbny.org of anything you would like added or changed.

X. Local Service Reports

a)CDCO:

- Took on additional districts to serve.
- 151 calls; 30 literature pick-ups; \$636 in literature; \$52 in medallions; 2133 website visitors, 83% were new.

XI. Old Business:

- a) Postponed until ALT DCM is present.

XII. New Business:

- a) Service spotlight shown! Next up is the LCM!
- b) Please sign up to take Alkathon Meetings!! Contact the functions chair
- c) It is proposed that District 1 of Area 48 spend \$250 of remaining PI budget, and requests an addition \$50 from CPC budget, to purchase Marquee ads on the Times Union website on the dates of December 24th, 26th, 27th and January 1st, 2nd, 3rd . These ads will appear as banners at the top of the “News” page of the website for 24 hours each day.
- Discussion ensued regarding adding addition weekend days to the proposal to expand the window of reaching out to other alcoholics.
 - Minority opinion- Concerned about financial aspect of adding more days
 - 18 in favor [2 opposed] 3 abstain. Motion carries.
- d) Motion to extend zoom subscription through 6/2021 [2nd] All in favor.

XIII. Made motion to close (2nd) All in favor.