

The
BOOMERANG
What goes around, comes around...
MAINE/NEW BRUNSWICK
AREA SERVICE ASSEMBLY #28 &
Summer
2011

MAINE AREA #28 FALL ASSEMBLY IS IN ELLSWORTH

The Maine Area Assembly is holding its Fall Assembly at the Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School (the old High School), 20 Forrest Avenue, in Ellsworth. Ellsworth can be reached by Route 1A from Bangor or Route 1 from the West. If coming from the North, Turn right at Dunkin Donuts. Coming into town from the West, turn left after the bridge at the foot of Main Street, follow out to Route 1A, and turn left at Dunkin Donuts. The Assembly has been held there before, and it is a fine venue for such an event.

This is an election Assembly, and the Area Officers will be rotating out of office and a new panel will be elected to take their place. If you have never attended an election assembly before, you are in for a treat! The Third Legacy election procedure is unique in its ability to let our Higher Power choose the right person for the right position. For each position, a list of eligible persons is read and those who do not decline step forward as candidates. Each candidate states their sobriety date and the service positions they have held in the past. A secret ballot is then cast.

If, after two ballots, no one has garnered 2/3 of the vote, all candidates with less than 1/5 of the votes are eliminated. If, after the third ballot, no one has 2/3, all candidates with less than 1/3 of the votes are eliminated. If no candidate has 2/3 after the fourth ballot, the chair asks for a motion for a fifth ballot. If the motion fails, or if no one has 2/3 after the fifth ballot, the remaining names go into the hat and the winner's name is drawn from it. It is an amazing way to choose our leaders, but it works!!!

In Love And Service,

Steve M.


Editor

Spencer on the Sixth –

"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."

So what is this all about we often wonder? Why not get involved with outside groups and facilities that do so much to help us. Groups and organizations with good intentions....groups and organizations that want what we want....for people to get sober and stay sober in whatever manner possible! Why not?

There are many reasons we stay to ourselves in this respect. First let's look at Tradition 5 stating that our primary purpose is to carry our message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It is not a coincidence that

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Spencer's Swan Song ;-)

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this tradition precedes #6. If we are focused on our primary purpose of helping the still sick and suffering alcoholic, then we can't be getting involved in other people's programs, groups or organization's causes. They may be noble causes indeed, but AA must remain forever vigilant to our own program of recovery. If we don't, surely we will crumble from within! These words have been spoken for years and I believe they are more important today than ever!

There are many groups that we may work with, in association, and that is all good and well. It is when we lend our name or allow them to use the AA name that problems occur. What if an alcoholic visits a Dr. that AA allowed to use their name and something happens and the alcoholic dies. The Dr. and AA could be liable in such a tragedy. Not only the liability of it, but people could easily say, "AA doesn't work, people who go there die!" This could forever harm our program. What about the Dr. who has a patient who attends AA and is successfully sober. What if the Dr. says, 'My patient went to my program of recovery, AA, and is now successfully sober!' Now the Dr. is taking claim and gaining prestige from our program which may now benefit him/her financially. The examples are many, and should all be avoided.

Clubhouses, weekend retreats, selling of AA material etc...all of these causes are great causes. It is imperative however, that we ask them to remain independent of AA and our name. If we don't address this now, we will suffer later and that may harm the alcoholic born today...not yet in need of our program. Thank you to those who have defended this tradition over the years to keep our fellowship strong and united for those of us who benefit today!

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It has been a pleasure serving Area 28 as the panel 60 Delegate. An honor I will be forever grateful to have been a part of. Thank you to all of you who have touched me over the years and made this journey possible....

In Service,

Spencer R

The Sixth Tradition, Unbound

Each season, we look at the next Tradition

The Sixth Tradition in its long form states:

"Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. – and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one." Reprinted from *12 Steps & 12 Traditions*, p. 190, with permission of A.A. World Services.

Who needs the hassle?

Yours in love & service, Steve M, Your Editor

Next Time – Tradition Seven: Self-Supporting

N News from Up North

Aroosticat says:

Our friend Aroosticat sends us news from the Northern part of the Maine Area and Canada. This week he lists the following:

ME AREA 28 D7 / D4, NB AREA 81-D5, QUEBEC AREA 88

	<u>WHO</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
THURSDAY 22-Sep HOULTON-GOOD SHEPHERD/WATSON HALL	LARRY H.	16
FRIDAY 23-Sep GRAND FALLS	PAT R.	20
SATURDAY 24-Sep LIVING FREE GRP-SALVATION ARMY HALL - WOODSTOCK	JOE C.	1
SATURDAY 24-Sep LIVING FREE GRP-SALVATION ARMY HALL - WOODSTOCK	ALLAN L.	1
MONDAY 26-Sep ESTCOURT	JULIAN D.	4
TUESDAY 27-Sep NOTRE DAME	LEWELLYN	16
WEDNESDAY 28-Sep PRESQUE ISLE- EASY DOES IT- ACADEMY HOUSE	MATT D.	10
WEDNESDAY 28-Sep PRESQUE ISLE- EASY DOES IT- ACADEMY HOUSE	KATHY H.	3
THURSDAY 29-Sep ST. MARC	SONIA C.	1
SATURDAY 1-Oct LIVING FREE GRP-SALVATION ARMY HALL - WOODSTOCK	GLEN M.	3
TUESDAY 4-Oct NOTRE DAME	DENIS P.	28
WEDNESDAY 5-Oct AROOSTOOK JUNCTION	STEPHEN L.	1
MONDAY 10-Oct EDMUNDSTON SERENITY GROUP	DANIEL	11
TUESDAY 11-Oct MADAWASKA	HERB A.	9
WEDNESDAY 12-Oct LIMESTONE	LINDA C.	24
SATURDAY 15-Oct PRESQUE ISLE- SNL GROUP - SPECIAL 90 MINUTE MEETING	LAURIE B.	24
SATURDAY 15-Oct PRESQUE ISLE- SNL GROUP - SPECIAL 90 MINUTE MEETING	RAOUL	4
SATURDAY 15-Oct PRESQUE ISLE- SNL GROUP - SPECIAL 90 MINUTE MEETING	ED D.	2
SATURDAY 15-Oct PRESQUE ISLE- SNL GROUP - SPECIAL 90 MINUTE MEETING	DAN H.	?
FRIDAY 21-Oct GRAND FALLS	GERRY C.	36
FRIDAY 21-Oct GRAND FALLS	STEVE D.	6

220+ YEARS !!!

- EVENTS** SATURDAY 24-Sep HOULTON GRPS POTLUCK SUPPER-WHITEHOUSE-B4 REGULAR 7:30 PM MEETING
 FRIDAY 30-Sep NO FRIDAY MEETING IN FT KENT ON 09/30 ONLY DUE TO HOSPITAL BUSINESS
 SUNDAY 9-Oct DISTRICT 7 MEETING-1 PM @ CARY MEDICAL-CHAN ROOM
 FRI-SUN OCT 21-23 FALL AREA 28 ASSEMBLY - ELLSWORTH ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL

Please send news of The North – Districts 3, 4, 7, 10 to boomerangnorth@area28aa.org

E News from Down East

Please send news of The East – Districts 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, & 25 to boomerangeast@area28aa.org

W News from Out West

Please send news of The West – Districts 2, 5, 12, 14, 18, & 19 to boomerangwest@area28aa.org

S News from the South

Please send news of the South – Districts 1, 6, 13, 17, 20, 23, 24, & 26 to boomerangsouth@area28aa.org



AGENDA ITEMS FOR ASSEMBLY, GSR'S DISCUSS WITH GROUPS:

A. In keeping with the sixth tradition, the Maine area Round up committee proposes that recording company contracted to record the Maine Area Round Up limit sales to that of the current Maine Area Round-Up recordings in common areas and public spaces at the event venue.

B. Finance Committee Guidelines for the Maine Area Workbook

Purpose: The purpose of the finance committee is to meet with district and group treasurers. The committee members can share their experience to help other members of the committee. They also help and discuss the budget before it's approved by the assembly.

Chair's duties: The responsibility of the chair is to attend all the area committees meetings and area assemblies. The chairs duty is to work closely with the area treasure. They are responsible for setting the budget for the Maine Area. They should have a written agenda for each meeting. It's also important that they go over the budget a line at a time.

General duties: To help districts and groups with any problems that they may be having with their finances.

They should also be ready and available to visit any district or group if they should ask for assistance.

Recommended service experience Prior DCM and GSR, experience in bookkeeping useful, minimum of 3 years of sobriety

C. That Maine Area 28 funds the publishing and mailing of the "Boomerang" through the Maine Area Treasury and that the "Boomerang" Editor no longer accepts separate contributions from A.A. members

Background: 5.6 Responsibilities of Maine Area Committee

5.6.7 Provide and maintain "Boomerang" as voice of the Maine Area and ensure its distribution to as many groups as possible.

Recently there have been some problems getting the Boomerang out to area members. Confusion over checks, lack of funds for printing and mailing costs have all delayed issues from going out in a timely manner. Rather than handling funds separately it would be more efficient and there would be more oversight if all monies were handled through the Maine Area Treasury.

D. Location of the Spring Assembly Mar 30, 31, & Apr 1, 2011; bids go first to the East (E-districts 9, 15, 16, 21, 8, 25)

E. Location for the Post Conference Forum (Open to All Districts) May 20, 2011

F. That Maine Area 28 creates an assembly committee, to be headed by the outgoing delegate (or past delegate) for a two year cycle.

Background:

To date there is no uniformity with the Area 28 Assembly. Each district seems to have to recreate the wheel. Some districts' groups may be interested in helping or holding an assembly in their district, but the district may be too small or inactive, such as up North. Having a committee would allow the assembly to be rotated around Maine equally as was intended, but do to the inability of some districts, fallen short on.

The committee would have an assembly budget, create guidelines and appoint committee members to help with the planning of the assembly. The assembly would still be bid for by the eligible districts according to rotation, but it would be the committees' responsibility to contact the struggle/dark districts prior to the bidding area meeting to represent their interest bidding on having the assembly in those areas.

Additional Background information can be found on page S46 of the Service Manual

G. Area Chair Appoint a Webmaster for Maine Area 28

Note; Deborah M who made this motion mentioned that it is the intention that this position would be set up similarly as to that of the Archivist Pages 7 & 8 of the Maine Area 28 Service Manual

H. A 2-part motion was made by the Pulse Group (D13) regarding Pamphlet # 15 "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship"

The Treasurer Reports:

CHECKING -

Prudent Reserve -



Fall Assembly Wordfind

ASSEMBLY – BALLOTS – BOOMERANGFUNDING – BOOMERANGREPORTERS – BUDGET – COUNTERS – DATEOFSOBRIETY – DISCUSSION – DISTRICTS – ELECTION – ELLSWORTH – GAS – GUIDELINES – HAT – MEALTICKET – MOTEL – MOTION – PANEL – PHOTOCOPIES – REGISTRATION – ROLLCALL – ROTATION – SECOND – SERVICEPOSITION – THIRDLEGACY – VOTING – WEEKEND

Find the words:



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← Actual Co-Founding right ears!



Heard at the Round Up –

Your Editor was fortunate to attend this year’s Round Up at Sugarloaf. It was a great weekend with speaker meetings, workshops, and a chance to take a trip up the mountain and enjoy a spectacular view. Here are some memorable quotes heard that weekend:

“I’m a paperboy for God.”

“I didn’t get drunk watching the other guy drink.”

“God can use us without our permission.”

“You don’t have to say what I say, or think what I think, but if you do what I do, you’ll get what I got.”

“Alabama, that’s South of here.”

“My mother was a winette.”

“If you put God first, everything else in your life is first class.”

“It’s a beautiful thing not to have to live in fear.”

“I have to stay God-conscious all day long.”

“We are all pictures of God.”

“He [God] never gives me the wrong answer.”

“I learned to listen, and I listened to learn.”

“God never gives you more than you can handle *with His help.*”

“I live off your sobriety.”

“When all else fails, ask God for help; so why don’t you ask God for help so all else doesn’t fail?”

“My mind would have killed my body a long time ago except that it needed it for transportation.”

“I need to live in AA and visit the world.”



Archivist Needs Help:

The ME Area 28 Archives Committee is seeking an individual in the Fellowship who might be able to advise us on the repair, preservation, and presentation of a number of art exhibits in the Area 28 Archives. Anyone who might be qualified, or have a knowledge of such an individual please contact: *Pete T., Maine Area Archivist, 44 Montgomery Rd, Windham, ME 04062.*

AA AREA 28 FALL ASSEMBLY

October 21, 22, 23

Ellsworth Elementary-Middle School

20 Forrest Avenue, Ellsworth, Maine 04605

FRIDAY:

5:00 PM Registration opens

6:00-7:00 PM Speaker Meeting

7:15-8:15 PM **Panel Discussion on Service**, Bill N of GSO leading the discussion

SATURDAY:

7:30 AM Registration resumes

7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM-9:00 PM Assembly


SUNDAY:

7:30-8:30 AM Breakfast

8:00-8:45 AM Spiritual AA Meeting

9:00 AM Assembly reconvenes



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