

# District 48

*"It is in this moment you have the power to be in the solution!" Ileana Kane*

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## Where Does Your 7th Tradition Go?

It is read at almost every meeting: "donations are for coffee supplies, rent and other expenses".

Have you ever wondered what are the other expenses? Or, if your donation being handled properly? Did you know you can ask your G.S.R or treasurer or both? This information should be shared monthly with you at your home group business meetings. And as a home group member, you have a say in how the money is handled.

There are 35 meetings within District 48, most but not all, participate with District 48 monthly meetings by sending

their G.S.R. or representatives the second Wednesday every month.

Within District 48 there are 15 different committees, **lots of service opportunities**, all with the single purpose of reaching the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

Each month a treasurer's report shows in detail the money spent and the money donated to District 48.

For additional information and opportunities to participate, please see any District Panel member or your G.S.R.

### What Does Bill W. Say About It?

Bill W. asked in an October 1967 article for the AA Grapevine: "Now, where do AA's services—worldwide, area, local—fit into our scheme of things?" "Why should we provide these functions with money?"

According to Bill, "The answer is simple enough. **Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible**, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office...or the world service headquarters."

### Contact AA

#### Online:

[www.district48.org](http://www.district48.org)  
[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)  
[www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org)  
[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

#### By Phone:

Local: 570-327-2860

#### By Mail:

G.S.O.  
PO Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

For strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers:

#### Al-Anon Online:

[www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org)

## 2015 ATLANTA AA International Convention July 2-5, 2015

Registration opens September 3, 2014. There are 3 ways to register: online [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), fax (508) 743-3605 or mail with completed form and payment to 2015 International Convention, ICAA075 c/o Convention Data Services, 107 Waterhouse Rd. Bourne, MA 02532. Pre-registration deadline is May 12, 2015.

## The One I Couldn't Live Without—A Poem by Kiya K.

When I'd wake up every morning  
You were the first thing I thought  
about  
Throughout the day and into the night  
You were what I could not go without  
When we started off almost seven years  
ago  
You didn't have this type of hold on me  
I could take you or leave you on any  
given day  
You were not a necessity  
But at some point traveling down that  
road  
We crossed over an unmarked line  
I have no idea at that point in my life  
You'd end up consuming all that was  
mine  
It seemed like whenever I have you  
with me  
Every insecurity I had went away  
I was no longer intimidated by the  
world  
My unspoken words I was ready to say  
All of my fears disappeared with you  
As liquid courage pumped through my  
veins  
It was always a drawl on who I could be  
Jekyll and Hyde were one in the same  
What started out as fun turned into a  
nightmare

As blackouts became reoccurring events  
I couldn't determine what was real or  
what wasn't  
My dreams and my reality became indif-  
ferent  
Everything I worked long and hard to  
gain  
Eventually you took in half the time  
But no matter what, I couldn't go with-  
out you  
You were evident in every one of my  
crimes  
The remorse I felt for the things I'd  
done  
Made me drown my guilt again and  
again  
Not only did you turn me against my  
own family  
One day I woke up and you were my  
only friend  
All hope you'd convinced me was a lost  
cause  
My dreams would never happen even if  
I tried  
Numerous times you took me to my  
lowest points  
There was only one solution; suicide  
You've sent me to rehabs, jails and close  
to death  
Over and over you've brought me to my  
knees

You thought you'd won but you will  
not take my life  
I will not be a fatality to this disease  
I've found a solution, some call it a cure  
A spiritual tool kit that enables me to  
stay alive  
Though the last of alcohol is always a  
subtle foe  
Twenty-four principles give me the  
chance to survive  
From a state of hopeless mind and  
body  
And no clue as to how I'd live without  
you  
A new found faith in a power greater  
than myself  
Has given me the strength it took to  
leave you  
And to finally realize deep in my heart  
That I never have to suffer like I did  
before  
I can never regret nor forget what we  
had together  
You are my past and I just don't live  
there anymore.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

*Kiya K. celebrates November 10,  
2012 . Her home group is the 10am  
Meeting.*

## ANNIVERSARIES

Carlene 7/8/14 43 Years

Randy 7/21/14 8 years

Kathleen Y. 8/2/14 13 years

Sue G. 8.11.14 4 years

Mike 7/28/14 23 years

Jeff 8/1/14 9 months!

Steve 8/1/14 30 days!

Sonia 8.3.14 90 days!