Happy Joyous & Free
Area 48 Newsletter

March 2022

Spring is in the air (finally!), virtual & hybrid events are on the calendar, & service in Area 48 is rocking & rolling. Check out the events calendar & join us!

Tammie, our Panel 72 Delegate, is preparing for the General Service Conference & is looking for our input on the 2022 Agenda items. Check out her report for more info!

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In love and service,
Dana W.
Area 48 Newsletter Chair

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Principles of the Month

Step 3: Made a decision to turn our will & our lives over to the care of God *as we understood him.*

Tradition 3 *[long form]*: Our membership ought to include all who suffer alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity.

Tradition 3 Checklist *[from SMF-131, Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine]*:

1. *In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?*
2. *2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?*
3. *3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?*
4. *4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?*
5. *5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?*
6. *6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?*

Concept 3: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Concept 3 Checklist *[from SMF-91 - Concepts Checklist - A service piece for home groups, districts, areas]*:

1. *Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we "instruct"?*
2. *Do we trust our trusted servants - GSR [General Service Representative], DCM [District Committee Member], Area Delegate, the Conference itself?*

AT ALL LEVELS OF SERVICE

Delegate Report

Having just come back from NERAASA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly), I am, as always, exhausted yet charged for service at the same time. There were many excellent presentations and a plethora of information to absorb. I'm still processing it all as I write this.

Panelists provided much insight and definitely more views I had not yet considered. My biggest job (now that the questionnaire is done) is to listen intently so that I may get a sense of the Area conscience that I may carry to the Conference next month.

Some noteworthy things to mention:

- **Yes, the Delegate's Questionnaire is now complete.** I have it in PDF form and have forwarded it to all the Area Committee Chairs and DCMs to pass on. The PDF can be submitted a few different ways, instructions came with the email distribution. If you would prefer to complete it online, our illustrious webmaster has gotten it into JotForm and uploaded to the website. **Click here or on the screenshot to complete the questionnaire online!**

- **The February 28 virtual "Meet Your Delegate" gathering had 31 in attendance!** Wow! I shared some of the NERAASA experience and then opened the forum for comments and questions. The next one is scheduled for March 28. The next one after that will be held on May 2 as I'll be at the Conference the last Monday in April.

- **The next event I'll be in attendance at will be NERD** (Northeast Regional Delegate's Reunion) in Sturbridge, MA where I hope to get more helpful hints and suggestions to aid me during conference week.

- **Day of Sharing with the Delegate is scheduled for March 19.** It will be a full day, with many presentations on agenda items of interest, followed by breakout sessions for discussions and report backs will end the day. The more people that attend, the better informed conscience I'll be able to take to the Conference. Don't miss it!!

Thank you all for trusting me to be your trusted servant.

Tammie E
Area 48 Panel 72 Delegate
panel72delegate@aahmbny.org

72nd General Service Conference - Delegate's Questionnaire

*Join us at the virtual **Day of Sharing with your Delegate** on March 19! These items will be presented in the morning & discussed in breakout rooms in the afternoon.*
Click here for more information & to submit your thoughts online.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), item D: Do you think we need A Conversation with your Doctor pamphlet that the average AA member could use to share with their doctor?

Corrections, item B: Last year's conference approved a change that would replace the term "inmate" with "person in custody" in all our literature. Do you think this decision should be reversed?

Corrections, items C & D: Last year's conference approved the following changes for the 5th edition Big Book: A new forward and updates to Appendix III & V. Should these changes be made?

Finance, items B & C / Literature, item R: Last year's conference approved some changes to the 12x12. Should all proposed changes be handled with a historical disclaimer and footnotes rather than directly in the text?

Grapevine, item D: How has the Preamble change affected your group? Has it caused division in your group? In other groups around? In your district? Does your group read it as it is now presented with the word "people" or do they use "men and women"?

Literature, item B / Policy & Admissions, item G: Is the draft language regarding safety appropriate for inclusion in the book Living Sober and the pamphlet, Q&A on Sponsorship?

Literature, item O: Four Literature pamphlets are submitted for final review. Do you think the suggested changes are appropriate and relevant?

Policy & Admissions, item F / Report & Charter, item E: Should the omitted paragraph from the story Freedom From Bondage be restored? Should the Doctor's Opinion be returned to page one as it was in the 1st edition?

Public Information, item K: Should there be a new form of communication (guideline, pamphlet, something else) that addresses anonymity on social media? What form?

Report & Charter, item D: Should a GSR preamble be included in the GSR Pamphlet?

Treatment & Accessibilities, item F / Trustees, item F: Should the pamphlet, The AA Group be revised to reflect the importance of the group as a spiritual entity (as stated in the long form of Tradition 5?

Treatment & Accessibilities, item G: In the chapter, Getting Plenty of Rest in the Living Sober book, the following statement can be found: "Nobody has ever died from lack of sleep." Do you think this should be removed?

Trustees, item G: Does the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different" need to be revised to reflect greater diversity? What is missing that should be included?

**Additional Agenda Items to be discussed in breakout sessions:*

- 2023 Conference Themes (Agenda, Item A)
- AA in Your Community pamphlet (CPC, Item B)
- Grapevine Book topics (GV/LV, Item C)
- Public Information pamphlets (PI, Item J)

Alternate Chair Report

It's coming up on Spring… and not a moment too soon, in my opinion.

By now, many of you who had attended NERAASA (Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) will be home and, I hope, full of the AA spirit. NERAASA has always been a spiritual "shot in the arm" for me. Unfortunately, NERAASA was not in the stars for me this year; the snowstorm caused my flight to be canceled - much to my dismay. There's next year in Albany when Area 48 will be hosting the assembly. We can all attend that one!

The DCM/Functions committee meeting on February 20, was pretty interesting and productive. Again, I was pleased and grateful that so many DCMs and Alt DCMs attended. The following districts were represented by your DCM and/or Alt DCM: Districts 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, and 20.

Sally K, A48 Grapevine/La Viña (GV/LV) chair opened our meeting asking that Districts try to fill the very important position of District GV/LV chair. She suggested asking GSRs to ask a group member to act as the GV Rep for his/her home group. If you are interested, reach out to your DCM.

Kate O, A48 Alt Treasurer, brought all attendees up to date on the tri-fold A48 "meeting lists".

As is our new custom, D7 DCM provided us with a short presentation of Tradition 2 and Concept 2. He stressed the importance of the spirituality involved in a homegroup's conscience and in the spiritual value of rotation of service. As it is said, "You can't fill a filled position!"

All those present shared a brief overview of the state of his/her district. Then three of the DCMs shared some specific situations happening in the respective districts. Some related to the Traditions, singleness of purpose, affiliation and outside issues. Another spoke to the idea of "transparency", beginning with financial transparency. Do you know where your contributions are going? Are they going down the service structure to district, area and GSO? Ask your DCM for that information. After all, it's your contribution.

DCMs were reminded that each cluster has a scholarship/stipend for anyone who is interested in attending an "away" service event. The next event is the NYS Informational Workshop (NYSIW) which is being hosted by Area 49 SENY (Southeastern NY) in late July/early August. If you are interested, please let your DCM know as soon as possible.

Don't forget, March 19th the Eastern cluster is hosting a virtual Delegate's Day of Sharing. Zoom ID 810 2362 1949, Passcode: Delshare.

On April 9th the Western cluster will host a virtual Fellowship Day. Check out the agenda on the A48 website. ID: 89908547152 PC: Fellowship

Please encourage your DCMs, Alt DCMs and Functions Chairs to attend our monthly meetings: Third Sunday of each month. (March 20) 6 PM. Zoom ID 952 7302 1180, Passcode: DCMfun

I hope to see you all on March 19th. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Dolores K.
Area 48 Alternate Chair
althmbchair@aahmbny.org

Bridging the Gap Chair Report

Hi Everyone,

My name is Damian and I am the new Area 48 BTG Chair; I was previously the District 5 BTG Chair. We will be having regular zoom meetings usually the first Thursday of each month- my schedule permitting. I will email as a reminder several days prior. All are welcome.

If you are a BTG District Chair and have not heard from me- it means I do not have your email. Please contact me by emailing me at BTG@aahmbny.org.

DEFINITION: "Bridging the Gap" is a commonly adopted name for committees around the country that provide a Temporary Contact Service, for alcoholics who have gotten sober in an environment of confinement and are being released. This service is performed in accordance with "Temporary Contact Guidelines."

PURPOSE: The purpose of the "Bridging the Gap" committee is to establish and maintain a network of A.A. volunteers who will accept the responsibility of making initial contact with a person requesting an introduction to Alcoholics Anonymous when he or she leaves a facility of confinement or recovery. That facility may be a detox center, hospital, treatment center, jail, or prison. The A.A Volunteer will give that person an immediate introduction to local meetings in their area of residence.

Update:

I am looking into possibly changing the process to one that does not involve the transition of this information by way of emailing/scanning paper forms. I have reached out to other Areas to learn of any best practices. In the interim, continue to follow the process outlined on the Area 48 website https://aahmbny.org/btg/. It's easier to have the facility or member fill out the form directly on the website link. That completed form comes to me directly and I will work on getting that electronic form to the proper District. There is also a BTG information form with a QR code that automatically brings the person to the Area BTG website.

Grateful,

Damian
btg@aahmbny.org

Chair / Alt Delegate Report

Hi all, changes are coming.

I attended my first in-person event, NERAASA 2022. It's hard to explain how thrilling it was to be around so many service enthusiasts. On the other hand how easily I forget the difficulties we have been through these past couple of years, my built-in forgetter.

I hope to see you all on our Day of Sharing 3/19/22, our amazing Delegate needs your feedback. If you can't be there please go to the website to fill out the delegates questionnaire.

Look here in the Newsletter and on our website for flyers listing upcoming events in April and May, our Area Assembly on May 5/14/22 will be our first attempt at a hybrid event. Exciting times!!!

Yours In Service,

Guy K.
Area 48 Chair/Alt Delegate
hmbchair@aahmbny.org

Alternate Treasurer Report

Greetings Area 48 fellowship! The days are getting longer and warmer. Looking forward to springtime!

Update on meeting schedule tri-fold pamphlets: The Area has printed 20,000 tri-fold pamphlets and has distributed them to Area chairs (500 each), District DCMs (400 each) and the Capital District central office (CDCO). Groups, if you need a supply please contact your district's DCM. Area and District committees, if you need more pamphlets, we have a surplus, so please reach out to me if you need more at alttreasurer@aahmbny.org.

These pamphlets are an awesome way to carry the message to the newcomer - so keep some handy - you never know when you will meet up with a still sick and suffering alcoholic. Obtain a supply for your group and distribute at your in-person meetings.

The pamphlets are also a cost-effective way to let the public know that Alcoholics Anonymous in Northeastern New York Area 48 is here to help. The pamphlets can be distributed in public locations, such as libraries, schools and colleges, doctors and lawyers offices, detox and treatment centers - you get the idea. Get involved in your group or district or area committees and see how you can help distribute these pamphlets to help carry the message.

The pamphlets can also be freely viewed and printed from the PDF file which is located on the aahmbny.org website main menu under "Meetings/Hotlines" and also under "For the AA member".

Love and service,

Kate O.
Area 48 Alternate Treasurer
alttreasurer@aahmbny.org

Treasury Report

Area 48 NENY Monthly Treasury Report February 2022 - Unapproved	
Beginning Balance	**$33,505.11**
Income	
Area Contributions	
District	$450.00
Group	$2,214.23
Individual	$1.00
Total Income	**$2,665.23**
Expense	
CPC Q1 Allocation	$49.68
Brochures/Mtg. Schedule for Committee Chairs	$750.00
Brochure/Mtg. Schedule Seed Money	$1,567.00
Archive Storage Fees	$80.00
JotForm	$10.26
AirTable	$120.00
PayPal Fees	$3.47
Total Expenses	**$2,580.41**
Net Income	$84.82
Beginning Balance	**$33,505.11**
Ending Balance	**$33,589.93**
Prudent Reserve	-$7,000.00
Available Funds	**$26,589.93**

Prepared by Linda A.
treasurer@aahmbny.org

AA Guidelines: Finance [MG-15]

… "Now where do A.A.'s services - worldwide, area, local - fit into our scheme of things? Why should we provide these functions with money? 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 to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the world service Headquarters [now the General Service Office] to maintain unity and effectiveness all over the globe.

Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion - to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength - and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill."

-Bill W., October 1967 Grapevine

The Website Highlight

Check out the brand-new Delegate's website – The Delegate Connection!

Delegates get a lot of information to pass along to us as well as look for our feedback about what's going on in AA in our Area and this new page is a great spot for members to see what's going on and what's new. From the Area 48 website you can navigate to the Delegate Connection from the main menu. Be sure to check back often for updates.

If you're interested in technology in AA or are looking to have some AA tech questions answered, please join us at the virtual monthly Technology Committee meeting. We meet every month on the third Tuesday at 6pm and all are welcome! Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872, passcode: Techteam48

To get in touch with me for any questions you can email me at: webmaster@aahmbny.org

Matt E, Area 48 Technology Chair

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair Report

The first North America CPC and PI (Public Information) Conference was held on February 12 and 13. A couple of area folks joined and our own Area 48 Peter F. was a panelist. Well done, Peter!

Among the many useful topics covered, Tim C., the Lead of the group, gave a presentation filled with lots of useful info. Click here to access.

It was an impressive event with roughly 150 attendees from across the US, Canada and the UK as well. We learned from current and past Trustees about the importance of CPC and PI work in carrying the message both to the professional community and also to the public at large.

If you are curious about CPC, please check out the CPC homepage on AA.org or our CPC A48 homepage.

If you are interested in learning more about CPC work, please reach out to me at the email address below. Also, we would love to hear from you if you have professionals/professional organizations in your area who would like to learn more about A.A. Happy to respond to any questions you might have and ready to share any information you would find of interest. Or just join us for our next meeting to learn more – no commitment needed!

And do let us know if we can help reach professionals in your community – virtually or in person.

Our next CPC/PI conference call is on Thursday 3/24/22 at 6:30pm. On the phone or the zoom platform, click here to join the Zoom call or log in using this information: Zoom ID 868 7177 3923, passcode: 080625. By phone: 1 (929) 205-6099.

All are welcome, please bring your questions and curiosity.

Yours in Service,

David S.
NENY Area 48 C.P.C. Committee Chair
cpc@aahmbny.org

AA is on LinkedIn!
The C.P.C. desk utilizes LinkedIn to connect with professionals and make A.A. available.

Accessibilities Chair Report

Let's get excited - there is so much to accessibilities! I plan to do a presentation. I also want to do a trifold accessibility pamphlet. Let's get out and check our meeting places for accessibility access, and be mindful of people's needs. Please contact me with questions at accessibility@aahmbny.org.

Brenda O.
Accessibilities Chair

Literature Chair Report

Hello Fellow AA's! Join us at our monthly meeting…. Our joint Literature/GrapeVine Committee meeting is on the 4th Wednesday of each month, please join us! Click here to join. Meeting ID: 885 5335 7701, Passcode: GV/LIT

As the world opens, please consider offering literature at your upcoming real-world events.

We have relaunched the Literature homepage and hope you will come take a look: https://aahmbny.org/literature/

You can find the Big Book, Twelve and Twelve, Daily Reflections, Living Sober and more! All Online….. just go to https://onlineliterature.aa.org/ebooks

And of course, if you need any help or have any questions about literature, please do not hesitate to reach out to literature@aahmbny.org.

In Service,

Allen V.
Area 48 Literature Chair

Grapevine / La Viña Chair Report

I'm so grateful for the chance to go to NERAASA, (NorthEast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) this year. It was great to get back to meeting the other Grapevine/La Viña reps from around the NorthEast Region. Our roundtables were lively with new chairs and seasoned representatives. We also had our newest Grapevine Editor Chris C. in our roundtable discussions. That was an extra treat for us.

I have had a subscription since I first came into A.A., I've given many away to newcomers, left many in Dr. offices, I've fanned them out on the pamphlet tables and bought many books for myself and to give as gifts, but I don't think that I really understood the impact that the Grapevine and La Viña have made around the world over the years since they were first published. Our International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous has a far reach for those in need. Over and over I heard how the

Grapevine / La Viña Chair Report (continued)

Grapevine was there to help our members get sober and then pass it on. A subscription is a great idea for an anniversary gift. Grapevine does not receive group contributions, but is supported entirely through subscription sales and income from the sale of related items.

Today at the AA Grapevine there is the 'Carry the Message Project', where we donate subscriptions to the fund that is monitored by the Grapevine, they have a list and get the subscriptions out to those in need. We can all contribute to this project as a 12 Step tool. Is your district looking for another way to spend its contribution money? How about we include the 'Carry the Message Project'. It is easy to do by going to aagrapevine.org.

Also important is to keep the magazine and books fresh with our stories of experience, strength and hope. The Grapevine reminds me that we all have a story to tell to help the next alcoholic.

I find the website for Grapevine/La Viña easy and fun to use, aagrapevine.org check it out, see what's new or become a group rep to ensure that your group stays informed as to what's new and upcoming. Want to get your story published? This is the place to get it done. Want your homegroup's photo in the magazine? Follow the directions, it is easy to do. Click on the GVR (Grapevine rep) resources tab and get involved. I also learned at NERAASA that the Meeting Guide app can lead us right to the Grapevine website, on the app, scroll down to the bottom and click on the word 'news' and see all that there is to offer us. This app is more than just a meeting finder, it also leads to all of the Grapevine news too, starting with the GVR Resources! The next book is due in April the title is 'Fun in Sobriety'.

Every second Tuesday at 7:00pm (EST) is our virtual Grapevine Story Hour, please join us for our fun in sobriety on the zoom platform. Zoom ID: 834 1851 2300, password is Grapevine.

Every fourth Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm (EST) is our combined Literature and Grapevine virtual conference call. This is open for everyone, committee chairs and interested and the curious. Please come with your questions and curiosity… Zoom ID: 885 5335 7701, password is GV/LIT.

In Service,

Sally K.
Area 48 Grapevine/La Viña
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AA Grapevine Podcast:

The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour

Each week long-time AA members Don and Sam interview a different member about their experience, strength, and hope in a casual "meeting after the meeting" manner.

This podcast is available on podcast platforms or via the player at www.aagrapevine.org/

Treatment Chair Report

The Omicron strain of COVID-19 has diminished. Treatment centers are beginning to contact us to bring AA into their facilities. I would ask treatment chairs to check with treatment centers that have suspended live meetings to see if they can be restarted.

I have received calls or email from treatment centers that are looking for AA meetings. They include:

- Conifer Park
- Oneida Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing
- St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam

Anyone that may be interested in taking ownership of a meeting or being a speaker at a meeting, please send an email to your district treatment chair and copy treatment@aahmbny.org.

I received 500 AA meeting schedules. Would like to see these distributed to treatment centers in Area 48. Send an email to treatment@aahmbny.org, include your mailing address and quantity you would like.

Some of us who have been acting sponsors of facilities may have a long term commitment with facilities which are relationships for many years. It may be also important to look at these commitments and assess whether or not the people in the position need help, or would like to rotate so they don't feel stuck in a service without support. Rotation is very important for many reasons in A.A. Service. For more information about rotations, please see our Document outlining rotation - click here to view.

Events:

Held Area Treatment meeting on February 1st.

Area 48 Treatment Monthly Meeting are on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm Click here to join Zoom Meeting. Meeting ID: 854 3845 5925, Passcode: Tuesday

In Grateful Service,

Norm L.
Area 48 Treatment Chair

Reminder from your Area 48 Registrar

If your personal information has changed (a new service position, email address, mailing address, etc.) **let your District Records Keeper know.** If your District does not have a Records Keeper, contact the Area Registrar: records@aahmbny.org

To update group information or to register a new group, please use the Group Change Form - www.aahmbny.org/new-group-form-group-change-form/

Sue W.
Area 48 Registrar

New Monthly Meeting - Roundtable of Online Districts

In February the DCM of District 25 in Area 72 (Washington State) and District 20 Area 48 (New York… that's US!!!) met and decided to start a new monthly meeting that all AA members are invited to attend!

Roundtable of Online Districts meets via Zoom the third Sunday of every month at 8pm EST

Click here to join the meeting. Zoom ID: 826 6046 3055; Passcode: remoteD

Questions? Contact me….

Cathy P., District 20 DCM
district20dcm@aahmbny.org

Corrections Chair Report

VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS

The month of February was packed with all kinds of activities by various County and NY State facilities. Many of the county facilities have reopened to our volunteers as the pandemic winds down. NOW is the time to sort out who is still available to cover our obligations to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous behind the walls of these institutions. All of our volunteers were contacted by DOCCS coordinators on the 23rd of February asking if they were still available. Many DID NOT reply in the specified time allotted. If any of our District Chairs know who is still willing, please contact me at corrections@aahmbny.org and I can then contact DOOCS to let them know.

Also, there have been conversations that are ongoing with DOCCS personnel and one county facility to find out about how we might be able to offer literature to them through electronic means. All of the DOCCS facilities and many of our County facilities have given incarcerated members access to Tablets. Literature, audio files, etc. can be uploaded to these devices once permission has been granted. I am working closely with these entities to find out if this is possible.

I was able to attend NERAASA again this year. What a blast that was!! The topics centered around Unity, and there were many panels, but the highlights for me were found in the Corrections Roundtables, Friday and Saturday. Many Areas were represented, so we were able to share a lot of information with each other, face to face!!

There is another way for anyone who would be willing to become a "pen pal" with inmates. The explanation and form for CCS, (Corrections Correspondence Service), can be found below.

Our monthly Corrections meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6pm. If you are looking for more information or know of anyone who would like to be a part of this VERY rewarding work, click here to join us on March 16. Meeting ID: 867 1213 3948, passcode: A48Correct

In service,

Tom C.
AA Area 48 Corrections Chair
corrections@aahmbny.org

Corrections Correspondence:

A Special Kind of AA Service

We are in need of A.A. members on the "outside" to correspond with A.A. members in correctional facilities across the U.S. and Canada. Having prison experience is not a prerequisite - sobriety in A.A. is. Inmates are more interested in learning how we got and stayed sober through A.A.'s Twelve Steps, rather than hearing about time we may have spent in prison. It is suggested that men correspond with men and women with women.

Currently, we receive more requests from male inmates than female inmates, and we appreciate your response, which will help us to reduce the waiting list. If you would like to share your experience, strength and hope with A.A.s who are confined, please mail the tear-off form to G.S.O.'s Corrections Desk, or email the information to corrections@aa.org. (You can also access the form on the Corrections Committee page on our website at aa.org.) The name of an inmate, selected at random from a geographic region different from your own, will be sent to you from the General Service Office and you will make the initial contact through the mail.

Those who have participated in this service have found sharing with inmates a very gratifying form of Twelfth Step work. We are happy to know there are A.A. members like you willing to help make it possible for the A.A. message to be carried to those on the "inside".

CORRESPONDENCE FORM — for Outside A.A. Members Only CCS-3

PLEASE PRINT - Return to address below

I am a ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE How many inmates are you able to write to?: _____

I can correspond in ☐ English ☐ French ☐ Spanish ☐ Other language _____

Name: _____ **Phone (office use only):** _____
(First and Last)

Address: _____ **Email (office use only):** _____
(P.O. Box or Street Address, City, State or Province, Postal or Zip Code)

THREE WAYS TO RETURN THIS FORM TO G.S.O:

Email: corrections@aa.org

Please download and save this form to your computer. Complete the requested information and save. You can then email the form to corrections@aa.org, or mail it to the attention of the Corrections Assignment, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163 or fax it to (212) 870-3003. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Postal Mail to:

A.A. World Services, Inc.
Grand Central Station P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163

By Fax: 212-870-3003 (Attn: Corrections)

This Month in AA History....

March 1, 1941 - Publication of "Alcoholics Anonymous" by Jack Alexander in the Saturday Evening Post marked a milestone in the history of this Fellowship. Although one national article had been published previously, the Post report on the handful of people who had achieved sobriety through A.A. was largely responsible for the surge of interest that established the Society on a national and international basis.

- P12: "The Jack Alexander Article about AA"

"Three men sat around the bed of an alcoholic patient in the psychopathic ward of Philadelphia General Hospital one afternoon a few weeks ago. The man in the bed, who was a complete stranger to them, had the drawn and slightly stupid look that inebriates get while being defogged after a bender. The only thing that was noteworthy about the callers, except for the obvious contrast between their well-groomed appearances and that of the Patient, was the fact that each had been through the defogging process many times himself. They were members of Alcoholics Anonymous, a band of ex-problem drinkers who make an avocation of helping other alcoholics to beat the liquor habit."

-Read the full article at bit.ly/JackAA

We Are Not a Glum Lot

AA Trivia!

What was Bill Wilson's first drink?

A. Bronx Cocktail
B. Sidecar
C. Bathtub gin
D. Whiskey & milk

What year was the first AA meeting in Japan?

A. 2001
B. 1987
C. 1948
D. 1939

Rowland Hazard died sober.

A. True
B. False

Caption This:

Trivia answers & caption submissions will be in the April 2022 edition of the newsletter!

February Trivia Answers:

What type of medicine did Dr. Bob practice?

A. Proctology

Which AA cofounder had tattoos?

B. Dr. Bob

"...and when Bob appeared in his bathing suit, we saw he was gloriously tattooed on his chest and both arms, with rather intriguing figures and snakes and so forth."

-Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers p.298

What was the original title of *As Bill Sees It*?

C. The AA Way of Life

Thanks to Sue W. for the caption!

That's not what is meant by "entire psychic change" and you know it! Stop scaring the newcomers!

What's Happening?

Area 48

- Day of Sharing with Your Delegate | **Saturday, March 19** @ 9:30am - 3pm
- Fellowship Day | **Saturday, April 9** @ 9am - 3pm
- May Voting Assembly | **Saturday, May 14** @ 10am - 3pm | ***This is a hybrid event!*** *Join us:*
  - In person: Reservoir Methodist Church, 3056 NY-28 Shokan, NY
  - Online: Zoom ID 892 5188 8405, Passcode Voice2vote

Area 48 Recurring Events

- GSR (General Service Representative) Forum | **1st Sundays** @ 7pm
  Open to any member of AA! You do not have to be a GSR or a member of Area 48 to attend.
- Monthly Check-in | **1st Wednesdays** @ 6:30pm
- Grapevine Story Hour | **2nd Tuesdays** @ 7pm
- Your Delegate Connection | **last Mondays** @ 7pm

Area 48 Committee Meetings

- Accessibilities | 2nd Sundays @ 2pm | ID: 459 479 4411, Passcode: 731508
- Bridging the Gap (BTG) | 1st Thursdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 861 6963 8196, Passcode: 741803
- Corrections | 3rd Wednesdays @ 6pm | 867 1213 3948, Passcode: A48Correct
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) & PI (Public Information) | 4th Thursdays @ 6:30pm | 868 7177 3923, Passcode: 080625
- DCMs & Alt DCMs | 3rd Sundays @ 6pm | ID: 952 7302 1180, Passcode: DCMfun
- Grapevine & Literature | 4th Wednesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 885 5335 7701, Passcode: GV/LIT
- Inclusivity | 2nd Thursdays @ 6pm | ID: 822 5687 7420, Passcode: 353180
- Technology | 3rd Tuesdays @ 6pm | 829 5229 5872, Passcode: Techteam48
- Treatment | 1st Tuesdays @ 6pm | 812 2153 8564

Click here for the full 2022 Area 48 Calendar

Outside the Area

- SENY (Southeast New York) Area 49 Convention | **April 1 - 3** | Tarrytown, NY
- ESCYPAA Midyear Event | **Saturday, June 18** | Ithaca, NY
- ESCYPAA VIII (Empire State Convention of Young People in AA) Convention | **October 28 - 30**

Want your event included in the newsletter & on the Area 48 website?
Send it to newsletter@aahmbny.org & webmaster@aahmbny.org.

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Day of sharing with your Delegate

COME JOIN US!

SATURDAY MARCH 19TH 2022

TIME:
9:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

ZOOM ID:
810 2362 1959

PASSCODE:
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AGENDA

9:30 AM: MEET & GREET
10:00 AM: AREA BUSINESS
10:15 AM: AGENDA ITEM PANEL PRESENTATIONS
11:45 AM: LUNCH
12:15 PM: BREAK OUT ROOM DISCUSSIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS
1:45 PM: REPORT BACKS & OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION
3:00 PM: CLOSE

ITEM A: NEW CPC PAMPLET
ITEM D: SAFETY LANGUAGE
ITEM E: RESTORING OMITTED PARAGRAPHS
ITEM F: ANONYMITY ON SOCIAL MEDIA
ITEM M: REMOVE “NO ONE HAS EVER DIED OF LACK OF SLEEP” FROM LIVING SOBER
MUCH MORE TO BE DISCUSSED

Area 48 Fellowship Day

April 9th 2022

9AM – 3PM

Agenda for Fellowship Day 4/9/22
Hosted by District 9 & 12

9:30am - 10:am Meet and Greet

10:00am - 12:00pm 1- Service Panel: 4th Tradition
2- Service Panel: 2nd tradition

12:00pm - 12:30pm Lunch

12:30pm - 2:00pm Area Officers and Chair Reports

2:00pm - 3:00pm Question and Answer

Zoom Id: 899 0854 7152
Pass Code: Fellowship

Area 48 NENY

May Voting Assembly

Saturday May 14

10am—3pm

This is a hybrid meeting!

Please join us

via zoom or in person

Zoom ID: 892 5188 8405 Passcode: Voice2vote Click here to join the Zoom meeting	Reservoir Methodist Church 3056 NY-28 Shokan, NY 12481

ESCYPAA
Advisory
Presents:

MID YEAR 2022

JUNE

18th at

12:00 PM

TAUGHHANOOCK PARK
CENTRAL SHELTER
1740 TAUGHANNOCK BLVD.
TRUMANSBURG, NY 14886

$9 PER CAR FOR PARKING
PICNIC LUNCH AT NOON,
BRING A DESSERT OR DISH TO PASS IF YOU WANT
GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP FROM 1 - 3PM
SPEAKER MEETING AT 3PM

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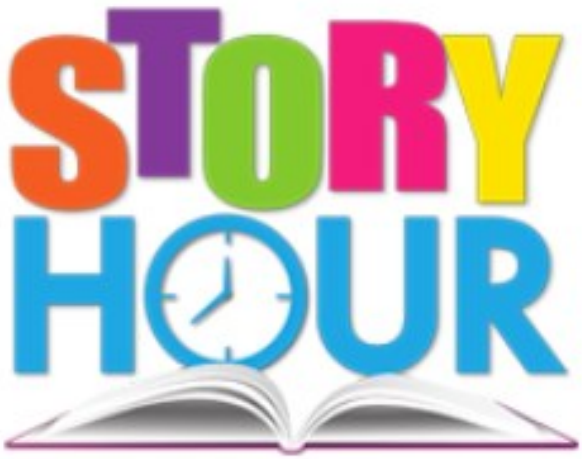
AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

VIRTUAL MONTHLY GRAPEVINE READING & DISCUSSION



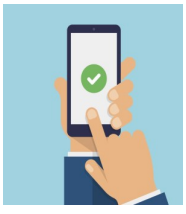
Tuesdays

(second Tues. of each month)

7:00-8:00pm

(eastern)

Get in your PJs, your fluffy slippers, and cozy blanket, have your popcorn ready, and enjoy a bedtime story!



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PASSCODE: Grapevine

Please do not post to general public

Contact: grapevine@aahmbny.org

YOUR DELEGATE CONNECTION

YOU ARE INVITED TO CONNECT WITH YOUR AREA 48 PANEL 72 DELEGATE - TAMMIE E.

- GET THE LATEST AND GREATEST NEWS AS IT COMES HOT OFF THE PRESS FROM GSO
- ASK QUESTIONS
- LEARN MORE ABOUT GENERAL SERVICE
- SHARE YOUR CONSCIENCE - INDIVIDUAL, GROUP OR DISTRICT ON WHAT'S HAPPENING WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP

THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:00 PM*

*Some dates may be affected by conferences and holidays.
Those date changes will be announced in advance.

Join Virtual Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82415075353?pwd=OWFrbjNpTFgrZVZPcUk5WHZ2L1lQdz09

Meeting ID: 824 1507 5353
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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

This will be an informal chat session with individual participation encouraged

When logging in, please identify yourself by first name, last initial, and fellowship affiliation (service position, district, and/or home group)

You are also welcome at any time to contact me at:
panel72delegate@aahmbny.org