Happy Joyous & Free
Area 48 Newsletter

March 2024

Welcome to March! The days are getting a little longer, and hopefully the temperatures a little warmer. I love the seasons of New York, they make each successive one a wonderful, ever changing gift. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful place!

We are just back from another inspiring NERAASA! What a great weekend, sharing ideas, hearing a variety of experience, strength and hope from AA's, coming from all over our North East Region. It was good to meet some of you there, if you ever get a chance to go, I highly recommend it. I always leave this event with a renewed sense of purpose, new ideas, relevant information and a full cup of gratitude for our fellowship. See my note on my NERAASA experience in the newsletter.

Next up is our hybrid Delegates Day of Sharing, join us in Glen Falls or on Zoom, to hear our Panel 74 Delegate Guy K. talk about the upcoming General Service Conference, in NYC in April. Guy will be presenting the Conference Agenda Items, and we will have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions. A big Thank You to the Adirondack Cluster for hosting this event.

Area 48 has found a Chairperson for the Corrections Committee! Theresa M. From D14 has graciously stepped up to assume the position. Way to go Theresa!

Check out the Flyers for ongoing and upcoming events, and some important communications from GSO included in this issue, **starting on p.19**.

Love and Service,

Allen V.
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CHAIR REPORTS

Get the latest news on what's happening in NENY from your Area Committee Chairs

UPCOMING EVENTS

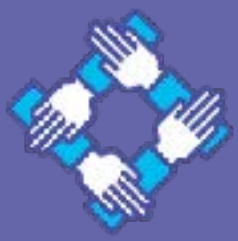
Check out all the fliers at the end for the many upcoming events!

PRINCIPLES OF THE MONTH

Inspiration!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Area 48 NENY



Fellowship Day
April 20 Central Cluster (D4)

Delegates Day of Sharing
March 16
Hybrid ADK

Principles of the Month | March

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

Tradition #3 Long Form: "Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity"

Tradition #3 Short Form: "The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking"

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

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as those who likely will not make it?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately or publicly do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or not?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, sexual identity or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity, 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. 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 they do for a living? Where they live? What their domestic arrangements are? Whether they have been to AA before? What their other problems are?

Concept #3 Long Form: "Every trusted servant and every A.A. entity – at all levels of service – has the right "to decide how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises"

Concept #3 Short Form: "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]*:

- **Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision"? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we "instruct"?**
- **Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?**

Delegate Report

Hi all, glad you are looking at our newsletter. Thanks Allen for putting all this information together! I find it hard to believe it is only February and many of us will be heading to NERAASA in the next few days. It seems with all the meetings I've had and all the information I've received that it feels much longer. My world just seems to get bigger and better. It is so amazing to see the dedication of our trusted servants with the effort and time put into carrying our message.

The Agenda Items for the 2024 Conference have been posted; you can find them on our website nenyaa.org. I just received most of the background information and will have that posted soon. We will be discussing these at NERAASA, the Delegates Connection, Area CheckIn, and the Delegates Day of Sharing 3/16/24.

NERAASA 2025 will be hosted by Area 45. It will be online only. The Northeast Region tried it's best to hold it in person but time restraints and accommodations unavailability left no other options than an online event.

As always thank you for this opportunity to serve. I am always available for conversations at panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

Yours in Service A48 Delegate P74
Guy K

panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

Chair / Alternate Delegate Report

What a week-end!

Well, I just returned home after another amazing NERAASA (Northeastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) in Hershey, PA. And, yes- it was the sweetest NERAASA ever!

If you have never attended a NERAASA, try to make every attempt to attend soon. The purpose of NERAASA is for General Service Representatives (GSR's), District CommitteeMembers (DCM's), Area Officers, Area Committee Members, District Committee Members, andIntergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General ServiceConference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the areas of the Northeast Region. The attendance at this event was over 1300, which included AA members in the Northeast region, from Maine to Pennsylvania and down to Washington, DC. I was so proud and grateful to see almost every one of your Area's Officers and Committee chairs in attendance, as well as many DCMs and GSRs from every district. We are so lucky to have trusted servants who are willing to take their responsibility to their groups, their districts, the Area and to AA seriously and demonstrating their willingness to take action. I thank you all so much.

Area 48 hosted the second monthly Area 48 Check-in on the first Wednesday of February (ID349408103 PW: A48CheckIn). The Area Check-in is an opportunity to hear what is happening in each of the service committees in our Area. All are invited. This month's meeting allowed us to meet with and hear from most of the members of the Panel 74 team and to hear their thoughts on their specific service commitments and to inform groups how they can participate in each committee. It's a valuable venue for GSRs and DCMs to ask specific service committee questions and get some accurate answers. The next Area Check-in will be held WednesdayMarch 6 at 7 PM.

The second GSR Forum was held on Sunday 2/4 at 6:30 PM. (ID 870 0168 1934 PC: gsr).GSRs and any other interested AA member are invited to participate monthly in this opportunity to acquire information and to ask

questions and share experience with other new and experienced GSRs. We are in this together. Approximately 15 GSRs attended our meeting. This past month's mini presentation focused on "Giving Reports to your Home Group, at District and to Area." Based on feedback, I believe your GSRs will be better able to transmit information more effectively to you and from you.

I want to specifically thank the GSRs from the following groups:

Big Book Step Study- D13
Cooperstown 5th Tradition- D20
Champlain North- D10
Conscious Contact- D1
Root and Branch- D1
Lunch Bunch- D8
Live and Let Live- D17
Serenity Sisters- D8
Big Book Fri PM- D14
Woodstock Women – D16
Albany West End- D1

The next GSR Forum will be March 3@6:30. The focus this month will be the Delegate's Day of Sharing which will be occurring March 16 in Glens Falls. We will be discussing and learning how to decipher the Conference agenda items so your GSRs will be able to present them to their home groups clearly and confidently. In turn, they will be able to bring YOUR voices back to our Delegate so he can determine Area 48's Group Conscience. Please encourage your GSR to attend this month's Forum. You deserve and have a say in the decisions being discussed at the Conference. This will happen only if your group's trusted servant brings your group's conscience to the Area.

"Service without sacrifice has little spiritual value." Thank you for your service.

Dolores K NENY Area 48 Chair/ Alt Delegate

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Alt Chair Report

Wow! So many DCMs and/or Alt DCMs were present for our Functions Committee Meeting this month. **Thank you to Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20!** Also, thank you to David P., District 14 DCM, for your topic of Concept 2.

All DCMs received the Conference Approved Agenda items. Everyone is anticipating Delegate's Day of Sharing and anxious to hear from our Delegate.

We will start working on next year's Area 48 Events Calendar in March. Stay tuned for more info!

As I already had a trip planned, I am sorry that I didn't see all of you at NERASSA. I can't wait to hear from the DCMs who have never attended before.

We are set for Delegate's Day of Sharing and look forwarding to see you or meeting you for the first time.

If you want to join the DCMs/Functions Committee, we would love to have you! We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 pm.

Meeting ID: 952 7302 1180 Passcode: DCMfun

Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

Cathy P.
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The AA General Service Conference Agenda for 2024

In April, Delegates representing AA Areas from around the country will be assembling in New York City to make recommendations on various agenda items. These items are submitted from around the country and are submitted by AA Areas, Districts, Groups and individual members. There will be a Delegate's Questionnaire about the Agenda items being considered, which will be released on March 16, 2024. All individuals, groups and districts can complete the survey. Our AA Delegate for Area48 will bring the survey responses to the General Service Conference in April.

This Month in AA History….

March 1939 The (Big Book) manuscript review copies were returned. The original text made frequent use of the words "you" and "your." A Montclair, NJ psychiatrist named "Dr Howard" (a possible pseudonym) suggested toning down the use of "you must" changing it to "we ought" or "we should." Drs Silkworth and Tiebout offered similar advice. In a May 1955 Grapevine article titled "How AA's World Services Grew, Part I" Bill described the entire book writing project as one where fierce arguments over the drafts, and what ought to go into them, dominated activities for months on end. Over time he became much more of an umpire than author. Bill later wrote that that Akron provided "nothing but the warmest support" but in NY, the book chapters went through a "real mauling" and retyped over and over- "A Narrative Timeline of AA History"

Bridging The Gap Needs You!

Bridging The Gap helps AA members inside a treatment center or correctional facility go right to an AA meeting as soon as they get out. We need help from you to make this work. We need volunteers to bring those members to meetings.

We also really need people to inform those working in the facilities about Bridging TheGap. If they don't know it exists, or don't understand what it means, they can't tell our members about it.

If you'd like to help with this, we'd love to have you! Please join us at our monthly committee meetings.

7:00 pm EST every second Wednesday of the month. (Yes, we will be meeting on Valentine's Day).

Meeting ID: 861 6963 8196 Passcode: 741803

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86169638196?pwd=NXk1cWkvby93ZzEyRzVuZVNwdVY3dz09

If you forget, it's also on the area website under Meetings, Area 48 Virtual Meeting Calendar.

Sue W.
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Bridging The Gap Chair
Area 48 • Northeast New York

Public Information Report

My name is Amy M and I have been elected and begun serving as the new Area48 Public Information Chairperson.

My most recent service position was as DCM of District 10 which comprisesPlattsburgh, Elizabethtown, and Saranac Lake NY.

I am humbled and very grateful to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity at Area.

I recently returned from another successful NERAASA in Hershey, PA! What a beautiful event. My heart is always full after attending these regional conferences and this was my 5th In-Person NERAASA. I love traveling and meeting new AA's who are just as excited about and devoted to service to this program.
I attended many panels and the roundtables; learned about so many new ideas that can be applied to this service position and I am excited to start implementing some of them in our area.

I would like to extend an invitation to all those serving with Public Information (PI) or Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) throughout our area to attend our monthly PI/CPC zoom call which is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. All AA members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
This is a place for us to share ideas and to help each other in carrying the message of our AA program to the public (media, schools, organizations,etc)

PI/CPC Zoom Call Meeting ID 868 7177 3923 Passcode: 080625
My contact information is PI@nenyaa.org. If you have any questions or ideas to share please feel free to reach out to me!
Yours in service
Amy M
Area 48 PI Chair

Treatment Report

Greetings everyone,

Happy March!

NERAASA was absolutely fantastic! I had the pleasure of participating in the round table for Treatment/Bridging the Gap, and let me tell you, it was enlightening. Towards the end of the second day, I had a wonderful conversation with Sue, our Bridging the Gap Area Chair. Inspired by the discussions during the round tables, we've decided to merge the Treatment monthly meeting into the BTG Meeting. Mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM! And to all the DCMs out there, please encourage your District Treatment Chairs (and Bridging the Gap Chairs) to join us.

Moreover, I'm committed to attending each District's business meeting to catch up, share the invaluable insights I gained at NERAASA, and kickstart the process of creating a comprehensive master list/calendar. This list will detail who is bringing meetings into Treatment Centers, when, and where they're happening. On top of that, I've received the new Tri-Folds for 2024. CDCO, SPARC Guilderland, SPARC Rotterdam, and Four Winds have all ordered their copies, and our Alt-Treasurer has made sure they've been delivered promptly.

Remember, I'm here for you all. Whether you need support in your service or have any burning questions, don't hesitate to reach out. My virtual door is always open.

Cheers to a warmer month ahead!

In Love and Service,

Liz C.
Treatment Chair
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Accessibility Report

Hi everyone,

I've had the pleasure of getting to know a lot of our accessibility chairs this month. We plan on working on getting into the nursing homes in our area . We also are looking at accessibility into district meeting s , area meetings etc... also looking at people to offer at each meeting to help out if someone needs to bring their child.

If anyone has a accessibility need or any questions please let me know. You can reach me at accessibility@nenyaa.org.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Thank you
Yours in service
Chrissy O

Note from The Editor

I want to share my NERAASA experience with you. A really sweet NERAASA, held in Hershey, PA (yes there was much chocolate!!). Area 59 did a fantastic job hosting, and we were treated to so much great information, many thought provoking panels, and helpful round tables. I attended the Newsletter roundtables and came away with some great ideas that we will be implementing in future issues. One of my personal highlights was realizing how progressive Area 48 is. We are one of the few Area's that not only have a Virtual District (20), but are also is committed to holding all Hybrid area events. And if you remember, we even hosted a hybrid NERAASA last year! So proud to be part of NENY Area 48.
It's always great to meet fellow AA's from the region, and I never fail to be totally inspired with the spirit of love and service. I highly recommend you check out a NERAASA at least once in your life, you won'r regret it!

Allen V.

Literature Report

Book Nerds Welcome!!! Come read Literature with me!! Had an amazing time at “The sweetest NERAASA “. Still spinning on all the informationand sugar. I got some great ideas from the Literature Roundtables. Can’t wait to seewhat works in Area 48.Please join The Grapevine/La Vina Literature Monthly Committee meeting to stay up todate with all the newest information, get your questions answered and fellowship withother members of AA. We meet monthly on the 3 rd Thursday at 6:30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84064855953?pwd=Lzl2ZUxFaU9qQndTZmpQaU83Q2RQUT09 Meeting ID: 840 6485 5953 Passcode: 394275

***Do you think you are different??? If so then GSO is looking for your story!!

Submissions for the Do You Think You Are Different pamphlet are due April 30 th 2024.

***Deadline Extended to April 30 th 2024 for story submissions for the pamphlet, AA for the Native North American Alcoholic. Check out all the details on the NENY Literature homepage at https://nenyaa.org/literature/

Feel free to email if you have any questions or need any help with literature atliterature@nenyaa.org

Yours in Service

Lindsey B
literature@nenyaa.org

From our neighbors to the South, Area 49: It has come to my attention that many of you don’t know we have a monthly area newsletter or how to obtain it. I’m attaching a copy of our February newsletter The Link here. I encourage you to check it out!
Paola A.
she/her

Treasurer Report- January 2024

NENY Area 48 Monthly Treasury Report January 2024 - Unapproved	
Beginning Balance	**$21,620.92**
Income	
Area Contributions	
Group	$4,271.42
Seed Money Returned	
NENY 2023 Convention	$2,000.00
7th Tradition Orientation Day	$14.41
Total Income	**$6,285.83**
Expense	
Delegate - 1st Half Allocation	$2,500.00
Chair - 1st Half Allocation	$2,000.00
Alternate Chair	$30.30
Treasurer	$240.78
Newsletter Editor	$52.37
Public Information	$175.50
Travel Expense to Area Event	$31.50
GSB Conference Fee	$3,400.00
Orientation Day	$733.64
Archive Storage Fees	$90.00
JotForm	$26.46
AirTable	$126.00
Digital Ocean	$6.00
PDF Embedder	$48.00
SiteGround	$59.88
Prior Year Expenses	$48.86
PayPal Contribution Fees	$7.17
Total Expenses	**$9,576.46**
Net Income	-$3,290.63
Beginning Balance	**$21,620.92**
Ending Balance	**$18,330.29**
Prudent Reserve	-$7,000.00
Available Funds	**$11,330.29**
Prepared by Linda A. treasurer@nenyaa.org	

Please Note: All checks for Donations are to be made out to-
NENY Area Association.

2023 Year End Treasury Report

NENY Area 48 Year-End Treasury Report Jan-Dec 2023 - Approved	
Beginning Balance	**$37,109.22**
Income	
Area Contributions	40,100.15
Seed Money Returned	2,800.00
Advances Returned	520.00
NENY Convention (2022)	1,881.10
Refund	138.81
Total Income	**$45,440.06**
Expense	
Delegate	4,620.28
Chairperson	3,253.88
Alt. Chair	636.64
Secretary	17.73
Registrar	262.35
Treasurer	1,088.78
Alternate Treasurer	378.91
Accessibility	106.53
Corrections	464.68
Grapevine/La Viña	605.22
Inclusivity	194.07
Literature	661.53
Public Information	653.29
Technology Chair	176.40
Treatment	36.00
Finance Comm. Past Delegate	203.25
Travel Expense to Area Events	153.27
NERAASA	3,197.24
NERF	3,094.59
NYSIW	2,151.99
NENY Convention	3,808.92
Area Funded Scholarships	1,832.00
Area Assemblies (3)	1,934.94
Delegate's Day of Sharing	682.90
Fellowship Days (2)	1,276.85
Joy of Service Day	618.36
Archive Storage Fees	1,050.00
Literature for Area Servants	450.38
Literature for Prisons	1,074.60
GSB - Conference Contribution	3,000.00
GSO - Year End Distribution	5,054.61
GSO - NENY Convention Overage	908.05
NENY Convention Seed Money (2024)	2,500.00
Insurance	681.19
Mail Box Service	330.52
Newsletter Postage	646.82
Newsletter Printing	2,082.20
Tri-Fold Pamphlet Costs	2,250.00
Prior Year Expenses	34.20
Tax Preparation	965.00
Bank Fees	280.70
PayPal Contribution Fees	104.11
Checkbook Adjustment	18.81
NERAASA Allocation Advance	450.00
Hybrid Event Technology	1,143.59
Computers (5)	1,619.95
Zoom	199.90
JotForm	317.52
Winhost/Digital Ocean	120.82
Computer Maintenance	552.81
AirTable	1,474.60
SiteGround/Website Hosting	1,507.38
Total Expenses	**$60,928.36**
Net Income	**-$15,488.30**
Balance	**$21,620.92**
Prudent Reserve	-$7,000.00
Available Funds	**$14,620.92**
Prepared by: Linda A. treasurer@nenyaa.org	

Linda A. - treasurer@nenyaa.org

2023 Area Convention Report

Treasury report- Dave S. Convention Report- Andy P.

Hospitality-Brenda O. Hospitality Chair. Had approximately $800 in contributions, lots of baked goods, strombolis, sausage, pepperoni breads, three chilis and Alanon brought fruit and veggie platters.

Purchased 7 lbs of ham, turkey, American cheese and four pounds of swiss. Along with other goods.

7th Tradition $388. $5 for bottle returns.

Fred spent $682.23 on goods.

Registration – Michelle D.

Virtual Registration – 20

In Person Registrations 223

No shows -26

IN person Walk in Registrations – 40

Total in person attendance over the weekend – 237

Entertainment & Alt Chair – Wants to thank everyone for the last two months of in person / hybrid planning meetings. It was a pleasure working with all the chairs.

Chrissy arranged for a live band for banquet. Friday evening a DJ for dancing. Talent show as well.

Cathy District 20- was this years program chair.

At the follow up meeting with the hotel, Val – sales contact – created a quote in the hotel's database for the first weekend in November in five years. We did look at other event rooms to potentially eliminate the need for event space on multiple floors moving forward.

2023 Area Convention Report

Chair – Andy P. Upon creating the committee we immediately book the location at Delta Mariott, Utica. District 12 put in $500 in seed money to hold the property which we repaid after the event. (Note treasury report) Cindy took on suvineers and was able to work with the vendor on the design. Thom B and Carl B. spearheaded the team of greeters. Chrissy O agreed to be my service sponsor for the event, and also stepped into the role of Alt Chair when my employers demanding scheduled conflicted with the planning meetings. ((A huge thank you to Chrissy))

In the registration packet we sold a pre-paid box lunch. During the event, the kitchen manager offered to put together a simple lunch buffet for an affordable price that also included gratutity. Over 40 people took advantage of the buffet. Several of the box lunches were donated to newcomers.

We learned after the event that a couple of tables received cool meals during the banquet. The culinary team and sales department did ask that we extend their sincere apologies and expressed that if brought to the attention of the banquet captain, it would have been remedied at that moment. They ask everyone to accept their apologies and they look forward to making things perfect next time.

The hotel does have a strict ‘no outside food’ policy. They over looked the outside food by selling us coffee service for the weekend on a per-person basis. The break down of the event cost was rental space, coffee service and the banquet.

This year’s convention was unique in the aspect that one of the districts in our cluster being a virtual district. It was my experience that having the treasurer close to cover deposits was beneficial. Other committees that required extensive computer work were chosen by those that are in the virtual district. Additionally, the other committee chairs have all done their respective chairs at prior events.

I would like to thank Dave S for voluntelling me that I could be the convention chair, as well as Chrissy O for being my service sponsor for this event. This was a humbling and loving experience. I am grateful to have been trusted, and for the amazing attendance.

Andy P., NENY 2023 Convention Chair

Dave Steiner, Treasurer 2023 NENY A48 Convention

2023 HMB Convention			
Income			
Seed Money from Area		**$2,000.00**	
Income By Month	Dec	**$671.00**	
Registrations/Banquets	Jul	**$588.07**	
Scholarship	Aug	**$1,223.27**	
Hospitality	Sept	**$3,170.51**	
	Oct	**$4,543.17**	
	Nov	**$4,179.34**	
	Dec	**$125.87**	
	Jan	**$310.00**	
Total Income		**$16,811.23**	**$16,811.23**
Total Expences			**$16,811.23**
			$0.00
Expenses			
Pins for Delegate		$249.00	
Checks		$48.22	
PO Box Rental		$110.00	
Paper Statement Fees		$27.00	
Stamps		$66.00	
Pins/Bookmarks		$480.00	
Refunds Overpayment for meals		$166.05	
Hotel Costs		$9,205.54	
Refund Seed Money to D-12		$500.00	
Refund Seed Money to Area		$2,000.00	
Glenn K Message CD		$425.00	
Friday Entertainment $100.		$100.00	
Meat Tray/Hospitality Room		$102.32	
Check 588 Change for Cash Box		$429.00	
Additional Pins		$373.50	
Saturday Entertainment		$100.00	
Glenn K Room		$447.00	
Postage to mail pins to Cathy P		$7.49	
Mileage for Ken T.		$233.10	
Postage for Cathy P to mail out Pins		$29.13	
Cash Expenses for Hospitality		$46.87	
1/2 of overage to GSO		$833.00	
1/2 Overage to NENY		$833.01	
		$16,811.23	

Meet Your Trusted Servants, NENY Area 48, Panel 74

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What's Happening in...

Area 48

- Delegate's Day of Sharing | **Saturday, March 16** @ 9am - 3pm
- Fellowship Day | **Saturday, April 20 or 21** @ 9am - 3pm
- May Voting Assembly | **May 18 or 19** *(date to be determined)*

Area 48 Recurring Events

- GSR (General Service Rep) 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)/Treatment | 2nd Wednesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 861 6963 8196, Passcode: 741803
- Corrections | 2nd Fridays @ 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 + Functions 3rd Sundays @ 6pm | ID: 952 7302 1180, Passcode: DCMfun
- Grapevine & Literature | 3rd Thursdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 885 5335 7701, Passcode:394275
- Inclusivity | 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 840 6485 5953, Passcode: 353180
- Technology | 4th Wednesdays @ 7pm | 829 5229 5872, Passcode: Techteam48

Click here for the full 2024 Area 48 Calendar

Outside the Area

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

AREA 48 NENY EVENTS 2024

Date	Event	Host
January 20, 2024	NENY Orientation Day	Hudson Valley Cluster (D17) First Reformed Church 52 Green St Hudson, NY
February 23 -25, 2024	Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)	Hershey, PA
March 8-10, 2024(tentative)	Northeast Regional Delegates' Reunion (NERD)	Area 48 NENY (delegates and past delegates)
March 16 or 17, 2024	NENY Delegate's Day of Sharing (or Fellowship Day)	Adirondack Cluster (D13)
April 20 or 21, 2024	NENY Fellowship Day (or Delegate's Day of Sharing)	Central Cluster (D4)
April, 2024	General Service Conference (for our Delegate only)	NYC
May 18 or 19, 2024	NENY Spring Assembly ****	Eastern Cluster (D18)
June 15 or 16, 2024	NENY Joy of Service Day	Western Cluster (D20)
July/ Aug , 2024	NYS Informational Workshop	Area 47
September 21 or 22, 2024	Fellowship Day	Hudson Valley Cluster (D7)
October 19 or 20, 2024	NENY Fall Assembly****	Adirondack Cluster (D19)
November 1-3, 2024	NENY Convention	Eastern Cluster
November16 or 17, 2024	NENY Inventory Day	Central Cluster (D8)

****. Voting Assembly

Cluster
ADK-D5, D10, D13, D19
Central- D4, D8, D14
Eastern- D1, D2, D18
Western- D9, D12, D20
Hudson Valley- D3,D7, D11,D15, D16, D17

Approved by Functions Committee 7.16.24

7.16.23

Join us for the monthly VIRTUAL

DISTRICT 20 MEETINGS!

All are welcome & encouraged to attend!
Last Tuesday of every month @ 7pm

Zoom ID: 291 297 7780 Passcode: 011023
Questions? OnlineDistrict20@aahmbny.org

AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

VIRTUAL MONTHLY GRAPEVINE READING & DISCUSSION

STORY HOUR

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!

ZOOM ID: 834 1851 2300 | PASSCODE: Grapevine
Click Here to Join the Meeting!
Please do not post to general public Contact:
grapevine@aahmbny.org

Online District Roundtable

Monthly on the Third Sunday

8:00 PM Eastern & 5:00 PM Pacific

Purpose

This is an informal meeting to share ESH with the only other online District in North America! Anyone can attend!

Meeting Info

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82660463055?pwd=dmxLcWpaYjR5MWQ4dEtYeXI2UVhidz09

Meeting ID: 826 6046 3055
Passcode: remoteD

One tap mobile

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Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbz6vqHbyA

Organizer: Cathy P - district20dcm@aahmbny.org

2023/2024 Winter Newsletter

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
BRIDGING THE GAP
TEMPORARY CONTACTS

In Alcoholics Anonymous Treatment and Corrections service, Bridging the Gap programs connect alcoholics leaving Treatment or Correctional facilities with Alcoholics Anonymous in their home communities by providing them with temporary contacts.

Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend events are full weekends focused on sharing our experiences, Bridging the Gap, and developing new ideas that enhance our Service to those requesting temporary contacts.

BTGWW Annual Workshops, Newsletters, and Digital Resource Library are tools that help us learn from each other.

Registration fees ensure BTGWW events remain self-supporting.

This Newsletter is confidential and is for use by members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

BRIDGING THE GAP WORKSHOP WEEKEND 2024
Hosted by Area 40

September 6-8, 2024

Fairbridge Inn & Suites
and
Big Sky Conference Center
Missoula, Montana

See the flyer in this Newsletter.

REGISTER ONLINE AT
WWW.BTGWW.ORG

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NENY—Area 48

Delegate's Day of Sharing

Sat., March 16, 2024

Presented by the Adirondack Cluster

Christ Church United Methodist

54 Bay Street

Glens Falls, NY 12801

or Join Hybrid Meeting

Meeting ID: 861 5620 0685 Passcode: DelShare48

Tentative Agenda

9:00 am	Meet & Greet
9:30 am	Area 48 Officer Reports
10:15 am	Presentation of Agenda Items
12 noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Breakout Groups, Report Backs, Discussion of Agenda Items
2:45pm	Convention Update, Announcements
3:00 pm	Closing

For more info, contact: altnenychair@nenyaa.org

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February 7, 2024

A TENTH STEP FROM THE TRUSTEES' LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We appreciate and thank all who took the time to discuss the "proposed" questions and provided sharing. However, we realize that for the vast majority, our correspondence was unclear as to its intent and that caused confusion. We apologize for this confusion.

The November 13, 2023, correspondence enclosing "proposed" questions was not intended to be a "survey." Instead, we hoped the questions would spark discussions at the local level. And that the local sharing would be provided to the Area Delegates.

However, in a subsequent meeting with the delegates, it was stated that the sharing could be forwarded to the General Service Office. As a result, many in the Fellowship sent us individual letters relating their viewpoints on the matter.

We realize now that this invitation confused matters and inadvertently circumvented the Conference process wherein the Area Delegates bring to the Conference the sense of their respective Areas.

We have gathered the sharing received and will provide this sharing to the regional trustees who will in turn distribute to the Delegates in their Region. You may be interested to know that there is a sharing session planned for this year's General Service Conference on this very topic – "How Should We Treat Writings by A.A.'s Founders." To be clear, this is just a sharing session – not a voting or policy making discussion.

While we admittedly missed the mark with the November 13 correspondence, one silver lining is that members are discussing this important subject. We hope you continue to discuss in your local areas and connect with your Area Delegate. For more information about the Conference process and how we work together "to help the alcoholic who still suffers," you may want to access the pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service" https://www.aa.org/circles-love-and-service.

With gratitude for your service and participation.

The Trustees' Literature Committee (2023-2024)

From GSO:

Greetings,
The A.A. World Services Board met on December 8, 2023. Please click the link below to view the meeting highlights.

AAWS December 2023 Highlights

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STORY SOLICITATION

"A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic," Pamphlet Update

Deadline for submissions: April 30, 2024.
Submit your story form:
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/cef87490c3ae4c3b9e6e50ce9eb33b24

The trustees' Literature Committee has opened a call for recovery stories in response to the 2021 General Service Conference advisory action regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic," stating that the pamphlet be updated to include current stories of recovery and a new title that is respectful and inclusive. The committee is seeking stories of recovery from all Indigenous communities in the A.A. structure in the United States and Canada.

Stories of recovery may include but are not limited to:

- Experience, Strength, and Hope
- Steps, Traditions, Concepts
- Ethnic, cultural, gender and LGBTQ diversity
- Diversity of social status
- Sponsorship
- A.A. Service
- Safety & Racism
- Military
- Sobriety and Mental Health
- Experience in A.A. meetings
- Atheist/Agnostics
- Newcomer Experiences
- Cultural Reconnection

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-1,000 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 8 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of your manuscript. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:
Deadline: Please submit on or before **April 30, 2024.**
Submit Your Story Form:
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/cef87490c3ae4c3b9e6e50ce9eb33b24
Email: pamphletstories@aa.org
Subject Line: A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic
Postal Mail: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
On the envelope: The word "Pamphlet" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.
Thank you for your participation in the process!

Grapevine Price Announcement-

Click here for the entire message.

From Area 49 SENY

Connecting with Love, Unity & Service

2024 AREA 49
56TH SENY CONVENTION
March 15-17, 2024

Meetings will be in a Webinar format (Not interactive)
Spanish and ASL Interpretation available

March 15th-Friday

Kickoff Meeting	5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Welcome Meeting	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

March 16th-Saturday

YPAA	10:15 am – 11:05 am
Old Timers Meeting (25 years +)	1:00 pm – 2:15 pm
How do we connect through Love, Unity, & Service?	2:30 pm – 3:45 pm
Theme Meeting	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Banquet Meeting	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

March 17th- Sunday

Spiritual Meeting	10:30 am-11:30 am

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OR
Register at aaseny.org
Fee is $27.00

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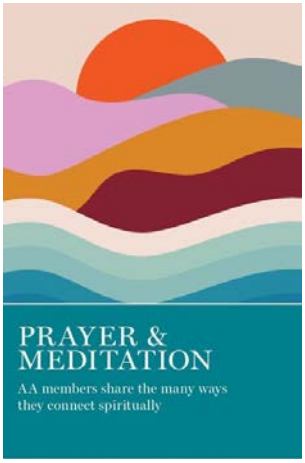

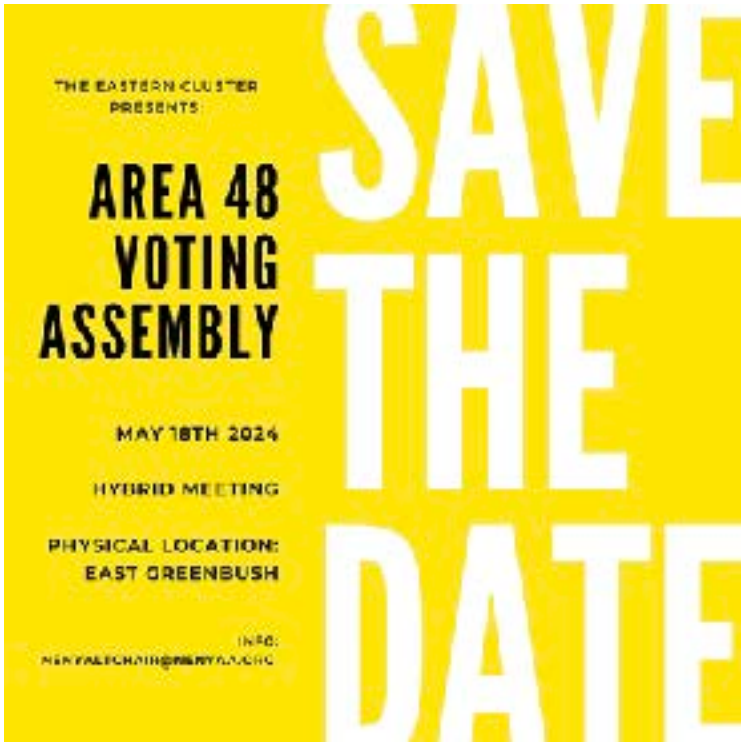

District 4 is looking for any members interested in service, business meeting is second Monday of the month, 7pm,

218 Kingsboro Ave,

Gloversville NY

Save The Date!!!
Fellowship Day, April 20th, Second Presbyterian Church, 25 Church St, Amsterdam, NY

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83718733229?pwd=OEhDbDRMdDFjL3hGUjA0N0V2aFQ5UT09

Meeting ID: 837 1873 3229
Passcode: 141307

McKownville Beginners Anniversary Party!!!!

Please join us to celebrate our group's anniversary!!

Pizza, Snacks and Refreshments
When? 6PM Thursday, March 14th
Where? 1565 Western Ave

Speaker meeting @ 7:30Pm
Food, Fellowship and Fun!!!

Hold the date:
Saturday, March 23, 2024

Area 48, District 2
Town Hall Meeting

9 a.m - 12:30
St. Johns Episcopal Church
146 First Street
Troy NY

Topics: Agenda Items for General Service Conference and the Changes To Founders Writings Survey

The District 2 Town Hall Meeting: will give AA members in person or via Zoom the opportunity to hear about these important topics and to express their thinking and views. AA Groups are the most important entity in the AA service structure, **we want to hear from you**!

Special Guest: Guy K, Area 48 Delegate to the General Service Conference. Guy will be with us for the entire event, and is enthusiastic about hearing members views.

More information and agenda will follow.

Breakfast will be provided,
Hope to see you at the District 2 Town Hall meeting !

For more information, contact Isabelle A at at dcmdiistrict2@nenyaa.org