Happy Joyous & Free
Area 48 Newsletter

August 2025

Welcome to August! Yes, the dog days of summer, sweltering heat, high humidity…isn't it great to feel all our seasons? The good thing is we know this too shall pass, and we get to experience another change in seasons, and by the time it comes, we'll all be ready. Meanwhile, enjoy summer activities. I still have some biking, creek dipping and trout fishing to do.

Coming up August 8-10, Area 48 NENY will be hosting the NYS Informational Workshop in Milan, NY. Hope to see you there, this workshop is where you can learn about all the service opportunities available, and hear directly from those who serve. Lot's of opportunities to talk one on one with trusted servants to hear thier expiriences.

On September 20 we will have a **election assembly** for all NENY Area committee positions, you may want to be the next editor of this Newsletter! Feel free to ask me about my experience. It's good time to think about your next service committment.

As usual, check out the flyers for more upcoming events happening in our Area. We have all the information you need to put in your calendars, so you can participate in our special fellowship. We do this together!

If your interested in serving Area 48 as Newsletter Editor, see me at the NYS Informational Workshop, and I can fill you in on this wonderful service committment.

Please see P14 for new Hybrid Committee Proposal

Any words in BLUE are clickable links…….

Love and Service,

Allen V.
newsletter@nenyaa.org

Congratulations to Sally K. For being published in The Grapevine August issue, with her story "Stop The Car"!! Be sure to read it…good work Sally!

CHAIR REPORTS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out all the flyers inside for upcoming events

PRINCIPLES OF THE MONTH

Make a list!
Willingness.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Area 48 NENY

NYS Informational Workshop Aug 8-10 Milan, NY

Area 48 Election Assembly, Sept 20, Whitesboro, NY

Principles of the Month | August

Step 8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Tradition 8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Tradition #8. Checklist *[from SMF-131, Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine]*:

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition—How It Developed?

Concept 8. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, 1 exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Concept #8 Checklist *[from SMF-91, Concepts Checklist]:*

1. • Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Services, Inc., the AA Grapevine) and the General Service Board?
2. • How can the business term “custodial oversight” apply to the trustees’ relationship to the two corporate service entities?
3. • Does my home group subscribe to GSO’s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? AA Grapevine? Do I?

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Please Note, Our GSO website has so much information, more than we could possibly publish here. This page, https://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements, is your key to all new announcements and developments regarding all matters, including Book publishing, letters from GSO General Manager, news from Committees, Convention updates, etc…really everything you may want to be informed of. So in addition to our Newsletter, please make use of our dynamic GSO Website.

Delegate Report

Happy summer to all! I hope you are enjoying it as much as me. I am currently on vacation in the Adks, if your in the Area maybe I will see you at a meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the NYSIW 8/8-10/25 in D11. Kudos to the committee on all the hard work they have put into this event. I will also be attending a Delegate virtual sharing session in August as part of our continuing effort for better communication in our fellowship.

Our election assembly is quickly approaching in September. Area 48 is very fortunate to have many possible candidates to fill all of the positions that will be available. Please attend and stand if you are able. If I was able to enjoy these past 5 and a half years and not ruin AA ,anyone can do it!

Some items coming up in AA. There is some new literature, it just came out, see our Literature chair report for details (don't want to steal our chairs thunder!)
In 2026 a non-director trustees for Grapevine will be opened if any interest please contact me.

The International Convention was held and the attendance unfortunately was down.

The GSO inventory process is ongoing. The committee to review the Inventory is being put together of Delegates,Trustees, Staff, Bob W.and Scott H.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve it has been some of the most fulfilling time of my life.

Yours in Service,
A48 Delegate P74
Guy K
panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

Accessibility Report

Hi everyone,

We have been looking at multiple things that need help..

1. If any group wants to learn how to put captions on hybrid or zoom meetings, please let me know. This helps the hearing impaired and people who need other languages.

2. We are talking to groups and districts about doing some kind of daycare at meetings and district and area events. Everyone has the right to be sober and do service. Everyone can help by offering to help watch or entertain children for a certain amount of time a month.
3. I have gotten 6 nursing home facilities to join in on zoom for the patients who are alcoholics.

2nd Thursday of every month at 6pm est. Is our monthly meeting
ID 82256877420 PW 353180 .come join us with any suggestions or questions.

Please, DCMs ask your accessibility chairs to join. Everyone is welcome. If anyone has a accessibility need please contact me at accessibility@nenyaa.org.

Thank you

Chrissy O

2026 General Service Board Class A Interest Letter

Dear Friend,

Attached please find information related to one opening for Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee on the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous following the May 2026 General Service Conference.

Chair/Alternate Delegate Report

When many of us first came into AA, the word “fellowship” sounded nice — but vague.

We might have thought it meant chatting after a meeting or recognizing familiar faces at coffee. That’s a good start. But over time, we begin to understand that true fellowship is deeper — rooted in connection, humility, and service.

After a total hip replacement and a very short hospital stay, I found myself at home physically weak which I had expected, but not this weak! Prior to the surgery I had lined up people who offered to help me: my sister, a retired police officer put me through a modified Police Academy rehab blitz and took great loving care of me, at my worse shape physically. Next shift fell upon my oldest friend; we became friends when we were 12 years old and have remained so. Then she left and I felt emotionally isolated, and spiritually hesitant. I had told the many people who had sincerely offered to help that I would absolutely call them and put them on the schedule. But then when the moment arrived-I was too proud to ask for help — but too afraid and too needy not to. Thankfully, my Home Group just showed up. Calls, check-ins, cupcakes, showers, exercise supervision….small gestures of care… I didn’t have to do anything except receive. I had forgotten how good it feels to be of service, but also how spiritual it is to receive love freely given.

“Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics.” — Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 89

What I received wasn’t just kindness. It was AA service in action. My group didn’t just talk about the program — they lived it. And in doing so, they reminded me that fellowship isn’t just what I get in AA — it’s what I help build.

My Home Group isn’t just a place I go. It’s a spiritual home — where I learn to show up, speak honestly, listen deeply, and serve without needing credit. It’s where my recovery took root and still grows

At first, needing help made me feel weak. But as I let people in, something inside me softened. That helplessness transformed into humility — not shame, but honesty. I could no longer pretend to be in control. And that was exactly the opening I needed to grow.

“Scarcely any Step is more necessary to longtime sobriety and peace of mind than this one [Step Seven].” — Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 70

Humility opened the door to something deeper than healing — it gave me a sense of belonging. I didn’t have to prove anything to be part of AA. I just had to be willing.

We do a lot of talking about service in Alcoholics Anonymous and are very happy to do whatever is the easiest, requires the least amount of time and where I can get the most recognition. How long can I continue to grow with all those limits on my willingness?

“The moment we say, ‘No, never,’ our minds close against the grace of God. Service to others is the key to lasting sobriety.” — Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 124

Service at the group level — like greeting, setting up, sponsoring, and making coffee — is where many of us learn to show up for others. But service beyond the group — like serving as a GSR, DCM, or committee member — connects us to the broader fellowship and ensures that AA remains strong and available to the next suffering alcoholic.

“We are not servants to authority, but trusted servants to the whole.” — AA Service Manual, p. S1

Too often, members have a narrow view of fellowship — as something casual or social. But our experience teaches us that fellowship is spiritual, and it thrives when we act in love and service to each other.

“We are people who normally would not mix. But there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness,

and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful." — Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 17
If you're new and just learning to ask for help — or if you've been around a while and want to give back — remember this:

🧭 **Fellowship begins with connection, deepens through humility, and grows through service**.

Together, we recover. Together, we serve. Together, we build the fellowship we all once craved — and now have the privilege of sustaining.

Two important events are coming up this fall in Area 48:

📌 September 14 – Area Elections Assembly

📌 October 19 – Fall Voting Assembly

These are exciting, impactful gatherings where decisions are made about how we carry the AA message across our region. One very large and very important proposal will be voted on in October — so if you're a GSR, make sure your group is informed and represented! Reminder: Only registered GSRs may vote. If you're not sure if your group is registered, check with your DCM or the Area Registrar at records@nenyaa.org.

If you've ever made coffee, shared your story, listened to a newcomer, or set up chairs — guess what? You've already practiced the heart of AA service. The next step might just be saying yes to something new.

Let's keep showing up. Let's keep building the fellowship we once craved — and now have the privilege to pass on.

So thank you again to everyone who made Joy of Service Day a success. Let's carry that spirit into September—and beyond.

See you in Whitesboro!

Dolores K
Area chair/alt delegate
nenychair@nenyaa.org

VERY IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ALL GSRs and Alt GSRs
Effective starting at the Area 48 Election Assembly Sep 20, 2025

Area 48's Service Manual is clear that only registered GSRs or Alt GSRs and registered DCMs or Alt DCMs in addition the Area officers, Area service committee chairs and past delegates may vote at our service Assemblies. To follow that policy we are going to have all voting members sign in at the registration table and their names and positions were crossed checked with the Area Records, which has a running list of registered voters. There is nothing new in this, we have done this in the past. Somewhere along the way, that practice became cumbersome and fell by the wayside. We hope to facilitate the process and reinstate it.

The rationale for this decision is made with the spiritual responsibility of the GSRs and DCMs in the forefront. You have been chosen by your home group to keep them informed and to communicate their group conscience allowing the Conference to truly act for AA as a whole. The GSR is the channel through which news, opinions, information and ideas can flow back and forth. That is a sacred mission and one that holds awesome authority and great responsibility.

Only those who have been elected and registered should be responsible to vote their group's conscience.

GSRs and Alt GSRs, please contact your district's records person district#records@nenyaa.org, records@nenyaa.org or altrecords@nenyaa.org by **September 10, 2025** to make sure you are in the Area's AirTable and therefore eligible to vote. If you are not currently registered, Matt and/or Kevin will inform you and instruct you on how to register.

It is our hope to involve as many registered trusted servant/leaders as possible to elect the Area 48's next panel of officers. You will ensure that the direction Area 48 will represent the voice of the area. Thank you for your attention to this and for your dedicated service.

Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Dolores Koeneke
Area 48, Panel 74
Chair/Alternate Delegate
nenychair@nenyaa.org

Alt Chair Report

Districts 2, 3, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 were represented by their DCMs for this meeting.

Also, District 1, 3, 5, and 20 had their Alternate DCM in attendance. Thank you for your service!

Some Districts have not been represented in months and months. Feel free to speak to your DCM or Alt DCM to find out how your district can be represented at this important monthly meeting.

A review of Tradition 7 was given.

The Alt. Area Chair stressed the importance of information going up and down the AA Service Triangle. In order for that to happen, each District has their DCM to attend the monthly meeting. For whatever reason, if the DCM is not in attendance, the district can send someone else to attend our monthly meeting so that the information is going up and down our Triangle.

DCMs were reminded that one person needs to be responsible for submitting the receipts for Area Events – this is usually the lead district DCM. This needs to be done in a timely matter, otherwise – if it is past the deadline – all receipts, etc. have to go to the Finance Committee.

We went over the new Event Rotation Schedule for the next 10 years. There were some differences from the last rotation schedule, with some amendments, including the addition of District 20 into the rotation. Starting with 2026, the rotation schedule will be correct and include District 20. We will vote on this schedule at our next meeting.

DCMs were highly encouraged to attend the NYSIW, August 8-10, 2025. Although the registration for a room and meals has passed, the registration for the Workshop is still open! https://nysiw.org/ Two Districts submitted generous contributions for snacks/drinks, which is greatly appreciated.

Our Election Assembly is September 20th. Crosspoint Church, 317 Oriskany Blvd. Whitesboro NY. District 9 is the lead. DCMs were reminded that their GSRs need to be registered to vote at this Assembly.

If you want to attend the DCMs/Functions Committee, we would love to have you! We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5 pm. Meeting ID: 952 7302 1180 Passcode: DCMfun (I am always on the meeting at least 15 minutes early so if you want to chat, please join me.) Our next meeting is Sunday, August 17th.

Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

Cathy P.
Area 48 Alt. Area Chair/Functions Committee Chair
NYSIW Chair
altnenychair@nenyaa.org

Link To Registration Web Page

Inclusivity Report

The inclusivity committee has added a second monthly meetings to accommodate those that can not do weekdays. The verity is intended to include those that have commitments on various days of the week.

We are meeting on the 1st Sunday of each month at 11AM - M# 2912977780
PW 011023

We are also continuing to meet on the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 pm-M# 89839668615. PW# 974900

Both meetings are on the ZOOM platform and all are welcome to attend & learn about what we do. All are welcome to attend and learn exactly what our committee is about. Inclusivity | 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 840 6485 5953, Passcode: 353180

Andy P. inclusivity@nenyaa.org

Secretary Report

Greetings, Area 48,

View the unapproved minutes for Joy of Service Day held June 14 in Albany. Please let me know if you have any questions or corrections.
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Area minutes can be found at https://nenyaa.org/area-secretary/.

Please let me know if you have any questions or corrections.

In love and service,
Elle D.
Area 48 Secretary
secretary@nenyaa.org

Hybrid Chair Report

The Hybrid chair appreciates all the patience and support, the understanding the Area provides as we work to overcome all challenges. Each event brings unique and often new challenges in adjusting equipment to perform properly. And members interested in exploring the opportunities of using technology to carry the message are welcome to join us, every 4th Wednesday, on zoom :
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82952295872?pwd=U0FvN0p6dXRpdFFmK3ZtWHA2ZGttZz09

Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872
Passcode: Techteam48

Please see p.14, for our Proposal to be voted on at our next voting assembly in October, to revise the description of the Hybrid Committe Guidelines as it appears in our Area 48 Service Manual. Thank you!

The Hybrid Committee

NEW FROM GSO:
Our Primary Purpose is the official podcast from the General Service Office (GSO) of Alcoholics Anonymous for the U.S. and Canada. Through interviews with GSO staff and voices from A.A. history and the Fellowship today, we explore how GSO supports A.A. to carry the message of recovery to those who need it most, which is Our Primary Purpose.
https://www.aa.org/gso-podcast

Literature Report

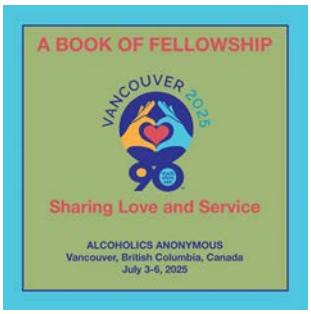
Literature Report August 2025

Hey Hey Happy Summer!!!
Can't wat to see you all at NYSIW
Stop by, say Hello to Gus and check out the books and pamphlets!!

A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service:
A gorgeously produced collectible art book, the official 2025 International Convention Souvenir Book, *A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Sharing Love and Service* is a lavishly illustrated celebration of our Fellowship, its vibrant history, and "everything that is A.A." around the world today.

In these full-color pages, you'll read the inspiring stories of Bill W., Dr. Bob, and the early A.A.s who one by one and then together in fellowship spread the word of Alcoholics Anonymous, one alcoholic to another, in ever widening circles. And how this sharing of love and service continues today.

A treasure trove of rare archival and never-before-published new material, this volume brings to vivid life in words and pictures the message of Recovery, Service and Unity that lies at the very heart of our program.
384 pages; 8" x 8" hardcover Includes:
• full color throughout
• and a spectacular "gate fold-out" celebrating 50 years of the GSO Archives!
ITEM B-86; $18 USD



AAWS Highlights: Business of the Board, March 07, 2025, Published June 04, 2025.

- During the AAWS Publishing Committee meeting significant updates were shared. Improvements have been made to reduce the number of back orders, which have decreased from around 60 to 16 items. There was an emphasis on digital distribution, noting a substantial 300% increase over the last year in correctional facilities accessing AA literature on tablets. Strong revenue reports from enhanced eBooks and audiobooks, with the January figures reaching $18,698, not including updates from Amazon Kindle, which are pending.

- The Plain Language Big Book has surpassed 150,000 copies distributed, with increasing positive reception. Readers continue to praise its accessibility, reinforcing its intended impact. While e-book sales and digital distribution are gaining traction, digital adoption remains slower than print, requiring further outreach. A new vendor is testing digital access in a Pennsylvania federal facility, potentially expanding distribution to 150 correctional facilities. Efforts are ongoing to enhance accessibility and refine messaging around the book's purpose and reception.

******Come join The Grapevine/La Vina-Literature Monthly Committee meeting to stay up to date with all the newest information, get your questions answered and fellowship with other members of AA. We meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm.******
Meeting ID: 840 6485 5953 Passcode: 394275
Thank you for this opportunity to be of service. Please feel free to email if you have any questions or need any help with literature at literature@nenyaa.org

Yours in Service
Lindsey B

Bridging The Gap Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the joint Corrections and Bridging the Gap Workshop in April!

Our BTG temporary contacts continue to help people leaving treatment and corrections settings get introduced to AA in their community.

If you think you might like to help carry the message this way you can fill out a form online at nenyaa.org/btg.

I'm looking forward to the International Convention in Vancouver! After that, the New York State Information Workshop.

There is a Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend September 5-7 in Ontario, California. I won't be attending that, but if you think you'd like to go, let me know and I'll forward the information to you.

Our committee meets monthly online on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm.
Meeting ID: 861 6963 8196
Passcode: 741803
ID: 861 6963 8196 Password: 741803

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

Thanks for reading!
Sue W.
btg@nenyaa.org
Bridging The Gap Chair
Area 48 • Northeast New York

New 2025 AAWS Literature Catalog now in print!

https://www.aa.org/node/8506

Click here for your current issue of ***Box 4-5-9.***
Box 4-5-9 is also available in Spanish and French.

Corrections Report

Hi my name is Theresa M and I am the Corrections Chair for Area 48. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm. The ID is 867 1213 3948. And the Password is: A48Correct

Attendance at monthly meetings remains low.

The next Corrections workshop is October 4th at St. Luke's on State St. if you are interested in finding out more about Corrections this workshop will be great to attend. Please come to get *your free corrections workbook*. See flyer for more specific details.
The next workshop can only be a success with all your participation!

Theresa M.
A48 Corrections Chair corrections@nenyaa.org

Area 48 Corrections Workshop

"Carrying the message of hope to the incarcerated behind the walls."

Saturday October 4th, 2025
10.00am-2.00pm

St. Luke's Catholic Church
1241 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12304

All are Welcome!
Join with Zoom if you can't make it in person
Meeting ID: 826 6922 5633 Passcode: CorrWork1

(Bagels and Donuts as well as Coffee)

There will be 2 Speakers and a time for Questions

Public Information Report

My name is Amy M and I am currently serving as your Area 48 Public Information Chairperson. I am humbled and very grateful to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity at Area.

At the age of 39 years old I found myself with acute alcoholic cirrhosis and given 6 months to live without a liver transplant. I had nowhere to turn and didn't really know about AA as a potential solution to the disease of alcoholism that was ravaging my life. Through treatment, I was not able to stay sober, but I learned about Alcoholics Anonymous and that information saved and changed my life.

Many AA's owe their sobriety to that one answering service ad in the newspaper, the AA pamphlet that they were given at probation, a meeting schedule given to them by a counselor. The stories are numerous as are the miracles that have occurred as a direct result of information that is put in public places showing the path to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

If you are a public information chairperson or committee member I would encourage you to contact me so that I can learn what activities your district is currently engaged in regarding PI service. How can I be of service in your districts with regards to public information?
Would you like to receive PI QR Code Cards or other PI pamphlets to help you carry the message to organizations in your community? Do you need help with Public Information tabling at community events ?

I would like to extend an invitation to all those serving 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.

PI/CPC Zoom Call Meeting ID 868 7177 3923
Passcode: 080625 **Click Here**
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

Technology Report

Here's what is happening in the world of the web! The big project that the tech team is working on is migrating all district websites over to the nenyaa.org domain. That means that if you are a district Webmaster or DCM and your website is still on the aahmbny.org domain, expect to hear from me.

We are running into limited amounts of storage space, so getting rid of the aahmbny.org website has become our main focus. If you are unsure about the status of your website feel free to reach out to me and I can get you the proper information.

Attention all district webmasters please join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm for the Technology Committee Meeting. It is a great opportunity to get any questions answered, in addition to helping guide Area 48 into our technological future. As a committee, we are working on revamping a few of the websites. If your group is interested in becoming hybrid we can offer our guidance.

Finally, if anyone is having issues with their area emails please let us know by emailing webmaster@nenyaa.org

Yours in Service,
Bobby H
Technology Chair/Webmaster

Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872
Passcode: Techteam48

Spanish Speaking Meetings Information

A new online Spanish Speaking meeting is available here:

https://nenyaa.org/locations/meeting-location/?tsml-day=any&tsml-query=Atheists+and+Agnostics+in+Spanish

Area 48 has 4 Spanish speaking meetings and 1 that is bilingual with Spanish included. Check the meeting finder at https://nenyaa.org/meetings/

In Area 48 NENY, all our events are Hybrid, so all members can participate, be represented and have a voice in our service structure.

Note from the Editor:

As you are reading this, I'd like to put it out there that this is my last year as Editor. To that end, we will need a new Editor for 2026-7. This has been a great learning experience, and very fulfilling in my desire to stay close to the program, and be of service to Area 48. It's definately not something I ever considerd previously! But like all the service committments I've taken on, I am growing into it and finding out we can do so many things we thought were impossible. Remember, we do this together and always have help whenever needed. Now, as Editor, you can change or add as you see fit: format, style, etc. So it's also a way to help others while exercising your creative outlet. Of course, like Dana who passed this on to me, I will be there to assist and get you started. We already have a cheat sheet, with all the instructions to publish the Newsletter monthly.

So think about what your next service commitment will be, I think you will make a fine editor and receive much in return!

In Love and Service. Allen V.

This Month In AA History

August 8:1879 – Dr Bob S. is born in St Johnsbury, Vermont

August 16:1939 – Dr Bob and Sister Ignatia admit 1st alcoholic to St Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio

August 28: 1954 – 24 Hours a Day is published by Richmond Walker

1981 – -Sales of the Big Book passes 3,000,000

Treasurer Report

NENY Area 48 Monthly Treasury Report May 2025 - Approved	
Beginning Balance	**$24,888.99**
Income	
Area Contributions	
Group	$3,718.25
Individual	$20.00
Total Income	**$3,738.25**
Expense	
CPC Chair Allocation	$36.00
PI Chair Allocation	$138.60
Literature for Area Servants	$751.60
2025 NENY Convention Seed Money	$2,500.00
Mail Box Service	$51.60
Newsletter Postage	$64.50
Newsletter Printing	$208.25
Archive Storage Fee	$90.00
JotForm	$26.46
AirTable	$132.00
Digital Ocean	$6.00
Website Hosting	$21.99
PayPal Contribution Fees	$20.48
Total Expense	**$4,047.48**
Net Income	-$309.23
Ending Balance	**$24,579.76**
Prudent Reserve	-$7,000.00
Available Funds	**$17,579.76**

Prepared by Linda A.
treasurer@nenyaa.org

A friendly reminder from the Area Treasurer:

Please make 7th Tradition contribution checks and money orders payable to NENY Area Association and mail to:

NENY Area Association
Ship and Copy
118 Polar Plaza, #114
Amsterdam, NY 12010

7th Tradition contributions can also be made online through the area website nenyaa.org and click on the Contribute link.

Questions about Treasury? New Virtual Area 48 Treasury Committee Monthly Meeting 3rd Monday's at 6:30 pm- All are Welcome

HybridNENY is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408884467?pwd=Pf1GNUz4iOU7IFurimDa6EIa8g2XYT.1

Meeting ID: 814 0888 4467
Passcode: 472485

"Please make all contribution checks or money orders payable to NENY Area Association."

Final Report and Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Possible Residency Requirements for Area 48 Service Positions

The Ad Hoc Committee on Residency Requirements for Area Positions is composed of Bill (Chair), Darrell, Gretchen, Sue, and Keith.

The Committee met for two full video-conferenced meetings to discuss the practical implications and spiritual concerns related to individuals living outside of Area 48 holding elected positions within the Area's service structure. The five major elected positions in Area 48 are Delegate, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Alternate Chair. The Committee first considered the roles of Treasurer and Secretary.

The current Treasurer, though officially residing within the Area, has spent extended time in Florida. While some delays have been noted, the responsibilities of the position have continued to be fulfilled adequately. With a few procedural adjustments, the role has remained manageable.

Greater concern was expressed regarding the Secretary position. The Secretary's responsibilities—including taking accurate notes at Area meetings, recording floor comments, and gauging the mood of the room—would present significant challenges if performed remotely.

To overcome these challenges, substantial upgrades to our current technological setup would be necessary, potentially including additional support for record-keeping. Issues such as background noise, overlapping conversations, failure to use microphones, and incomplete recordings were identified as persistent obstacles..

The Alternate Chair/Functions Chair position is currently managed largely through videoconferencing, emails, and texts. The Committee agreed that this role can be effectively performed by someone living remotely.

Regarding the Delegate position, the *A.A. Service Manual* emphasizes that Delegates are entrusted with understanding and representing the experiences, viewpoints, and group conscience of their Areas while also assuming responsibility for the U.S./Canada General Service Conference. The Committee concluded that this role, too, could be performed remotely.

More attention was devoted to the position of Area Chair. While it is feasible to conduct Area meetings via videoconferencing, the Chair is also expected to travel to District meetings to offer support. This would be difficult for a remote member, particularly since not all Districts currently have videoconferencing capabilities or established procedures. These responsibilities would require procedural changes, and although technological advances may ease such challenges in the future, they remain significant considerations at present.

The only "non-Area" events that elected Area officers are expected to attend are the New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW), the Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA), and the Northeast Regional Delegates Weekend (NERD). NYSIW is a state event primarily intended for Committee Chairs and generally does not require broader attendance. Both NERD and NERAASA are funded by the

Area. While remote position-holders may reduce costs by not traveling to District meetings, those savings might offset other expenses, such as equipment or support needs.

Recommendations and Reflections

As a result of our discussions, the Committee reached a consensus: while electing non-resident A.A. members to certain Area service positions presents real challenges—including the need for procedural changes, equipment upgrades, and allowances for physical distance—no position was deemed entirely impossible to carry out remotely. However, some roles would present greater challenges and may require new equipment and revised procedures.

We believe it would be helpful for non-resident candidates to tell the Assembly how they might approach these challenges if elected, and that voting members may wish to keep these considerations in mind when making their decision.
Area 48 adheres to the Twelfth Concept of A.A., maintaining only sufficient operating funds and a prudent reserve. The Committee recognizes that financial matters must be weighed carefully during annual budget planning; money allocated to equipment or travel cannot be used elsewhere in the Program. The potential financial implications of electing remote officers—including possible investments in new technology—can and should be taken into consideration.

From a spiritual perspective, the Committee reflected on Concept IV: "At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional 'Right of Participation,' allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge." We believe this includes both the right to vote and the right to stand for service positions. In light of the Third Tradition—"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking"—and the final Warranty of Concept XII, which affirms that A.A. service "will always remain democratic in thought and action," we support the belief that every member of Area 48 has the right to stand for and be elected to any Area service position. The choice of who is best suited for any Area service role is ultimately a decision for the voting members.

The Committee also noted that Area 48 established District 20 to ensure that members who attend video-conferenced meetings only still have a voice in A.A. matters. Every member of a group in District 20 is also a member of Area 48 and is therefore eligible to stand for any Area service position. While some positions may be easily held by remote members, others will require additional equipment, modified procedures, and possibly greater funding.

Because A.A. is a spiritual program, the Right of Participation encourages us to be inclusive of all members at every level of our service structure. Nowhere in A.A. literature known to the Committee is physical location listed as a consideration for service eligibility.

In Love and Service,

The Ad Hoc Committee on Residency Requirements for A.A. Service in Area 48

Proposal #1: To revise the current Hybrid Guidelines in A48 Service Manual to read as follows:

12.0 Hybrid Committee Guidelines

The Hybrid Committee shall have direct oversight and responsibility for providing, organizing, and hosting hybrid meetings for NENY Area 48.

The Committee shall be a standing committee of Area 48 with a Chair appointed by the Area Chair. The Hybrid Chair will appoint the Alternate Hybrid Chair to assist the Chair as needed. The Hybrid Committee will assist the Area Chair by identifying the qualifications necessary for the Hybrid Chair.

Hybrid Equipment Management

Area 48's hybrid equipment will stay in possession of the Area 48 Hybrid Chair whenever possible. If the Hybrid Chair is not able to attend one of the Area 48 events that require hybrid access, (Orientation Day, Fellowship Days, Inventory Day, Area Assemblies, Joy of Service, Delegate's Day of Sharing, and the Area 48 Convention), in person, then the Alternate Chair or a member of the hybrid committee will manage the equipment.. If neither of these options are available for an event it will be up to the Hybrid Chair, the Alternate Hybrid Chair, the Area Chair, and the Alternate Area Chair to approve the necessary arrangements for a Hybrid event.

In the event that the Hybrid Chair cannot attend one of the Area 48 events listed above in person, the Alternate Chair or designated trusted servants that fill in will be provided with the same reimbursement opportunities that would be available to the Hybrid Chair for that event.

The Area 48 Hybrid equipment should include, but is not limited to:

- Laptop(s)
- Microphone(s)
- Camera(s)
- Speakers and/or PA System
- Projector
- Projector Screen
- Cables & Extension Cords

The Hybrid Chair should keep an up-to-date inventory of the Area 48 Hybrid Equipment.

Any replacement or additional hybrid equipment should be agreed upon by the Hybrid Committee and sent to the Area 48 Finance Committee for approval before purchase.

The primary purpose of this equipment is to allow any Area 48 event listed in section 7.3 of the Area 48 Service Manual other than Shared Statewide or Regional Events to be hybrid events.

The Hybrid Chair may have additional members of the Hybrid Committee travel to and attend these Area Events as needed and these members may request reimbursement for their expenses as per Section 6.0 above.

Additional Events

If a request for Hybrid meetings needing Hybrid Committee members and equipment is made for an event that is not listed in section 7.3 (such as a district event or a committee workshop) details must be submitted to and approved by the Area 48 Hybrid Chair at least 3 months before the event. Such events must include funding for the Hybrid Chair or member of the Hybrid Committee appointed by the Hybrid Chair to travel to and from the event and such lodging as may be needed as outlined in Section 6.0 above.

The ability to provide this service is solely at the discretion and availability of the Hybrid Chair, Alternate Hybrid Chair, and/or Hybrid Committee members.

Virtual Meeting Service & Management

The Hybrid Chair and Hybrid Committee will manage and maintain the Area 48 subscription to a Virtual Meeting Service.

The Area 48 Virtual Meeting Service will be made available for Area 48 events, committees, workshops, etc.

Responsibilities for managing the virtual meeting service include but are not limited to:

- Scheduling virtual/hybrid meetings for Area 48 events, workshops, committee meetings, etc.
- Providing access to Area 48 committee chairs to host their own meetings
- The Hybrid Committee should work to provide virtual meeting hosting assistance whenever possible or requested
- Employing best practice security and safety settings for virtual meetings
- Provide up-to-date training for using the virtual meeting service to trusted servants or meeting attendees
- Provide subscription receipts to the Area 48 Treasurer

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What's Happening ….

- **Fall Election Assembly** September 20 Whitesboro, NY
- New York State Informational Workshop-August 8-10, Milan, NY

Area 48 Recurring Events

- GSR (Gen 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.
- Grapevine Story Hour | **2nd Tuesdays** @ 7pm
- Your Delegate Connection | **Last Mondays** @ 7:30pm
- Treasury Committee | **3rd Monday** @ 6:30pm

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 | 3rd Wednesday at 6:30pm | 867 1213 3948, Passcode: A48Correct
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) & PI (Public Information) | 4th Thursdays @ 6:30pm | 868 7177 3923, Passcode: 070625 Join Meeting **Click Here**
- 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
- Treasury I 3rd Mondays @ 6:30pm I Meeting ID: 814 0888 4467 Passcode: 472485

Outside the Area

- International Convention 2025 https://www.aa.org/international-convention-2025-faqs

AREA 48 NENY EVENTS CALENDER 2025 – APPROVED Revised 5/22/2025

DATE	EVENT	HOST
January 18, 2025	Orientation Day *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	Cross Point Church 317 Oriskany Blvd. Whitesboro, NY Western Cluster – D12 Lead
February 21-23, 2025	Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)	Area 45 – Southern NJ – *Virtual Only*
March 14-16, 2025	Northeast Regional Delegates' Reunion (NERD)	Delegates and Past Delegates Only
March 15, 2025	Fellowship Day *(Agenda set by Cluster)*	Gallagher's Banquet Hall, 513 Main St., Cairo, NY Hudson Valley Cluster-D3 Lead
April 5, 2025	Delegate's Day of Sharing *(Agenda set by Delegate and Area Chair)*	Saratoga United Methodist Church, 175 5th Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY ADK Cluster-D5 Lead
April 27-May 3, 2025	General Service Conference	Delegates Only – NYC
May 17, 2025	Spring Voting Assembly *This one or one in Oct. needs to be on a Sunday.* *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	St. John the Evangelist Church 806 Union St., Schenectady, NY Central Cluster – D14 Lead
June 14, 2025	Joy of Service Day *(Agenda set by Cluster)*	McKownville United Methodist Church, 1565 Western Ave., Albany, NY Eastern Cluster -D1 Lead
July 3-6, 2025	A.A. International Convention	Vancouver, BC, Canada
August 8-10, 2025	NYS Informational Workshop *(Agenda set by Alt. Area Chair)*	Mirror Lake Retreat, 64 White Drive, Milan, NY
September 20, 2025	Election Assembly *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	Crosspoint Church 317 Oriskany Blvd. Whitesboro NY Western Cluster - D9 Leadc
October 19, 2025	Fall Voting Assembly *This one or one in May needs to be on a Sunday.* *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	Rosendale Recreation Center 1055 NY32 Rosendale, NY 12472 D16 Lead
Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2025	Area 48 Convention	Johnstown Holiday Inn 308 N Comrie Ave, Johnstown, NY Central Cluster
November 22, 2025	Fellowship Day *(Agenda set by Cluster)*	MHAB Life Skills Campus, 14 Dormitory Road, Plattsburgh, NY ADK Cluster – D10 Lead
December 5-7, 2025	Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)	Omni Providence Hotel 1 W. Exchange St Providence, Rhode Island

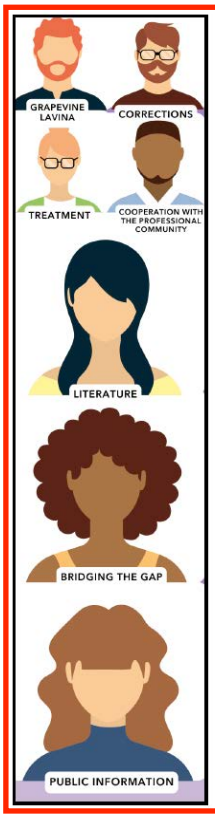
Clusters

Adirondack (ADK)…… D5, D10, D13, D19
Central…… D4, D8, D14
Eastern…….. D1, D2, D18
Hudson Valley…….. D3, D7, D11, D15, D16, D17
Western…….. D9, D12, 20

Approved Functions Committee 09152024 For more info: altnenychair@nenyaa.org

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

Next Up!……



46th Annual New York State Informational Workshop

August 8-10, 2025

Mirror Lake Retreat, Milan NY

THE NEW YORK STATE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP IS AN EDUCATIONAL FORUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING THE A.A. MESSAGE THROUGH OUR GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEES.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL WHO WISH TO LEARN ABOUT CARRYING THE A.A. MESSAGE, THROUGH THEIR HOME GROUPS, DISTRICTS, AND AREA GENERAL COMMITTEES.

We meet annually with the four General Service Areas of New York State , to share our experiences with the most effective ways to do our 12th step work.

If you serve on a committee, or would like to, this event will be of great interest to you.

Questions? Please email nysiwregistration@nenyaa.org

More information at nysiw.org

For online registration, please follow this QR link. For mail in registration, please fill out the form on the back of this flyer.

Save the Date!

Area 48
2025 Convention
"Working Together, Increasing Trust"

Friday Oct 31st – Sunday Nov 2nd

Holiday Inn
Johnstown-Gloversville by IHG
308 N Comrie Ave, Johnstown, NY 12095

Hosted by the Central Cluster: D4, D8, D14
This is an in-person and hybrid event.
For more information contact:
conventionchair@nenyaa.org

Wheelchair Accessible facility

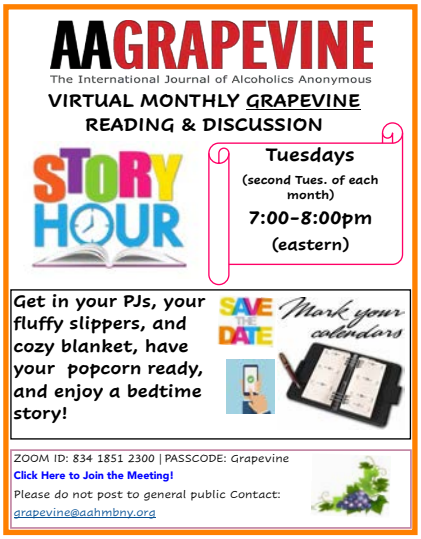
National A.A. Technology Workshop- Nov 7-9

Join Us for the 2025 NAATW Workshop – In-Person & Online!

https://naatw.org/2025-naatw-

The Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities is pleased to announce the launch of the ***Military Veteran Interview Project***. This initiative invites A.A. members who are Veterans of the United States or Canadian Armed Forces to participate in a unique opportunity to share their experiences.

AA Service Manual, 2024-2026 edition…updated and available at our GSO Website
You can access and read the entire manual online at the website.


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

AREA 48
ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING
SECOND THURSDAY
MONTHLY AT 6PM
MEETING ID 82256877420
PW 353180

AREA 48
INCLUSIVITY
COMMITTEE
MEETS MONTHLY
3RD TUESDAY
6:30PM EST
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PUBLIC INFORMATION & COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY
TIME: 6:30 PM EASTERN TIME
EVERY MONTH ON THE 4TH THURSDAY
COME SHARE IDEAS TO HELP THE STILL SICK AND SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC.
MEETING ID: 868 7177 3923
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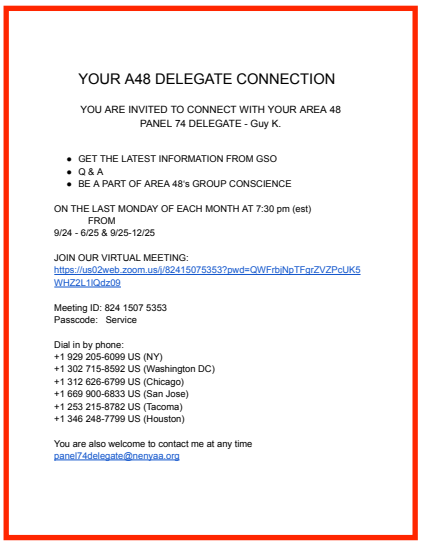
MORE INFO: PI@NENYAA.ORG
CPC@NENYAA.ORG


YOUR A48 DELEGATE CONNECTION
YOU ARE INVITED TO CONNECT WITH YOUR AREA 48 PANEL 74 DELEGATE - Guy K.
GET THE LATEST INFORMATION FROM GSO
Q & A
BE A PART OF AREA 48's GROUP CONSCIENCE
ON THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 pm (est)
FROM
9/24 - 6/25 & 9/25-12/25
JOIN OUR VIRTUAL MEETING:
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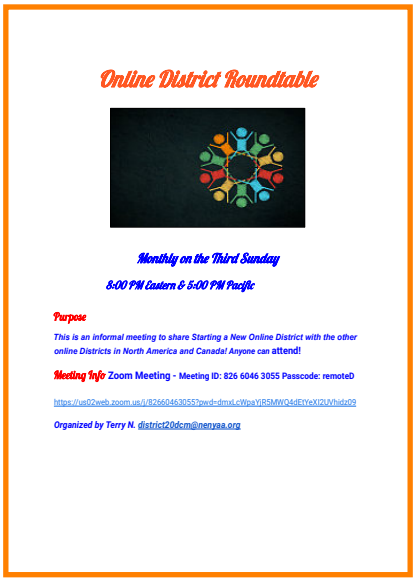
+1 312 626-6799 US (Chicago)
+1 669 900-6833 US (San Jose)
+1 253 215-8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248-7799 US (Houston)
You are also welcome to contact me at any time
panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

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

Alcoholics Anonymous
GSR
The Group
GSR FORUM
When? First Sunday of every month
What time? 7PM
Who? All GSRs and all members of AA
Why? To promote unity and to support new and experienced GSRs serving the groups who have entrusted them to be their voice in AA.
How? Virtual platform: Zoom
ID: 870 0168 1934
PW: gsr


Online District Roundtable
Monthly on the Third Sunday
8:00 PM Eastern & 5:00 PM Pacific
Purpose
This is an informal meeting to share Starting a New Online District with the other online Districts in North America and Canada! Anyone can attend!
Meeting Info Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 826 6046 3055 Passcode: remoteD
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82660463055?pwd=dmxLcWpaYjR5MWQ4dEtYeXI2UVhid209
Organized by Terry N. district20dcm@nenyaa.org

NENY Area 48
Technology Committee
4th Wednesday each Month
at 7 pm
Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872
Passcode: Techteam48
ZOOM
AA

The New York State Informational Workshop is quickly approaching!

August 8-10 at Mirror Lake Retreat in Milan, NY. **All AA members are welcome and encouraged to attend.** We will find out from Areas 47, 49, and 50 how service is working in their neck of the woods; and of course, hear from our Area 48 Committee Chairs.

Although registration is over for rooms and meals, **you can still register for the day**. There will be a food truck available and snacks.

We will have an AA meeting on Saturday and Sunday morning, in addition to our wonderful AA speaker from the General Service Office (GSO) of Alcoholics Anonymous on Saturday evening.

Area 48 only hosts this event every four years – don't miss it!

Did I mention we are going to have a bon fire and s'mores?

Here is how you register: https://nysiw.org/ **Questions??** nysiwchair@nenyaa.org

UNITY SERVICE AA RECOVERY New York State Informational Workshop

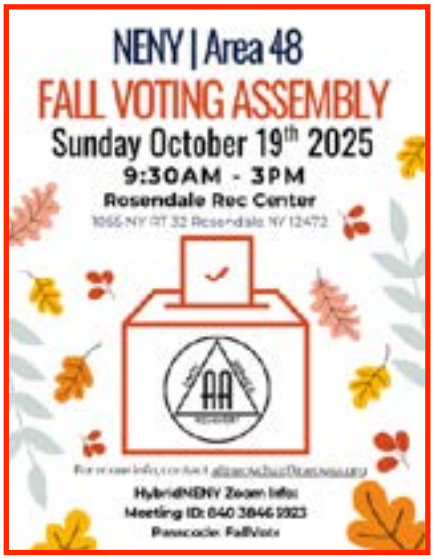
Save The Date
September 20,2025
Election Assembly
Area 48
Crosspoint Church
317 Oriskany Blvd.
Whitesboro NY 13492
9:00 to 3:00 pm
Please join Us…..
Don't forget to

VOTE!

It is a Hybrid Event
Meeting ID: 815 5964 5390
Passcode: 48_Elect
Contact: altnenychair@nenyaa.org

ELECTION ASSEMBLY
Tentative Agenda

9:30- 10 Meet and Greet
10- 10:30 Area Officer Reports
10:30- 10:45 Voting Procedures
Who is eligible to vote
Third Legacy Procedure
Virtual Voting Procedures
10:45-12:15 Officer Elections: Area Chair, Alternate Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
12:15- 1:15 Lunch
1:15-2:45 Voting Procedure for Service Committee Chairs
Who is eligible to vote
District Committee Chairs or Alts
One vote per district
a. 3 tables set up for service committees listed below with facilitator, discuss requirements, responsibilities and vote

Table 1: Accessibilities, Bridging the Gap, Cooperation with Professional Communities
Table 2: Corrections, Grapevine/ LaVina, Inclusivity
Table 3: Literature, Public Information, Treatment

2:45 Introduce Area 48 Panel 76 and additional announcements
3:00 Close