Happy Joyous & Free
Area 48 Newsletter

November 2025

Welcome to November in Area 48, the month of Gratitude! At this time, I am a few days away from attending our annual NENY Area 48 Convention…by the time your reading this we will be in Johnstown soaking up all the good panels and speakers, the love and great vibes we feel when we attend these events.

As I put together the penultimate 2025 Newsletter, I can't help reflect on the past 2 years…I'll save my final thoughts for Decembers Newsletter…but I am thrilled to announce Isabelle A. will be our incoming Newsletter Editor!! Thank you Isabelle, it's going to be fun, exciting, scary..all the feels…but we do this together and help is always a phoine call away!

Regarding December's newsletter, please be aware there is **no** January newsletter, so please look forward and anticipate any events or announcements you want to submit for January…they will be due at the end of November for inclusion in the December Newsletter.

More good news..all our Area 48 Service positions have been filled!! (See p.11) What an amazing fellowship we have in NENY, so proud of our Area's committment to service and helping the next suffering alcoholic. We can save and change lives, no joke..you are all miracles. Let's keep it going!

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

Any words in BLUE are clickable links…….

Love and Service,

Allen V.
newsletter@nenyaa.org

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

attitude of gratitude

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome to Area 48 NENY

Orientation Day
January 10
location tbd

NERAASA Feb. 20-22 Portland, Maine

Principles of the Month | November

Step 11. "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

Tradition 11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Tradition #11. Checklist *[from SMF-131, Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine]*:

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

Concept 11. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Concept #11 Checklist [from SMF-91, Concepts Checklist]:

1. Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
2. How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional "Right of Participation"?
3. Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

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

Hi all, as you receive this newsletter we are hopefully enjoying the 2025 NENY Convention. Thanks to the Central Cluster and Host Committee!

I would like to thank all who participated in our Voting Assembly. The input from the floor helped our Area to come to informed group consciences.

Have you seen the new Meeting Guide App at aa.org, it was updated 10/10/25. Our General Service Manager Bob W sent out a Gratitude letter recently, to all GSRs,Area Committee Chairs and DCMs.The letter is basically thanking the fellowship for carrying our message through literature and the cost that is incurred. As always the need for the 7th tradition to support this effort.

After many years of dedicated service our General Service Publishing Director is stepping down. There is a call out to the fellowship to fill this position,obviously a background in publishing is suggested.

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

Accessibility Report

Hi everyone

I have been helping people to use captions at hybrid meetings. Also good if someone doesn't speak English.
For more information contact me.

If anyone has any accessibility needs please contact me. I'd love to help.

Also still calling & visiting nursing homes & assisted living places to give them zoom numbers, so their clients can join. Some have even created their own in house meetings in person.

Monthly Accessibility Meeting:
It is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6pm ID 82256877420 PW 353180. Come join me.

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

The *2025 General Service Conference Final Report* is now available online in English, French and Spanish
To view options for purchasing for your central office, group or meeting, visit us at **https://onlineliterature.aa.org/** or contact our Member Services Department:

Telephone: 212-870-3023. Email: memberservices@aa.org

Chair/Alternate Delegate Report

Alternate Delegate Report

It's good to know that the formal business of Area 48 was completed after the October Voting Assembly. Are you aware of the results of Proposal 1 and the 2026 Budget? Did your GSR bring your group's voice to the Voting Assembly? If not, perhaps you may want to ask why you were not able to participate in the collective conscience.

Notice I said that the "formal business" of Area was completed. Our primary "business" continues everyday: carrying the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. The insightful and thoughtful discussions, as well as the questions raised and challenged at the Assembly were all focused on how we, as a Fellowship of people in action, could effectively do our work.

To see the fellowship in action develop a collective conscience was pretty exciting; there were minority opinions, challenges to the status quo, friendly amendments, a floor action! What more could one ask for? And it all happened in a respectful and loving manner. Of course, it was a timing nightmare for the chair- but the members of the Hudson Valley Cluster exemplified the slogan "Take it Easy"; the kitchen crew rolled with the delays. Thank you to the cluster and D16 as lead.

November is historically Gratitude month. How many meetings will we attend and discuss "Gratitude"? How many of us will say "I will never be able to adequately show my gratitude to AA.?" How many of us won't contribute to GSO because "they have plenty of money." (By the way, that is not the case. Ask your GSR and DCM about that.) How many of us show up to do service, even when it is difficult and annoying? In the past, there were waiting lists of people wanting to be coffee makers. Now, groups are hard-pressed to find anyone to volunteer, let alone a group member.

When I was coming into the Fellowship, I wanted to say "I am a grateful alcoholic."(I didn't know why I said it- I just heard others saying it.) One day my sponsor asked me what I was doing to show my gratitude…..I fumbled through some lame answer and she explained that gratitude was not an emotion, it was an action. That has stuck with me. I no longer need to say I am a grateful alcoholic; I do AA with all that means. Sometimes I do it well; sometimes not so well. But I continue to be in action in whatever way I can. Thank you Alcoholics Anonymous for the life and the gifts you continue to give me.

The next two events for Area 48 should be great! The Convention is probably happening now and Fellowship Day is scheduled for November 22 in Plattsburgh.

In joy-filled service,
Dolores K
Area chair/Alt delegate
Area 48/Panel74
nenychair@nenyaa.org

Alt Chair Report

Alternate Area 48 Chair/Functions Committee Chair Report
October 2025

Thank you to the following DCMs for attending the October 2025 Functions Committee: Districts 3, 4, 7, 11, 15, 16, 18. Thank you to the following Alt. DCM for their attendance: District 7.

The Approved 2026 Events Calendar needed an adjustment because of the Easter Holiday and that change was unanimously approved. The Approved Rotation Schedule for Area 48 needed an adjustment because of an error I made and that correction was unanimously approved also. (Both items are in this Newsletter.)

Everyone was encouraged to participate in the Area 48 Convention – Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 in Johnstown. Volunteers and contributions are encouraged. https://convention.nenyaa.org/

Scholarship time is here! DCMs and Alt DCMs are strongly encouraged to talk about the Scholarship that is available for each cluster. DCMs will have three months to talk about the scholarship and spread the word. Each DCM will submit a name to the Alt. Area Chair to "put in a hat" from each cluster by the Dec. 21 DCM/Functions Committee. The winners will be announced at the January 2026 Orientation Day. https://nenyaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/A48-Service-Manual-October-2024.pdf

After the Convention--our last Area 48 event is Fellowship Day, November 22nd – being held at MHAB Life Skills Campus, 14 Dormitory Road, Plattsburgh, NY (ADK Cluster – D10 is the lead)

The Northeast Regional Forum (registration is FREE) is being held December 5-7 in Providence, Rhode Island. For the program and registration – please visit: https://www.aa.org/event/2025-northeast-regional-forum

NERAASA 2026 – Feb. 20-22, 2026 registration is now open. https://neraasa.com/

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 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, November 16th.**

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

APPROVED – 2026 AREA 48 NENY EVENTS CALENDER 2026
Revised 10/19/2025

DATE	EVENT	HOST
Dec. 2025-January 2026	Convention Committee begins work on November 2026 Convention	Adirondack Cluster
January 10 or 11, 2026	Orientation Day *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	Eastern Cluster – D2 Lead
February 20-22, 2026	Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)	Portland, ME – Area 28
March 13-15, 2026	Northeast Regional Delegates' Reunion (NERD)	Delegates and Past Delegates Only
March 14 or 15, 2026	Fellowship Day *(Agenda set by Cluster)*	Western Cluster – D9 Lead
March 28 or 29, 2026	Delegate's Day of Sharing *(Agenda set by Delegate and Area Chair)*	HV Cluster – D3 Lead
April 26-May 2, 2026	General Service Conference	Delegates Only – NYC
May 16 or 17, 2026	Spring Voting Proposal Assembly *This one or one in Oct. needs to be on a Sunday.* *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	ADK Cluster – D5 Lead
June 13 or 14, 2026	Joy of Service Day *(Agenda set by Cluster)*	Central Cluster – D4 Lead
July 2026	NYS Informational Workshop	Area 49
September 19 or 20, 2026	Fellowship Day *(Agenda set by Cluster)*	Eastern Cluster – D18 Lead
October 17 or 18, 2026	Fall Voting Proposal Assembly *This one or one in May needs to be on a Sunday.* *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	Western Cluster – D12 Lead
November 6-8, 2026	Area 48 Convention	ADK Cluster
November 21 or 22, 2026	Area 48 Inventory Day *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	HV Cluster – D7 Lead
December 2026		

Clusters

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

For more info: altnenychair@nenyaa.org 091925cmp;10/19/2025

Event Rotation Schedule- See when your district/cluster is hosting our monthly Area 48 Events, be prepared…it's never to early to start planning!

APPROVED Event Rotation Schedule - Area 48 Revised 10/19/2025

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Jan	East 2	Cen 8	Adk 13	HV 16	West 9	East 1	Cen 4	Adk 13	HV 3	West 20
Feb	NERAASA	NERAASA	NERAASA	NERAASA	NERAASA	NERAASA	NERAASA	NERAASA	NERAASA	NERAASA
March	West 9	East 1	Cen 4	Adk 5	HV 3	West 20	East 18	Cent 14	Adk 5	HV 11
Apr	HV 3	West 20	East 18	Cen 14	Adk 13	HV 11	West 12	East 2	Cen 8	Adk 13
May	Adk 5	HV 11	West 12	East 2	Cen 8	Adk 5	HV 16	West 9	East 11	Cen 4
June	Cen 4	Adk 10	HV 15	West 20	East 18	Cen 14	Adk 10	HV 17	West 12	East 2
July	NYSIW A49	NYSIW A50	NYSIW A47	NYSIW A48	Inter.Conv.	NYSIW A50	NYSIW A47	NYSIW A48	NYSIW A49	Intern.Conv.
Aug					NYSIW A49					NYSIW A50
Sept	East 18	Cen 14	Adk 19	HV 17	West 12	East 2	Cen 8	Adk 19	HV 7	West 9
Oct	West 12	East 2	Cen 8	Adk 10	HV 7	West 9	East 1	Cen 4	Adk 10	HV 15
Nov	HV 7	West 9	East 1	Cen 4	Adk 19	HV 15	West 20	East 18	Cen 14	Adk 19
CONV.	Adk	HV	Western	Eastern	Central	Adk	HV	Western	Eastern	Central

Easter Cluster
Western Cluster
Hudson Valley Cluster
Adirondack Cluster
Central Cluster

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FINAL REPORT 2025 NYSIW REGISTRATION - NENY

TOTAL ATTENDEES	112
Eventbrite registrations	110
Cash Walk in Registrations	5
Mail in registrations	5
Total Registrations	120
Pre-paid registration No-shows	-8
(TRANSFERRED REG AND MEALS TO SCHOLARSHIPS)	

Eventbrite Net Payment		Total Eventbrite Sales	Eventbrite service fees	Eventbrite payment processing	Charges and credits
8/19/2025	$16,945.89	$18,447.89	-$877.18	-$528.77	-$96.05
Mail In Registrations	$1,524.00				
In Person Cash Registrations	$256.00				
Mail in refunds	?				
Total Sales	$18,725.89				

Regisration Expenses
$116.04 - Badges and Lanyards
$29.25 - 1 ream of heavy bond paper
$64.29 - Ink
Total = $209.58

New York State Informational Workshop Final Report – Area 48

The incredibly successful NYSIW was held at Mirror Lake in Milan, NY on August 8-10, 2025.
The Committee consisted of:
Cathy P – Chair
Clara D – Secretary
Sally K – Treasurer
Kevin H-B – Registration
Thea H-B – Room Assigner and Registration
Clara D – Volunteer Coordinator
Bill W – Spiritual Advisor /Historian

Special thanks go to our volunteers – Kimi, Scot, Guy, Glen, Marcy, Karen, Heather and anyone that I may have missed. Amazing job. Thank you to the Districts that bought lots of snacks.

The Program was the standard NYSIW program – the only difference being Area 48 was the only Area in NYS that has an Inclusivity Committee and a Hybrid Committee.

Our Literature Chair, Grapevine Chair, and Archives Chair were present and had many items for sale and viewing. Area 47 Archives was also in attendance with many historical items.

We had a surplus of $1,550.05. At our final meeting, we agreed to split the money - $775.03 would go to our General Service Office and $775.02 would go to Area 48. Our bank account for this event is now closed.

Things we would have done differently –
1. We would not use EventBrite again – we had to wait days after event to receive our money. Big thank you goes to the Area 48 Finance Committee for the approval of the loan.
2. We would have set a hard deadline for refunds, at least two weeks before the event, maybe one.
3. We also will make a suggestion to Area 47 (NYSIW 2026) to hold a Business Meeting at their event to discuss finances. We felt that the money we had as surplus could go to the next Area holding the NYSIW, but there are no guidelines for this at this time. Some Areas have very few financial resources for events like this. This topic could be discussed at that Business Meeting.

Thank you to everyone in Area 48 that made this such a wonderful event.

Our final Registration Report and our final Budget Report are following this report.

If you have any questions or comments – feel free to contact me. nysiw@nenyaa.org

In love and service,

Cathy P.
NENY Area 48 Alt. Chair
NYSIW Chair – 2025

NENY Area 48 NYSIW 2025 Final Expense Report

Mirror Lake Retreat August 8-10 2025

Quantitiy	Rooms + Linens Breakdown		Unit Price	Total
2 Rooms	Dolan - **linen rented (10 bundles)**		$368./room	$736.00
6 Rooms	Miller-**linen rented (19 bundles)**		$368./room	$2,208.00
6 Rooms	Guest House - **Linens Included**		$440./room	$2,640.00
4 Rooms	Bergers - **Linen Included**		$520./room	$2,080.00
29 Bundles	Bundles- sheets, towels, pillow case, blanket		$15.00 Bundle	$435.00
Meals				
74 People	**Friday Dinner**		$25.00/person	$1,850.00
71 People	Saturday Breakfast		$15.00/person	$1,065.00
94 People	Lunch		$20.00/peron	$1,880.00
75 People	Diner		$25.00/person	$1,875.00
71 People	Saturday Breakfast		$15.00/person	$1,065.00
94 People	Lunch		$20.00/peron	$1,880.00
75 People	Dinner		$25.00/person	$1,875.00
71 People	Sunday Breakfast		$15.00/person	$1,065.00
51 People	Day Pass		$10.00/person	$510.00
Meeting Space - Lakeside Dining Room-TV with HDMI Hookup, podium, Sound System, 1 mic, a few tables				$400.00
Mirror Lake Retreat	**Total Expense**		Subtotal	**$16,744.00**
Registration Misc:				
Walk-In Breakdown:				
4 people w/Lunch				$180.00
2 people no meals				$20.00
1 ROOM		Trusted Servant		$201.00
Total Registration Walk in Cash				$401.00
Payment to Mirror Lake for Walk - in Day Passes Fees			cash	-$120.00
Pd a member the difference of a room change Miller to Berger			cash	-$38.00
Deposited	Cash Into NYSIW Ulster Saving Bank			**$243.00**

NYSIW Expense Report:			**Income**	**Expense**
Eventbrite:	**Final**	Net Sales	$17,041.94	
Payout ID	#132838263	Charges & Credits		-$96.05
Event ID	#1242880542159	Paid Out	**$16,945.89**	
Mirror Lake Retreat				-$13,744.00
Mirror Lake Retreat Deposit				-$3,000.00
Reimbursement	**to NENY Area Association**	Final Cost		**-$16,744.00**
Mirror Lake Retreat Misc Expenses:				
Breakage Deposit Check $500.00	Returned Voided Check to NENY AA Treasurer			$0.00
6 Seater Golf Cart	Rental 2 days	paid Check #102		-$150.00
4 seater golf cart	reimbursed	check #111		-$100.00
Day Pass Fee To Mirror Lake Retreat	Pd Cash			-$120.00
Total Misc Mirror Lake Retreat Expenses				**-$370**

NENY Area Association	Ulster Savings Bank Account	for 2025 NYSIW
Check #'s:	All Checks accounted for	
101	$10.00 to District 12 (overage)	
102	$150.00 Mirror Lake Retreat 6 Seater Golf Cart Rental	
103	VOID ERROR	
104	$254.58 1 Registration & Misc Registration Items	
105	$45.00 Trusted Servant / Committee Member Registration	
106	$16,744.00 Reimbursement to NENY Area Association for Mirror Lake Retreat NYSIW 2025	
107	$50.00 Ulster Ba ank Seed $	
108	$15.11 NYSIW 4 road signs to rotate	
109	$149.15 to Reimbursement for Hospitality snacks & water	
110	$50 Open Account Fee	
111	$100 for Cart #2 rental	

Ulster Savings Bank Account				
	deposit	withdrawal	current	
new account 2/13/25	$50.00		$50.00	New Account Depposit
2/25	$50.00		$100.00	seed $$
4/3	$748.00		$848.00	Area 47 Archives
5/26	$284.00		$1,132.00	member room & reg
6/22	$100.00		$1,232.00	Chk #106 Contribution for 7th Tradition Hosp.
7/1		-$10.00	$1,222.00	denied check fee
7/1		-$100.00	$1,122.00	denied check #106
7/4	$502.00		$1,624.00	D-12 2 beds
7/25		-$10.00	$1,614.00	Overage from $502.
8/11	$243.00		$1,857.00	Walk in Reg cash
8/12	$195.00		$2,052.00	scholorships + $50. 7th Trad Snacks
8/13		-$150.00	$1,902.00	6 Seater Golf Cart Rental
8/20	$16,945.89		$18,847.89	Eventbrite Pay Out to NENY
8/20		-$254.58	$18,593.31	1 Reg + misc Reg items
8/21		-$45.00	$18,548.31	Trusted servant Reg
8/25		-$149.15	$18,399.16	Reimburse for hospitality
8/25		-$50.00	$18,349.16	Reimburesment for Seed
8/25	$100.00		$18,449.16	Check #107 reimbursement for #106
8/26		-$16,744.00	$1,705.16	Reimburse NENY Area 48 for Mirror Lake Retreat
8/27	$10.00		$1,715.16	Waived Check #106 Fee
8/25		-$15.11	$1,700.05	4 NYSIW Signs
9/2		-$50.00	$1,650.05	Reimbursement Ulter Bank Seed $
9/3		-$100.00	$1,550.05	2nd Golf Cart

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

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

Secretary Report

Greetings, Area 48,

Voting Assemblies are exciting affairs, and this one was no exception! AA members carefully considering how we will fund 12th Step Work in Area 48, and a Conference-style Floor Action in support of Area 48's dynamic Hybrid Committee! Here's how it unfolded…

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

If you need a hard copy of the minutes, please let me know. Editor Newsletter@nenyaa.org

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

Only 2 months left and its time for a New Year and a new crew!! Excited and sad to finish out the last commitments of my position as your Literature Chair. The past two years have been full of fun, laughs and learning.
However, before its all over don't forget to grab those Holiday gifts. Check out the table at the Area 48 Convention and the Area 48 Fellowship Day on 11/15. Great gifts for sponsors, sponsees, and all your sober BFFs!!

What's New with AAWS??

Call for stories!!

"A.A. for the Asian and Asian-American Alcoholic,"

pamphlet Deadline: March 31, 2026

Web submission: https://www.aa.org/submit-story-asian-and-asian-american alcoholic-alcoholic-pamphlet

"A.A. for the Transgender Alcoholic,"

pamphlet Deadline: March 31, 2026

Website submissions: https://www.aa.org/submit-story-aa-for-the-transgender-alcoholic-pamphlet

Announcing: "Refresh Your Home Group's Literature Rack!" Special Offer: Price breaks on new and revised Conference-approved pamphlets!

• Get 10% off a selection of New! and revised Conference-approved items of literature
• Stock up now! Price breaks are effective: October 15, 2025 – January 15, 2026

• "The Twelve Steps Illustrated" (Item P-55) ***Completely Redesigned!***
• "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" (Item P-43) ***New!***
• "Black in A.A." (Item P-51) ***New!***
Recently completely revised and redesigned!
• "Indigenous People in A.A." (Item P-21)
• "Young People in A.A." (Item P-4)
• "Speaking at Meetings Outside of A.A." (Item P-40)
• "A.A. in Your Community" (Item P-31)
• "Bridging the Gap" (Item P-49)
• "Is A.A. for You?" (Item P-3)
• "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?" (Item P-30)
• "Frequently Asked Questions about A.A." (Item P-2)
• "This Is A.A." (Item P-1)
• A.A. for the Older Alcoholic: Large Print (Item B-28) ***Completely revised, in a new booklet format***

******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

Grapevine

Hello,

FREE SHIPPING ON ALL GRAPEVINE/LAVINA PRODUCTS FROM NOVEMBER 1- DECEMBER 31!!!
This includes 2026 calendars, greeting cards, journals, everything Grapevine/LaVina

Suggestions from Chris C., Publisher, AA Grapevine, Inc, to help Grapevine help others:

1. Subscribe or renew your Grapevine or La Viña subscription today. You can subscribe to the print magazine or online — or subscribe through the apps and read and listen to the magazine right on your smartphone.

2. Ask your group to start a Grapevine or La Viña subscription — or add another.

3. Contribute to the Carry the Message program as an individual or as a group to provide subscriptions to those in need.

4. Tell your friends, home group, district and area that we need subscribers now more than ever.

5. Consider giving a subscription to someone who could benefit from the AA message.

6. We need help from Area and District trusted servants to reach groups that don't have Grapevine or La Viña — or even know that the magazines exist.

7. Make Grapevine and La Viña part of your local events with workshops and presentations.

You can read his complete letter at aagrapevine.org.

I hope to see some of you at the Area 48 Convention October 31- November 2, and Fellowship Day in Plattsburgh on November 22.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in service,
Michelle M.

Bridging The Gap Report

The Bridging the Gap committee meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 7:00 pm EST. If you're thinking about becoming a District BTG Chair, a temporary contact, or if you bring an AA meeting into a facility and would like to offer that option to the people attending, please join us! Everyone's welcome! Meeting details are below.

Thank you to the Host Committee for a great NYS Information Workshop! I learned a lot and enjoyed myself. It was great to meet people who I have only communicated with through emails, reunite with people I serve(d) with from other areas, and be with friends who also have a passion for service and a love for AA.

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

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
Thank You and Upcoming Corrections Meeting

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members who participated in the Corrections Workshop on October 4th. Your involvement and contributions were greatly appreciated. A special note of gratitude goes to Al M. for his outstanding efforts and dedication.

Please mark your calendars for our next important meeting on **Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:30 PM**. This meeting is especially important for all ***new district correction chairs***, as it will be an excellent opportunity to meet the new area corrections chair and discuss upcoming initiatives.

Your continued support and participation are vital to the success of our corrections work. We look forward to seeing you there!

Theresa M.
A48 Corrections Chair corrections@nenyaa.org

Announcing our new Panel 76!!

I'm thrilled to announce the full list of Panel 76 and am really excited to be serving our Area alongside the following people:

Delegate: Dolores K.
Area Chair/Alternate Delegate: Sue W.
Alternate Chairperson/Functions: Vo N.
Treasurer: J.R.
Alternate Treasurer/Finance: David P.
Secretary: Lindsey B.
Registrar/Alternate Secretary: Kevin H.B.
Alternate Registrar: Marcy M.

Accessibilities: Andy P.
Archives: TBD
Bridging the Gap: Chrissy O.
Cooperation with the Professional Community: Michelle M.
Corrections: Phil
Grapevine/La Viña: Scott
Hybrid: Thea H.B.
Inclusivity: Diane R.
Literature: Sally K.
Newsletter: Isabelle
Public Information: Susan C.
Treatment: Howard W.
Technology: Zak P.

Thank you to everyone that offered to serve and said yes when I asked them. I also wanted to acknowledge those who had to turn down the opportunity due to other obligations or limitations but were willing to join those respective committees. Finally, I'd like to extend my gratitude to everyone that served our Area these past two years.
Yours in gratitude,
Sue W.

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

Webmaster/Tech Chair Update

We're excited to share that Thea H-B has stepped into the role until a new chair has been appointed and Matt E. has kindly offered to help share the responsibilities. Please join us in welcoming them and offering support as they take on this important work for Area 48.

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

Thea H-B. Matt E.
Interim Tech Chair

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.

Please read this important letter from Grapevine Publisher:

Greetings,

Please see attached letter from Chris C., Publisher at AA Grapevine:

Grapevine Letter to AA Fellowship

Sincerely,

Communication Services Department

commservices@aa.org

Greetings,
The A.A. World Services Board met on July 31, 2025. Please click the link below to view the meeting highlights.

AAWS July 2025 Highlights

In fellowship,
Communication Services Department
commservices@aa.org

This Month In AA History

November 11:1934 – Bill W's final drunk begins on Veterans Day and lasts about a month

November 16:1950 – Dr Bob S dies in Akron, Ohio

November 28:1934 – Ebby T. carries message to Bill.

November 26:1895 – William Griffith W. born, East Dorset, VT

Treasurer Report

NENY Area 48 Monthly Treasurer Report September 2025 - Approved	
Beginning Balance	**$27,328.16**
Income	
Area Contributions	
District	$150.00
Group	$4,552.02
7th Tradition - Election Assembly	$125.00
7th Tradition - Joy of Service Day	$123.00
NYSIW - Half Overage	$775.02
Total Income	**$5,725.04**
Expense	
Treasurer	$358.67
Accessibility	$110.56
CPC	$64.84
Grapevine	$128.70
Accessibility Chair Advance Convention	$291.20
Travel Expense to Area Event	$23.85
NYSIW	$759.18
Election Assembly	$1,109.29
Joy of Service Day (exp. after report)	$98.17
PI/CPC QR Code Postcards	$210.00
Newsletter Postage	$55.64
Newsletter Printing	$182.56
Mailbox Service	$72.78
Archive Storage Fee	$100.00
Malware Software	$31.59
Computer Equipment	$107.99
JotForm	$26.46
AirTable	$120.01
Digital Ocean	$6.00
Bank Service Fee Refunded (04.2022)	-$20.00
PayPal Contribution Fees	$22.53
Total Expense	**$3,860.02**
Net Income	$1,865.02
Ending Balance	**$29,193.18**
Prudent Reserve	-$7,000.00
Available Funds	**$22,193.18**

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.

Meet Your Trusted Servants, NENY Area 48, Panel 74

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What's Happening ….

- OrientationDay January 10 Location TBD…Hold the date!!
- Fellowship Day November 22-MHAB Life Skills Campus14 Dormitory Rd. Plattsburgh 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

- National A.A. Technology Workshop November 7-9, 2025 https://naatw.org/2025-naatw-workshop/

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!……

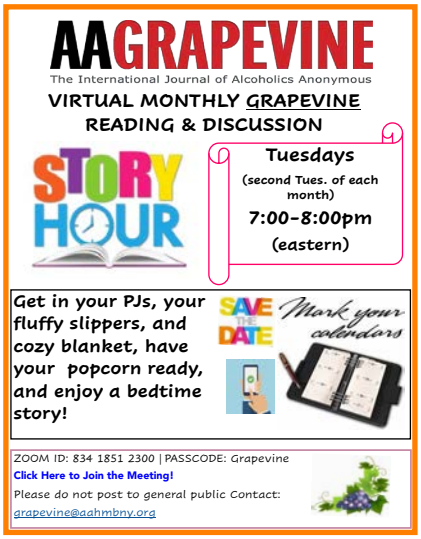
National A.A. Technology Workshop- Nov 7-9

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

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

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
ZOOM INFO
893 3966 8815 ID
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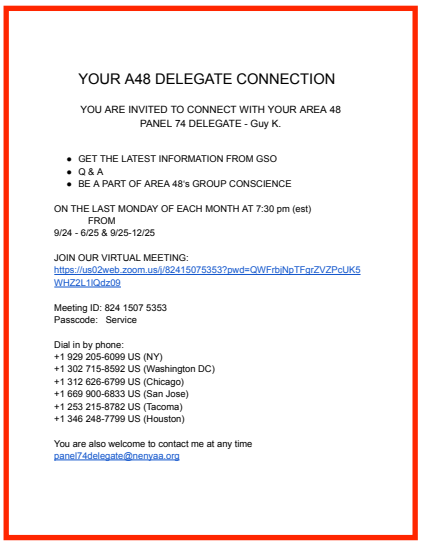
PUBLIC INFORMATION & COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY
TIME: 6:30 PM EASTERN TIME
EVERY MONTH ON THE 4TH THURSDAY
COME SHARE IDEAS TO HELP THE STILL SICK AND SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC.
MEETING ID: 868 7177 3923
PASSCODE: 080625
MORE INFO: PI@NENYAA.ORG
CPC@NENYAA.ORG


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:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82415075353?pwd=QWFrbjNpTFgrZVZPcUK5WHZ2L1IQdz09
Meeting ID: 824 1507 5353
Passcode: Service
Dial in by phone:
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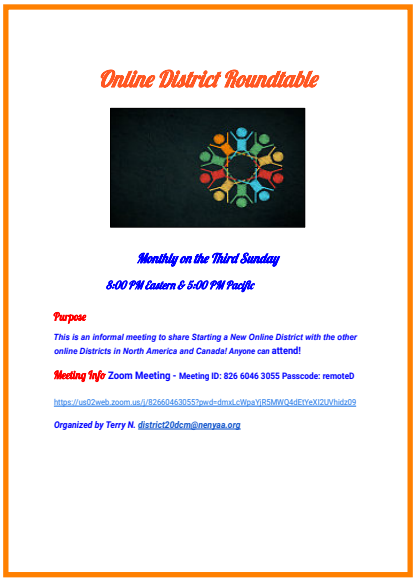
+1 302 715-8592 US (Washington DC)
+1 312 626-6799 US (Chicago)
+1 669 900-6833 US (San Jose)
+1 253 215-8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248-7799 US (Houston)
You are also welcome to contact me at any time
panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

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

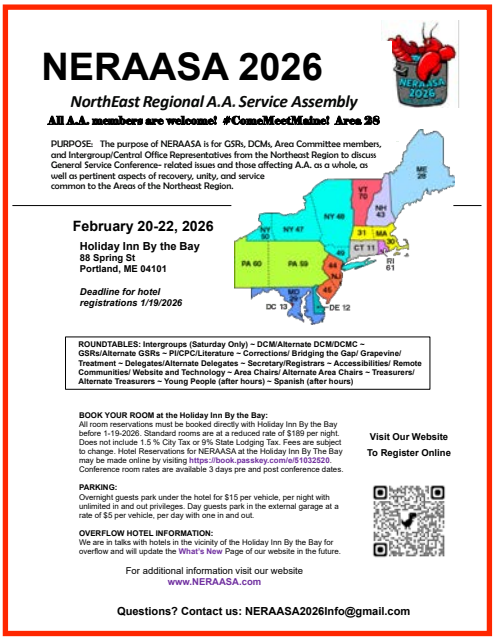
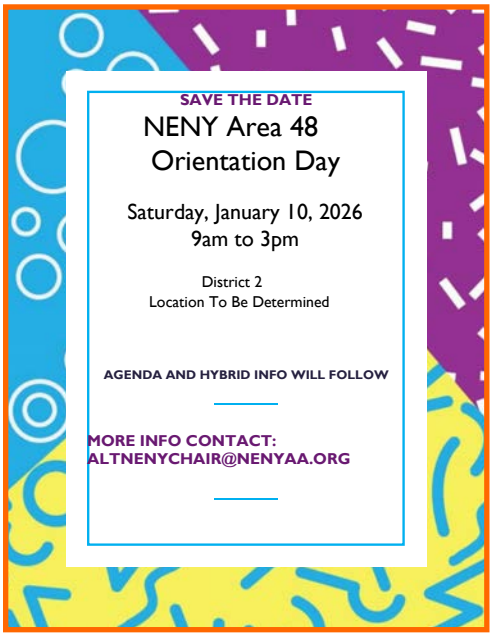
NENY Area 48
Technology Committee
4th Wednesday each Month
at 7 pm
Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872
Passcode: Techteam48
ZOOM

The Responsibility Statement – Living It Below the Group Level

Most of us are familiar with AA's **Responsibility Statement**: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."

At the group level, it reminds us to welcome newcomers, offer sponsorship, and keep the doors open for the next alcoholic in need. But its meaning reaches further.

When we serve **below the group level**—as a GSR, DCM, committee chair, or area officer—we take part in ensuring that AA's message is carried not just today, but into the future. These roles help safeguard AA's unity, provide communication between groups and AA as a whole, and keep our fellowship strong across districts, areas, and the world.

In this sense, we are the **future custodians of AA**. Just as those who came before us preserved AA so we could find recovery, it is now our turn to step up in service so that AA is here for the still-suffering alcoholic yet to walk through the door.

Service below the group level is simply another way of living out the Responsibility Statement—making sure the hand of AA is *always* there, today and tomorrow.