Happy, Joyous & Free Area 48 Newsletter

March, 2026

My Dear Friends from Area 48

Well, I survived my first newsletter edition! There were a few mistakes and some trials and tribulations, but I'm back again.

This is a very exciting issue. It includes details about the upcoming General Service Conference in April. Our Area Chair and Delegate, Sue and Deolores, have planned several opportunities for group members to offer input into the Area group conscience regarding the items on the Final Agenda for the Conference.
A link to the Delegates questionnaire is also included on page 7.
There is also a list of the opportunities for input included on page 17—take a look and participate! And be sure to share your feedback with your GSR, who will be attending the Area Delegate's Day of Sharing on March 28, 2026.

Thanks to all of you, and I'll see you on March 28!

Yours in service,
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Recovery

Unity

Service

And Love...

The AA Principles of the Month

March

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

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

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

- Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision"?
- Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we "instruct"? •
- Do we trust our trusted servants — GSR, DCM, area delegate, the Conference itself?

Officer and Committee Chair Reports

Delegate's Connection

When I found out I'd be serving on the Conference Committee on Report and Charter at the 76th General Service Conference in New York City, my first reaction was honestly… relief.
I was just glad I wasn't on the Finance Committee. (Trust me — that was good news for me and for AA.)
But then reality kicked in. I realized I needed to actually understand what the Report and Charter Committee does.
And before I could get there, I had to answer a more basic question first:

What even is the Charter of General Service?
If you've ever looked at AA's upside-down triangle and thought, "Okay, but who's actually running things here?" — you're not alone.
The answer is simple, but powerful: the groups are in charge.
That's not just a feel-good slogan. It's the whole foundation of how AA is set up. But here's the follow-up question: how do we make sure it stays that way?
That's where the Charter of General Service comes in.
Think of it as AA's service constitution. It describes how AA runs its service work across the U.S. and Canada. It spells out how decisions get made, who has authority, and how everyone stays accountable to the Fellowship. If the Twelve Traditions protect our unity, the Charter protects our service structure.

So What Does the Charter Actually Do?
At its core, the Charter keeps things balanced. It makes clear who has authority — and where that authority ends
Confirms that the groups hold the final say
Creates checks and balances between the Conference, the Trustees, and the General Service Board
Protects the right to participate and the right to appeal
Makes sure minority opinions get heard
Here's the thing, though: the Charter basically slows things down. And that might not sound exciting — but in an organization full of strong personalities and passionate people, that slow-down is actually a feature, not a bug. It helps make sure AA stays focused on principles rather than personalities.
Without something like the Charter, power could quietly drift away from the groups over time — often without anyone even noticing. The loudest voices could start carrying too much weight. Financial safeguards could weaken. The Charter exists to prevent exactly that kind of slow drift.

What Does My Committee Actually Do?
Once I wrapped my head around the Charter, the role of my committee made a lot more sense. The Conference Committee on Report and Charter reviews matters related to the Charter
and how the Conference itself is structured. We look at questions like: Are we still operating in
line with the Charter?
Are responsibilities clearly defined?
Are the groups' voices still being heard?
Are the decisions we're making protecting AA for the long haul? it's not flashy work. It's not dramatic. It doesn't usually lead to big, sweeping changes. It's more like checking the guardrails on a mountain road — you hope you never need them, but you're really glad they're there.

Why Should You Care?
One thing I always try to ask myself in service is: why does this matter to a regular group member?
Here's the honest answer: you'll probably never read the Charter of General Service. And that's completely fine — it's definitely not on the bestseller list. But every time your GSR carries your group's conscience to the District or Area, the Charter is part of what protects that voice. Every time a minority opinion is invited and respected at the Conference, the Charter is doing its job. Every time Trustees stay within their defined limits, that's the Charter at work.
Even if you never attend a service meeting beyond your home group, the Charter is quietly safeguarding your voice.

Delegate's Connection, cont.

It doesn't demand attention. It doesn't seek recognition. It just keeps the upside-down triangle standing.
As I get ready to serve on this committee, I feel the weight of that responsibility — in a good way. The Charter of General Service isn't just some old document collecting dust inside the Service Manual. It's a living framework that keeps the Fellowship at the center of everything AA does in service.
I'm honored to help look after it.

The Path to the 76th General Service Conference- so far….

September 30-2025: Deadline for submission of Conference agenda items for the 76th General Service Conference.
Nov. 17-21, 2025 The Preliminary Conference agenda items PAIs) are released. The delegate receives the items and then shares them with the area. The PAIs were posted on the NENY website and in the newsletter. This year 110 proposals were submitted; 16 were forwarded to Conference.
December 16, 2025- I received my Conference committee assignment- Report & Charter The conference committees act as the "working groups" of the Conference. It would be impossible for the 135 Conference members to debate every proposal so each committee "specializes" on the agenda items particular to them. Each committee presents their items to the full Conference with their recommendations for discussion and possible action.
The Report and Charter Committee review and recommend changes to the AA Service Manual, the Conference Charter and the Final Conference Report, helping to ensure AA's service structure stays accurate, clear, and accountable to the Fellowship. **January 9, 2026**: OnBoard Training to introduce those new to OnBoard **January 2026**: Pre-Conference Guide (Conference member contact information, Buddy lists, General Conference Information)
January 29, 2026: Introduction to Report and Charter Committee members and overview of the scope of our work.
February 15, 2026- The final Conference agenda items (FAIs) were released to the delegate, who will provide relevant agenda items along with the background material specific to the area service committee chairs to review and share information with the district service chairs. The list of FAIs will be posted on the website and in the March newsletter for the DCMs and GSRs to review and present to their groups and districts. The Area Service Committees are asked to determine a group conscience on each item as well as comments and/or questions.

Delegate's Connection, cont.

February 17-20, 2026: Conference Committee Background material released.
February 20-23, 2026: Northeast Region AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) Portland, ME which helps the delegate to prepare to participate effectively in the GSC.
March: Final Agenda Items and Questionnaire available to Area Service Committee chairs, DCMs and GSRs. See website and Newsletter.
March 4, 2026: GSC Sharing Session (Joint Committee meetings)
March 13-15, 2026: Northeast Region Delegate's Reunion (NERD) Delegate and Alt Delegate attending in Wilmington, DE.
March 16-20, 2026: Conference Manual posted on OnBoard
March 28, 2026: Delegate's Day of Sharing Cairo, NY. Offers the opportunity to get input on Conference questions to develop the collective conscience of Area 48.
And there's more.....! Stay tuned.

Click Here for the General Service Conference Final Agenda

GSC Final agenda

Delegate's Update #3

What's New in Area 48?
A lot of things have been happening in the warm-up to the 76th General Service Conference (GSC) in New York City.
Once again, I want to thank you for trusting me to bring Area 48's collective conscience to Alcoholics Anonymous. Some days feel like a blizzard of information has descended and on the other days, I feel like I am digging myself out trying to determine how to best keep you in the loop of AA since you have the ultimate authority and final responsibility for what happens here.
Here are some highlights:
1. Northeast Region of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) happened 2/20-23 in Portland, ME. Once again, the Northeast Region out-did themselves. There were 600 members pre-registered plus walk-ins adding up to 755 AAs growing spiritually together. All 18 areas from Maine through Washington, DC over to Pennsylvania were represented.
Area 48 trusted servants stood for you well too: all Area officers, three Past Delegates, 73% of the Area Service Committee chairs, 53% of the DCMs, many of your District Service chairs and many GSRs. We are well-served in Area 48.
Ken T, the NERT Trustee, gave an overview of the state of the NERegion and what is happening at the General Service Office, AA World Services and the Grapevine/La Vina.
Read his report here: NERT report

Delegates Connection, cont.

2. Quarterly Report from GSO (General Service Office): activities of the General Service Board (February 5,)F-14_Quarterly_Report_2025_Fourth_Quarter.pdf

3. Quarterly Financial Report (February 25, 2026) https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zFSEoDL9ag7m4gVhDwh2FA8lWXOhYnvR/view?usp=drivesdk.

What's New at aagrapevine.org?
1. New Podcast: Grapevine Open AA Meeting. Each week the Grapevine holds a virtual open AA meeting with a host and two speakers. https://www.aagrapevine.org/grapevine-weekly-open?srsltid=AfmBOoohDAeyVONbgsC2-dm8JuW9H8bE07qE4Q-1aHt6EiK16FsEo22m play

Preview:
1. Safety in AA videos - the GSC will be considering accepting and adapting these videos. Watch them now for an informed group conscience (FYI- Area 48 previewed these videos and led a discussion on Safety in our lives in AA at our Spring Voting Assembly)
Safety in A.A. Ch. 2: There is a Solution (Universal Version)
Safety in A.A. Ch. 2: There is a Solution (Universal Version)
Safety in A.A. Ch. 3: A Vision for You (Universal Version)

In grateful service,
Dolores K
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This Just In!

Delegate's Questionnaire FAQ | 2026

What is the Delegate's Questionnaire? The Delegate's Questionnaire is a set of questions your home group answers each year. These questions are about a few selected topics that will be discussed at the General Service Conference. Your group's answers help me, your Delegate, understand what members in Area 48 think and feel about these topics.

Why does it matter? Your group's voice helps guide how I take part in the discussions and votes at the Conference. I do not create one "Area opinion." Instead, I bring the shared experience and conscience of many groups. Your group's thoughts help me represent Area 48 in an informed and respectful way.

Who fills it out? Your General Service Representative (GSR) brings the Questionnaire to your home group. The group talks about the questions—usually during a business meeting or group conscience—and decides on answers together. The responses should reflect the group's conscience, not one person's opinion. Individual submissions are not accepted.

What if our group can't answer everything? That's completely fine. Your group can focus on the items that matter most to you. A few well-discussed answers are much more helpful than trying to rush through all of them.

Where can we learn more about the topics? You can get background information at the **Delegate's Day of Sharing (DDoS)** on **Saturday, March 28, 2026**. This hybrid event gives GSRs a chance to hear presentations, ask questions, and get ready to bring the information back to their groups.

How do we submit our group's answers?

Online is the preferred method:

Link: Delegates Questionnaire
To return the form by mail please print it, fill it out and email panel76delegate@nenyaa.org for the address to send it to.

Submissions are due by April 13th.
To access the background information please email panel76delegate@nenyaa.org or nenychair@nenyaa.org, and we will send you a link.

Chair/Alt Delegate Report

NERAASA was great! I was proud to see almost **forty** people from our Area there! Many were there for their first time. Almost every officer and committee chair was present, as well as quite a few DCMs and GSRs. I hope everyone got as much out of it as I did. I especially enjoyed getting to finally meet the people who I've been working with online for the past couple months. The other highlights were the skit the host committee presented on Saturday night, and the Grapevine, Literature and Archives display they set up.

Our Delegate, Dolores, will be at the GSR Forum on March 1 to discuss the Final Agenda Items and answer any questions. I'm looking forward to enabling our GSRs to learn more and help get their groups' consciences back to the delegate. All AA members are welcome to attend.

We'll also be at a special meeting for District 20 on March 10th. Again, all AA members are invited to join us.

Dolores and I are going to try something new and hope to visit a couple clusters in person before the General Service Conference. We're still working on getting the locations and dates set.

General Service Conference Agenda Discussions:
March 1st at 7:00 pm EST – online (GSR Forum)
Meeting ID: 870 0168 1934
Passcode: gsr

March 7th at 7:00 pm EST – online (Delegate Connection)
Meeting ID: 880 5504 0596
Passcode: Service

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March 10th at 7:00 pm EST – online (Special presentation for District 20)
Meeting ID: 291 297 7780
Passcode: 011023

March 28th from 9-3 – in person and online (Delegate's Day of Sharing)
Gallagher's Banquet Hall
513 Main St.
Cairo, NY 12413
Meeting ID: 870 1097 2259
Passcode: DelDay48

You'll find a copy of the above events in this newsletter so you can hand it out to your home group members.

If you ever have any concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out. I'm here to serve you.

With Gratitude,
Sue W.
nenychair@nenyaa.org.

Alternate Chair Report

News from NENY AltChair:
Had a wonderful time in Portland, Maine for NERAASA, thank you all who joined us, for so lovingly representing Area 48 NENY.
Mid-March will start a Traditions workshop, seats are still available. 13 weeks, Thursdays 7pm, except when a Delegates Connection is scheduled. Paired with a study buddy, weekly review of our insights and experience through Traditions!
contact altnenychair@nenyaa.org with reservations or questions.
Looking forward to seeing all DCM's and Alts on the 3rd Sunday monthly call, 5pm, for about an hour.
Vo
Alternate Chair
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Secretary Report

Hello all,
I had an amazing weekend at NERAASA. Was great to see such an Area 48 presence. Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 28th for our Delegates Day of Sharing!!

Yours in Service,
Lindsey B
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Treasurer's Report

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Hybrid Report

I attended NERASSA, where they did not have separate tech committee roundtables. But there was a lot of talk about the role of technology in AA including AI and Hybrid meetings. I was able to share our area's experience with a few people and encourage them to consider hybrid area meetings as an inclusivity and accessibility tool.

If any districts have any questions about setting up or improving their hybrid meetings, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'm happy to help.

I am not going to be able to be at the March 28th Delegate's Day of Sharing, but I'm working with the delegate, Alt chair, and tech team to put together a team that can serve you well.

In love and service,

Thea H-B

Hybrid Chair

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Public Information

Happy March!!! NERAASA was an amazing experience, as always. Area 48 was well represented. The Roundtable for CPC/PI was informative, if not a bit overwhelming. It is hard to believe the amount of tools available for us to reach the next sick and suffering alcoholic. Notes are available if anyone is interested just send me an email and I will forward to you.
Our February CPC/PI meeting was also well attended. 8 districts attended with 2 others having scheduling conflicts and unable to attend. We discussed emailing out meeting minutes and moving forward with having an agenda for future meetings. This will ensure information is shared. The importance of setting up district email to leave an accurate record for the next alcoholic who rotates in. I hope to be in contact with DCM's for any district that has been unable to attend our meetings to get updated contact information for CPC/PI chairs. We covered a wide range of topics and had a lot of fun doing it. We are fortunate to have our shared service experiences and stressed the importance of using each other for support, as well as aa.org and area and district websites for accurate information. Please feel free to hop on our next meeting
March 26th at 6:30pm for service, fellowship and fun. 868 7177 3923 passcode 080625
If only we could find a way to involve food. Maybe we could start a food theme for each meeting?

Thank you for allowing me to serve
Please reach out anytime
Susan
Area 48 Public Information Chair
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Literature

Hi Everyone
I've been to a virtual Literature meeting about the process of creating the 5th Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. This was an enormous task of choosing the stories submitted, to keep our literature current.
There were 2,393 stories submitted, every story was read, and then moved to the next committee for sorting, and then the next arduous process was a labor of love, and nearing the end. I don't have a definite date, but let's wait and see what happens at this year's Conference!

I am hoping to build a committee of District & Homegroup Literature chairs, and hopefully GSR's, where there are no Literature chairs.
Does your homegroup have a Literature Chair?
Would you like to know more about being a Literature Chair? Reach out, please, send me your emails to add to my contact list. I am at NERAASA right now and excited for today's panels, writers workshops and info roundtables.

I plan to be at every Area Event with our Literature.
We will continue the virtual GV/LV/Literature committee meetings every Third Thursday at 6:30pm, with Scott S. on Grapevine/La Vina.
On the Zoom platform:
Meeting ID:
840 6485 5953
Passcode:394275

If you are rotating in or out of the Literature chair in your District or group, please share this info with the new rotating chairs. My goal is to include all of our Area 48 Literature chairs to create a committee, to share information, and see what we can all learn together. I welcome all of your questions and input.

Here is a link to the new animated Concepts Video:
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/12_Concepts_Video_Announ cement.pdf

Below is a link to the letter that I received from AAWS about the price increase .
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/AAWS_Announces_Literatur e_Price_Increase.pdf
You can find this and more on the 'Meeting Guide' App under the 'news' tab.
There are three fliers (In the Announcements) about 2 different pamphlets that we are asked to write stories for.
Please, take a look, if you know anyone that might be interested, share this with them.

I hope to see you soon at the 'Delegates Day of Sharing' on March 28th in Cairo
In Service,
Sally K.
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Corrections

My name is Philip, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve. I want to begin by offering a sincere thank-you to everyone involved in Corrections work across our Area. Your willingness, your patience, and your steady commitment make a real difference. This work isn't always easy, but it is deeply rewarding. As the Big Book reminds us, "Helping others is the foundation stone of your recovery." That truth shows up every time one of you carries the message behind the walls or supports the work from the outside.

We continue to hold our monthly Corrections Committee meeting on Zoom the 4th Monday at 6:30, and everyone is welcome. Whether you're already involved or simply curious, your presence and perspective matter. Our Area has a large number of facilities, and the need is real. If you've ever felt called to carry the message into a jail or prison, please reach out. We would be glad to talk with you, answer questions, and help you get connected.

Corrections service is more than just going inside. There is plenty of outside work that keeps this effort moving—correspondence, coordination with districts, prerelease contacts, literature support, and helping groups stay informed. Every act of service contributes to the larger mission of making sure no alcoholic is forgotten.

Thank you again for your dedication and your spirit of unity. I'm grateful to serve alongside all of you.

Philip
Corrections Chair
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Zoom Info
Every 4th Monday @ 6:30.
Meeting id: 867 1213 3948
Password : A48Correct

Treatment Chair

Hello everyone from the Treatment Chair.

I wish to invite all District Treatment Chair to our next Treatment/ Bridging the Gap (BTG) online meeting **March 11th at 6:30.** The **Id is :861 6963 8196 and the passcode is: 741803.**

This meeting is every month on the second Wednesday of the month same time same place.

The meeting is informal and we try to keep is as a short check-in to see what is happening in your Districts and answer any questions and concerns you may have. Anyone is welcome to attend and see what Treatment and BTG are doing.

Please try to have someone from your District attend the meeting so that we can discuss ways to improve our outreach services of AA to different facilities. DCM's you are encouraged to attend if you don't yet have a Treatment or BTG Chair for your District.

On another note, just back from NERAASA 2026 in Portland, Maine. It was nice to see so many of our Area 48 people there as well as the 600 to 700 other folks from all over the Northeast Region. Portland was great and the Lobster was fantastic.

Also, the roundtables and panels throughout the weekend were full of useful information and well attended. Rest assured that the problems that exist in our Area with trying to get people involved in service and having facility doors open to AA are the same throughout the Northeast Region.

Anyone that would like a summary of the Treatment, Corrections and Bridging the Gap roundtable please feel free to email me at (Treatment@nenyaa.org) and I will gladly send you a copy.

Thank you

Yours in service,

Howard W., NENY

Area 48 Treatment Chair

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Tech Chair

This month, the Tech Committee focused on improving the Area 48 website, strengthening documentation, and preparing technology support for upcoming events. A major topic was the delegate page, where the committee agreed to create a clearer, more user-friendly structure that separates public materials from confidential content. The plan is to build a password-protected section for sensitive delegate documents, while keeping appropriate information easily accessible to members. The documents are protected for anonymity reasons and the password will be provided area wide to all members that request it.

The committee also discussed broader website management and future planning. We agreed to continue using WordPress, since it remains the best fit for our meeting finder and current systems. At the same time, there was strong agreement on the need to better document website processes, email systems, and technical procedures in Google Drive so that future trusted servants have clear guidance and continuity.

In addition, we reviewed several communication and data-management needs, including district email address consistency, MailChimp and Airtable updates, and the possible transition from Jotform to Google Forms for improved handling of submissions. We also began planning technology support for the March 28 Delegates Day event, including voulunteers, hybrid setup, and preparing additional laptops and equipment.

Overall, the committee is making steady progress toward a more secure, organized, and sustainable technology structure for Area 48.

Yours in Service,

Zak P.

NENY Area 48

Panel 76 Technology Chairr

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Accessibilities

Bridging the Gap

Hi everyone,
This month I was on 2nd weds of the month 630p est 4 attended. ID 8616963 8196 PW 741803.. please come n find out how we can reach more treatment facilities. Please also request btg cards to give to facilities and I will get them to you. btg@nenyaa.org if any questions . Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Chrissy O
btg@nenyaa.org
Bridging The Gap Chair
Area 48 • Northeast New York

Grapevine/La Vina

Hello Scott S. Your La Vina/ Grapevine chair. This past weekend was amazing to gather with so many people involved in the service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous . Grapevine did an amazing job showing up and explaining what they do as a service in A.A.They are always looking for more story submissions especially on the traditions. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Grapevine Story hour. This is the **Grapevine Quote of the day and is what NERAASA made me realize.**

February 19, 2026 “It has only been in the past few months that I have become interested in service work in AA. Before that, I was an AA barnacle, glued to my seat, criticizing the speakers and griping about the coffee. Now I’m on the other side of the squawks and bleeps, and I find, to my delight, I like it.” “Service,” Tacoma, Washington, September 1974, AA Grapevine

Scott S
La Vina / Grapevine Chair
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Inclusivity

Inclusivity is slowly getting started. There have been two A48 meetings so far and we have had 3 to 4 attendees. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM EST. If anyone is interested in finding out about Inclusivity in AA please come to the meeting. We have come up with some ideas as how to go about having EVERYONE feel included in any AA Meeting they attend. All are welcome to attend the meeting, bring your questions or suggestions. I have attached a flyer with the information and login. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours in Service
Diane R
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APPROVED – 2026 AREA 48 NENY EVENTS CALENDER
Revised 1/17/2026

DATE	EVENT	HOST
Dec. 2025 - January 2026	Convention Committee begins work on November 2026 Convention	Adirondack Cluster
January 10, 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 28, 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 10-12, 2026	NYS Informational Workshop	Stony Point, NY - 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
Western..... D9, D12, 20
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Meet Your Trusted Servants, NENY Area 48, Panel 76

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https://nenyaa.org/area-48-committee-monthly-meetings.

Area 48 Recurring Events

• GSR (Gen Service Rep) Forum | 1st Sundays @ 7pm (see Announcements)
Open to any member of AA! You do not have to be a GSR or a member of Area 48 to attend.
• District Committee Members Meeting | 3rd Sunday @ 5:00pm
* Grapevine Story Hour | 2nd Tuesdays @ 7pm (see Announcements)
• Your Delegate Connection | First Thursday@ 7:30pm (See Announcements)
• Treasury Committee | 3rd Monday @ 6:30pm

Area 48 Committee Meetings

• Accessibilities | 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm | ID: 822 5687 7420, Passcode: 353180
• Bridging the Gap (BTG)/Treatment | 2nd Wednesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 861 6963 8196, Passcode: 741803
• Corrections | 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 | 867 1213 3948, Passcode: A48Correct
• Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) & PI (Public Information) | 4th Thursdays @ 6:30pm | 868 7177 3923, Passcode: 08065oin Meeting Click Here
• DCMs & Alt DCMs + Functions 3rd Sundays @ 5pm | ID: 952 7302 1180, Passcode: DCMfun
• Grapevine & Literature | 3rd Thursdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 840 6485 5953, Passcode:394275
• Inclusivity | 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 898 3966 8615 Passcode: 974900
• Technology | 4th Wednesdays @ 7pm | 829 5229 5872, Passcode: Techteam48
• Treasury I 3rd Mondays @ 6:30pm I Meeting ID: 814 0888 4467 Passcode: 472485

Proposal for Consideration
Area Spring Voting Assembly

Proposal: Make the Area Alternate Secretary a Stand-Alone Position

Currently, the Area Registrar serves as Area Secretary in the absence of the Area Secretary.

The Area Secretary is a distinctly different position from that of Registrar. Whereas the Area Registrar needs familiarity with GSO databases and must maintain almost constant contact with the registrars from all Area districts, standing in for the Area Secretary requires the Registrar to drop those responsibilities and instead be familiar with the procedures for taking minutes at Area events, distributing minutes through MailChimp, updating the Service Manual as needed, sending up-to-date minutes and Service Manual changes to the Newsletter Chair, and keeping in touch with the General Service Conference Coordinator. It does not seem prudent, realistic, or practical to ask the Area Registrar to step into that role, especially on short notice.

The Area Secretary and the Alternate Secretary could work together to coordinate schedules so that the Area Secretary's responsibilities are always covered by someone fully familiar with them. This would help ensure that minutes for Area Assemblies and other events on the annual calendar are recorded as accurately and descriptively as possible and made available to the fellowship in a timely manner.

This arrangement would also provide training if the Alternate Secretary chooses to stand for election when the Area Secretary rotates out of the position, and it would give the Area another service position. Having an Alternate Secretary as a stand-alone position would not increase any costs for the Area, as either the Secretary or the Alternate Secretary would be reimbursed for mileage and expenses for the events covered, as outlined in Section 5.0, Event Participation and Funding, of the Area 48 Service Manual. This change would take effect with the election of the next panel.

Speaking as the immediate past Area Secretary, I can say that I never felt comfortable asking the Area Registrar to cover for me in my absence, as the Area Secretary is such a distinctly different role from that of Registrar. I feel strongly that this change would help the Area function more smoothly

76th General Service Conference Agenda Discussions

March 1st at 7:00 pm EST – online (GSR Forum)
Meeting ID: 870 0168 1934
Passcode: gsr

March 5th at 7:00 pm EST – online (Delegate's Connection)
Meeting ID: 880 5504 0596
Passcode: Service

March 10th at 7:00 pm EST – online (Special presentation for District 20)
Meeting ID: 291 297 7780
Passcode: 011023

March 28th from 9-3 – in person and online (Delegate's Day of Sharing)
Meeting ID: 870 1097 2259
Passcode: DelDay48

Gallagher's Banquet Hall
513 Main St.
Cairo, NY 12413

AREA 48
⬚⬚ DELEGATE'S DAY OF SHARING ⬚⬚

76th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Group Conscience • Discussion • Participation
Hybrid Event – In-Person & Online

9:00 MEET & GREET
Coffee & Fellowship
(Zoom Room Opens)
9:30 AM WORK BEGINS
Opening • Purpose • Review of Process
10:00 – 12:00 Morning Session
4 Proposals
Discussion & Voting
12:00 – 12:45. LUNCH BREAK
12:45 – 2:30 AFTERNOON SESSION
4 Proposals
Discussion & Voting
2:30 – 3:00 CLOSING
Reflections • Next Steps •
Responsibility Statement

Save the Date: Saturday, April 18

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Join us at a location TBD in the Hudson Valley Cluster (Districts 3, 7, 11, 15, 16, 17) for a full day of fellowship focused on service.

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Details soon at nenyaa.org

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The AAWS Board recently recommended that a monthly communication be sent regarding matters related to self-support. This communication is a continuation of that series.

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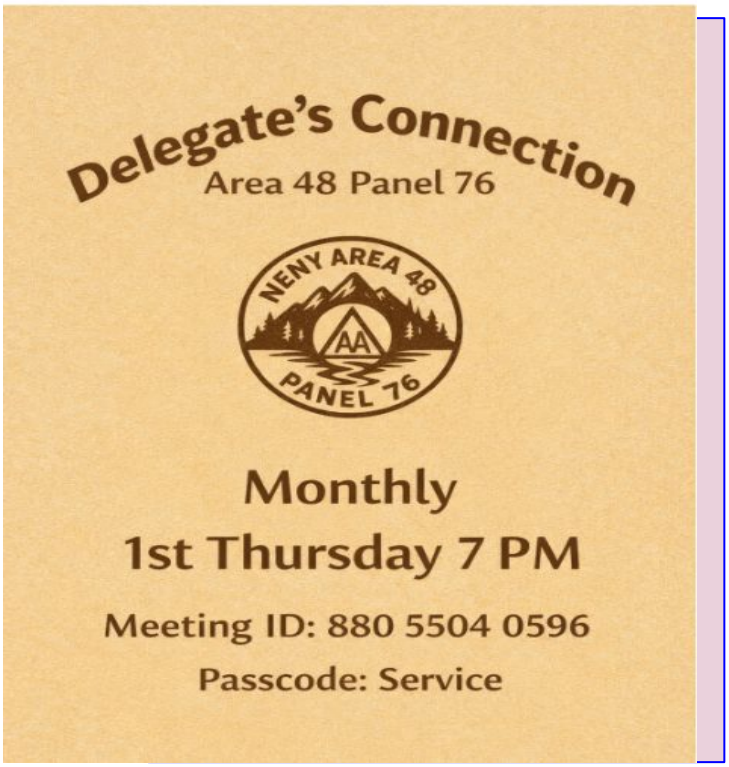
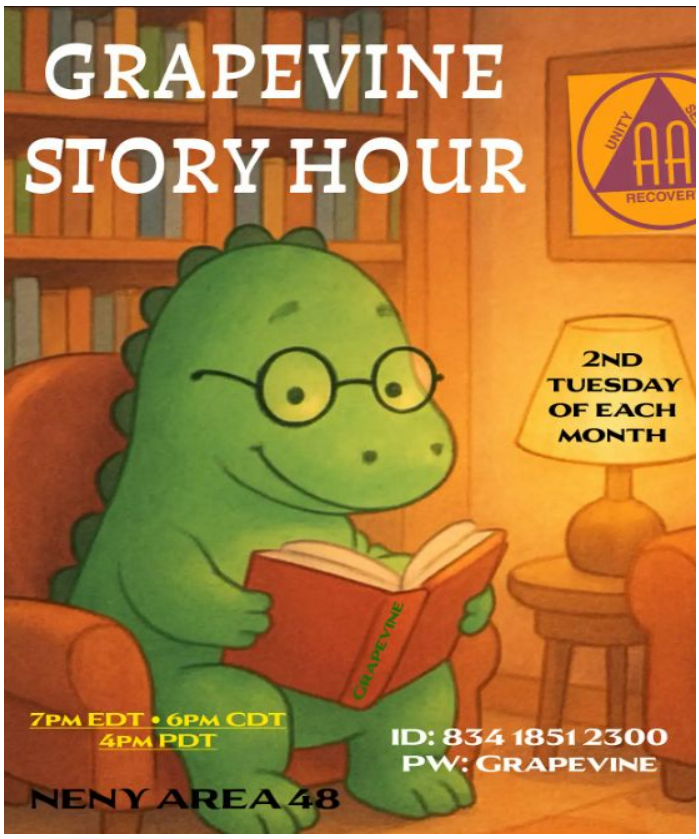
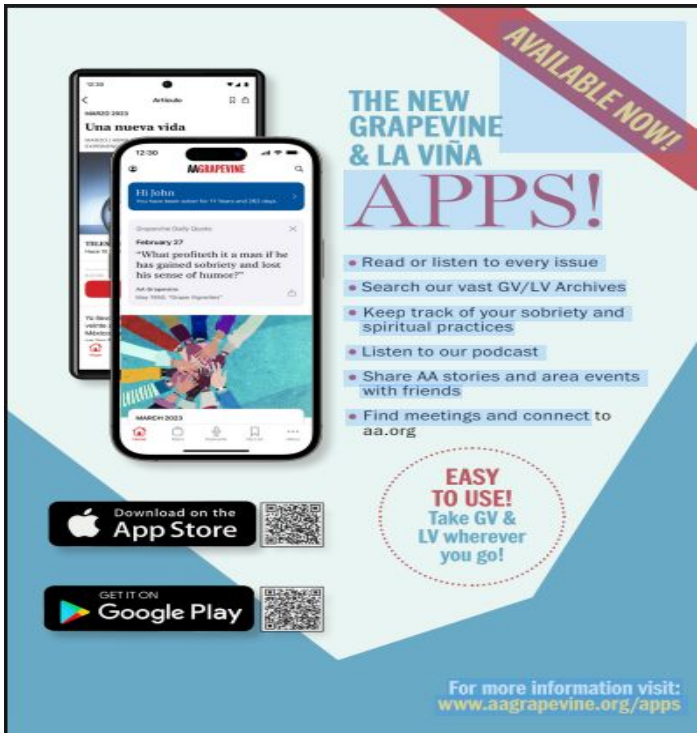






SAVE THE DATE!

for the

2026 New York State Informational Workshop

When: July 10-12, 2026

Where: Stony Point Center

17 Cricketown Rd, Stony Point, NY 10980

https://stonypointcenter.org

Who: All A.A. members and their guests are welcome!

Why: Because we love A.A.!

Hosted by: Area 49 (SENY)

For more information, contact Annabel B. at nysiw2026@aaseny.org

STONY POINT
an open space...

Stony Point provides 3 meals/day from their "scratch" kitchen, meeting spaces with tech set-up, pianos, campfires, shared lounges, a peaceful meditation space, a centering Chartres labyrinth, and a chance to enjoy its entire 32 acres for roaming and renewing your spirit...

The 63rd International Women's Conference of AA is coming to Buffalo, New York!

Registration opens on Saturday February 14, 2026

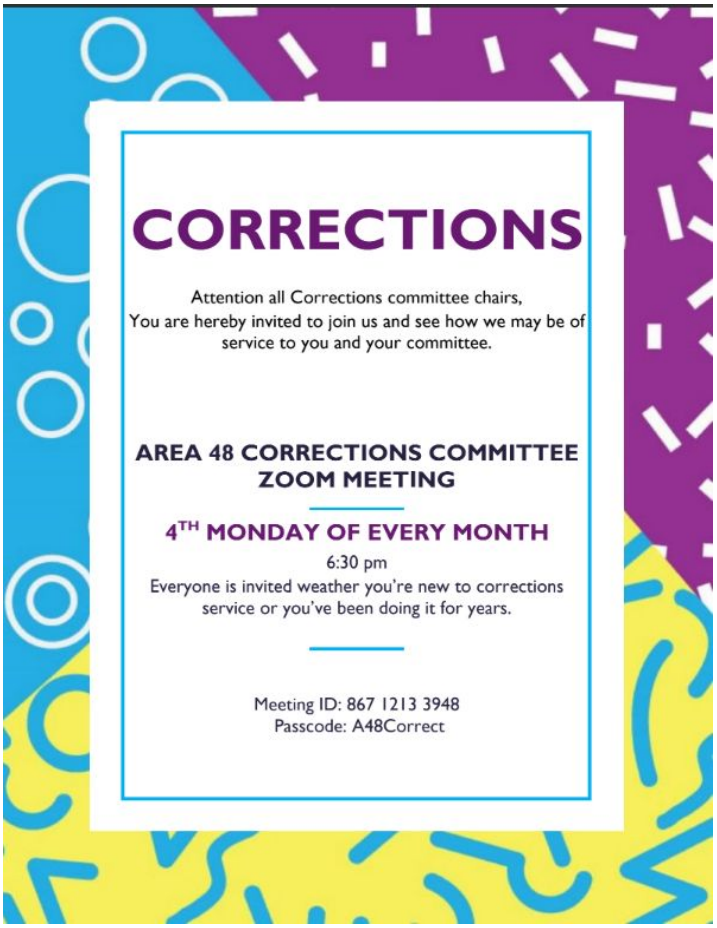
Zoom with us to learn about our plans and have your questions answered!

Pick a session and bring a friend!

Informational sessions on Zoom!

Saturday February 21, 2026 at 11:00 AM
Monday February 23, 2026 at 7:30 PM
Sunday March 8, 2026 at 11:00 AM
Wednesday March 18, 2026 at 7:30 PM

https://zoom.us/j/95175776384



NENY Area 48 VOTING ASSEMBLY – Saturday, May 16th

Help Steer the Ship! > *Ever wonder how Area 48 actually works? Come find out and cast your vote! Join us for coffee, fellowship, and a little bit of "Area business."*

When

Date: Saturday, May 16th 2026

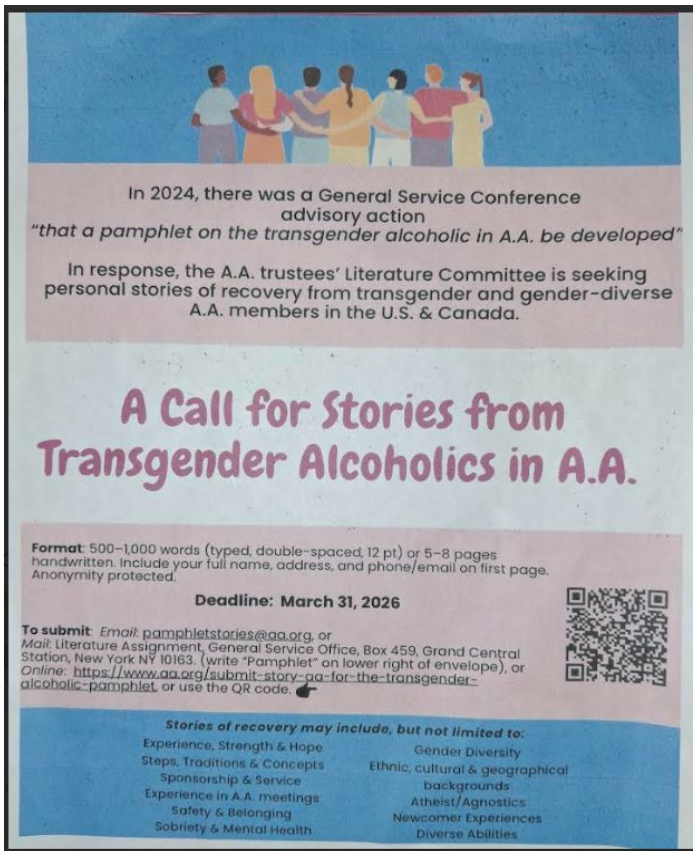
Registration, Coffee, and Fellowship:	9:00 AM
Assembly Business:	9:30 AM
End Time:	2:30 PM

Where

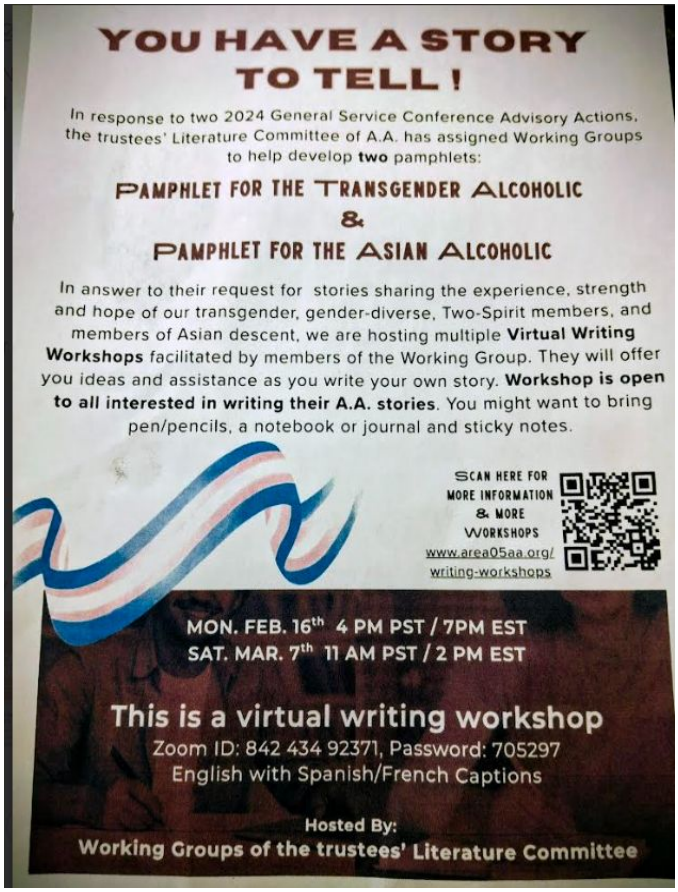
In Person: Saratoga United Methodist Church, 175 5th Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (the intersection of 5th and Henning)

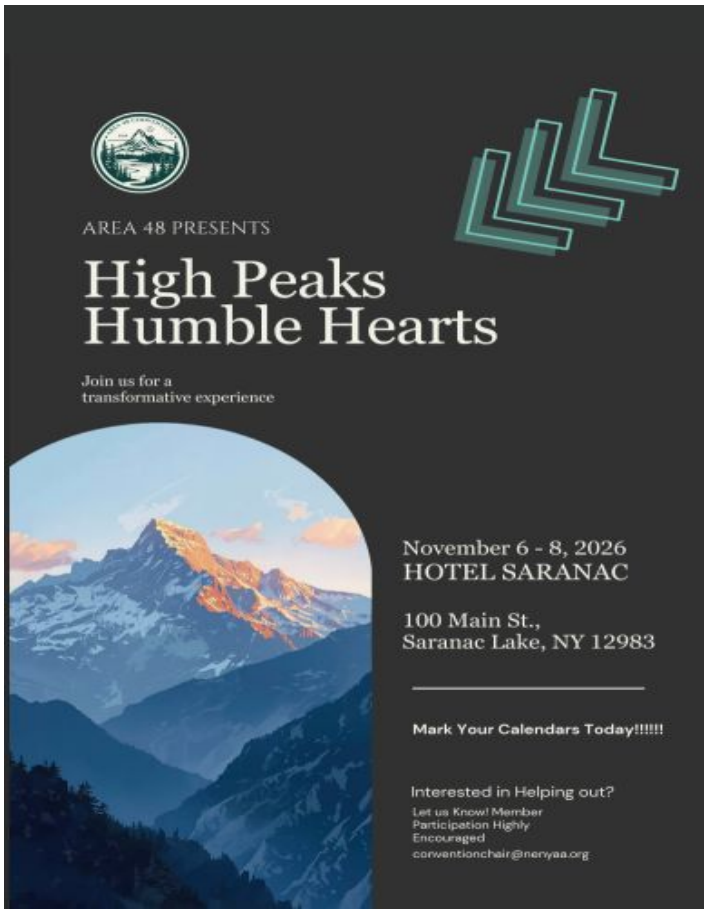
Online: Zoom Details to Follow

Let's keep the hand of AA reaching out—hope to see there virtually or in person.


In 2024, there was a General Service Conference advisory action
"that a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A. be developed"
In response, the A.A. trustees' Literature Committee is seeking personal stories of recovery from transgender and gender-diverse A.A. members in the U.S. & Canada.
A Call for Stories from Transgender Alcoholics in A.A.
Format: 500–1,000 words (typed, double-spaced, 12 pt) or 5–8 pages handwritten. Include your full name, address, and phone/email on first page. Anonymity protected.
Deadline: March 31, 2026
To submit: Email: pamphletstories@aa.org, or
Mail: Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York NY 10163. (write "Pamphlet" on lower right of envelope), or
Online: https://www.aa.org/submit-story-aa-for-the-transgender-alcoholic-pamphlet, or use the QR code.
Stories of recovery may include, but not limited to:
Experience, Strength & Hope
Steps, Traditions & Concepts
Sponsorship & Service
Experience in A.A. meetings
Safety & Belonging
Sobriety & Mental Health
Gender Diversity
Ethnic, cultural & geographical backgrounds
Atheist/Agnostics
Newcomer Experiences
Diverse Abilities

A CALL FOR STORIES
FOR THE PAMPHLET
"A.A. FOR THE ASIAN & ASIAN-AMERICAN ALCOHOLIC"
The trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories of personal recovery from all members in the A.A. structure of the United States and Canada with ethnic or cultural ties to Asia.
STORIES OF RECOVERY MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:
Experience, Strength, and Hope
Steps, Traditions, and Concepts
Ethnic, cultural, sexual and gender diversity
Sponsorship and Service
Experience in A.A. meetings
Safety, Racism, and Belonging through AA principles
Sobriety and Mental Health
Cultural Reconnection
Diversity of socio-economic status
Atheist/Agnostics
Newcomer Experiences
Finding A.A.
Experience in Linguistic A.A. groups and/or communities
Accessing A.A. despite cultural barriers
FORMAT:
The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500–1,000 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 8 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of your manuscript. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING STORIES BY EMAIL OR POSTAL MAIL:
Online Submission:
aa.org/submit-story-asian-and-asian-american
Email: pamphletstories@aa.org
Subject Line: A.A. for the Asian and Asian-American Alcoholic
Postal Mail: Attn: Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
On the envelope: The word "Pamphlet" should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.
SCAN ME
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: MARCH 31, 2026


YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL!
In response to two 2024 General Service Conference Advisory Actions, the trustees' Literature Committee of A.A. has assigned Working Groups to help develop two pamphlets:
PAMPHLET FOR THE TRANSGENDER ALCOHOLIC
&
PAMPHLET FOR THE ASIAN ALCOHOLIC
In answer to their request for stories sharing the experience, strength and hope of our transgender, gender-diverse, Two-Spirit members, and members of Asian descent, we are hosting multiple Virtual Writing Workshops facilitated by members of the Working Group. They will offer you ideas and assistance as you write your own story. Workshop is open to all interested in writing their A.A. stories. You might want to bring pen/pencils, a notebook or journal and sticky notes.
SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & MORE WORKSHOPS
www.area05aa.org/writing-workshops
MON. FEB. 16th 4 PM PST / 7PM EST
SAT. MAR. 7th 11 AM PST / 2 PM EST
This is a virtual writing workshop
Zoom ID: 842 434 92371, Password: 705297
English with Spanish/French Captions
Hosted By:
Working Groups of the trustees' Literature Committee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