

# Happy, Joyous & Free Area 48 Newsletter

June, 2026

My Dear Friends in AA,

It's almost summer — hard to believe. I have been sober for 10 years, and I can't remember a time with as much activity as we've had over the past year.

Dolores, our Area 48 Delegate, has returned from the General Service Conference and has included a great deal of feedback in this issue. (Thank you, Dolores!)

There are also a couple of new features in this issue. The first is GSO News, which includes information on self-support, the AA World Services report, the Everything AA app that GSO recently purchased, and an opportunity to get your ideas or concerns onto the General Service Conference agenda.

By the way, GSO needs support. They currently have 4.6 months of prudent reserve remaining, any contributions would be greatly appreciated.

There is also an appeal for District service, which I found to be truly life-changing for me.

See you next month!

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*Recovery*

*Unity*

*Service*

*And Love...*

# The AA Principles of the Month

May, 2026

**Step 6:** Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

**Tradition Six:** An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Why is it important that we not get involved in outside enterprises?
2. Is it ever wise for a group to lease a small building or endorse an outside event?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local clubhouse familiar with the “A.A. Guidelines on the Relationship between A.A. and clubs,” which is available free from GSO?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor’s advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Our group’s landlord is raising money to pay for a new roof on the building. Should the group make a contribution? What if the landlord specifically asks the group to make a contribution?

**Concept VI:** The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (GSB) Class A and Class B trustees serve A.A.?
- Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve A.A.?
- Are we clear about the terms, “chief initiative” and “active responsibility”?
- Can we see a direct link to our home group? Concept VII: The Charter

# Delegate and Officer Reports

## Delegates Connection

### Post-Conference Reflections

I am writing this shortly after returning home from the General Service Conference. I am attempting to capture even a small sense of what this experience has been for me, though I know I cannot do it justice. When you elected me your Delegate, I was awed by your trust, grateful for the opportunity, and terrified at the thought of not serving Area 48 well. Past delegates were incredibly supportive and kind, assuring me that both the Conference and I would be just fine. Every one of them spoke about the profound spiritual impact that serving as a Conference member had on their lives.

Honestly, I was skeptical. I thought they were being a little hyperbolic—or perhaps setting me up. Those pranksters.

I was so wrong.

It was all that and more.

What I witnessed this week felt deeply spiritual. Many members spoke openly about believing that a Higher Power was present in the process. And honestly, it felt that way. Despite strong opinions and difficult topics, the body continually chose unity over division. Even during challenging discussions and moments of disagreement, people consistently chose kindness over criticism and solutions over blame. Members listened to one another. People assumed good intent. There was laughter, humility, and a genuine effort to work together for the good of A.A. as a whole.

The work accomplished this week—especially efforts to better reach newcomers and future alcoholics we may never meet—felt like an act of love and service. It reminded me that General Service is not about personalities or politics. It is about carrying the message forward to the next person who still suffers.

I left this Conference changed.

I still have a difficult time talking about what happened there. The tears continue to well up—sometimes when I am speaking about it, and sometimes when I am not. A word, a thought, or a memory can start it all over again. Reading even a brief summary of Conference events can bring me close to tears.

My friends and family are becoming concerned.

I try to explain what happened, but they simply cannot understand what I am talking about. The experience is difficult to put into words. It is something that has to be lived. Not every problem was solved. Not every disagreement disappeared. But I saw people with very different perspectives come together with humility, respect, and a shared love for Alcoholics Anonymous. And that gives me hope.

To the delegates who came before me: I owe you an apology for my cynicism. You were absolutely right.

Thank you, Area 48, for this opportunity and for the trust you placed in me. Serving as your Delegate is one of the greatest honors of my life.

I hope I served you well.

Dolores Koeneke Delegate, Area 48

Panel 76

## Delegate's Report, Con't.

### **76th General Service Conference: Key Actions and Outcomes**

The 76th General Service Conference considered a wide range of proposals affecting A.A. literature, finances, Grapevine, safety resources, service structure, and outreach tools. Some proposals resulted in Advisory Actions, while others received no action or were referred for further local discussion.

#### **Conference Location Study** No Action Taken

A proposal to conduct an outside study of alternate Conference locations did not move forward. The matter is already being reviewed through existing processes, and an outside consultation was estimated to cost approximately \$60,000.

#### **Dr. Bob Service Sponsorship Quote** No Action Taken

A proposal to remove a historical quote attributed to Dr. Bob from the Service Manual was not adopted. The committee concluded that the quote is not causing harm and that its placement within the service sponsorship section remains appropriate. The proposal did not reach the Conference floor.

#### **Geographic Eligibility for Service** No action taken

Rather than establishing a Conference-wide policy, the Conference left the matter to individual Areas. Area 48 has already determined that members are eligible for service regardless of where they reside geographically.

#### **Grapevine Contributions** No Action Taken

A proposal to allow direct contributions to Grapevine was not adopted. Conference members noted that Grapevine is currently operating under a successful five-year turnaround plan and that changing contribution policy would require significant Charter changes. An update to the Self-Support pamphlet clarifies that Grapevine does not accept direct contributions and explains other ways members can support Grapevine and La Viña.

#### **Twelve-Step Workbook** No Action Taken

A proposal to create an official A.A. Twelve-Step workbook, originally intended to help incarcerated members, was not adopted. The Conference reaffirmed A.A.'s longstanding practice of directing members to the Big Book rather than producing workbooks. This proposal came up as a floor action later on, but the Conference declined to consider.

#### **Safety Videos** No Action Taken

Conference members reviewed an existing series of safety-related videos and recognized their value. However, the proposal was not adopted because substantial revisions would be required, with estimated costs of approximately \$45,000.

The discussion highlighted both financial limitations and the growing need for modern digital tools to reach diverse learners.

## Delegates Connection, cont.

### **Twelve Steps Illustrated Animated Video** Advisory Action

The Conference approved moving forward with development of an animated Twelve Steps Illustrated video. Members viewed the project as a useful tool for reaching younger audiences and those who learn better through visual media.

### **Twelve Traditions Illustrated Animated Video**

The companion proposal for an animated Twelve Traditions Illustrated video was amended due to financial concerns. Rather than authorizing production, the Conference approved exploring the possibility of creating such a video in the future.

### **P-11: “The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs”** Advisory Action

The Conference approved updating the pamphlet to reflect current medical understanding and address outdated content. A progress report or draft is expected to return to the 77th Conference.

### **Final Conference Report** Advisory Action

To reduce expenses, printed copies of the Final Conference Report will no longer be distributed free of charge. Printed copies will be available for a small fee, while digital versions will remain available at no cost.

### **Everything A.A. App**

A.A. World Services acquired the Everything A.A. app. The platform will be reviewed and updated to ensure all content aligns with Conference-approved A.A. material.

### **Big Book Fifth Edition** Advisory Action

Work continues toward publication of the Fifth Edition of the Big Book, expected in 2027.

Changes include:

- New personal stories representing a broader range of A.A. experiences.
- Stories reflecting younger and older members, remote communities, immigrants, military veterans, LGBTQ+ members, incarcerated members, and others whose experiences have been underrepresented.

### **Language Change** Advisory Action

Following extensive discussion, Conference members approved replacing the word “Eskimo” in the first 164 pages of the Big Book. The decision reflected the Conference’s commitment to making A.A. as welcoming as possible while balancing concerns about preserving historical language.

### **Contributions and the Reserve Fund**

Conference reports highlighted ongoing financial challenges throughout A.A. service entities.

Key points included:

- Contributions remain below desired levels.
- Services have already been reduced in response to financial pressures.

## Delegate's Connection, cont.

- The prudent reserve is projected to decline to approximately 4.5–4.6 months of operating expenses by year-end, below the long-standing goal of 9–12 months.
- Increasing participation among non-contributing groups was identified as a greater opportunity than increasing contributions from existing groups

### **.Overall Themes**

Several themes emerged throughout the Conference:

- Financial responsibility and stewardship of limited resources.
- Increased focus on digital tools and accessibility.
- Continued efforts to reach alcoholics from all backgrounds.
- Careful balancing of historical preservation with inclusivity.
- Local autonomy in addressing service structure questions.
- A commitment to carrying A.A.'s message through both traditional and modern methods. While many proposals received no action, those decisions often reflected concerns about cost, existing ongoing work, or adherence to long-established A.A. principles. The actions that were approved largely focused on improving accessibility, updating literature, and preparing A.A. to better serve future generations of alcoholics.

## Delegate's Connection, Cont.

### 76th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

*Conference Advisory Actions & Key Outcomes (Concise Summary)*

#### FLOOR ACTIONS

Approved

- Increase suggested delegate expense contribution from \$2,200 to \$3,000. ● AAWS may offer a printed 2026 Final Conference Report for purchase. If costs are not covered, printing ends after 2027.
- Remove the word “Eskimo” from Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (“Tradition Eight”) and replace with a neutral term.

### 2027 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Theme

“Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future.”

Presentation Topics

- The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership
- Anonymity: Our Spiritual Compass
- Innovation Meets Tradition

Workshop

- “Unexpected Spiritual Lessons”

#### COMMITTEE ACTIONS

##### CORRECTIONS

- Revise pamphlet “The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs” (P-11). ● Progress report or draft due in 2027.

##### FINANCE

Grapevine / La Viña Support Update

Updated Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix:

- Clarifies that AA Grapevine, Inc. does not accept contributions.
- Encourages support through:
  - subscriptions,
  - books/materials,
  - gift certificates,
  - Carry the Message project,
  - Twelfth Step use.

Recommitted (No Final Action)

Proposal regarding updated GSO cost-per-group language was recommitted for further review.

## Delegate's Connection, cont.

### LITERATURE

Approved:

- Ongoing communication between Conference and Trustees' Literature Committee chairs.
- Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous with minor editorial changes. ● Remove the word "Eskimo" from Chapter 7 ("Working With Others") and replace with a neutral term.

### POLICY / ADMISSIONS

Approved:

- Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) process will end after the 78th GSC. Not

Approved:

- Proposed working group on improving the Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) process. ● Requirement to bring changes to "How the Conference Operates" one year before implementation.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

Approved:

- 2026 pilot Membership Survey (budget not to exceed \$10,000) to explore including unlisted groups.
- Revised pamphlet:  
"Understanding Anonymity" → "Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation."

### REPORT & CHARTER

Approved:

- New FAQ in the Service Manual:  
"What Happens if Our Group Decides Not to Hear my GSR Report?"  
Includes alternate ways to share reports while protecting anonymity.
- New "Amendment" section added to Twelve Concepts for World Service.

### TRUSTEES

Approved:

- Create ad hoc committee to develop processes for motions involving censure/reorganization and support Fellowship unity.
- Produce animated video based on "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- Explore animated video based on "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated." ● Progress reports due in 2027.

### NO RECOMMENDATIONS

- Archives
- CPC
- Grapevine/La Viña

## Delegate's Connection, cont.

- International Conventions/Regional Forums
- Treatment & Accessibilities

SIMPLE MAJORITY (Did Not Become Advisory Actions)

Inventory Implementation

- Recommendation for trustees' Nominating Committee to provide additional explanation of trustee/director selection process.

RECOMMENDATIONS NOT ADOPTED

Inventory Implementation

- Five-year recurring Conference inventory beginning in 2031.

Policy / Admissions

- Working group on improving PAI selection process.
- Requirement for advance review of changes to "How the Conference Operates."

FLOOR ACTIONS NOT APPROVED

- Reserve Fund communications change (simple majority only).
- Request for Twelve Step workbook/study guide (declined to consider).
- Motion to suspend Fifth Edition printing pending further consensus on changes to founders' writings (declined to consider).

ITEMS COMMITTED TO THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Process Improvements

Further study requested on:

- Quarterly PAI Status Grid
- Year-round PAI submissions
- Joint October trustees/conference committee meeting
- Shared agendas/background information
- Conference committee authority to defer or advance items
- Living tracking system for PAIs

Dolores K

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Delegate. Report and Charter

## Chair/Alt Delegate Report

Thank you to everyone who came to the Area Assembly in May! I really appreciated Dave's help with the parliamentary procedures. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in June at our Joy of Service Day. Don't forget that our Concepts study begins this month on the 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm EST.

### Concepts Study

A Concepts Study will be starting June 5th. It will be on the first Friday of each month. There's a flyer in this newsletter. If you want more information, please feel free to send me an email.

### Joy Of Service Day

Our next event together will be a Joy of Service Day. The flyer is in the newsletter and on our website.

### GSO Tour

Registration for the August 14<sup>th</sup> Tour of our General Service Office is ready to go! There's a flyer in the newsletter and on our website so you can share this with your home group members. I'm really excited for this!

### NYSIW

Registration for the New York State Informational Workshop is open! Area 49, Southeast New York is hosting us and we'll be at Stony Point Center, 17 Cricketown Rd, Stony Point, NY 10980. The flyer is in this newsletter.

### GSO Communication

Here are links to the [latest communication from the Self Support desk](#), [latest activity update from the Self-Support desk](#), the [latest AA World Services \(AAWS\) Highlights](#) and the [Quarterly Report](#) from our General Service Office.

### GSR Forum

Just a reminder that all AA members (GSR and not a GSR) are invited to the monthly GSR Forum on the first Sunday of each month. The Flyer is in the Newsletter and on our website.

Yours in Service,  
Sue W.  
Area Chair/Alternate Delegate  
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## Alternate Chair Report

We have had a taste of Summer, and look forward to more.

With the GSC report-back delivered by our Panel 76 Delegate, Dolores K., the hope is DCM's and GSR's are helping members understand how important Group Conscience is in the steering of the fellowship, and how our voices and participation are critical for informing and empowering our Delegate in representing us.

DCM's are an important link in information flow to and from districts, and to members. Join us for monthly discussions on Zoom, or at Area events, and even other options to grow in Fellowship, and information exchange.

Next Area event is June 13th, Joy of Service, in District 4, First Presbyterian Church 25 Church Street, Amsterdam, NY, we all hope to see you there!

DCM's, please join us on the next Zoom call, the DCM Conference, June 21, 5pm,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95273021180?pwd=amdUTmJjWi9HdnZvNctlcC9iWlVvZz09>

Meeting ID: 952 7302 1180 Passcode: DCMfun

Yours in Service,

Vo ([altnenychair@nenyaa.org](mailto:altnenychair@nenyaa.org))

## **Secretary Report**

If you have not signed up to receive the Area Minutes and would like to, please email me to get you on the mailing list.

Yours in Service,  
Lindsey B  
Area 48 Secretary  
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## **Treasurer Report**

I hope all of you are enjoying the beginning of summer, now that it has warmed up a bit. The Income & Expense Statement for April follows this; it will be presented for approval at the Joy of Service Day on June 13 th (along with the May report). The monthly treasurer meetings will continue through the summer. We'll continue planning for a pair of workshops at the end of the year. We can also discuss any questions you have about the Area Budget proposal (or about building a District Budget proposal). Finally, I intend to be present at the Area meetings hosted by the Delegate, Chair, and Alternate Chair, to answer any budget or treasury questions that come up. You can always reach me at [treasurer@nenyaa.org](mailto:treasurer@nenyaa.org).  
JR B.

## **Accessibilities**

Hi Everyone! My name is Amy M and I am the Area 48 Accessibilities Chair. I am grateful to be serving with such wonderful fellows in accessibility service! I continue to learn more about how Area 48 can assist the districts and groups with any accessibility needs they may have.

My email contact is [accessibility@nenyaa.org](mailto:accessibility@nenyaa.org)

Please join us for this month's discussion on Neurodivergent/Mental Health Accessibility issues & solutions at our monthly committee meeting! Please come and contribute to the conversation.

Accessibility challenges apply to all alcoholics who have difficulty participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, whether those are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, or other factors that vary among people. Some of these alcoholics may experience barriers to accessing the A.A. message, including the literature, meetings, sponsorship, Twelfth Step work, and the service structure. Whatever the access barrier may be, the goal of our members and especially those who serve on Accessibilities Committees, is to find solutions to help ensure every alcoholic can participate in A.A. meetings, Twelfth Step work, and A.A. service

Join us every month

Accessibilities Committee Monthly  
Service Meeting Time: 6:00pm Eastern  
Time (US and Canada) Every month on  
the Second Thursday

Meeting ID: 822 5687 7420

Password: 353180

### **Accessibilities brochure**

[https://nenyaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/NENY\\_Accessibility.pdf](https://nenyaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/NENY_Accessibility.pdf)

### **Accessibilities Checklist**

<https://nenyaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/smf-208-accessibilitieschecklist.pdf>

## NENY Area Association Area 48

### Monthly Treasurer Report

April 2026 - Unapproved

Beginning Balance	\$25,187
Income	
Area Contributions	
Districts	\$1,979
Groups	\$4,646
Individuals	\$250
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,875</b>
Expenses	
Alternate Chairperson	\$75
Bridging The Gap Chair	\$100
Grapevine Chair	\$861
Accessibility Chair	\$696
Alternate Secretary/Registrar	\$338
CPC Chair	\$783
Treasurer	\$460
Newsletter Production	\$241
Archive Storage Fees	\$100
Literature Chair	\$33
MS365 Software	\$11
Mail Box Service	\$32
Airtable Software	\$130
JotForm Software	\$26
Digital Ocean	\$6
PayPal Contribution Fees	\$23
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,916</b>
Net Income	\$2,959
Balance	\$28,146
Prudent Reserve	\$7,000
Available Funds	\$21,146

Prepared by JR B.  
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## Public Information

My friend Michelle (Area CPC Chair) and I hosted our May CPC/PI monthly meeting on Thursday May 28th. Thank you to the districts that attended - 1, 3, 11, 15 and 16.

We had a presentation on the Read To Recovery Program by Emily Martin, Adult Service Librarian at Saratoga Spring Public Library. All I can say is WOW!!! Our libraries are a wonderful resource for us to carry the message and this program is amazing. Check it out and let me know what you think.

[Read to Recovery @ SSPL - Recovery & Addiction Resources - LibGuides at Saratoga Springs Public Library](#)

Michelle and I are still working on putting together pamphlets and other informational handouts to have at Area events at a CPC/PI table. We hope to have some items at Joy of Service day in June. Make sure you stop and say hi.

Please join us (CPC/PI) every 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30PM. February 26th will be our next meeting. 868 7177 3923 PW 080625.

Reach out anytime,

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## Literature

Hi Everyone,

In May, I was grateful to be asked to bring our Area Literature to the Spiritual Breakfast in Rome N.Y., at the Polish House. It was a lovely and lively event.

Many members were interested in expanding their libraries, buying books for their sponsees and sponsors.

Buying our literature is not only important for our Twelve Step work but for self supporting Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., (AAWS), in this time of financial insecurity.

There are many books to explore.

We met on May 16th, in Saratoga for our Voting Assembly and to hear our Delegates report back, from this year's, Panel 76 General Service Conference.

I was excited to hear the information about the Fifth Edition 'Alcoholics Anonymous'

The Literature Committee recommended that the Fifth Edition 'Alcoholics Anonymous' move forward, with minor editorial changes.

There was a Floor Action approved to remove the word "Eskimo" from our Literature.

It has come to our attention that the word "Eskimo" is considered a racial slur to many People.

The word "Eskimo" appears in both books, 'Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions' and in 'Alcoholics Anonymous', our Big Book.

For Context, here is how the word is used in each passage:

Big Book (p. 101):

On page 101 in Chapter 7 (Working With Others). "His only chance for sobriety would be some place like the Greenland Ice Cap, and even there an Eskimo might turn up with a bottle of scotch and ruin everything!"

## Literature, cont.

### Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Tradition Eight (p. 169)

“Sacks of letters on every conceivable A.A. problem ranging from a lonely-heart Eskimo to the growing pains of thousands of groups must be answered by people who know.”

This change will occur at the first printing of the 5th Edition of ‘Alcoholics Anonymous’ and the ‘Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions’ at its next reprinting.

Every third Thursday at 6:30pm (est) Literature and Grapevine/La Viña host an online committee meeting on the Zoom platform.

We just had our combined Grapevine/LaVina & Literature committee meeting, it is always nice to connect with the Fellowship.

We hope that all the District Literature and Grapevine committee members will attend our next meeting, to share what is happening in their Districts.

We would love to see you all there, all members are welcome to attend. Come curious, bring your questions ...

[Join Us On Our Combined Meeting on the Zoom Platform](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84064855953?pwd=LzI2ZUxFaU9qQndTZmpQaU83Q2RQUT09>

**Meeting ID: 840 6485 5953  
394275**

**Passcode:**

I hope to see you at our next event, ‘Joy of Service Day’ on June 13th in Amsterdam

Yours in Service,  
NENY Area 48 Literature Chair  
Sally K.  
[literature@nenyaa.org](mailto:literature@nenyaa.org)

## Corrections

We are working to update our Area contact information for all volunteers; please reach out to [corrections@nenyaa.org](mailto:corrections@nenyaa.org) so we can stay connected.

We invite all AA members to join us for our next meeting on Monday, May 25, at 6:30 PM. Thank you for your continued commitment to carrying the messages

### **Meeting Details**

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Platform:** Zoom

**Meeting ID:** 867 1213 3948

**Password:** A48Correct

## Webmaster/Tech

New Group and Group Change forms have been created as Google Forms and, after beta testing, will replace the current JotForms on the website and in the GSR forum. We are also making sure the Area Chair is notified whenever a new GSR is submitted so they can be invited to the GSR forum.

The District Website Administration Subcommittee will begin June 24. A mission statement and initial email are ready to go out to district webmasters, DCMs, and Alt DCMs. The current proposal is for the subcommittee to meet monthly for a half hour before the regular Technology Committee meeting. Doreen will chair the committee and Ed will serve as the alternate. The meeting will be added to the Area calendar.

Five additional new computers have also been distributed to Area Chairs: Records, Hybrid (2), Newsletter, and Archives.

## Treatment

Hello everyone from the Treatment Chair.

I wish to invite all District Treatment Chair to our next Treatment/ Bridging the Gap (BTG) online meeting **June 10<sup>th</sup> 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 it as a short check-in to see what is happening in your Districts and answer any questions and concerns you may have.

Last month's meeting was a good one with 6 participants. I am hoping for a few more this month. As our meetings grow so to will the hand of AA reach out to more in need. A big welcome to Jessica F for stepping up to be Treatment Chair in District 9. Way to go Jessica.

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. Hope to see you there.

Howard W,

Yours in Service,

NENY Area 48 Treatment Chair  
[treatment@nenyaa.org](mailto:treatment@nenyaa.org)

## Grapevine/La Vina

Monthly meeting, third Thursday, 6:30 pm.

ID: 840 6485 5953

Passcode: 394275

Scott S

La Vina / Grapevine Chair

[Grapevine@nenyaa.org](mailto:Grapevine@nenyaa.org)

## Inclusivity

Monthly Meeting, Third Tuesday, 6:30 pm

ID: 898 3966 8615

Passcode: 947900

Yours in Service

Diane R

A48 Inclusivity Chair

[inclusivity@nenyaa.org](mailto:inclusivity@nenyaa.org)

## Bridging the Gap

We need our BTG Committee Chairs to please show up the 2nd Wed of the month 6:30pm Meeting ID 86169638196 pw 741803. We are trying to reach all our treatment centers and Correctional Facilities with Bridging the Gap services. Thank you

Yours in service,

Chrissy O

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Bridging The Gap Chair

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## **Looking to expand your Service Commitment?**

Consider becoming involved in **Area 48 District Service** and discover new ways to give back. An AA District is a local service unit within the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. Its purpose is to connect individual AA groups to the larger AA service structure at the area, regional, and national levels.

District service can be incredibly rewarding. Not only can it strengthen your own sobriety, but it also helps reach more people in your community who are suffering from alcoholism. We encourage you to attend a local District meeting to learn more and see if District service is right for you.

Find a list of District meetings here.

[District Meeting Locations | NENY | Area 48](#)

**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

For more info: [alinenychair@nenyaa.org](mailto:alinenychair@nenyaa.org)

## Meet Your Trusted Servants, NENY Area 48, Panel 76

### Area Officers

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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: 080625
- 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 | 3rd Mondays @ 6:30pm | Meeting ID: 814 0888 4467 Passcode: 472485

# News From GSO

## **AA World Service Highlights**

The A.A. World Services Board met on January 29, 2026 and March 6, 2026.

To view the meeting highlights, see: AAWS January/March 2026 Highlights (link reference). [AAWS January/March 2026 Highlights](#)

## **Self Support Update**

Here is an Activity Update from the Self-Support and Finance desk. [Activity Update from the Self-Support and Finance desk](#). If you have questions or comments, please email [selfsupportfinance@aa.org](mailto:selfsupportfinance@aa.org).

A letter from Carolyn W., a retiring Trustee, shares her views on Self Support (link reference).

[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/April\\_AAWS\\_Monthly\\_Comm\\_Self\\_Support\\_0.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/April_AAWS_Monthly_Comm_Self_Support_0.pdf)

## **12 Concepts Video Now Available**

The Twelve Concepts for World Service animated video is now available for viewing in English, French, and Spanish. The video was adapted from an A.A. Great Britain version in adherence to an Advisory Action of the General Service Conference of the U.S./Canada.

View the Twelve Concepts video here (link reference).

**English:** <https://www.aa.org/twelve-concepts-for-world-service-video>

## Everything AA App Acquisition

### Key Highlights

- AAWS acquired the Everything AA App on May 1, 2026
- App has nearly 1 million downloads
- Will help carry the A.A. message to more people
- May help with Public Information and CPC work
- Some content will be updated to match A.A. Traditions
- Non-approved materials will be removed
- App will be updated to match aa.org
- Meetings section will direct to Meeting Guide App

Future features may include podcasts, videos, and online contributions

### Have an Idea? Here's Your Chance to Be Heard

Do you see something in A.A. that could be improved—anything you think we should have, or something that should be changed? Every A.A. member can submit a Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) for consideration by the General Service Conference.

You do not need to be a trusted servant—if you are an A.A. member, your voice matters.

**Important deadline:** The deadline for submitting Proposed Agenda Items for the 2027 General Service Conference is September 15, 2026.

For information on submitting a PAI, contact your GSR, DCM, Area Delegate, or visit the General Service Office website. You can also use the PAI submission form and directions available online (link reference).

Click here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019b70257ee777059e71b1b147c106ec>

## Announcements

Area 48 Central Cluster Presents:

# *The Joy Of Service*

*June 13, 2026*

*9 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

*United Presbyterian Church  
25 Church Street Amsterdam, NY 12010*

*Continental breakfast and lunch provided*

*Zoom ID: 819 9127 9649*

*Password: JoySvc48*

*Please bring a dish if you wish*

Save the Date

When

October 18, 2026

9:00 AM-3:00PM

Why

Fall Voting Assembly

Where

Town Hall

Lee Center, NY 13363

5808 Stokes-Lee Center Rd.

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## Area 48 Convention 2026 – Hospitality Suite Hosts Needed

Saranac Lake, NY • November 6–8, 2026

We are seeking groups to host a time slot in the Hospitality Suite.

### Available Time Slots:

- Friday Night
- Saturday Morning
- Saturday Afternoon
- Saturday Night
- Sunday Morning

Groups are encouraged to providing some snacks, and goodies for their slot.

To sign up or for more info,  
please contact: **Bridget M. 516.408.8615**





SAVE THE DATE  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual



# National AA Technology Workshop

Hybrid Format  
September 11-13, 2026  
San Francisco Bay Area  
Concord, California

CO-HOSTED BY  
AREA 06 TECH COMMITTEE  
AND SF/MARIN INTERGROUP



FOR MORE INFO VISIT [NAATW.ORG](http://NAATW.ORG)



## New York State Informational Workshop

July 10 — 12, 2026

hosted by Area 49  
Southeastern New York (SENY)

Stony Point Center  
17 Cricketown Rd  
Stony Point, NY 10980



### Pricing

**Single Occupancy** \$495  
*(Private room + all meals)*

**Double Occupancy** \$365  
*(Shared room with another attendee + all meals)*

### Commuter Rates

**Full Weekend** \$250  
*(all meals)*

**Friday commuter** \$80  
*(with dinner)*

**Saturday commuter** \$100  
*(with 3 meals)*

**Sunday commuter** \$80  
*(with 2 meals)*

**Zoom Participants** \$25

Please note: there is no price reduction for participants who choose to provide their own meals.

With the exception of virtual registration, all registration options include meals.

June 12, 2026  
Registration Deadline

### Schedule Includes:

Service Committee Panels • AA Meetings • Area Chairs' Panel • Delegates' Panel • Intergroup Participation • Meditation Meetings • Grapevine/La Viña • Fellowship • Sobriety Skit • Nature Walk • Scavenger Hunt • Labyrinth Walk • Sing-A-Long • Bonfire • and much more

For more information, visit [NYSIW.org](http://NYSIW.org) or email [nysiw2026@aaseny.org](mailto:nysiw2026@aaseny.org)



Register at [NYSIW.org](http://NYSIW.org)

BUSINESS MEETING VIRTUAL ONLY

**COME JOIN THE CT HOST COMMITTEE!**  
**2pm** WE NEED YOU!  
Each Month  
1st & 3rd Sundays

Northeast Convention of  
**Young People in AA**

[www.necypaact.com](http://www.necypaact.com)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE!!!**  
12/31/2026 - 01/03/2027  
\*4-DAY CONVENTION\*  
Location:  
**The Hartford Marriott Downtown**

\*Book your rooms now & pay later\*  
\*Pre-Register for \$40\*

[www.NECYPAACT.com](http://www.NECYPAACT.com)  
Al-Anon Participation

## Announcements





### Online District 20 Meeting

Last Tuesday of the Month  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm ET  
Meeting ID: 291 297 7780  
Passcode: 011023



Website: [district20.nenyaa.org](https://district20.nenyaa.org)


Questions? Email us at [OnlineDistrict20@nenyaa.org](mailto:OnlineDistrict20@nenyaa.org)  
All members of AA are welcomed and encouraged to attend!



AREA 48 PRESENTS

# High Peaks Humble Hearts

Join us for a  
transformative experience



November 6 - 8, 2026  
HOTEL SARANAC  
100 Main St.,  
Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Mark Your Calendars Today!!!!!!

Interested in Helping out?  
Let us Know! Member  
Participation Highly  
Encouraged  
[conventionchair@nenyaa.org](mailto:conventionchair@nenyaa.org)

**AREA 48  
INCLUSIVITY  
COMMITTEE  
MEETS MONTHLY  
3RD TUESDAY  
6:30PM EST**

**ZOOM INFO  
898 3966 8615 ID  
974900 PW**

**Delegate's Connection**  
Area 48 Panel 76



**Monthly  
1st Thursday 7 PM  
Meeting ID: 880 5504 0596  
Passcode: Service**

# GRAPEVINE STORY HOUR

**2ND  
TUESDAY  
OF EACH  
MONTH**

**7PM EDT • 6PM CDT  
4PM PDT**

**ID: 834 1851 2300  
PW: GRAPEVINE**

**NENY AREA 48**

## Concepts Study

All A.A. members are welcome!

### Agenda:

Read the Concept essay out loud  
together  
Presentation  
Discussion

### Suggested but not required:

Service Manual  
Something to highlight or take notes with  
Willingness to learn and participate

First Friday of Each Month

Beginning June 2026

7:00 – 8:15 PM Eastern Time

ID: 835 8899 6062

Password: 121212!

Questions: email [nenychair@nenyaa.org](mailto:nenychair@nenyaa.org)

**AVAILABLE NOW!**

## THE NEW GRAPEVINE & LA VIÑA APPS!

- Read or listen to every issue
- Search our vast GV/LV Archives
- Keep track of your sobriety and spiritual practices
- Listen to our podcast
- Share AA stories and area events with friends
- Find meetings and connect to [aa.org](http://aa.org)

**EASY TO USE!**  
Take GV & LV wherever you go!

Download on the **App Store**

GET IT ON **Google Play**

For more information visit:  
[www.aagrapevine.org/apps](http://www.aagrapevine.org/apps)

# The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE of AA

at the Buffalo Convention Center  
153 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202

February 11-14, 2027

## REGISTRATION

In Person – \$68  
Online – \$30  
Scholarships available  
Register here:  
[www.internationalwomensconference.org](http://www.internationalwomensconference.org)

## MEAL INFORMATION

- Friday night banquet & entertainment – \$75
- Saturday night banquet & entertainment – \$85
- Sunday morning brunch – \$45
- Bundle price for all three meals – \$175

## TOURS

Explore Niagara Falls,  
Buffalo architecture,  
and local museums

Souvenirs will be available for purchase.

For questions contact:  
[info63IWC@gmail.com](mailto:info63IWC@gmail.com)



THE 63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 11-14, 2027

ONLINE REGISTRATION - \$30

Register here:

[www.internationalwomensconference.org](http://www.internationalwomensconference.org)

For questions contact: [info63IWC@gmail.com](mailto:info63IWC@gmail.com)



We believe cost should never be  
a barrier to participation.  
A flexible pricing option  
of \$15 is available.

Contact  
[IWC63Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:IWC63Scholarship@gmail.com)  
for more information.



Save the Date

When

October 18, 2026

9:00 AM-3:00PM

Why

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Where

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**AA - Living Sober  
With Chronic Pain ★**



8:30 to 9:30 PM EST  
Every Tuesday

Zoom ID: 815 4870 0347  
No Password

Closed-Topic discussion last Tuesday,  
Open speaker

Contact:  
livingsoberpain@gmail.com

55 Wilbur Blvd  
Poughkeepsie NY  
12601

**Poughkeepsie  
Original**

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

FOOD WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30PM FOLLOWED  
BY SPEAKERS FROM AL-ANON & POUGHKEEPSIE  
ORIGINAL @ 7:30 PM

**June 12<sup>th</sup> 2026  
6:30PM-8:30PM**

**CORRECTIONS**

Attention all Corrections committee chairs,  
You are hereby invited to join us and see how we may be of  
service to you and your committee.

**AREA 48 CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE  
ZOOM MEETING**

**4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

6:30 pm

Everyone is invited weather you're new to corrections  
service or you've been doing it for years.

Meeting ID: 867 1213 3948  
Passcode: A48Correct

Save the date!

# Fellowship Day

Hosted by Eastern Cluster

Saturday,  
September 19th  
9am-3pm

**Fellowship, fun, and  
lunch at midday! More  
activities to come**

First United Methodist  
Church of East Greenbush  
1 Gilligan Rd  
East Greenbush,  
NY 12061



# CDCO News

May 19th, 2026

— Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 19 (Reminding members that a "half full" glass is just the start of rebuilding life).

## A.A. News for the Capital Region and Northeastern New York

Helpline - (518) 463-0906

[goAAnow.org](http://goAAnow.org)

To register for the  
Bus Tour:

<https://www.jotform.com/form/261347680387062>

## G.S.O. Tour August 14th



(not our actual bus)

We're going to tour our General Service Office! [Register](#)

[Now!! Click Here!](#)

### Itinerary

Depart Albany: 6:00 am  
Quick pick up at Kingston Park and Ride: 7:00 am  
Arrive at GSO: 9:30ish for check-in  
GSO Tour: 10:00 am  
1728 A.A. Meeting: 11:00 am  
Lunch at cafeteria downstairs (bring money for this)  
Depart NYC: 1:00 pm  
Kingston drop off: 2:30 pm  
Albany: 3:30 pm



[Register Now!! Click Here!](#)

Questions? Email [nenychair@nenyaa.org](mailto:nenychair@nenyaa.org)