

Happy Joyous & Free Area 48 Newsletter

March 2025

Welcome to March! Spring is in the air. I hope!...I'm writing this in mid-February, anxiously anticipating warmer weather. Right now it seems like a never ending, cold winter. But who knows what the future may bring, really, it doesn't matter. We are ready for whatever the stream of life gives us. We have a program...a day at a time, staying in the moment.

Spring always gives me hope and a sense of renewal. I look forward to spending time in nature, connecting with our fellows at AA events, enjoying the longer, warmer, lighter days ahead.

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

If you are planning to attend the International Convention, in July 2025, and would be willing to speak at one of the many meetings being held, please contact Guy K. Area 48 Delegate at panel74delegate@nenyaa.org.

Register here: <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>

And be sure to review the 3 Proposals that will be voted on at our next voting assembly in May....see p.16, 17, 18

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

Came to Believe

UPCOMING EVENTS



Welcome to
Area 48 NENY



Delegates Day of
Sharing April 5,
Saratoga Springs



Fellowship Day
March 15,
Cairo, NY

Principles of the Month | March

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

Tradition 3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

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

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

Concept #3 To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. —the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

Concept #3 Checklist [from SMF-91, Concepts Checklist]:

1. Do we understand what is meant by the “Right of Decision”? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we “instruct”?
2. Do we trust our trusted servants — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself? delegate report back to the group on the highlights of the Conference and Conference Advisory Actions?

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, I hope this newsletter finds you well. The big news is the General Service Board met and as promised they got the Final 2025 Conference Agenda Items out. The background information is still forthcoming. The delay for this is the amazing amount of time it takes to translate into Spanish and French, so all members get it at the same time. The pdf of the Final 2025 Conference Agenda items will be posted in the newsletter and nenyaa.org website.

I will send anyone a personal copy upon request to my email panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

Please review and discuss with other members of Area 48 and bring questions and comments to our Delegates day of Sharing 4/5/25 in Saratoga. You also can come to the Delegates Connection the last Monday of each month at 730pm. A link to this is also on the website, ID 824 1507 5353 PW Service.

I will be missing you at Fellowship Day as I will be attending the Northeast Regional Delegates annual conference in Portland, Maine. I am looking forward to Serving you and Area 48, but I cannot do that without your support.

Thank you for this amazing opportunity!
Yours in Service

A48 Delegate P74 Agenda
Guy K
panel74delegate@nenyaa.org

Accessibility Report

Hello everyone

The last few months have been a little slow but still having my monthly meeting on Zoom:

2nd Thursday of the month.
6pm est.

ID -82256877420
Pw. -353180.

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

You can reach me
at accessibility@nenyaa.org
Thank you

Chrissy O

Alt Chair Report

Alternate Area 48 Chair/Functions Committee Chair Report For February 2025

The following Districts were represented by their DCMs at our last Functions Committee:

Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20. Thank you! And, thank you to the Alternate DCM for representing Districts 2, 3, 8 and 17. Really great attendance this month!

Was your District represented?

We had a review of budgets, receipts, forms, etc.

All DCMs were reminded about the three-month timeline for their flyers.

I'm not sure we will ever stop talking about the "tubs/totes" but we needed to have a little chat about them again. Examples: what to throw out, what to donate, what to keep, etc. In addition, the District who has the next event needs to be present at the current event to take possession of the tubs/totes.

Fellowship Day is March 15th at Gallagher's Banquet Hall – Hudson Valley Cluster, with District 3 as the lead. After that, we have Delegate's Day of Sharing.

There are two positions open for Appointed Committee Members on the Trustees' Literature Committee.

Everyone was reminded to share with their groups that GSO has an official podcast. Our Primary Purpose.

The New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW), being held August 8-10, 2025 at Mirror Lake Retreat in Milan, NY was again highlighted. All DCMs are asked to share the information and get people involved. We need a lot of help for this event. We expect registration, room bookings, etc. to go live around March 1st. Stay tuned for more info!

Time Change for DCM Meeting – we have changed the time of our DCM/ Functions Committee meeting from 6 pm to 5 pm – one hour earlier. We still meet the 3rd Sunday of the month.

It is inspiring to hear the DCMs give their reports each month. Some have all positions filled, district meeting attendance is high, and GSRs are active. Others, are “just keeping the lights on” because there is so little participation. And of course, others are somewhere in between those two. No matter what, the groups keep going for the good of the still suffering alcoholic.

If you want to attend the DCMs/ Functions Committee, we would love to have you! We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5 pm.
Meeting ID: 952 7302 1180
Passcode: DCMfun (I am always on the meeting at least 15 minutes early so if you want to chat, please join me.) Our next meeting is Sunday, March 16th.

Thank you so much for letting me be of service.

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

Chair/Alternate Delegate Report

Welcome back to all GSRs, DCMs Area officers, and area service chairs in their second year of panel 74 service to Area 48. A special welcome to those GSRs and DCMs who have been newly elected. Great opportunities for spiritual growth are ahead for those who choose to avail themselves.

And to the fellowship of Area 48- you who are the “boots on the ground”, those of you who give freely of yourselves bringing the message of AA to prisons and jails, to treatment facilities, to the professionals in your communities and to the public: thank you. Without your commitment and selflessness, many of us would still be suffering.

So- Orientation Day was amazing, I must say! There were approximately 116 attendees, over 90 people in-house at any point in time. The fact that the event was hosted by the Western cluster (the homemade food was delicious!) and many members drove several hours to attend on a very cold day in January re-affirmed my confidence in your willingness to go to any lengths to serve your districts and groups. You epitomize the spirit of our third legacy. GSRs and DCMs attended specific orientation sessions to become familiar with the vital importance of each positions' roles in serving you and your home group. There seemed to be a general feeling that both sessions were extremely helpful and informative.

Most every service committee chairs was able to attend the day in person to present ways they could facilitate your work at the district and group levels. Time was available for members to ask questions and to share information. Orientation and support doesn't begin and end on Orientation Day. Each service committee chair is available monthly to support you and provide guidance in your particular area of service. Do you take advantage of those meetings to share what has worked for you and to get the experience of your fellow AAs? It's one hour a month. Surely, we can get together to fulfill our primary purpose more effectively.

The first Sunday of each month, all GSRs, and anyone else, are invited to the GSR Forum to discuss how to be effective links between your home group and the Area. Each month, one tradition is presented since part of your responsibility is to be a “guardian of the traditions.” This month we will focus on how to present a complete GSR report to your home group and to your district. Next month, the plan is to review the proposals for the Spring Voting Assembly so you can form an informed group conscience prior to the

Assembly. If your GSR is not attending the GSR Forum, please encourage them to, or offer to attend in their place. Don't be left out of the service structure. Your voice is needed.

The DCM/ Functions Committee meets on the third Sunday of each month. That group determines the event calendar for Area 48 and discusses relevant topics of importance at the district, Area and AA, as a whole level. The only way you can be sure that information is being brought to and brought back to the groups is if your DCM has the information. This meeting is a great way for them to be informed and to share issues at the district level and to find solutions.

One item in our area inventory in November addressed "Service: boring GSR reports, difficulty attracting and retaining people in service roles, and the need for better communication and education about service." These monthly meetings are available to provide solutions for the issues raised by the membership. Now, the next steps are yours.

I look forward to another exciting year of growth and fun in the service of Area 48 and AA.

Thank you for this joy-filled opportunity to serve you.

Dolores K nenychair@nenyaa.org

Link to 2024 General Service Conference final report

<https://nenyaa.org/gsc-final-report/>

Inclusivity Report

The inclusivity committee meets the third Thursday of every month @ 6:30 (meeting info on the area calendar)

All are welcome to attend and learn exactly what our committee is about.
[Inclusivity](#) | 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 840 6485 5953, Passcode: 353180

Andy P. inclusivity@nenyaa.org

Secretary Report

Hello, Area 48

The minutes for Orientation Day held January 18 in Whitesboro are posted on our website 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

[Area minutes can be found at https://nenyaa.org/area-secretary/](https://nenyaa.org/area-secretary/)

[Click here to read the minutes!](#)

Elle D.

Area 48 Secretary

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Bridging The Gap Report

Bridging the Gap Workshop Announcement and News

You are invited to our Corrections and Bridging the Gap Workshop! It will be on April 12th in Elizabethtown, from 10 to 2. We will have corrections speakers, A.A. volunteers and a Department of Corrections employee, as well as Bridging the Gap A.A. volunteers and recipients. There will be time for questions and answers. It will be a hybrid event. There's a flyer in the back of this newsletter and on our website.

In 2024, we had approximately 360 BTG requests. Most were from treatment centers, but we also had some from jails, prisons and an inpatient psychiatric facility. People needing a bridge were largely split between heading to locations in our own Area 48, Northeast NY, and Area 47, Central NY. We also had a few people go to Area 49 (Southeast NY), 50 (Western NY), 83 (Northeast NY and Eastern Ontario, Canada) 70 (Vermont), 59 (Eastern PA) and 44 (Northern NJ).

If you are interested in being a volunteer, or if you would like to learn more about Bridging the Gap, please attend our workshop in April or join one of our monthly committee meetings. Our committee meets online together with the Treatment Committee on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm on the Zoom platform.

ID: 861 6963 8196 Password: 741803

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Meeting ID: 861 6963 8196 Passcode: 741803

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

Thanks for reading!

Sue W.

btg@nenyaa.org

Bridging The Gap Chair

Area 48 • Northeast New York

NEW 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>

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](#)

There was a corrections meeting in January and it was decided to have a joint workshop with BTG. Don S will be main speaker for corrections. Corrections workbooks will be available along with plain language BIGBOOK.

It will be April 12 th at Church of Christ in Elizabethtown NY. It will run from 10 am to 2:00 pm. There will be a brunch with a variety of snacks. Please mark your calendars and help us make this a success. The Next meeting in February will be combined with BTG February 12 th. **This workshop can only be a success with all your participation!**

[See Flyer on p.29](#)

[Theresa M.](#)

A48 Corrections Chair corrections@nenyaa.org

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/>

Literature Report

Hey all, currently attending NERAASA as I prepare my report. So happy to hear so many Area 48 voices!! Learning lots of new stuff and being reminded of many important points as well.

GSO is working on some upcoming projects including QR codes and the 5th Edition Big Book. Also out trustees' Literature Committee has 2 openings for Appointed Committee Members to work on 2 pamphlets that were recommendations from the 2024 GSC on, "a pamphlet on the Asian and American-Asian alcoholic in AA" and "a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in AA" More information on this can be found at https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/EN_2_ACMs_Announcement.pdf. The deadline to apply is April 15th 2025

Plain Language Big Books, 2024-2026 AA Service Manuals and new Catalogs are all in Sstock and ready to be purchased at AAWS. I will have some PLBB and Catalogs at our Fellowship day on March 15th. Looking forward to seeing you all there with Gus celebrating 2 years of Sobriety with Area 48!!!

******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.******

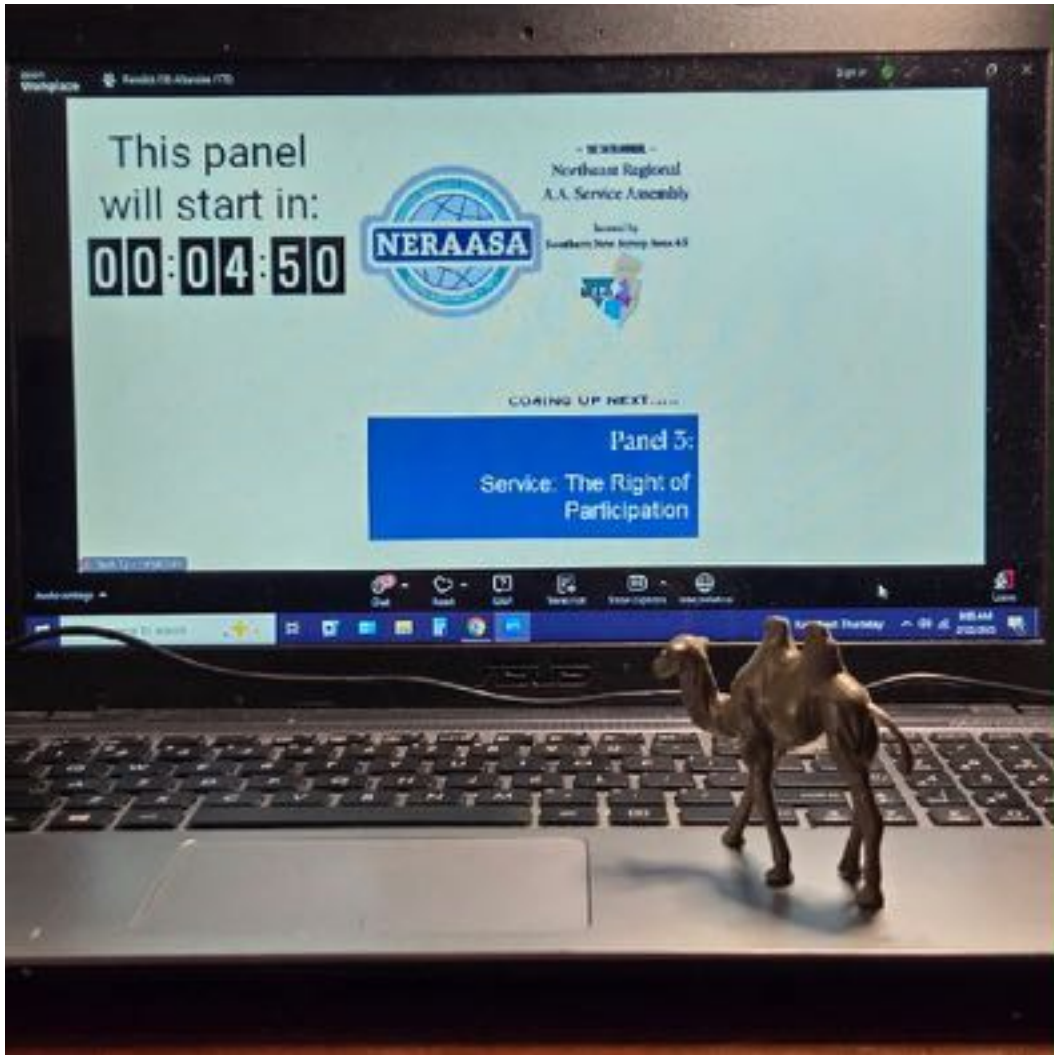
Meeting ID: 840 6485 5953 Passcode: 394275

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84064855953?pwd=LzI2ZUxFeU9qQndTZmpQaU83Q2RQUT09> Meeting ID: 840 6485 5953 Passcode: 394275

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

Yours in Service

Lindsey B
literature@nenyaa.org



Gus attending NERAASA!!

New 2025 AAWS Literature Catalog now in print!

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

Public Information Report

My name is Amy M and I am the Area48 Public Information Chairperson.

We currently only have a few people serving as either a CPC Chair or a PI Chair throughout Area 48. The lack of people in service greatly hinders our ability to carry the message that is so desperately needed in this Area. If you are a DCM or Alternate DCM I would encourage you to contact me so that we can discuss ways I could be of service in your districts with regards to public information, whether that is distributing PI Cards or other pamphlets to organizations in your community or being available to speak at health and community fairs.

I would like to extend an invitation to all those serving with Public Information (PI) or Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) throughout our area to attend our monthly PI/CPC zoom call which is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30pm. All AA members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. **(NO PI/CPC MEETING IN FEBRUARY, See You In March)**

This is a place for us to share ideas and to help each other in carrying the message of our AA program to the public (media, schools, organizations,etc)

PI/CPC Zoom Call Meeting ID 868 7177 3923 Passcode: 080625 [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

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

Note from the Editor:

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

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

In Love and Service, Allen V.

This Month In AA History

March 1:

1939: Readers Digest failed to write promised article on AA.

1941: Saturday Evening Post article by Jack Alexander created national sensation. AA membership quadrupled in one year from 2000 to 8000.

March 10:

1944: New York Intergroup was established.

March 22:

1951: Dr. William Duncan Silkworth died at Towns Hospital.

1984: Clarence Snyder, founder of Cleveland AA and author of "Home Brewmeister," died at 81, 46 years sober.

1938: Bill begins writing the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Works Publishing Inc established to support writing and printing of the book.

Technology Report

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

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

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

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

Yours in Service,
Bobby H
Technology Chair/Webmaster

Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872
Passcode: Techteam48



NEW FROM GSO:

The A.A. World Services Board met on December 13, 2024. Please click the link below to view the meeting highlights.

[AAWS December 2024 Highlights](#)

Treasurer Report

NENY Area 48 Monthly Treasury Report January 2025 - Unapproved	
Beginning Balance	\$16,370.13
Income	
Area Contributions	
Group	\$5,659.94
Individual	\$45.00
Unused Advance Returned - Delegate	\$1,965.40
Total Income	\$7,670.34
Expense	
Delegate - 1st Half Allocation	\$2,500.00
Chair - 1st half Allocation	\$2,000.00
Alt. Chair Allocation	\$119.70
Secretary Allocation	\$102.87
Treasurer Allocation	\$87.60
BTG Chair Allocation	\$81.54
CPC Chair Allocation	\$56.94
Hybrid Allocation	\$65.34
PI Chair Allocation	\$166.50
GSB - Conference Contribution	\$3,400.00
Prior Year Expenses	\$119.45
Archive Storage Fee	\$90.00
JotForm	\$26.46
AirTable	\$132.00
Digital Ocean	\$6.00
Website Hosting	\$48.00
Site Scanner	\$59.88
PayPal Contribution Fees	\$16.96
Total Expenses	\$9,079.24
Net Income	-\$1,408.90
Beginning Balance	\$16,370.13
Ending Balance	\$14,961.23
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
Available Funds	\$7,961.23
Prepared by Linda A. treasurer@nenyaa.org	

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

HybridNENY is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408884467?pwd=Pf1GNUz4iOU7IFurimDa6Ela8g2XYT.1>

Meeting ID: 814 0888 4467

Passcode: 472485

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

Proposal #1

Proposal: I propose that the area add a line item to the Area 48 annual budget beginning in 2026, to cover the cost of the Public Information QR Code Cards (QR Code links to the area meeting finder website) which are used by both Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson.

The amount of this line item should be \$450.00 and will fund the purchase of 2,000 cards per year at 1,000 cards per box as needed by the Public Information Chair. The approximate cost is \$225.00 Per box of 1,000.

Note that since the inception of these cards nearly 3 years ago they have grown in demand and are used by groups in every District throughout the Area to carry the message. They are used at area and district table events and throughout the district communities. Also, note that at least 2,000 cards per year have and are being ordered.

Currently the expense for these Public Information QR Code cards is expensed from the Public Information budget for expenses which is currently \$500 annually.

The cost of these cards currently uses 90% of the Public Information Chairs budget which is intended to be used for mileage, postage, and other service approved expenses.

Without the added line item to the budget, these cards will not be able to be ordered as the cost is prohibitive to the current Public Information Budget for expenses.

The budgetary impact of adding 2 sets of 1,000 cards to the Area 48 budget will be \$450.00 annually and will be a recurring expense annually.

Respectfully Submitted:

Amy M

Area 48 Public Information Chair

Proposal #2

A Proposal to Expand and Establish Voluntary Group Speaker Exchange Meetings Within the Five Clusters of NENY Area 48

Background

At the present time Districts 7, 15, 16 (Ulster County), District 8 (Otsego County), District 11 (Dutchess County) host group speaker exchange/ booker/booking meetings for groups in their respective regions. Provision for hybrid/zoom meetings also exists at the time of these exchange meetings.

Purpose

The expansion and establishment of quarterly group speaker exchanges, hosted/facilitated by each cluster, would provide a significant opportunity to celebrate the diversity of groups in NENY Area 48. Further, it would provide an important vehicle for group to group communication within NENY.

Plan/Next Steps

A presentation in support of this proposal and demonstration of “how it works” will be forthcoming at the May 2025 assembly being hosted by the Central Cluster

Paul Mac, Milk & Honey Group, Canaan, NY (District 17), Grapevine Chair D 17

Jimmy G, Kinderhook Friday Night Group GSR, (District 17 Treasurer)

Pete R, Road to Happy Destiny Group, (District 13 Secretary)

Laura McK, Road to Happy Destiny Group, (District 13)

Cathy W, Troy Women’s Group, Troy (District 2)

Will W, Twin Town Group, West Sand Lake, NY (District 2)

Proposal #3

Proposal – The NENY Area 48 Newsletter be sent out 12 times per year, rather than 11.

Background: In October of 2014, a proposal was made that Area 48 would have ten newsletters a year. December and January would be combined for “The Winter Issue” and July and August would be combined for “The Summer Issue.” After discussions, it was decided that there would be 11 issues of the Newsletter, combining only the December and January issues into one. The reason stated for these changes was: “Given the Area schedule, having no area event in either December or July, it would be possible to cover all the news and events that need to be covered in those combined issues.”

Information: Many of the groups have their elections for positions in late November or December. New GSRs, DCMs, Grapevine, Treatment, etc. have to wait until February 1st to receive a Newsletter. Depending on how new they are, they may not even know there is a website to find information. We offer a very comprehensive Orientation Day each January, for new service persons and also for those who have been around for a while. This Orientation Day, agenda, etc. is very important to our service outreach, yet some may not know about it until it’s over.

While we may not have events in December, we do this year. The Northeast Regional Forum is in December.

For those of us in service, our responsibilities continue throughout the year, regardless of what is on the calendar. During December and January, we receive numerous emails exchanging information because our Newsletter is not available. Yes, information is posted on our website, but again, this is when the majority of our service positions turn over and not everyone is aware.

What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

That the Newsletter will be published 12 times per year.

What are the changes in the Area 48 Service Manual that will need to be made if this proposed item is approved?

Page 43 – 8.0 Newsletter Guidelines - Current: The Area Newsletter is published 11 times a year. Monthly, February through November. December/January, in which a single “Winter Issue” will be published. Change to: The Area Newsletter is published 12 times a year.

What are the monetary outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

The cost of printing and mailing one month of the newsletter – approximately \$275.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy P.
NENY Area 48 Alternate Chair/Functions Committee Chair

Meet Your Trusted Servants, NENY Area 48, Panel 74

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What's Happening in...

Area 48

- Fellowship Day March 15, Gallagher's Banquet Hall Cairo, NY
Join Virtual Meeting Meeting ID: 818 0559 8012 Passcode: A48Fellow

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](#) | 3rd Mondays @ 6:30pm | Meeting ID: 814 0888 4467 Passcode: 472485

Outside the Area

- <https://www.aa.org/international-convention-2025-faqs>
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Want your event included in the newsletter & on the Area 48 website?
Send it to newsletter@aahmbny.org & webmaster@aahmbny.org.

AREA 48 NENY EVENTS CALENDER 2025 – APPROVED-Revised 12132024

DATE	EVENT	HOST
January 18, 2025	Orientation Day <i>(Agenda set by Area Chair)</i>	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 – <i>Virtual Only</i>
March 14-16, 2025	Northeast Regional Delegates’ Reunion (NERD)	Delegates and Past Delegates Only
March 15, 2025	Fellowship Day <i>(Agenda set by Cluster)</i>	Gallagher’s Banquet Hall, 513 Main St., Cairo, NY Hudson Valley Cluster-D3 Lead
April 5, 2025	Delegate’s Day of Sharing <i>(Agenda set by Delegate and Area Chair)</i>	Saratoga United Methodist Church, 175 5 th Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY ADK Cluster-D5 Lead
April 27-May 3, 2025	General Service Conference	Delegates Only – NYC
May 17 or 18, 2025	Spring Voting Assembly <i>This one or one in Oct. needs to be on a Sunday. (Agenda set by Area Chair)</i>	Central Cluster – D14 Lead
June 14 or 15, 2025	Joy of Service Day <i>(Agenda set by Cluster)</i>	Eastern Cluster – D1 Lead
July 3-6, 2025	A.A. International Convention	Vancouver, BC, Canada
August 8-10, 2025	NYS Informational Workshop <i>(Agenda set by Alt. Area Chair)</i>	Mirror Lake Retreat, 64 White Drive, Milan, NY
September 20 or 21, 2025	Election Assembly <i>(Agenda set by Area Chair)</i>	Western Cluster – D9 Lead
October 18 or 19, 2025	Fall Voting Assembly <i>This one or one in May needs to be on a Sunday. (Agenda set by Area Chair)</i>	Hudson Valley Cluster – D16 Lead
November 7-9, 2025	Area 48 Convention	Central Cluster
November 22 or 23, 2025	Fellowship Day <i>(Agenda set by Cluster)</i>	ADK Cluster – D10 Lead
December 5-7, 2025	Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)	Providence, RI

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



Hosted by NENY AREA 48 ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
NYSIW@NENYAA.ORG

SAVE THE DATE

46TH ANNUAL NEW YORK STATE INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
AUGUST 8-10, 2025
MIRROR LAKE RETREAT, MILAN NY

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

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

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

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

Please continue to check our website for registration and program information. You can trust we are diligently working on getting this information to you.

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SAVE THE DATE
April 5th, 2025

NENY Area 48 Delegate’s Day of Sharing

Open 9 AM
 Lunch 12 PM
 Closes 3 Pm

Saratoga Springs United Methodist Church
175 5th Ave
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Hosted By The Adirondack Cluster
 Districts: 5,10,13,19
 This Is A Hybrid Event

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 885 7568 4086
Passcode: DelDay4_5

For More Information Contact:
aitnenychair@nenyaa.org

Building and Bathrooms Are Handicap Accessible

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.




WINTER
Extravaganza

3rd Annual
 March 1, 2025
 Meeting | Food | Music | Fellowship | Raffle
 Prizes | Elections | YPAAs

Elections 2-4 PM. Event at 4 PM. Meeting 5-6 PM
 Pine Grove Community Church
 59 Pine Rd. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Service: Setup at 12 PM. Event Ends Midnight
 email: craypa@gmail.com for more info or service opportunities
 \$10 suggested contribution

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Area 49 Presents
57th S&NY Convention



WORKING TOGETHER
INCREASING TRUST



Scan me to register!

Westchester Marriott
 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591
 March 21st-23rd, 2025
Al-Anon Participation

District 20
Bi-Monthly Panel

March 8, 2025
 5pm – 7pm EST



This month's topic is Being of Service Online!

Zoom ID: 291 297 7780
 Passcode: 011023



District 20 is part of Area 48, Northeast New York




District 20 ★
Friday Night ★
Speaker Event ★

Friday, April 11th
 7:00 pm EST

Zoom ID: 291 297 7780
 Passcode: 011023

Speaker: Ivan B.
 from Peacemakers!



District 20 is part of Area 48, Northeast New York

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

Corrections and Bridging the Gap Workshop

April 12th from 10 - 2

Come learn what these committees do, how they help and how you can be of service!

Speakers include:
 Past delegate and chair of Corrections Conference Committee
 NYS Department of Corrections employee
 Bridging the Gap recipients and volunteers
 Time for questions and answers

United Church of Christ
 7580 Court St.
 Elizabethtown, NY 12932

Coffee and light refreshments will be served

Meeting ID: 826 6922 5633
 Passcode: 098921

Co-Hosted by the Corrections and Bridging the Gap Committees in Area 48 • Northeast New York

Questions? Email: corrections@nenyaa.org

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



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

ZOOM INFO
898 3966 8615 ID
974900 PW



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=QWFrbjNoTFgrZVZPcUk5WHZ2L1lQdz09>

Meeting ID: 824 1507 5353
Passcode: Service

Dial in by phone:
+1 929 205-6099 US (NY)
+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@nenvaa.org

AREA 48


**ACCESSIBILITY
COMMITTEE**

MONTHLY MEETING

**SECOND THURSDAY
MONTHLY AT 6PM**

**MEETING ID 82256877420
PW 353180**

**Announcing:
a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024**



The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* "the Big Book." It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.'s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the "abridged version" (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

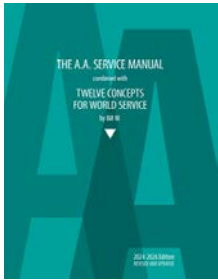
The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*

- Publication (on-sale) date: **November 1, 2024**
- List Price \$11.
- Item B-90
- 192 pages; 8 1/2" x 11"
- Softcover format with flaps


**Announcing:
A.A. Service Manual 2024-2026 digital edition now available on aa.org!**
November 25, 2024


Dear A.A. Friends,
We are delighted to announce that the new **A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated (Item BM-31)** is now available in digital format.




View the A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated (English, Item BM-31)

NOTE: French and Spanish digital editions will follow.
Print editions will be coming off press soon, and we will update you when they are available for ordering.
With all best A.A. wishes,


 David R.
Publishing Director


 Karina C.
Group Services Staff coordinator


 Malini Singh
Director of Operations




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@aaahmbny.org



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: remote4

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82660463055?pwd=dmxLcWpaYjR5MmVQ4dEYyXl2UVhidz09>

Organized by Terry N. district20dcm@nenvaa.org

NENY Area 48 Technology Committee

4th Wednesday each Month
at 7 pm

Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872
Passcode: Techteam18




Save the Date!

**Area 48
Spring Voting Assembly**

Saturday, May 17th, 2025

Tentative Venue:
St. George Episcopal Church
30 N Ferry St, Schenectady, NY 12305

Hosted by the Central Cluster: D14, D8, D4

This is a Hybrid Even
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: tbd
Passcode: tbd

Free Church and Street parking
For more information contact: altnenychair@nenyaa.org
Wheelchair Accessible facility

Quarterly Group Exchange Meeting

To celebrate the diversity of groups throughout NENY Area 48, a group speaker exchange meeting is envisioned for further consideration by the area in 2025. Additional information as to how the exchange meetings will work and areawide logistics are being discussed and developed by a workgroup of AA members for presentation to the area during the coming year.

For further information on the group speaker exchange meeting, please contact:

Paul Mac Milk and Honey Group (Hybrid), Canaan, NY D 17
 Pete R. Road to Happy Destiny Group, Queensbury, NY D 13
 Jimmy G. , Kinderhook Friday Night Group, Kinderhook, NY D 17

NENY Area 48 Fellowship Day - Saturday, March 15, 2025
Hosted by the Hudson Valley Cluster
 Gallagher's Banquet Hall
 513 Main Street Cairo, NY 12413
 Join Virtual Meeting Meeting ID: 818 0559 8012 Passcode: A48Fellow

Tentative Agenda

9:00 am	Meet and Greet with Coffee and Breakfast
9:30 am	Opening Remarks and Area 48 Reports Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports
10:00 am	Panel 1 – Early Sobriety Experience, Strength and Hope Panelist 1 Topic: Fellowship (15 minutes) Panelist 2 Topic: Service (15 minutes) Panelist 3 Topic: Sponsorship (15 minutes) Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)
11:00 am	Panel 2 –Long timer's Experience, Strength and Hope Panelist 1 Topic: Fellowship (15 minutes) Panelist 2 Topic: Service (15 minutes) Panelist 3 Topic: Sponsor (15 minutes) Question and Answer Session (15 minutes)
Noon	Seventh Tradition Lunch
1:00 pm	Main Speaker shares on Experience, Strength and Hope Topic 1: How I Learned about the Fellowship? Topic 2: Recovery, Unity and Service – The Three Legacies
2:00 pm	Sobriety Countdown – The Newest Newcomer will receive A Big Book or the Plain Language Big Book (as their prize)
2:30 pm	Wrap Up and Closing

Wheelchair Accessible Front Ramp Wheelchair Accessible Bathroom

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