

# Happy Joyous & Free

## Area 48 Newsletter

December 2025-January 2026

Well it's that time! We start a new rotation in NENY Area 48. Welcome all our new Panel 76 trusted servants. We know you will do a great job, and we of Panel 74 are here for you to help you get started. We are only a phone call or email away!

Serving as the Area 48 Newsletter Editor, my second area service commitment, has been an amazing experience. Two years flew by!! I can honestly say I got here by continuing to say "yes" to service opportunities. Saying yes has kept me in the fellowship, fostered growth I didn't know I needed, and brought me closer to my program, my Higher Power and my fellow AA members. I have never been disappointed or had negative experiences through choosing service. I will continue to serve, pass on the message of hope, and do all I can to remain sober and help others. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 48; it is an experience I will always cherish. And thanks to all those who came before me to show me the way, we are never alone..we don't let each other fail!

All our Area 48 Service positions have been filled!! (See P.12) What an amazing fellowship we have in NENY, so proud of our Area's commitment to service and helping the next suffering alcoholic. We can save and change lives, no joke..you are all miracles. Let's keep it going!

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

Any words in **BLUE** are clickable links.....

Thanks to all Panel 74 servants, it was a pleasure serving with you!

Love and Service,

Allen V.

[newsletter@nenyaa.org](mailto: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

Love & Service "in  
all our affairs"

### UPCOMING EVENTS



Welcome to  
Area 48 NENY



Orientation Day  
January 10 East  
Greenbush, NY



NERAASA Feb.  
20-22 Portland,  
Maine

## Principles of the Month | December

**Step 12.** Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

**Tradition 12.** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

**Tradition #12. Checklist** *[from SMF-131, Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine]:*

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs

**Concept 12.** The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always

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, this my last newsletter report as an Area Trusted Servant.

I thank Area 48 for the opportunity to serve as Alt Chair, Chair/Alt Delegate and P74 Delegate. The amazing experiences and people I've worked with will be with me forever, in a great way.

I really don't have too much to report. As always there is a call for financial support in all areas of service including Grapevine.

Please make informed decisions when making contributions to your Service Entities.

My sincere hopes and prayers for our panel 76 trusted servants. I hope you find the joy of service that I have these past six years.

Yours in Service  
A48 Delegate P74  
Guy K  
[panel74delegate@nenyaa.org](mailto:panel74delegate@nenyaa.org)

## Accessibility Report

Monthly Accessibility Meeting:

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

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

Thank you

Chrissy O

**Will be the new Bridging The Gap Chair!  
Panel 76**

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

Telephone: 212-870-3023. Email: [memberservices@aa.org](mailto:memberservices@aa.org)

## Chair/Alternate Delegate Report

Dear NENYmembers:

Well... we did it. Two full years of service together. I've rotated through more agendas, more Zoom links, more mics, and more "Can you hear me now?" moments than I ever expected when I made myself available to be Area Chair. And somehow, through all of it, you loved me, supported me, corrected me, and occasionally saved me from myself. For that, I'm endlessly grateful.

I learned a lot during this rotation:

- If you want to know how healthy a district is, just watch who shows up to the Assembly and who's lingering near the coffee.
- The phrase "I was just thinking..." usually means: buckle up.
- And "We'll make this quick" never—ever—means what we think it means.

But I also learned deeper things. I learned that unity is built one small act at a time: a GSR asking a brave question, a DCM showing up on a rough day, someone admitting they're confused, and somebody else saying, "Me too." I learned that service is where spiritual growth happens whether you planned for it or not. And I learned that Area 48 is filled with kind, wise, hilarious people who love Alcoholics Anonymous enough to give their time, their energy, and sometimes their last nerve.

Now I'm rotating into the Delegate role—equal parts excited and aware. It's a sacred responsibility, and I feel the weight of it. But I'm also comforted knowing I won't be doing it alone. I take all of you with me: your guidance, your conscience, your quirks, your passion, and your very strong opinions (which I promise to carry lovingly to the Conference).

And let me say this clearly: Panel 76 and our incoming Area Chair are absolutely ready. They are smart, capable, committed, and fully prepared for the magic, chaos, beauty, and occasional head-scratching moments that come with Area service. I have complete confidence in them. In fact, I'm hoping they will handle things so smoothly that no one will remember my amazing facility with Robert's Rules of Order. (So completely untrue.)

My hope for Area 48 is simple: that we keep growing together, keep laughing together, keep disagreeing respectfully, and keep remembering that at the end of the day, we are all just drunks trying our best to pass on a message that saved our lives.

Thank you for giving me the honor of serving. Thank you for your patience, your humor, your honesty, and your willingness to show up—even when it wasn't convenient, fun, quick (which, let's be honest, was often). You have changed me for the better, and I am deeply grateful.

Dolores K.  
Area Chair/Alt Delegate  
Area 48/ Panel 74

## Alt Chair Report

### **Alternate Area 48 Chair/Functions Committee Chair Report November 2025**

Thank you to the following DCMs for attending the November 2025 Functions Committee: Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16. And thanks to the following Alt. DCM for their attendance: District 3, 11, 16, 20.

I want to welcome the following NEW DCMs for the next two years: Dani D3, Steve D11, Shira D11, Julia D20. Congratulations to all!

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

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

We had some additional information added to the 2026 Events Calendar and you will find a revised copy of the calendar in this Newsletter.

**Fellowship Day** will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church, 1 Gilligan Rd., East Greenbush, NY - The Eastern Cluster, with District 2 as the lead will be setting things up.

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

If you want to join the DCMs/Functions Committee, we would love to have you! We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, December 21st.**

I must congratulate Marcy, DCM from District 16 with the 100% attendance award for the past two years. What dedication!

On a more personal note, I want to thank all the Area trusted servants and the Area 48 DCMs for the past two years. It has been one of the biggest gifts of my life to serve as your Alt. Area Chair. I have learned so much and I hope that I have helped others along their paths of service and sobriety. To be able to chair the New York State Informational Workshop was such an honor for me.

Vo will be an excellent Alt. Area Chair and is a wonderful, trusted servant. You are all in good hands!

Thank you so much for letting me be of service and I look forward to seeing you as we “trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.”

Cathy P.  
Area 48 Alt. Area Chair/Functions Committee Chair  
NYSIW Chair  
[altnenychair@nenyaa.org](mailto:altnenychair@nenyaa.org)



## Hybrid Chair Report

Dear members of Panel 74, our Area 48 members, DCM's, GSR's:

All who I have seen both in person, and attending Hybrid events, and those who never took the opportunity to join remotely or in person, As Panel 74 rotates out, I want to thank you all, for the support, patience, and assistance received as Area 48 met our commitment to have participation enabled (and encouraged) for those unable to make our Area events in person. We are all better served by that decision, made in earlier times, in response to an event that threatened to shut down fellowship and society.

My thanks for your continuing support to these efforts, and making sure that issues of inclusion and accessibility are forefront in our discussion of 'passing on the message', making Hybrid an active component in our Area and Fellowship. My thanks for your patience as I and our Tech team sought (and succeeded in) solutions of the various obstacles presented as we delivered. Thank you all, the individuals who planned, who negotiated, who contracted for venues and locations of our Area events. And not least, THANK YOU, members, one and all, who in large and small ways,

made our Area Hybrid efforts a success!

As I transition the Hybrid Chair to more capable hands, I ask our Area to keep supporting the Hybrid and Tech teams, who make every effort to ensure the message is carried to more and more diverse suffering alcoholics. Please look at your willingness and availability to support Hybrid and Tech as Area events are scheduled, to see if even small acts of service can help us all do better.

The gratitude I have in the opportunity to serve as Hybrid Chair is immense, and has been a gift in working with others, being exposed to a new facet of recovery. There is no easy way to thank all the individuals my Higher Power has placed in my life, each offering assistance and encouragement, I am a better person for this opportunity, and look forward to my next service opportunity with the full expectation it will be a challenge, and as those old-timers said in my early sobriety, "yet another opportunity for growth".

May you all reach for whatever service opportunity speaks to you, and may we all continue to support and encourage each other, hold the doors open for the next suffering alcoholic to hesitantly approach and be joyfully welcomed into our fellowship!

**Yours in Service, and Love,  
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### **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>

## Secretary Report

Greetings, Area 48,

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

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

*If you need a hard copy of the minutes, please let me know. Editor [Newsletter@nenyaa.org](mailto:Newsletter@nenyaa.org)*

**Lindsey will be the new Secretary.**

## Inclusivity Report

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

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

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

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

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

**Andy will be the new Accessibility Chair,  
Diane R. Will be taking on Inclusivity.**

## Bridging The Gap Report

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

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

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

Thanks for reading!  
Sue W.  
[btg@nenyaa.org](mailto:btg@nenyaa.org)  
Bridging The Gap Chair  
Area 48 • Northeast New York

**Thank you for allowing me to be of service and thank you to Chrissy O. who will be continuing this vital service.**

**New 2025 AAWS Literature Catalog now in print!**

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

Click here for your current issue of [Box 4-5-9](#).  
Box 4-5-9 is also available in [Spanish](#) and [French](#).

## Corrections Report

Happy Holidays and good luck to all the new service workers in the new year!!  
It's been a pleasure serving for the past 2 years.

**Theresa M.**  
A48 Corrections Chair [corrections@nenyaa.org](mailto:corrections@nenyaa.org)

### **Announcing our new Panel 76!!**

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

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

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

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

**Yours in gratitude,  
Sue W.**

Yours in Gratitude,  
Sue W.



## Public Information Report

## Technology Report

**Susan C. Has taken on the PI Chair for Panel 76.**

### **Webmaster/Tech Chair Update**

**We're excited to share that Zak P. has stepped into the role of Web Chair Please join us in welcoming him and offering support as he take on this important work for Area 48.**

Attention all district webmasters please join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm for the Technology Committee Meeting.

It is a great opportunity to get any questions answered, in addition to helping guide Area 48 into our technological future. As a committee, we are working on revamping a few of the websites. If your group is interested in becoming hybrid we can offer our guidance.

Finally, if anyone is having issues with their area emails please let us know by emailing [webmaster@nenyaa.org](mailto:webmaster@nenyaa.org)

Thea H-B. Matt E.  
Interim Tech Chair

Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872  
Passcode: Techteam48

### **Spanish Speaking Meetings Information**

A new online Spanish Speaking meeting is available here:

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

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

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

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

[AAWS July 2025 Highlights](#)

In fellowship,  
Communication Services Department  
[commservices@aa.org](mailto:commservices@aa.org)

### This Month In AA History

December 1: 1940 – Chicago Daily Tribune begins a series of articles on AA by Nall Hamilton

December 12: 1934 – Bill has Spiritual Experience at Towns Hospital

December 13: 1934 – Ebby visited Bill at hospital, brought William James's book, "Varieties of Religious Experience".

1948 – Dr. Bob's last major talk, in Detroit.

2025- Panel 74 finishes 2 year rotation, Panel 76 set to continue AA service in NENY Area 48!! ;-)

# Treasurer Report

<b>NENY Area 48</b> <b>Monthly Treasurer Report</b> <b>October 2025 - Approved</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$29,193.18</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Area Contributions	
Group	\$2,782.01
Individual	\$300.00
7th Tradition - Corrections Workshop	\$30.00
7th Tradition - Voting Assembly	\$176.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,288.01</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Chair Advance	\$1,000.00
Treasurer	\$226.29
Alt. Treasurer	\$75.96
BTG	\$90.00
CPC	\$110.28
Hybrid	\$467.58
Literature	\$160.20
Travel Expense to Area Event	\$138.60
NERAASA	\$35.00
NYSIW	\$400.00
NENY Convention	\$67.00
Area Voting Assembly	\$880.63
Corrections 5th Tradition Workshop	\$342.12
Insurance	\$496.00
Newsletter Postage	\$55.64
Newsletter Printing	\$195.00
Archive Storage Fee	\$100.00
JotForm	\$26.46
AirTable	\$126.00
Digital Ocean	\$6.00
PayPal Contribution Fees	\$17.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$5,016.26</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$1,728.25</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$27,464.93</b>
Prudent Reserve	-\$7,000.00
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$20,464.93</b>

Prepared by Linda A.  
[treasurer@nenyaa.org](mailto:treasurer@nenyaa.org)

A friendly reminder from the Area Treasurer:

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

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

7th Tradition contributions can also be made online through the area website [nenyaa.org](http://nenyaa.org) and click on the Contribute link.

## NENY Area 48 2026 Budget

**Amounts allocated are the *maximum* allowable expenditures for each category.** Actual expenditures must be reported in writing and documented with receipts. Reports are due by April 15th, July 15th, October 15th and December 15th. The Finance Committee must review all reports *past* due before any payments are made. Allocated monies are disbursed when requested, and *only* when an accounting of the previous allocation has been made. Eligible expenses include mileage at \$0.45 per mile, tolls, postage, supplies, telephone, printing, copies and other. Receipts and mileage details are required.

The funding for different events is based on a two-night hotel stay, registration, tolls and mileage to the 2024 event and estimated costs for the 2025 event. This approach aims to align the budget with actual expenses and to ensure equal opportunities for everyone wishing to serve in NENY Area 48. The funding is specific to each event and cannot be used for any other event. Participants living within a 25-mile radius of the event will not be reimbursed for hotel costs unless special accommodations are necessary. **Funded members are encouraged to share expenses whenever possible.**

### (A) Expenses:

	Position Total	Expense Allocation	NERAASA 2026 Portland, Maine	NERF (Held in Odd Years)	NYSIW SENY	NENY 2026 Convention Adirondack
<b>Area Officer Allocations:</b>						
Area Delegate	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	Event costs are included in allocation			
Area Chairperson	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Event costs are included in allocation			
Alternate Area Chairperson	\$ 2,300	\$ 700	\$ 800	-	\$ -	\$ 800
Secretary	\$ 2,100	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ -	\$ 800
Treasurer	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,200	\$ 800	-	\$ -	\$ 800
Registrar/Alt. Secretary	\$ 2,400	\$ 800	\$ 800	-	\$ -	\$ 800
Alt. Treasurer/Finance Chair	\$ 2,100	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ -	\$ 800
Alternate Registrar	\$ 400	\$ 400				
<b>Committee Chair Allocations:</b>						
Accessibilities Committee Chair	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Archivist	\$ 2,900	\$ 700	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Bridging the Gap (BTG) Committee Chair	\$ 2,800	\$ 600	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Cooperation w/Professional Comm. (CPC) Committee Chair	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Corrections Committee Chair	\$ 2,800	\$ 600	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Grapevine/LaVina Chair	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Hybrid Chair	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Inclusivity Chair	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Literature Chair	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Newsletter Editor	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Public Information (PI) Committee Chair	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Technology Committee Chair	\$ 2,700	\$ 500	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Treatment Committee Chair	\$ 2,800	\$ 600	\$ 800	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
<b>Other Position Allocations:</b>						
Finance Committee Past DCM	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Finance Committee Past Delegate	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NENY Convention Chair	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel expenses to Area Events (see note c)	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Sub-Totals (A)</b>	<b>\$ 60,950</b>	<b>\$ 24,350</b>	<b>\$ 14,400</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,800</b>	<b>\$ 14,400</b>

### (B) Other Expenses:

GSO Conference Contribution	\$	2,200	\$2200 Money to send Area 48 Delegate to Conference			
Area Events:						
Area Inventory Day (even years)	\$	750	Allocations to clusters for Area functions will be \$750. Amount allocated should be sufficient to cover event costs--if clusters need assistance staying within budget, they should contact the Alternate Area Chair and/or seek guidance from experienced members. The reimbursement of expenses exceeding the allocated amount will be considered by the Finance Committee. If requested, Any 7th Tradition contributions collected in excess of the expenses shall be returned to the Area. There are two Area Assemblies in even-numbered years (May and October). There are three Area Assemblies in odd-number years including the Area Election Assembly held in September.			
Day of Sharing/Delegates Day	\$	750				
Area Assemblies (2 in even years, 3 in odd years)	\$	1,500				
Fellowship Days (2)	\$	1,500				
Joy of Service Day	\$	750				
Orientation Day	\$	750				
Newsletter Postage	\$	700				
Newsletter Printing	\$	2,200				
Archive Storage Fees	\$	1,200				
Literature:						
NENY Service Manual Updates	\$	200	For printing of manuals and distribution to Area members (also on the website)			
Service Literature for Area Officers/Committees	\$	1,000	Area Chair responsible for this budget line			
PI Cards	\$	450	Printing of PI cards for 1 year.			
NENY A48 Tri-fold Pamphlets (printing and postage)	\$	2,500				
Seed Money:						
NENY Convention 2027 (Seed Money)	\$	2,500	2027 NENY Convention			
Other Event Allocations:						
5th Tradition Workshops (2)	\$	1,500	For two workshops (old corrections connection)			
Area Funded Scholarships	\$	2,500	Scholarships will be awarded by lottery in each of the five clusters at \$500 each.			
Administrative Expenses:						
Mail Box Service	\$	500				
Insurance Costs	\$	850	General liability policy, events, storage unit			
Technology Expenses:						
Computer Maintenance	\$	600	Contingency for operational needs; misc. RAM purchases and replacement of one PC.			
Computer/Hybrid Equipment Purchase	\$	300	Contingency for hybrid event technology. Area computers maintained for Registrar, Alt. Registrar, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Secretary, and Webmaster positions.			
iDrive Software	\$	100	Annual Subscription/Drive backup software			
AirTable Software	\$	1,550	Database used by Area and District Registrars for managing group updates			
JoForm Software	\$	350	Data collection			
Digital Ocean	\$	95	Communications between AirTable and Word Press @\$6.00 a month			
Siteground (Website Hosting, WordPress)	\$	1,250	Area 48 Website hosting service. Base subscription 2 years \$959.76. However various auxiliary services (Domain Name, Domain Privacy, site scanner) are incurred throughout the year			
Malware Software	\$	200	Annual Subscription estimate for providing malware software for five PCs @ \$40 ea.			
Virtual online meeting software (e.g. Zoom)	\$	300	To facilitate online meetings for Area 48. Includes the annual cost of Zoom (\$160) & Mobil Beacon (\$120)			
Finance Expenses:						
Quickbooks Software	\$	100	Accounting Software/Annual subscription			
Tax Preparation	\$	1,100	Includes \$25 annual NYS filing fee for non-profit status. Budget based on actual 2024 exp.			
Bank Fees	\$	250	Check printing, bounced check fees, etc. Increased by \$50 over 2024			
PayPal Fees	\$	200				
Prior Year Expenses	\$	500	Same budget amount since 2018			

**Total Expenses (A+B):** **\$ 92,145**

### Income:

NENY 2024 Convention Seed Money Return		Seed Money Not Returned in 2025
Projected Group Contributions	\$ 67,145	Calculated: Total Exp Budget - Seed Money Return - Estimated Checkbook Carryover
Estimated Checkbook Carryover on 1/1/25	\$ 25,000	Same budget amount since 2021
<b>Total Income Needed:</b>	<b>\$ 92,145</b>	

### Misc. Information:

Prudent Reserve	\$ 7,000
Mileage Rate	\$ 0.45

### Notes:

- Additional items may be funded at the discretion of the NENY Finance Committee.
- 50% Contribution to GSO of any Surplus Funds over \$20,000 upon year end numbers (Approved Oct 2019 Assembly)
- Reimbursement for travel expenses to Area Events for AA members asked by the Area Chair or Delegate to take on a role at an Area event, but who are not eligible for reimbursement through other AA means. (Approved at May 2020 Assembly). Also includes travel expenses incurred by the Audit Committee.
- When Area 48 hosts the NYSIW, all Area 48 service positions are funded.
- Line 48 Archive fees went up \$100.00 in August after the budget went out.

<b>PVI</b>						
<b>Previous Approved Budgets</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Allocations		49,780	51,800	50,950	44,750	32,350
Other Expenses		32,445	30,135	31,126	33,537	33,745
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$82,225</b>	<b>\$81,935</b>	<b>\$82,076</b>	<b>\$78,287</b>	<b>\$66,095</b>
						<b>\$56,930</b>

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

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## What's Happening ....

- Orientation Day January 10 [First United Methodist Church1 Gilligan Rd., East Greenbush, NY](#) Meeting ID: 811 8979 3994 Passcode: Orient26

### 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 NERF- Providence, RI December 5-7

**APPROVED – 2026 AREA 48 NENY EVENTS CALENDER 2026**

Revised 11/22/2025

DATE	EVENT	HOST
Dec. 2025-January 2026	Convention Committee begins work on November 2026 Convention	Adirondack Cluster
January 10, 2026	Orientation Day ( <i>Agenda set by Area Chair</i> )	First United Methodist Church 1 Gilligan Rd., East Greenbush, NY Eastern Cluster – D2 Lead
February 20-22, 2026	Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)	88 Spring Street, Portland, ME Area 28
March 13-15, 2026	Northeast Regional Delegates' Reunion (NERD)	Delegates and Past Delegates Only
March 14, 2026	Fellowship Day ( <i>Agenda set by Cluster</i> )	Crosspoint Church, 317 Orinskany Blvd., Whitesboro, NY Western Cluster- D9 Lead
March 28, 2026	Delegate's Day of Sharing ( <i>Agenda set by Delegate and Area Chair</i> )	Gallagher's Banquet Hall, 513 Main Street, Cairo, NY HV Cluster – D3 Lead
April 26-May 2, 2026	General Service Conference	Delegates Only – NYC
May 16 or 17, 2026	Spring Voting Proposal Assembly <i>This one or one in Oct. needs to be on a Sunday.</i> ( <i>Agenda set by Area Chair</i> )	ADK Cluster – D5 Lead
June 13 or 14, 2026	Joy of Service Day ( <i>Agenda set by Cluster</i> )	Central Cluster – D4 Lead
July 10-12, 2026	NYS Informational Workshop	Stony Point Center 17 Cricketown Rd, Stony Point, NY Area 49
September 19 or 20, 2026	Fellowship Day ( <i>Agenda set by Cluster</i> )	Eastern Cluster – D18 Lead
October 17 or 18, 2026	Fall Voting Proposal Assembly <i>This one or one in May needs to be on a Sunday.</i> ( <i>Agenda set by Area Chair</i> )	Western Cluster – D12 Lead
November 6-8, 2026	Area 48 Convention	ADK Cluster
November 21 or 22, 2026	Area 48 Inventory Day ( <i>Agenda set by Area Chair</i> )	HV Cluster – D7 Lead
December 2026		

**Clusters**

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

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

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Want your event included in the newsletter & on the Area 48 website?  
 Send it to [newsletter@nenyaa.org](mailto:newsletter@nenyaa.org) & [webmaster@nenyaa.org](mailto:webmaster@nenyaa.org).



## Next Up!.....

### **NENY Area 48 Orientation Day – January 10, 2026**

**First United Methodist Church  
1 Gilligan Rd., East Greenbush, NY**

**Meeting ID: 811 8979 3994 Passcode: Orient26**

#### **AGENDA**

- 9:00 - 9:30 Meet and greet, Breakfast
- 9:30 - 9:55 Introductions to current Panel 76, Reports,  
Drawing for Area Scholarship
- 10:00 - 10:55 Panel 1 - Corrections, Bridging the Gap (BTG),  
Treatment, Treasurer
- 10:00 - 10:55 Breakout room members  
(DCMs) and Alternate DCMs
- 11:00 - 11:55 Panel 2 – Technology, Accessibility, Inclusivity,  
Newsletter
- 11:00 - 11:55 Breakout room - General Service Representatives  
(GSRs) and Alternate GSRs
- 12:00 - 12:45 Lunch
- 12:50 - 1:35 Panel 3 - Cooperation with the Professional  
Community (CPC), Public  
Information (PI), Records
- 1:40 - 2:25 Panel 4 - Literature, Grapevine/La Viña, Hybrid
- 2:30 - 2:45 Last remarks, Upcoming events, Close

### **Christmas and New Year's ALKATHON**



**Pine Grove Methodist Church  
1580 Central Avenue  
Albany, NY 12205**

Starts at 6 PM

**DEC. 24 - 25 DEC. 31 - JAN. 1**

#### Volunteers

Sign up with your GSR  
or  
contact Kim N. at 518-505-8560

#### Groups

What meeting will your group host?  
Check with your GSR  
or  
contact Kim N. at 518-505-8560

#### Contributions

Please make checks payable to:

**Alkathon  
PO Box 174  
Cohoes, NY, 12047**

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.

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

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Join us for the monthly **VIRTUAL**

**DISTRICT 20**

**MEETINGS!**

All are welcome & encouraged to attend!  
Last Tuesday of every month @ 7pm

Zoom ID: 291 297 7780 Passcode: 011023  
Questions? [OnlineDistrict20@aahmbny.org](mailto:OnlineDistrict20@aahmbny.org)



**NENY Area 48**  
**Technology Committee**

**4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each Month**  
**at 7 pm**

Meeting ID: 829 5229 5872  
Passcode: Techteam48

 **zoom**

## The Responsibility Statement – Living It Below the Group Level

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

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

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

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

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

Save The Date  
March 14th 2026  
Fellowship day  
Area 48

Crosspoint Church  
317 Oriskany Blvd.  
Whitesboro NY 13492  
9:00AM to 3:00PM  
Please join us!



It is a Hybrid Event  
Meeting ID: 819 9127 9649  
Passcode: Fellow48  
Contact: altneynchair@nenyaa.org

AREA 11 CONNECTICUT AA PRESENTS

## Bridging the Gap Workshop

A Panel of BTG Chairs  
An open discussion of the purpose and future of BTG

### Speakers:

Kacie- Chair of Corrections AAWS  
Sabrina- Coordinator BTG Southern California  
Dave- Treatment Position and Bridger Pasadena, California

### Date/Time

- January 10, 2026
- 10:00am to 12:00pm EST
- Online Workshop

Zoom code 941 2692 7911  
Password A11BTG



## District 3 Alcathon – New Year's Eve Celebration

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

6:00 PM to 12:30 AM

Gallaher's Baquet Hall

513 Main Street

Cairo, NY 12413

Join us for fellowship, fun, and recovery as we ring in the New Year together!

- . Hourly Meetings
- . Food & Refreshments
- . Countdown Celebration
- . Music & Dancing
- . Raffles & Speakers
- . Seventh Traditions Contributions will be most accepted!

Bring a friend and your experience, strength and hope!

For more information contact:

[district3dcm@nenyaa.org](mailto:district3dcm@nenyaa.org)

Handicap Accessible Ramp and Handicap Bathrooms

### ANY LENGTHS GROUP MONTHLY FORMAT

(Area 48 • District 13)

**MEETING TIME**  
Mondays at 6:00 PM (ET)

**WEEKLY ROTATION**

- 1st Monday – PLBB Literature/discussion
- 2nd Monday – Grapevine Step of the Month Literature/discussion
- 3rd Monday – Grapevine Tradition of the Month Literature/discussion
- 4th Monday – Speaker or Anniversary

**ONLINE INFO**  
Zoom ID: 459 227 3364  
Passcode: ALG22

**STARTING JANUARY 2026**

## NERAASA 2026

NorthEast Regional A.A. Service Assembly

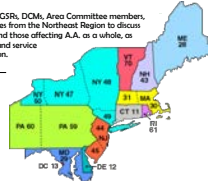
All A.A. members are welcomed! #ComeMeetMaine! Area 26

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of NERAASA is for GSR, DCM, Area Committee members, and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives from the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference-related issues and those affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity, and service common to the Area of the Northeast Region.

February 20-22, 2026

Holiday Inn By the Bay  
88 Spring St  
Portland, ME 04101

Deadline for hotel registrations 1/19/2026



**ROUNDTABLES:** Intergroups (Saturday Only) – DCM/Alternate DCM/DCMC – GSR/Alternate GSR – PICO/Literature – Corrections/Bridging the Gap/Grassroots/Treatment – Delegates/Alternate Delegates – Secretary/Registrars – Accessibility/Remote Communications/Website and Technology – Area Chairs/Alternate Area Chairs – Treasurers/Alternate Treasurers – Young People (after hours) – Spanish (after hours)

**BOOK YOUR ROOM at the Holiday Inn By the Bay:**  
All room reservations must be booked directly with Holiday Inn By the Bay before 1-19-2026. Standard rooms are at a reduced rate of \$189 per night. Does not include 15% City Tax or 8% State Lodging Tax. Fees are subject to change. Hotel Reservations for NERAASA at the Holiday Inn By the Bay may be made online by visiting <https://book.passkey.com/1032208>. Conference room rates are available 3 days pre and post conference dates.

**PARKING:** Overnight guests park under the hotel for \$15 per vehicle, per night with unlimited in and out privileges. Day guests park in the external garage at a rate of \$5 per vehicle, per day with one in and out.

**OVERFLOW HOTEL INFORMATION:** We are in talks with hotels in the vicinity of the Holiday Inn By the Bay for overflow and will update the What's New Page of our website in the future.

For additional information visit our website [www.NERAASA.com](http://www.NERAASA.com)

Questions? Contact us: [NERAASA2026info@gmail.com](mailto:NERAASA2026info@gmail.com)

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