



The Link

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"A.A.'S THREE LEGACIES - OUR COMMON SOLUTION"

Three Legacies

We can't start off the new rotation without saying Happy New Year to Everyone! I want to thank the trusted servants who just completed their service rotation and welcome our newly elected & appointed trusted servants willing to stand for our Groups, Districts, Counties and Area.

We are at the start of Panel 73 and our 2023 General Service Conference theme; "A.A.'s Three Legacies: Our Common Solution". We had our Area Inventory this past November and heard comments from the body. Your officers met and discussed ways to effectively be of service to each member in our Area. We want to be available to all and share information that will be helpful and in an understanding way. Our three legacies; Recovery, Unity and Service are the bedrock we will use to build a stronger and more accessible area where all who want to participate will have that opportunity. Participation is the key to gather information and become fully informed. I encourage all of you to get involved with the general service structure and learn why it is so important that you do.

I received my committee assignment for the General Service Conference on December 9. I will be serving on the Conference Committee on Policy & Admissions. So, what is that? Right?! Here is a quick overview:

Established by 1952 Conference: "That the Conference limit and define this committee's responsibilities to cover only matters of policy pertaining to the Conference itself"; enlarged in 1965 to include "and such other matters as may properly

be placed before it." Further amended in 1974 as follows: "Accepted the recommendation of the Agenda/Admissions Committee that the 'admissions' function of that committee be transferred to the Committee on Conference Policy."

Admissions function: Is responsible for reviewing all requests for admissions to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference; and for approving routine requests for admissions from A.A. service structures outside of the U.S./Canada service structure to observe the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

The Admissions Committee was formed in 1955 when the Conference Charter was accepted as permanent.

My welcome letter had a couple of the agenda items but not the final list which my committee will discuss during the conference, and I am super excited for the opportunity to represent our Area at the Conference this rotation. I will receive the final full list of agenda items in early February and will get them to you asap. The distribution date of the background information is still pending since there was a conference advisory action passed to distribute the background in English, Spanish and French simultaneously. Our Delegates Day of Sharing (DDoS) is scheduled for March 18, 2023.

Jo Ann M. Delegate Area 49 Panel 73

Alcoholics Anonymous' Three Legacies



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A.A.'s Three Legacies: Our Common Solution

How fitting is it that we start this New Year and New Rotation with the renewal of our dedication to the solution.

The Three Legacies: Unity, Recovery and Service are what made us the people we are today: Responsible, Loving and Tolerant. We are today more reliable, responsible and more caring people as the result of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts, in other words having replaced the missing and damaged tools in our box with the principles that were missing in our lives. We can now work and function with a new set of tools that the Three Legacies represent. Having put a new set of principles into our life's We can now go out into the world and try to be the person our Higher Power originally intended for this world. The Unity of the Fellowship reminds us on a daily basis that we are a part of something greater, a better loving well serving individual who can go into the world and act for the betterment of our fellows. The Recovery of course is the guidepost to that primary purpose of helping our fellow children. The Service is the manifestation of those previous two legacies, Unity and Recovery; they prepare us to go into the world with the love and Tolerance for others and their problems. In a greater sense these Three Legacies have created in us a Spiritual Awakening.

When all Three legacies are locked in place, we are better suited to be more productive members of the world we all occupy. In Recovery, we learned to take the world on its own terms not ours and the way we would like it to be. In Unity, we find our place in the world, good and bad, likeable and non-likeable, friendly and non-friendly but in all we find a commonality of purpose and a kindred spirit. In Service, we find the answer that we were always seeking, a purpose, a goal, a usefulness. We are reminded on a daily basis that this is but a temporal gift and it is ours to hold onto or to lose. We have learned that if we do our best to give it all away, it will return in a tenfold fashion and our blessings will increase. So, yes, the Three Legacies are the common ground on which we all stand and on which A.A. itself stands, without any one of them our program would crumble. The balance of the Three is what makes us all better humans.

When we speak the language of the heart, we reach another as no other words can convey and that language comes through from the Three Legacies: Our Common Solution.

Kevin F.
DCMC Rockland County-Panel 73 (2023-2025)

The Three Legacies of A.A. are Recovery, Unity and Service. Through our First Legacy, we recover from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. Through our Second Legacy of Unity, we keep our Fellowship united in carrying a singular and consistent message of hope to those who suffer from the disease of alcoholism, that they too can live a full and happy life free from the obsession and compulsion of alcohol. Through our Third Legacy, we enable our members to have the tools needed to remain effective and functional in our ever-changing world, through growth and functionality to reach more fellow sufferers of alcoholism.

Through the Twelve Steps of Recovery, we learn to trust in a Power greater than ourselves, to clean up our side of the street and to help others by selfless action of giving away what was so freely given to us.

Through the Twelve Traditions of Unity, we remain united in our primary purpose to carry one message to those who still suffer, that they too may recover from active alcoholism. And unified in keeping our Fellowship strong in its selfless goal of anonymous action and service.

Through our Twelve Concepts of World Service, we move our fellowship forward in an ever-changing world through our representatives at the General Service Conference. Empowering our General Service Board to take actions on our behalf to make sure our ideas for the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, guaranteeing the Our Fellowship will be here for future sufferers of our disease. And that message remains the same, you can get and stay sober by taking action and talking with a fellow alcoholic.

Thank you for allowing me to share.

Yours in love and service,

John W. 1

Panel 57, Area 49 SENY delegate

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/9 - SENY Area Committee Meeting

1/16 - NCGS Virtual Workshop (Flyer inside)

3/5 - Suffolk County General Service Unity Breakfast (In Person)

For more events go to AASENY.org

Declaration of Unity

*This we owe to A.A.'s future;
to place our common welfare first;
to keep our Fellowship united.*

*For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
and the lives of those to come.*

LET'S Link UP!

Sharing is caring... Write an article about your experience, strength, and hope in AA service. Please limit your article to 350 words, and email it to link@aaseny.org

Unity of Being

The homegroup allows me to learn and practice Tradition 1. It allows me to play a “small part of a great whole”. Unity is not something I contemplated or practiced prior to entering the fellowship. My life was built solely on self-will, propelled by the idea that “I know best”. For me it was small things that I did or experienced at the homegroup that allowed me to see the wisdom of sacrifice for the Unity and development of the group. These experiences allowed me to practice these actions in my personal life.

Unity is simple as sitting next to others in the meeting rather than putting a chair against the wall or at the back of the room and sitting by myself. I am practicing the principle of Unity by being an active member in my homegroup and being of service. When I help in the “primary purpose of AA”, I am in unity with all of AA.

This guiding principle is vital for the homegroup and is the foundation of all the 12 traditions. A group that is not united may not last. Unity within a homegroup or AA as a whole is vital to the stability and continuation of the fellowship. I sometimes will have to sacrifice my ideas and suggestions for the unanimity of the group. Allow the group to make its decision, allow the group to make the mistakes for it to evolve and grow. It is the most important thing we need to ensure that this fellowship will last long after we are gone. I heard many old timers explain that traditions 2 thru 12 is required and should be followed in order for tradition 1 to endure. Similarly, if we do not practice step 2 thru 12 thoroughly and honestly, we may fail at step 1.

Saadi H

Queens Gratitude

Registrar Elect Queens County



AA SERVICE CLASSIFIEDS



OPEN SERVICE POSITION IN YOUR DISTRICT, COUNTY, OR AREA?
OUR NEW SERVICE CLASSIFIEDS CAN HELP!

ORANGE COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE:

- ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR
- WEB CHAIR
- NEWSLETTER CHAIR
- CONTACT DCMC@ORANGE.AASENY.ORG

ORANGE COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE

- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- P.I. (PUBLIC INFORMATION)
- C.P.C. (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY)
- CORRECTIONS
- ACCESSIBILITIES
- WEB MASTER
- CONTACT DCMC@ORANGE.AASENY.ORG
- TEXT ERIC O. (845) 629-7474

PUTNAM COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE

- ARCHIVES CHAIR
- CONTACT DCMC@PUTNAM.AASENY.ORG

NASSAU COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE

- ACCESSIBILITY
- ARCHIVES
- CPC (COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY)
- CORRECTIONS
- LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE
- PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)
- TREATMENT FACILITIES
- INTERGROUP LIAISON

CONTACT CATHY C. (DCMC) -
NASSAU COUNTY



Send a brief description of the position, any sober time/other requirements involved, and a contact email, and we'll post your "ad" here where other AA's eager to do service can find it!





3/24/2023- 3/26/2023

Westchester Marriott
670 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Hotel registration deadline: February 28th, 2023

Convention rate: \$137.00 + tax per night / Hotel reservations via phone: 800-882-1042
 To make hotel reservations on-line or to register on-line please visit: aaseny.org/2023-seny-convention
 No pets allowed at the Westchester Marriott. The only exceptions are working/on-duty service animals.

Convention Pre-Registration deadline: March 10th, 2023

One form per person registering. Checks or money orders payable to: '2023 SENY Convention'
 Mail payment and registration forms to: 2023 SENY Convention,
 P.O. Box 285, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
 Questions? Email: convention@aaseny.org

Full name _____ Name on badge _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email Address _____
 AA ___ Al-Anon ___ Home Group _____ Sober 25+ years? ___/___/___
 Translation/ASL/Other Accessibilities Request? (Please specify) _____

Banquet Information

Banquet tables seat 10. To be seated together at the banquet, submit all forms together.
 Registration & Saturday Evening Banquet (\$100) ___ Beef ___ Chicken ___ Fish ___ Vegetarian ___
 Registration only (\$25) ___
 Purchase a Scholarship Registration for someone less fortunate (\$25) ___
 We are requesting that Scholarship recipients contribute 1-2 hours of service during the convention weekend. To request a scholarship, contact convention@aaseny.org. Limited number of scholarships available.
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____
 Checks or money orders payable to: '2023 SENY Convention'
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3/24/2023- 3/26/2023

Westchester Marriott
670 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Fecha límite para el registro del hotel: 28 de febrero de 2023

Tarifa de convención: \$137.00 + impuestos por noche / Reservas de hotel por teléfono: 800-882-1042
 Para hacer reservas de hotel en línea o registrarse en línea, visite: aaseny.org/2023-seny-convention
 No se permiten mascotas en el Westchester Marriott. Las únicas excepciones son los animales de servicio que trabajan o están de servicio.

Fecha límite de preinscripción a la Convención: 10 de Marzo de 2023

Un formulario por persona que se registra. Cheques o giros postales a nombre de: 'SENY Convention 2023'
 Envíe formularios de pago e inscripción a: SENY Convention 2023,
 P.O. Box 285, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
 Questions? Email: convention@aaseny.org

Nombre completo _____ Nombre en el
 gafete _____ Dirección _____
 Ciudad/Estado/Código postal _____ Teléfono _____
 Dirección de correo electrónico _____ AA ___ Al-Anon ___
 Grupo base _____ ¿Más de 25 años de sobriedad? ___/___/___
 ¿Solicitud de traducción/ASL/accesibilidades? (Por favor especifica) _____

Información del Banquete

Las mesas del banquete tienen capacidad para 10. Para sentarse juntos en el banquete, envíe todos los formularios juntos. Inscripción y banquete del sábado por la noche (\$100) ___ Res ___ Pollo ___
 Pescado ___ Vegetariano ___
 Registro solamente (\$25) ___
 Compre un registro de beca para alguien menos afortunado (\$25) ___
 Solicitamos que los beneficiarios de las becas contribuyan con 1 o 2 horas de servicio durante el fin de semana de la convención. Para solicitar una beca, contacte convention@aaseny.org. Número limitado de becas disponibles.
 TOTAL ADJUNTO \$ _____
 Cheques o giros postales a nombre de: '2023 SENY Convention'
 Envíe por correo los formularios de pago y registro a: P.O. Box 285, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
 ¿Preguntas? Escriba a: convention@aaseny.org

March 24-26, 2023

A.A.'S THREE LEGACIES

Our Common Solution




MARZO 24-26 DE 2023

LOS TRES LEGADOS DE A.A.

Nuestra Solución Común






Can you facilitate a Group Inventory??

We Need You!

Groups are always looking for a facilitator for their Groups Inventory and your Area Officers could use some help. If you are available to assist, please let us know, and we can add you to our list.

Email: officers@aaseny.org

2023 Suffolk County General Service
UNITY BREAKFAST



AN EXPERIENCE YOU MUST NOT MISS
Recovery • Unity • Service

Sunday, March 5th
9:00am - 1:00pm

East Wind
5720 NY-25A, Wading River, NY 11792

Al-Anon Participation
Sales & Ticket Information
<https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/>



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Please direct all communications to:
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

October 3, 2022

Dear A.A. Friends,

I am so excited to share the news that the General Service Office will begin welcoming visitors again beginning Wednesday, October 5. This also includes reinstating the Friday 11:00 a.m. A.A. meeting. I know this is welcome news, and we are all looking forward to reestablishing this very important spiritual component of the General Service Office.

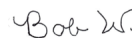
Much has changed in the two and a half years since we last received visitors, making it necessary for us to make some adjustments. Some key highlights to help make your visit as smooth and special as possible are as follows:

- We will welcome visitors on Wednesday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- The Interchurch Center (our landlord) has instituted new security protocols that have changed the logistics of how visitors can enter the office. These protocols require that all visitors be registered into the building system in advance of their visit. We can do this when you arrive; however, contacting us prior to your visit will allow for a quicker and easier entry.
- For groups of 10 or more, please contact us in advance so we can best prepare for your time at the General Service Office.
- To schedule your visit, please contact us at gsotours@aa.org or (212) 870-3430.


For additional details and guidance, please click [here](#).

Also of note, remote work for all employees is now limited to two days per week, with many working in the office four or five days per week.

Thank you all again for your patience as we have worked through the many challenges of the pandemic over the last several years. Your genuine support for all employees at the General Service Office is appreciated and needed now more than ever.

With gratitude,


Bob W.
General Manager, GSO



Nassau County General Service Of Alcoholics Anonymous
www.aanassaugs-ny.org

If you are ready to do something different in your recovery, consider service below the group level. General Service offers a means for some kind of organization to groups carrying A.A.'s message through our *Three Legacies – Recovery, Unity and Service* in ways that home groups alone cannot do.

Standing Committee Positions Now Available!

Committee Chairs for

* Cooperation with Professional Communities * Public Information * Treatment * Corrections * Intergroup Liaisons * Archives * Technology * Web Chair * Accessibility * Grapevine

New & Old committee members are always welcome!!!

Chair Responsibilities:

- Attend NGS meetings 3- Monday of Feb, April, June, August, October, December.
- Lead your committee meeting (live, hybrid or virtual) and submit minutes.
- Represent NGS on corresponding SENY committees and attend SENY assembly.
 - Attract participation in service!
 - Attend NY State Informational Workshop

Please email Cathy: dcmc@aanassaugs-ny.org



**ATTENTION:
ARTICLES NEEDED FOR:
“THE LINK”**

**“ANYONE WHO IS IN SERVICE OR HAS DONE
SERVICE AT THE GENERAL SERVICE LEVEL”**

**FEBRUARY’S THEME:
“NEW SERVICE POSITION –
GETTING BUSY”**

(PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES WITH 250-350 WORDS)
SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES ARE DUE BY: JANUARY 19, 2023

**PLEASE SEND YOUR ARTICLES TO
LINK@AASENY.ORG
CONTACT: GINA D. (347) 285-4700**

[Nassau General Service Group Virtual Workshops 2023](#)

Topic: Service Below the Group Level

Zoom:922 8787 8377 Password 12345

Coordinator: Kristen D. Nassau County Alt DCMC

Date: January 1, 2023

Prior to each workshop: 30 minute orientation for AA's to learn about service that supports groups. Virtually @ 7:00-7:30pm

- Topic: Cooperation between GSO and Standing Committees
Presenter: Micheal R CPC Desk of GSO
7:30 pm January 16, 2023
- Topic : Yo, What’s the Big Deal with AA’s History in New York & Why is it Important?
Presenters: Jim C . NGSG Archivist
March 20, 2023 7:30 pm Virtually
- Topic: What is the difference between NGSG & Intergroup?
Presenters: Jim M Previous Intergroup Chair & Bill C Intergroup Tech Chair
Monday May 15,2023 Virtual 7:30 pm

Please Share and post at home groups!

Love & Service

UPCOMING GENERAL SERVICE MEETINGS			To add or update email: agenda@aaseny.org
SENY Area Committee	1/9	7:30p	TBD
SENY Literature Committee Meeting	1/15	2:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641 , Password: 714921
SENY Public Information (PI) Committee Meeting	1/19	7:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641 , Password: 714921
SENY Service Participation Meeting	1/19	7:30p	TBD
SENY Corrections Committee Meeting	1/21	3:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641 , Password: 714921
SENY Cooperation with the Prof. Community (CPC)	1/23	7:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
SENY Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting	1/24	7:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921

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