

The Link

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"AA NEEDS YOU"

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As all of you know, Bill W. was a visionary in many ways. I often reflect on some very simple thoughts he offered up, thoughts which made it possible to get through my first (very rough) several years of sobriety. "Progress, not perfection" enabled me to seek a new sober life, not perfectly but as best I could (it still does). "Language of the heart" allowed me to go past words – which to this day can get me into a lot of trouble – to share the spiritual experience of connecting with another alcoholic. "The Road of Happy Destiny" gave me hope on days when hope seemed elusive. There are so many more.

And sometimes the source of Bill's wisdom is a bit more obscure, such as Appendix E of the current AA Service Manual (page 107). Perhaps you've heard its title: "The Principle of Rotation". You can also find it on page 28 of the pamphlet "The AA Group... where it all begins". The section is only half a page long, but there are a number of important reasons listed, and the message itself is pretty clear: in General Service we serve in any given position for two years, and then we rotate on to something new. I highly recommend this brief passage to ALL AA members.

Beyond all the reasons given, there is a deeper message to be had, connected directly to our Link theme this month – "AA Needs You". We need to get out of the way for new ideas, new voices, new

points of view. Those of us who serve the fellowship often bemoan the "lack of participation" in General Service, InterGroups, and pretty much any committee we have. The pandemic has certainly not helped; contrary to some expectations, virtual access to service meetings seems to have lessened participation, not increased it, at least in our Area.

I believe that the bottom line in filling this "participation void" lies in three things: 1) stressing the need for participation as an enhancement to one's sobriety; 2) making clear to the new trusted servant what both the responsibility and the authority for that position are (Concept X); and perhaps most importantly, that those already serving carry ourselves with positive energy, with enthusiasm – indeed, with the joy of living!

As both our SENY and our County elections rapidly approach, Alcoholics Anonymous does indeed need you. Will you serve the Fellowship that saved your life?

In Love and Service,

Tom B., Delegate
Area 49-SENY, Panel 71

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- Theme Flyer for August



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What do I have to do?

That has always been my question when asked to stand for service. I remember in my homegroup years ago asking that question. I knew what the secretary did, the chairperson, the greeter, the coffee maker and even what the treasurer did. At a business meeting the overall chair said they needed an Institutions Rep. My question was: What do I have to do? A simple question which was answered promptly; take a speaker into an institution and have a meeting once or twice a month. Not a lot. I can handle that. At another meeting the Group Service Rep (GSR) said she needed an alternate. Again, my question was what do I have to do? Answer: Be available to attend the county assembly when the GSR can't go. Not a lot.

Another time, I wanted to stand for a position, and I knew what to do. It was the Intergroup

meeting book chair. All I had to do was gather updates on groups meeting information and make sure all meetings were correctly listed, then get the books printed and distributed. Not hard and for me and not a lot to do. When I went to the intergroup office to ask to serve in that position, I was asked to stand for Vice Chair. What do I have to do was my question? Answer: be available when the chair cannot. Not a lot. Again and again, I have asked this same question, and in most cases, it wasn't a lot. In giving service below the group level, I have found the benefits outweigh the work by a long shot. Being available to serve is something we should all do because it is a great way to stay sober. I

think about those who depend on me, the commitment I made to help, and mostly the joy of giving back to a program that has given me a life worth living.

Jo Ann M, Alt Delegate Area 49



Oh the possibilities in service!

When I first came to AA, I tried to get away with doing the least amount of work possible. I soon discovered that it was worse than drinking. I barely survived two months before I drank again. It is true, AA ruins your drinking. Before coming to AA, I did not know of a way out, other than drinking myself to death. When I made it back to AA, I begrudgingly started to follow suggestions. I could not figure out how coming to meetings early and making coffee for others would keep me sober, especially since I did not drink coffee anymore. I did not realize that doing service would help

me gain self-esteem and let go of my selfishness. As I became more involved with service, my life outside of AA started to change also. I acquired technical skills by salvaging old computers. After being on welfare for 12 years, I was able to start working. In 2020, when COVID hit, my homegroup was shut down for six weeks. Because of my technical skills, I was able to help get my group up and running virtually. I became the tech nerd for my homegroup. Then, my homegroup elected me to be their GSR. As time progressed, I stood for the position of Queens Intergroup Webmaster, and was I blessed to get that position. And here is the crazy part – my life just keeps getting better with the more service I do. Once upon a time, I would wake up cursing the fact that I did not die. Now, because of AA and service, my life is amazing.

AA needs you! Doing service will change your life forever – it has for me.....

Martin Mc., GSR and Webmaster QIAA

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/8 - 7/10 - Unity & Service Conference

7/9 - "Big Book Writing Workshops" In Person

8/14 - The Joy of Service Workshop - Hosted by Rockland County

For more events go to AASENY.org

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

AA SERVICE CLASSIFIEDS



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

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!

ORANGE COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE:

- ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR
- WEB CHAIR
- NEWSLETTER CHAIR

CONTACT DCMC@ORANGE.AASENY.ORG

AREA 49 SENY GENERAL SERVICE:

- POSTAL MAILING COORDINATOR

ARRANGES MAILINGS OF MINUTES, DELEGATES QUESTIONNAIRE, ETC. USE OF CAR MAY BE NEEDED. 1.5 YEAR COMMITMENT.

CONTACT TCO@AASENY.ORG

PUTNAM COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE

- ARCHIVES CHAIR

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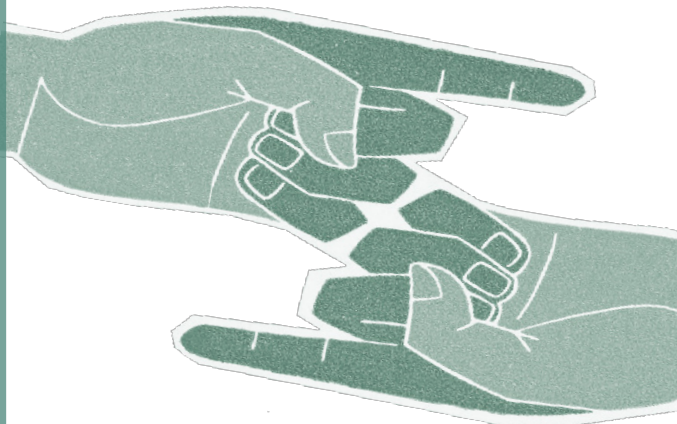
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- INTERGROUP LIAISON CHAIR
- TREATMENT FACILITIES CHAIR
- WEB CHAIR
- JUNCTION EDITOR
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SELF-SUPPORT

The Seventh Tradition states: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the Seventh Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose — to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

Although the amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world, we may want to remember that a dollar does not support as many services as it used to.

Service Material from the General Service Office

JULY 8 - 10, 2022

UNITY & SERVICE

An A.A. Conference Focused on
Applying the 12 Traditions & 12
Concepts in All Our Affairs

ATTEND IN PERSON - \$45 REGISTRATION
OR ONLINE - \$35 SUGGESTED REGISTRATION

THE HILTON - CONCORD, CA
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SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER BANQUET
SUNDAY CONCEPTS BREAKFAST
ADDITIONAL FEE FOR MEAL OPTION EVENTS

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info@unityandserviceconference.org
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SPEAKERS

LINDA CHEZEM

CLASS A TRUSTEE, GSB CHAIR

JIMMY D.

AA MEMBER RIGHTS &
RESPONSIBILITIES
Dallas, TX

CHUCK & BETH H.

3 LEGACIES IN RELATIONSHIPS
Destin, FL

REILLY K.

12 CONCEPTS
Winston, OR

KAREN C.

SPONSORSHIP
Oakland, CA

ANDREW S.

HELPING OR HURTING AA?
The importance of how we are being recommended
Marin, CA

ANJANA G.

INSPIRED BY YPAA - FUTURE
LEADERS OF AA
Antioch, CA

WITH AL-ANON
PARTICIPATION

More speakers to be announced...

Presented by
the Love & Service Group of A.A.



ESCYPAA VIII

FIELD DAY

Saturday, July 30th, 2022
10am - 4pm
Meeting in AC at 3pm

POTLUCK - please bring a dish
Open to all AA, Al-Anon & Alateen members



Harold Walker Memorial Park
1085 Woodfield Road
Rockville Center, NY 11570

\$25 per player (includes a team t-shirt)
4 Players per Team | \$10 for spectators

OLD SCHOOL FUN **PIE IN THE FACE AUCTION**

Register at escypaa8.org/field-day



Register your team here



WATER & ENERGY DRINKS FOR SALE

ESCYPAA VIII

Campout

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
\$40

*Day Passes available at site \$15

Wildwood State Park
790 Hulse Landing Rd,
Wading River, NY 11792

Register at escypaa8.org/campout



SCAN TO REGISTER

Open to all AA, Al-Anon & Alateen Members

Visit us at:
www.escypaa8.org
or email us at:
events.escypaa8@gmail.com


DETAILS

Event Date
September 9-11, 2022

Schedule includes

- AA Meetings
- Yoga
- "Drop the Rock" workshop w/ Cathy
- Beach
- Campfire
- Outdoor Games
- Nature Walk

*Daily Meals Included

ATTENTION:

ARTICLES NEEDED FOR: "THE LINK"

"ANYONE WHO IS IN SERVICE OR HAS DONE SERVICE AT THE GENERAL SERVICE LEVEL"

AUGUST'S THEME:
"WELCOME TO GENERAL SERVICE"

(PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES WITH 250-350 WORDS)
SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES ARE DUE BY: JULY 19, 2022

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

SOUTHEAST NEW YORK AREA 49 AND ROCKLAND COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE PRESENT...



THE JOY OF SERVICE WORKSHOP: “I AM RESPONSIBLE”

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022, 2:00 PM UNTIL 5:00 PM

Located at the Clarkstown Reformed Church

107 Strawtown Road, West Nyack, NY 10994

HYBRID MEETING

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84932602412?pwd=cGNONVBSK2lJYTZiQ2lQdzI0ZGNrQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 3260 2412

Passcode: ServiceNow





Queens District 305 AA Workshop

*How to use Robert's Rules of Order – Billy C
Conducting a Business Meeting.

*A short video on Anonymity and Social Media

*How to submit Agenda Items to the General Service Conference – JoAnn M
Making your voice heard.

Q & A

Date: Saturday, August 6, 2022
Time: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

This is an online event.
Zoom ID: 733 111 2611
Passcode: 98765

*Online fellowship before and after the workshop.
The room will be open from 6:30 pm and close at 9:30 pm.*



**WESTCHESTER GSA
SPIRITUAL BBQ**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 27
10 AM - 3 PM
VE MACY PARK, ARDSLEY**

10:30 am - Daily Reflections Meeting
2 pm - Open Meeting

Tickets - \$10 per person
Cash or Venmo: @Treasurer-WGSA

Service Opportunity



Cooperation with Professional Communities

SENY & Nassau Service Groups

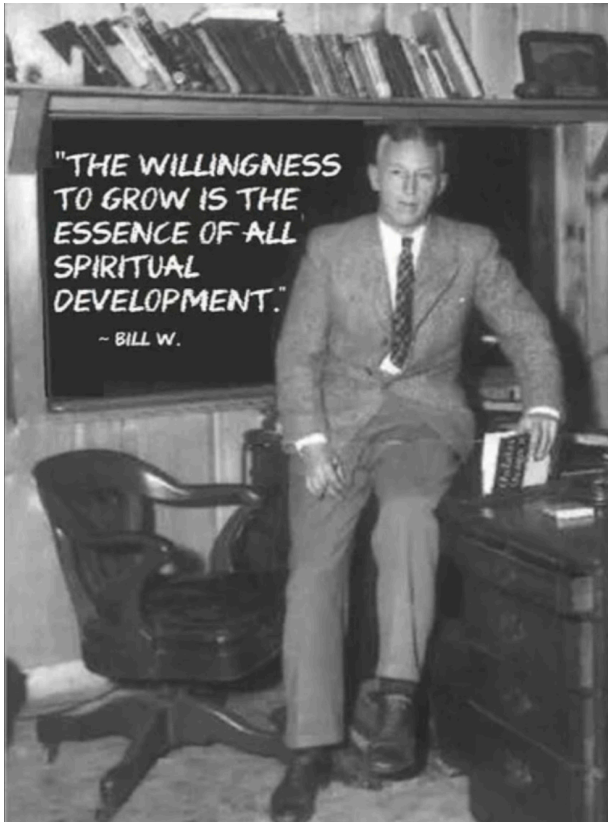
Invites all members of AA to join us in service to:

- COMMUNICATE What AA is and what AA is not
- Give PRESENTATIONS and QUALIFY at non-AA meeting
- CARRY the MESSAGE with brochures to potential Alcoholics
- SUPPORT the work of PI, Treatment & Facilities, Accessibilities, Corrections and BTG committees

Please email cpc@aanassaugs-ny.org to volunteer

Join us on the 1st Monday of each month 7pm Zoom 998-938-7641 PW 714921

I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there. And for that I am responsible... To do that, They NEED to KNOW us!



UPCOMING GENERAL SERVICE MEETINGS

To add or update email agenda@aaaseny.org

SENY Grapevine/La Vina Committee Meeting	7/6	7:30p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
Manhattan General Service (MGSM) Concept Meeting	7/6	8:00p	Zoom ID: 839 2303 1919, Password: 143068
SENY Area Tech Committee Meeting	7/7	7:30p	Zoom ID: 894 0024 2856, Password: 033597
Putnam County General Service Meeting HYBRID	7/12	7:00p	Zoom ID: 822 9275 1708 Venue: Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 76 Gleneida Ave, Carmel, NY
SENY Accessibilities Committee Meeting	7/14	7:30p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
SENY Literature Committee Meeting	7/17	2:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
Orange County General Service Meeting	7/19	7:00p	Venue: First Presbyterian Church, 154 Stage Road, Monroe, NY 10950
SENY Public Information (PI) Committee Meeting	7/21	7:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
SENY Cooperation with the Professional Comm	7/25	7:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
SENY Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting	7/26	6:30p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921

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