

The Link

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"ON THE ROAD - THE JOURNEY THROUGH SERVICE"

March - GSR...your Group's link to A.A.

It's no coincidence that Chapter 1 in our General Service Manual is dedicated to the Group Service Representative (GSR). Our GSRs are the link between the group and the General Service Conference. A GSR is tasked with keeping the group informed on all things A.A. and sharing information from the group with the Delegate. Bill W. wrote in Concept I of The Twelve Concepts for World Service, "The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services." So, what does that really mean?

The Groups are at the top of that upside down triangle for a reason. Bill W. and Dr. Bob realizing they would not live forever, decided to turn our fellowship over to the groups. Bill, Bob, and a few of the Oldtimers, were essentially at the top of the triangle where the groups are today. By turning that power over to the groups in 1950, we now have a structure where the groups can communicate and participate in decision making with the General Service Office, A.A. World Services, AA Grapevine, Inc, and our board of trustees, known as the General Service Board.

In Area 49, we have District, County and Area assembly meetings. This is where information is shared from the groups through their GSR to the rest of the general service structure. These meetings are also where GSRs gather

important information to take back and share with their group members. Our Area has over 2000 groups listed in the Fellowship Connection database at GSO. Of those registered groups, 1455 are active, 485 have an "unknown" status and 30 have an incomplete registration status. This means that 515 groups either don't have a GSR, group contact or other important information for GSO to connect directly to the group. These groups, although registered, are technically not part of the general service structure. This means their group does not have a voice or a vote.

When a group decides to participate in the general service structure, they elect a GSR. I would hope the group is careful to elect someone who is responsible, reliable, and trustworthy. This is because the GSR is expected to attend meetings and bring information back to the group. It is very important for the group to have a registered GSR, but it is also important for the GSR to take the commitment seriously. Don't be a GSR in name only! Does your GSR give a report at every business meeting? If not, why not? There is at least one general service meeting at the District, County or Area level each month. Your group GSR should ALWAYS have information to share with the group! The General Service Conference will be here before you know it and without a registered GSR your groups voice is silent.

Jo Ann M., Delegate

WHATS INSIDE

- 2023 SENY Registration Forms
- April's Theme Flyer
- Available Service Positions

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On the Road – The Journey Through Service

You know how sometimes a group is asked if someone will do a service position, and it's followed by a super long awkward silence? That's how I've ended up going down the triangle of the service structure. I became alt-GSR because it was painful to watch the current GSR beg the group for an alternate. I was not prepared when that same GSR rotated onward a month later, and all of a sudden, I was a GSR. So, I just did the same as I always do in AA, I took suggestions from someone who knew more than I did.

One of those suggestions was to attend the county meeting. About halfway through my first county meeting, the DCMC brought up that the Manhattan Share a Day chair had stepped down and asked for a volunteer to take the position. Crickets could be heard. So, I timidly raised my hand and said, "I'm a new GSR and would have no idea what I'm doing but I guess I could do it?" Thank God previous chairs had left notes on what to do and that this is AA so people are nice and understanding and helpful.

One thing I was terrified of ever doing was being treasurer. I'm decent with money in my own life, but keeping track of a balance sheet??? Well, low and behold, a few months later the treasurer of my district ended her rotation. The DCM asked if anyone would do it and...another awkward silence. As terrified as I was, I raised my hand.

I could continue on and on with anecdotes just like the above. I've often raised my hand to do a position just because no one else wanted to do it. I have usually been terrified, but the fellowship has carried me through it.

Now, I feel passionate about service below the group level. I've come to see how it is as integral to AA's survival as helping a newcomer. Sure, it can be boring at times, but AA completely changed my life. Doing service below the group level helps ensure AA's survival. So, I now look at service below the group level as a way of practicing gratitude for the life that AA has given me, and it is a beautiful thing.

Paola A., *Area 49 Chair*

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/10-3/12 - NERD (N.E. REG. DELEGATES REUNION)

3/18 DELEGATES DAY OF SHARING

3/24-3/26 - 2023 55TH SENY CONVENTION

For more events go to AASENY.org



LET'S Link UP!

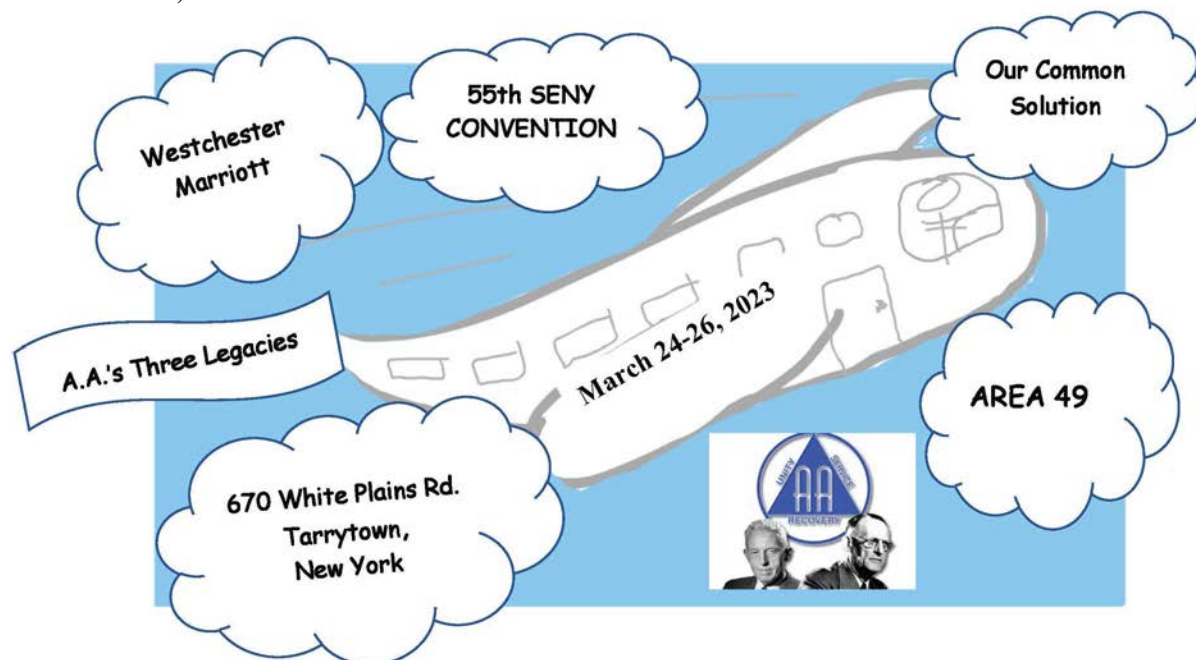
Sharing is caring... Write an article about your experience, strength, and hope in AA service. Please limit your article to 350 words, and email it to link@aaseny.org

THERE ARE NO COINCIDENCES

I was a NYC transit express bus operator and I usually dealt with the same riders every day. One day a rider left her briefcase on my bus. I wanted to save her the trouble of dealing with the lost and found, so I went through her bag, looking for a name and phone number. As I was going through her purse (I'm so embarrassed), I noticed that she was in the process of renewing her lease. I had all her important account numbers, social security number, and her address. I could have easily stolen her identity, but none of that was important to me. I remember pulling out a book from her purse that I'd never seen before. I had absolutely no idea what it was. It was a small booklet with maybe 50 -75 pages on newsprint paper. It was the AA meeting booklet for Brooklyn County. I don't think I was drinking alcoholically then, but as I held it I thought THIS! is important. Out of all the information in that briefcase, that was the one thing I thought I should hold on to. I called her so we could meet, and I could return her briefcase. I remember the look on her face. I now know It was the look of somebody whose anonymity had been violated. I didn't tell her what I found in her briefcase. She thanked me and left.

Sometime later, I was in a rehabilitation center in Kerhonkson, New York. There on the table with all of the pamphlets was an AA meeting book for upstate New York. That's when I realized what I had in my hand, it's value, and why it felt so important all those years ago when I found that briefcase. I returned to work after rehab and I remember looking for that woman whose briefcase I found and looked through. I never saw her again. There are no coincidences in recovery. I think it's ironic, even before I thought I was an alcoholic and holding that booklet, I knew it was something of value, something I should hold on to. Now that I know I'm an alcoholic and have a program in my life, I want to stay sober. I definitely know what to hold on to now.

Ronnie B., Alt. DCMC Staten Island



AA SERVICE CLASSIFIEDS



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

ORANGE COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE:

- CORRECTIONS
- PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)
- CPC
- SECRETARY
- WEBMASTER
- CONTACT DCMC@ORANGE.AASENY.ORG

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!



DELEGATE'S DAY OF SHARING

March 18, 2023
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hybrid Hybrid

SUNY Westchester Community College
Student Center Building
75 Grasslands Road
Valhalla, NY 10595

Staten Island General Services
Serving the Staten Island Districts of SENY, Area 49

PRESENTS

THE SPRING FLING

WITH **Adamk The DJ**

The Ultimate Throw Back Party of the Year! Dress Accordingly!

3.17.23 Doors Open 5pm

MEETING AT 5:30 IN THE BASEMENT
7PM DANCE, DINNER & FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

Tickets \$10

For Tickets Contact:
Mikey C (718) 954-4204
Tom R. (917) 533-7004
Dan S. (347) 733-3433

Immanuel Lutheran Church
2024 Richmond Ave S.I.N.Y 10314

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

Topic: Service Below the Group Level

Zoom: 922 8787 8377 Password 12345

Coordinator: *Kristen D. Nassau County All 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



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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 Questions? Email: convention@aaseny.org



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, contactar 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




Manhattan Share-A-Day 2023

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Let Us Show Our Gratitude & Make This A Successful Event.

Meeting Times: Mondays At 6:30 pm
Meetings Dates: February 27th, March 13, & March 27th 2023

Zoom ID# 889 1351 2831
PW. MSAD2023 (case sensitive)

The Suffern Group
Saturday Night Big Meeting

The Big Book at 84

You're invited.
 Come share your experience on how the book helped you achieve sobriety.

Featured Speaker Terry F.

- A.A. Historian
- Archives Advisor
- Past Delegate

Midway through the meeting Terry will take us on a walk back in time.
 Hors d'oeuvres will be served. *"That's right, you said it, food"*

Big Book Anniversary Cake!

April 1st, 7:00 PM
65 Washington Ave Suffern, NY 10901
(Oliver Street entrance)

Bus to SENY Convention Westchester County
Saturday, March 25, 2023



Leaves 7:30 AM *Sharp* from BAM*
 Drop Off 5:30 PM to BAM

Contact
 Charlene B (917) 865-9551
 dcmcb@brooklynaa.org
 David T (631) 933-7231
 or your group's GSR

Bus tickets \$25 (in addition to registration fee)
venmo: name, phone & email in the memo line to receive a digital copy of your ticket
 check: payable to AA Brooklyn County General Service

17th Annual Spiritual Breakfast
 Hosted by Rockland County General Service



Sunday April 16th, 2023

9AM - 12PM

Hilton Pearl River
 500 Veterans Memorial Drive, Pearl River, NY

Come join us as we celebrate recovery with a morning of spirituality, service, recovery, fellowship and unity!

Tickets \$34 Advanced Sales Only!

There will be no ticket sales at the door, and no entry without a ticket!
 To facilitate seating, tickets are numbered by table.

Tickets and information are available from your group GSR or contact:
 Maureen O. or Wade M. by email at
 spiritualbreakfast@aarockland.org

The Hilton Pearl River requires patrons to follow all local guidelines and laws with respect to COVID-19. Please check with New York State health and government authorities about specific policies at the time of the event.


Please notify us ASAP if anyone attending will need ASL translation

LONG ISLAND SPIRITUALITY THROUGH SERVICE 2023

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
ARCHBISHOP MOLLOY HIGH SCHOOL
83-53 MANTON ST, BRIARWOOD, NY 11435

The Long Island Spirituality Through Service (L.I.S.T.S.T.) Workshop aspires to reaffirm the strong spiritual benefits of service to recovering alcoholics. Sponsored by the General Services of Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and the Hispanic Districts. Hosted by Queens County.



Tables | Roundtables | Big Meeting | Service Fair | Light Brakfast and Lunch Served
 Wheelchair Accessible | ASL Provided | Parking Available
 For more information, contact Mikal Mat mmatqai@gmail.com



ATTENTION:
ARTICLES NEEDED FOR:
"THE LINK"

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

APRIL'S THEME:
"GETTING COMFORTABLE, BUT NOT COMPLACENT"
 (PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES WITH 250-350 WORDS)
SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES ARE DUE BY: MARCH 19, 2023

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

UPCOMING GENERAL SERVICE MEETINGS			To add or update email: agenda@aaseny.org
SENY Area Committee Meeting	3/6	7:30p	TBD (Email will be sent out)
Technology & Communications Committee Meeting	3/7	7:30p	Zoom ID: 894 0024 2856, Password: 033597
SENY Archives Committee Meeting	3/9	7:30p	998 938 7641, no password
Putnam County General Service Meeting	3/14	7:00p	Zoom ID: 822 9275 1708, no password
Rockland County General Service Meeting (HYBRID)	3/15	7:30p	Zoom ID: 859 3872 9240 , Password: 4065716
Brooklyn County General Service Meeting	3/15	7:30p	Zoom ID: 961, 9888, 5103, Password: 069497
Suffolk County General Service Meeting (HYBRID)	3/17	3:00p	Go To: suffolkny-aa.org
Orange County General Service Meeting (HYBRID)	3/21	8:00p	Go To: orangenya.org
Nassau County General Service Meeting	3/20	7:30p	Zoom ID: 922 8787 8377, Password: 12345
Manhattan General Service Meeting	3/21	6:30p	Zoom ID: 815 4964 5983, Password: BillandBob

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