



The Link

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"ENHANCING OUR RESPONSIBILITY..
ENSURING OUR FUTURE!"

Am I Responsible?

At the end of Bill’s talk at the 1952 General Service Conference he says, “The closing hours of this Conference bring with them a deep and joyous realization: the realization that, at last, we are surely on the high road that stretches straight out toward our future-toward, we trust, an everlasting sunrise.”

I ask you; how will we have that everlasting sunrise? Who among us is ready, willing and most importantly, able to stand and be of service. We can never take for granted that our fellowship and A.A. as a whole will flourish forever. I grabbed the excerpt from the book “Our Great Responsibility” which is a selection of Bill W.’s General Service Conference talks.

First, Bill saw the vision of what A.A. could and would be, then he insisted on turning A.A. over to the groups. It makes sense because none of us will be around forever. By having this yearly conference and allowing representatives from the 93 Areas in the U.S. and Canada take part, we can keep our movement going and the hope is that our numbers will grow as we spread the word.

Dr. Bob was originally against having a conference but shortly before his death he

agreed it might be best for A.A. In Dr. Bob’s farewell speech, he says: “So let us never get the degree of smug complacency that we’re not willing to extend, or attempt to, that help which has been so beneficial to us, to our less fortunate brothers.” I don’t mean to sound preachy, but I think it is so important that we as members understand the full extent of our responsibility.

The theme of this article is enhancing our responsibility-ensuring our future. Not sure about you but I know I can’t live without A.A. Believe me, I tried and although I didn’t drink, I was crazy as a bedbug. I learned A.A. needs me just as much as I need A.A. I learned there is work to be done and plenty of it. I learned about and now cherish our concept of the spirit of rotation. How do we “enhance” our responsibility? The definition of enhance; intensify, increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of.

Not sure what you folks are going to do but my plan is to continue in service to our fellowship and always, always, always be willing to step up to the plate when responsibility knocks. As individual members we need to ensure our future. We need to make sure this fellowship is available for us and for many generations to come. When someone asks you to step up and do service for our fellowship what will you say?

Jo Ann M., Delegate Area 49 Panel 73

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Enhancing our Responsibility...Ensuring Our Future!

The first thing this topic makes me think of is Dr. Bob's Nightmare. You know when he says that there are 4 reasons that he does 12th step work? He says it's because of a sense of duty, it's a pleasure, in doing so he's paying off the debt to the man that passed it on to him, and because it's more insurance against a possible slip. I don't know about you all, but this hits me hard. Not only are they the reasons I sponsor and talk to newcomers, but they are also the reasons I do service below the group level.

A.A. has changed my life. My life isn't perfect in any way (it actually totally sucks sometimes), but my reaction to what happens has been drastically altered. Just like A.A. was around for me to experience this, I want it to be around for others. This is why I take responsibility below the group level.

A.A. doesn't just happen. So many people did so much service below the group level for me to get this message. I was in a treatment center that had A.A.

meetings brought in. I received a Bridging the Gap pamphlet. When I filled it out, I was connected with a fellow A.A.. I found meetings through the meeting book and by calling the local central office. I received a 4th edition Big Book, which had stories of other young people that got sober. None of these things would've happened if not for people doing their part for A.A. as a whole. I would not be sober today if it was not for people doing service below the group level. I doubt many of us would since this service is so widespread (and usually taken for

granted).

I identify with Dr. Bob. I truly do feel a sense of duty to do my part in A.A. as a whole—to take responsibility for this thing that transformed my life. Plenty of people did their part for me to get the message. How selfish would it be for me to not do my part? By taking responsibility to ensure the future of A.A. as a whole, I am practicing gratitude for what A.A. has done for me. It's a pleasure to do it because I want A.A. to help as many people as possible, and with this attitude, I get to keep staying sober.

*Paola A., Area 49 Chair
she/her*

Sobriety is never
owned.
It's rented.
And rent is due
everyday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/7 - 7TH Queens County Spiritual Breakfast

10/7 - NYCYPAA Murder Mystery Party

10/14 - Westchester County Share-A-Day

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

Able and Willing



The AA Service Manual states, “Furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous activity.” We all share this responsibility; how do we practice this?

In my experience, whether standing for a position or entrusting another to serve, it is necessary to understand the position being filled by seeking out more information about the duties and responsibilities and understanding the tools needed to fulfill the obligations.

I continuously learn the dangers of relying solely on my own perceptions in both recovery and service. Seeking information, such as from our AA Service Manual, SENY Service Handbook, and pamphlets that explain the scope of the responsibility, as well as the experience of prior servants will better equip us to decide whether it is in the Body’s (Group, District, County or Area) interest for us to stand or entrust a person to a service position.

There is that moment during a business meeting where a service opening is announced, then a deafening silence. To avoid the discomfort, someone hesitantly takes the position. Are we fulfilling our responsibility to furnish our structure with “able and willing” trusted servants by

someone who, often to avoid their (or our) discomfort of silence, will just raise their hand, or, might the voting body benefit from leaving the position unfilled until an appropriate candidate presents themselves or the position is reexamined, modified, or deemed unnecessary?

When those uncomfortable moments of silence occur and no one is able or willing to stand, perhaps it is in fact Tradition 2: our higher power guiding us to pause and reexamine.

To be clear, the inability of someone to serve in a particular role does not mean that service is out of reach. As Bill explained, “We simply are recognizing that our talents vary greatly. The conductor of an orchestra is not necessarily good at finance or foresight. And it is quite unlikely that a fine banker could be a great musical performer. So, when we talk about A.A. leadership, we only declare that we ought to select that leadership on the basis of obtaining the best talent we can find.” (from Leadership in AA: An Ever-Vital Need)

With gratitude and in service,

Justin K.

Manhattan District Committee Member Chair (DCMC)

Panel 73 - 2023-2024



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.

It was written for the 1965 AA International Convention in Toronto. In an article titled, ‘How I am Responsible became a part of AA’, from the GSO newsletter, Box 4-5-9. The article identifies former AA trustee, Al S. as the author of the Responsibility Statement.

In the souvenir book for the 1965 Convention, Dr. Jack Norris writes:

“...We must remember that AA will continue strong only so long as each of us freely and happily gives it away to another person, only as each of us takes our fair share of responsibility for sponsorship of those who still suffer, for the growth and integrity of our Group, for our Intergroup activities, and for AA as a whole.

It is in taking responsibility that real freedom and the enduring satisfactions of life are found. AA has given us the power to choose – to drink or not to drink – and in doing so has given us the freedom to be responsible for ourselves. As we become responsible for ourselves, we are free to be responsible for our share in AA, and unless we happily accept this responsibility, we lose AA. Strange, isn’t it?”

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AA SERVICE CLASSIFIEDS



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

ORANGE COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE:

- CORRECTIONS
 - ACCESSIBILITIES
- CONTACT DCMC@ORANGE.ASENY.ORG

SUFFOLK COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE

- ACCESSIBILITY
 - ARCHIVES
 - LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE/LA VINA
 - CPC
 - TREATMENT FACILITIES
 - HISPANIC LIAISON
- CONTACT DCMC@AASUFFOLKGS-NY.ORG

NASSAU COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE

- CORRECTIONS
 - PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION)
 - TREATMENT FACILITIES
 - SERVICE SPONSORSHIP
- CONTACT DCMC@NASSAU.ASENY.ORG



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!



Suffolk InterGroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous

AA-BA 49 SOUTH EASTERLY NEW YORK SENECA

Suffolk County General Service

FALL 2023 CONTRA STUDY

(virtual study of the CONcepts, TRADITIONS & The A.A. Service Manual)

presented by District 120, Area 49, in cooperation with SIA Suffolk InterGroup Association moderated by Trained Servants from Area 49 (New York)

every Thursday, 8pm – 9pm, August 3 thru November 16
 ZOOM Meeting ID 928 3884 9973, passcode 164
 dial in: (720) 707-2699, Meeting ID 928 3884 9973#, passcode 164#

We will cover approximately three chapters of reading material per week, with associated questions. Only those who have read the assignments and have written answers to the weekly questions will be invited to read their answers to the group. All others are welcome to join the meeting and listen.

Schedule:

Aug. 3: Registration and Orientation	Sept. 28: Service Manual chap. 7-9, pgs. 169-171
Aug. 10: Traditions 1, 2, 3	Oct. 6: Service Manual chap. 10-12, pgs. 155-159, 163
Aug. 17: Traditions 4, 5, 6	Oct. 12: Service Manual pgs. 115-154
Aug. 24: Traditions 7, 8, 9	Oct. 19: Concepts pgs. 1-VI, C1-C2, Concepts 1, 2 & 3
Aug. 31: Traditions 10, 11, 12	Oct. 26: Concepts 4, 5, 6
Sept. 7: Service Manual pgs. VBL 1-6, 85-104	Nov. 2: Concepts 7, 8, 9
Sept. 14: Service Manual chap. 1-3, pgs. 105-114, 160-162	Nov. 9: Concepts 10, 11
Sept. 21: Service Manual chap. 4-6, pgs. 164-168	Nov. 16: Concept 12

CONTRA STUDY Materials (provided upon request):

- Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, B-2
- The A.A. Service Manual combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service, BIA-31, 2021-2022 edition
- AA Coping With Traditions Checklist, July 2018 revision
- A.A.W.S. Concepts Checklist, SMP-91, 06/18 edition (above items available free from www.aa.org)
- 2023 CONTRA Study Service Manual Questions

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NYC Deaf Access Committee

Helping ensure we carry the message to ALL those seeking recovery



Want to be a better ally to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community?

Want to make sure the hand of AA is there for ALL those reaching out for help?

The NYC Deaf Access Committee of AA is looking for members to do service

You DO NOT need to know ASL (American Sign Language) to get involved!

For more info, email info@nycdaaa.org or visit www.nycdaaa.org


QUEENS COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE

Seventh Annual Spiritual Breakfast


Saturday October 7, 2023 9:30am to 1pm
 Immaculate Conception Center
 7200 Douglaston Pkwy, Little Neck
 \$40 Per Person

There are Reps throughout Queens selling Tickets
 Please ask your group to Purchase or Donate
 Ticket scholarships for those in need via lottery
 For Tickets and Information contact:
 SpiritualBreakfast@qcggsa.org

Unity Service Recovery



New York City Deaf Access Committee
 Helping ensure we carry the message to all those seeking recovery



NYC Deaf Access Committee of AA
 Available Service Positions

ASL (American Sign Language) Interpreter Co-Coordinator
 Suggested Sobriety Requirement: 1 year
 Length of Commitment: 6 months (January 1 thru June 30, July 1 thru Dec 31)
 Note: You do not need to know ASL – just have good organizational and communication skills

Duties:

- Work with the other ASL Interpreter Co-Coordinator to book ASL interpreters for NYC meetings/events and maintain the interpreter schedule.
- Maintain interpreter bookings for regular meetings at least 2 weeks in advance - communicate any scheduling issues to Deaf fellows and Committee Chair ASAP.
- Act as point person for Deaf people requesting interpreters and respond to all requests in a timely manner.
- Maintain list of contact info for our roster of interpreters - including email, cell, and payment information (Venmo, Zelle, PayPal)
- Work with other committee members on interpreter outreach, to continue growing our network.
- Stay in contact with Committee Treasurer to ensure we have the funds to book interpreters and that interpreters are getting paid in a timely manner.

Communications Chair
 Suggested Sobriety Requirement: 1 year
 Length of Commitment: 1 year (January 1 thru Dec 31)

Duties:

- Make sure Committee members remain informed about important upcoming events – especially business meetings, district/area meetings.
- Coordinate Committee member attendance at these events, to make sure at least 1 member is attending, so that we maintain good relations with other AA bodies.

For more info, email info@nycdaaa.org or visit www.nycdaaa.org

MANHATTAN GENERAL SERVICE



*** A SUNDAY KIND OF LOVE ***
 FIRST ANNUAL POTLUCK PIC-A-NIC
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 2023
 NOON - 3PM
 RAIN DATE SUNDAY OCTOBER 15 2023
 ARTHUR ROSS PINETUM IN CENTRAL PARK
 86TH STREET TRANSVERSE

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 PLEASE CONTACT
 PICNIC@MANHATTAN.AASENY.ORG



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WESTCHESTER GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Share A Day

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2023
 9:00AM TO 3:30PM



CONNECTING WITH LOVE, UNITY & SERVICE

Workshops, Panels, & Meetings
 Diverse Topics
 Open to All
 Complimentary Light Breakfast & Lunch
 Doors Open at 9:00am

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 250 BRYANT AVENUE
 WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10605

BXUM
Bronx Upper Manhattan

40th ANNUAL
SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023
9AM-12:30PM

Tickets: \$42.00

BREAKFAST
FELLOWSHIP
SERVICE / RECOVERY SPEAKER MEETING
SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

ENY
EASTWOOD MANOR
3371 EASTCHESTER ROAD
BRONX, NY 10469

Save the Date!

SENY AREA 49
Archives Committee
presents:

SENY ARCHIVES
ANNUAL WORKSHOP

Our Great Responsibility

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Comes of Age
a brief history of A.A.

This workshop will be in-person only. There will be a light breakfast and lunch at the event.

October 28, 2023
Time: 10AM-1:30 PM
Holy Family RC Church
2158 Watson Ave
the Bronx, NY 10472

contact: archives@aaseny.org

BILL W. DINNER DANCE 2023
FUNDRAISER

WE ARE BACK IN PERSON

NEW YORK INTERGROUP
CELEBRATES THE 89TH SOBRIETY ANNIVERSARY
OF A.A. CO-FOUNDER BILL W.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH 2023
7PM - 12AM, DOORS OPEN AT 6:30
TERRACE ON THE PARK
52-11 111TH STREET QUEENS NY 11368
FLUSHING NEAR PINE CREEK PARK

\$225.00 PER TICKET, TABLE SEATS OF 12 /14
INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP TICKETS AVAILABLE:
AUGUST 1, 2023
WEBSITE: WWW.NYINTERGROUP.ORG
OR BY CONTACTING THE N.Y. INTER-GROUP OFFICE
CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS AND CASH PREFERRED!

CHAIR: MARLENE D. NEW ATTITUDE, BRONX, NY
PROCEEDS OF THE BILL W. DINNER SUPPORT
INTER-GROUP'S TRULY-STEP WORK.

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Staten Island General Services Proudly presents

22nd Annual
Spiritual Breakfast
A.A.'s Three Legacies

TO THINE OWN UNITY SELF BE TRUE
RECOVERY

Our Common Solution
Sunday November 26th 2023
The Vanderbilt at South Beach
300 Father Capodanno Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10305
10:00am - 2:00pm (Doors open at 9:30am)

For Ticket's, Information, & Service Volunteer Opportunities

venmo @SIGS-7th-Tradition
Please include in the "What's it for?" field:
"SISB23: Name, Number, E-mail"

For Cash Ticket's Or Service Opportunities:
Event Chair: Josette R. Jerry R. 718-974-3053 917-330-7530

SUFFOLK COUNTY
AL-ANON IN PARTICIPATION WITH AA
DISTRICT 120 AREA 49

"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STEPS"

FREE EVENT

This is a Quarterly Workshop focusing on 3 steps at a time.

SESSION 4 (STEPS 10-12)

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16TH
10AM-2PM
*DOORS OPEN @ 9:30AM

Have a question? Put it in the "Ask It" Basket.

The basket will be passed honoring our 7th Tradition

TRUE NORTH CHURCH
1101 LAKELAND AVENUE BOHEMIA, NY 11716

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Staten Island General Service Assembly (HYBRID)	10/1	7:00p	Zoom ID: 740 881 0586, Password: Freedom22*
SENY Area Committee Meeting	10/2	7:30p	TBD
SENY Tech & Communications Committee Meeting	10/3	7:30p	Zoom Id: 894 0024 2856, Password: 033597
BXUM General Service Meeting (HYBRID)	10/11	7:00p	Zoom ID: 429 704 813 Password: Serenity
SENY Archives Committee Meeting	10/12	7:30p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
SENY Intergroup Liaison Meeting	10/15	2:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
Brooklyn County General Service Meeting	10/20	7:30p	Zoom ID: 961 9888 5103, Password: 069497
SENY Corrections Committee Meeting	10/21	3:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
SENY Literature Committee Meeting	10/22	4:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
SENY CPC Monthly Committee Meeting	10/25	600p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921

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