

A Word From Our SENY Delegate - Panel 71

Hello, Fellow AA Members. I've been considering The Link's theme for this month – "Diversity: Outreach and Attraction" – for the past several weeks. It's a pretty broad subject: those three words encompass the spirit of both Step 12 and all of our 12 Traditions. With that in mind, I'd like to apply them to my most recent service experience in Alcoholics Anonymous: as a member of the 71st General Service Conference.

If you've been present for any of my report-backs, starting with SENY's Post-Conference Assembly on June 12th, you've heard me say that (from my perspective, at least) this year's Conference was all about bringing AA current; keeping up with the world in which we're living; and inclusivity – all within the spirit of our Traditions. I invite you all to read through the 49 Advisory Actions we voted on (in substantial unanimity, i.e. with a 2/3 majority), as well as the many committee considerations which were put forth. You can find these on pages 58 through 72 in this year's Final Conference Report, which is available online at <https://www.aaseny.org/from-the-delegate>, as well as in hard copy (reach out to your county's DCMC).

Why is your delegate, who was never in the teaching profession, giving you homework? I'm not quite, except in the sense of trying to keep our area as fully informed as possible. If you're curious, or unsure, of what is done at the annual General Service Conference, the AA Service Manual (2018-20), p.p. S59-S60 is a wonderful resource. Also, always feel free to reach out to your current or past SENY Delegates. We are here to serve all of you, and we want to share anything that will help your group understand how General Service supports AA

To bring all this home, regarding "Diversity: Outreach and Attraction:" what this year's Conference tried to do is to open every available door to every suffering alcoholic that we can. In fact, that's been the goal of EVERY Conference since the first one convened in 1951. Your group's voice is important, and the groups sit at the top of the Service Triangle. Many AA members have reached out to me in the past 6 months, both pro and con over the work we did, and that's the way it should be.

In General Service, the delegate's job is to keep the groups informed; the group's job is to inform the delegate. It's all about communication – keep communicating!

In Love and Service,
Tom B.

WHATS INSIDE

- *Stepping Into Service With Our BxUM County DCMC*
- *SENY Convention News*
- *Be The Change You Seek From Our SENY Grapevine Chair*

January's Theme:

"THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY"

Deadline For Submissions:

12/25

Skyrocketing On Service Into The Fourth Dimension

From Our Bronx Upper
Manhattan DCMC

My favorite line about service is “service gladly rendered, obligations squarely met...” on page 124 at the end of Step Twelve in *Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions*. It describes what service is and the rewards we receive when we are involved with service at any level of Alcoholic Anonymous. I was about 8 months sober when I told my sponsor I was bored with AA. She smiled and told me there was an open position in my group called the General Service Representative (GSR). And, so my journey began as a GSR, traveling to various counties of SENY for assemblies, meeting new people and best of all, staying sober! My sponsor told me to get involved with the committee for “Bridge Over Trouble Water”. It held its conference in the Bronx at a local college. We traveled to Utah, San Francisco and New York, attending conventions for young people.

My sponsor and her sponsor started a small Traditions meeting for women who wanted to learn about the Traditions. It met every Friday night in one of the ladies’ homes to discuss them. Wow, what a learning experience it was, and I was very grateful, I followed their suggestions to attend this meeting. Various other



books in AA such as “AA Comes of Age” and “Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers” helped further my knowledge about the Traditions and why they are important. At the same time, I also had a service sponsor who guided me through the 12 Concepts. As I continued on my journey in sobriety, I was asked to do service with BxUM county. I became involved with the SENY Conventions and held various committee positions in the area. These services broadened my view of Area 49.

As I look back on my sobriety, I realized that when challenges arose in my life, God intervened and either I was given a service commitment or a newcomer entered my life. Because of these interventions, I continue to be sober today. I am still learning and realize service is not about me, but about giving back to AA, and what I have received from AA is “a life beyond my wildest dreams”. Many people have been put into my path and hopefully many more will be, as I continue to grow in AA.

Laura G.

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/3 - Suffolk County Service Workshop

12/5 - Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast

12/11 - SENY Service Standing Committee Workshop

12/24 - Rockland County Christmas Alcahthon

For more events go to AASENY.org

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NEWS FROM South East New York AREA 49

SENY Convention Information!

April 1-3 **IN PERSON!**
 West Chester Marriott
 670 White Plains Rd
 Tarrytown NY 10591

Registration \$25
 Registration & Sat Banquet \$100

SENY hotel rate & \$137 + tax per night
 aaseny.org has a 2022 convention landing page or convention@aaseny.org

Queens and Staten Island need help! Reach out to get involved:
 Queens County DCMC - Bert L. dcmc@qcgsa.org
 Staten Island DCMC - Brian C. dcmc@statenilandaa.org

PI round-tables are going well!

Rockland County's Christmas Alcathon is in person this year and hosting meetings and fellowship around the clock through Christmas day!
 check out aaseny.org for info and updates!

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:
 - CONFERENCE APPROVED LIT. CHAIR
 - NEWSLETTER CHAIR
 CONTACT DCMC@ORANGE.AASENY.ORG

BROOKLYN COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE:
 - TREASURER
 NO SOBRIETY TIME REQUIREMENT.
 CONTACT DCMC@BROOKLYNAA.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



One Day It Will Be Me

From Our SENY Grapevine Chair

I surrendered January 24, 2011. In addition to alcoholism, I suffered from suppressed OCD. I was busy mismanaging all areas of my life. My second AA meeting was at the oldest group in Harlem, the St. Nicholas Group. At closing we were asked to restack our chairs. I scrambled into action. I was slowly becoming a part of something special and looked forward to being of service. This alcoholic had to stay active, and I was very attracted to this service-oriented group. Thereafter, I served as its secretary and treasurer. Mitch M. is my service sponsor and introduced me to service at the district level. At District 620, I began service as secretary and then treasurer. This District is predominantly Afro-American and our meetings are quite cultural by nature. I personally am a tripecta: black, lesbian, female.

As to my own diversity, much like my homegroup, I discovered my own biases and encountered the biases of others as well. At one district meeting a General Service Conference Report was submitted and all the images I saw were of white men. Quite different from my experience with my homegroup and district. What type of structure was I getting myself into? "Aren't we all just drunks?" I tried to convince myself. But year after year I saw the same images. Is this really a representation of service in AA? My service sponsor explained, "If you don't like what you are seeing, go into the solution. It's all there in the literature. Pick up your Big Book, Twelve and Twelve, the pamphlets. Most importantly, be

a part of the change you wish to see."

From that point forward, I began to listen with intention. I attended area assemblies and county meetings to gain a better understanding of the service structure and eagerly brought this information back to the district. I loved answering questions and getting clarity on questions of my own. I began to search for solutions found in AA literature in addition to the experience of others I followed in service. I no longer rushed to judgment. Service allowed me to grow spiritually, slowly shedding my ego.

*"If you don't like what you are seeing,
go into the solution,"*

Service goes hand in hand with my sobriety. I currently serve as Grapevine Chair for SENY Area 49/Panel 71. It is my responsibility to be the image I wish to see.

My fourth step work allowed me to identify my resentment towards the images I viewed in the Conference Report. Today I am eternally grateful to all who keep the structure of AA service running (past and present).

One day I will be part of AA's images because of my continued commitment to service. One day it will be you!

Kimbley G.

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

What Is A.A. Beyond Your Local Meetings And Groups

Why Do We Have Both General Service And Intergroup



SUFFOLK COUNTY
DISTRICT 113
+
SUFFOLK COUNTY
GENERAL SERVICE

A.A. Fellows Involved In Service Have A Better Chance At Staying Sober

WHAT IS THIS CRAZY LITTLE THING CALLED
SERVICE?
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
MULTIPLE TOPICS - GUEST SPEAKERS - OPEN FORUM

FRIDAY NIGHT
3 DECEMBER 2021
7 - 9 : 30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
Suffolk County General Service @ aasuffolkgs-ny.org
Suffolk Intergroup Association of A.A. @ suffolkny-aa.org

Your Life Will Become As Big As The A.A. Service You Are Willing To Work

2021 ▲ **BROOKLYN COUNTY PRESENTS**

THE 34TH ANNUAL BROOKLYN SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST

ZOOM ID: ▼ **845 3643 7970**
PASSCODE: BKSB2021
DIAL IN #: 1 929 205 6099
DIAL IN CODE: 85011057

▼ **SUNDAY**
DEC. 5, 2021
9-11:30AM

QUESTIONS? WANT TO HELP? EMAIL REGISTRAR@BROOKLYNAA.ORG

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP 9-9:30AM EST
 MORNING MEDITATION 9:30-10AM EST
 MEETING 10-11:30AM EST ▲

ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING YOUR OWN BREAKFAST.

SENY Area 49

presents

"small service steps BIG REGION EFFECTS"

A virtual workshop to learn about and get involved with the 16 standing committees of the Southeastern NY AA service structure.

join us:
 Saturday, December 11th, 2021
 1 - 2:30 PM EST

zoom id: 842 7677 1303
password: 74529

45 minutes of panel Q & A
 45 minutes in related-committee breakout rooms

aaseny.org
 for more information

"A.A. COMES OF AGE 2.0" BACK TO THE FUTURE




2022 SENY CONVENTION

Unified in Love and Service

FRIDAY APRIL 1 TO SUNDAY APRIL 3

Unified in Love and Service




Service Is Essential *Service, Our Third Legacy*

Want to know more?
Join us at
The Big Meeting
Saturday December 4, 2021
From 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm at


True North Church
1101 Lakeland Ave.
Bohemia NY, 11716

There will be Food, Fellowship and information on Service Opportunities.
This is about one hand reaching for another, Alcoholic to Alcoholic Sponsor to Sponsee




Practical experience shows that nothing will so much ensure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail"
Big Book, Page 89

Staten Island General Services Presents
A Service Sponsorship Workshop



One Alcoholic Helping Another Through Service

Hosted by:
Tom T. Jim A. & John Q.
December 14th 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Zoom ID : 641 967 1931
Password : 2021
Dial in : 929-205-6099



Nassau General Services is proud to present:
~A Workshop~
"OUR TWELVE CONCEPTS for WORLD SERVICE:"
AA'S Spiritual Principles of Recovery

Our "Three Legacies"



**** Suggest to have your service manual. It's open for all A.A. members.
The workshop will be a Virtual Workshop. 7:30pm-9:00pm EST****
922 8787 8377 Passcode 12345

Dates :

January 17	Concepts 1 & 2
March 21	Concepts 3 & 4
May 16	Concepts 5 & 6
July 18	Concepts 7 & 8
September 19	Concepts 9 & 10
November 21	Concepts 11 & 12

In The Great Tradition Of Paris Is Burning
Break Out Your A.A. Service Library Cards
Because Reading Is What?
Fundamental!

**THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL
OPEN FORUM VIRTUAL
STUDY GROUP**

EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON
BEGINNING : JANUARY 9 2022 with CHAPTER 1
ENDING : MARCH 27 2022 with CHAPTER 12

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Eastern Standard Time

ZOOM ID : 998 938 7641 / PASSCODE : 714921
WEEKLY GUEST SPEAKERS AND OPEN FORUM
To Enhance The Meeting Experience
A Friendly Reminder To Read The Week's Chapter Ahead Of Time

HOSTED BY
SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK (SENY) AREA 49
SERVICE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE

ALL THE A.A. FELLOWSHIP IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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UPCOMING GENERAL SERVICE MEETINGS

 To add or update email agenda@aaseny.org

SENY Technology Committee Meeting Virtual	12/2	7:30p	Zoom ID: 910 4836 6955, Passcode: 476258
SENY Archives Committee Meeting Virtual	12/3	6:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Passcode: 714921
SENY Convention Planning Meeting	12/5	3:00p	Zoom ID: 654 025 3497, Password: 10592
SENY Committee Meeting Virtual	12/6	7:30p	Zoom ID: 890 8505 9866, Passcode: 363242
SENY Grapevine / La Vina Committee Meeting	12/8	7:30p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
District 620 General Service Meeting Virtual	12/8	6:00p	Zoom ID: 110 067 203, Passcode: 117488
Bronx/Upper Manhattan County Meeting Virtual	12/8	7:00p	Zoom ID: 429 704 8123, Password: Serenity
District 602 Meeting Virtual	12/8	7:00p	Zoom ID: 405 456 6960, Passcode: DIST602
SENY Accessibilities Committee Meeting	12/9	7:30p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
Staten Island General Services Meeting Hybrid	12/12	7:00p	345 Guyon Ave, Staten Island / Virtual info TBA
SENY Public Information (PI) Round Table Virtual	12/13	6:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
Putnam County General Service Meeting Virtual	12/14	7:00p	Zoom ID: 822 9275 1708
Rockland County General Service Meeting Virtual	12/15	7:30p	Zoom ID: 996 6281 8407, Password: 280593
Westchester County General Service Meeting	12/15	7:30p	Zoom ID: 868 370 8260, Password: WGSA
SENY Literature Committee Meeting	12/19	2:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921
Sullivan County General Service Meeting	12/19	3:00p	Zoom ID: 843 888 5291
SENY Service Sponsor Committee Meeting	12/19	4:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Password: 714921

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