

### Issue 612 - June 2021

"ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AS A WHOLE"

### A Word From Our SENY Delegate - Panel 71

Hello, AA members, trusted servants and friends. As I write this, the 71st General Service Conference is a month behind us, and the next time I will see most of you will be at our SENY Post-Conference Assembly on Saturday, June 12th. This is when your area delegate reports back on what happened at the Conference. It's a great opportunity to bring back a first-hand account to your groups of what's going on in AA!

The General Service Conference meets every year to discuss and vote on matters of policy in Alcoholics Anonymous. Agenda items are contributed from areas, districts, groups, individual AA members - anyone, at any level, is free to send an agenda item to the Conference Coordinator. On June 12th I will discuss this process in detail because all AA members in our area should understand "how it works" - and SENY's part in the process.

A portion of my report will be what actually happened: examples are changes affecting AA's literature, use of technology, efforts to reach out to both alcoholics and non-alcoholics, online groups, and, of course, changes involving Grapevine / La Vina, such as the Preamble. I will

also be discussing – briefly, because I don't want to lose anyone! - several financial highlights of the past year. And there will be plenty of time for Q&A.

There will be a LOT of information of this nature, but those of you who have visited https:// www.aaseny.org/from-the-delegate have already seen this year's Advisory Actions (49 of them), Committee Considerations, etc. they were posted a couple of weeks ago. And, of course, the digital version of the Final Conference Report should be out very soon, which will have this data as well.

What you will NOT find in the FCR is mentioned on page S-54 in your A.A. Service Manual: "What I Saw and Heard and Felt." Serving as your Delegate is not only about relaying facts and figures. It's also about embracing the very heartbeat of our spiritual nature and our Traditions. It's about viewing a major difference in point of view as a chance to learn to love one another, and expand our own horizons. And it's about knowing that every one of us is there to serve Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, because we love the new life we've been given.

That's not a bad model for any of us to seek, is it?

In Love and Service, Tom B.

# WHATS INSIDE

- Gifts of the Conference
- Congrats John W!
- Service Postions Available Now
- Lots And Lots of Flyers

# September's Theme: "OUR RIGHTS IN AA SERVICE"

# **Deadline For Submissions:**

AUGUST 26TH



# EXCEPT WHERE IT AFFECTS AA AS A WHOLE

## From the District 411 DCM

General Service was so far from my radar in the beginning. I had the gentle prodding of a service sponsor who understood the importance of representation below the group level, reminding me that I have come from a line of strong women creating change within AA.

When I said yes to becoming a GSR at TRANScend I had no idea what was in store. My journey led me to chair hospitality at the SENY Convention and to doing service at my first General Service Conference. Sitting in the room for dinner where I met trustees and delegates alike, I understood the responsibility statement more than I ever had. I read all the background info for the agenda items and every word of the General Conference report that year. I continue to do this so that I can communicate more effectively and pass this information on to queer and trans folks who don't feel welcome in general service. It's in this information that I was able to find the strength to draft an agenda item and see it through.

Bill W. stresses the importance of change and inclusivity throughout his writings and a time of change is coming in AA that is way overdue. It starts by having every walk of life at the table. AA as a whole means everybody, not just those that agree with our point of view. Our delegate has impressed upon me that "I need to listen as though I want you to change my mind." When Area 49 was faced with opposing views on changing the preamble, a matter that affects AA as a whole, I understood that Concept V guarantees that the minority has a responsibility to share their views and the majority has the responsibility to listen. A well heard minority is the chief protection against the tyranny of a misinformed majority.

I've been attending and speaking on the Concepts lately, not because I think that I have all the answers, but so that I am infected with the hope that they will assure our future. I am a non-binary trans woman who wasn't able to stay sober until I heard an inclusive preamble and that AA



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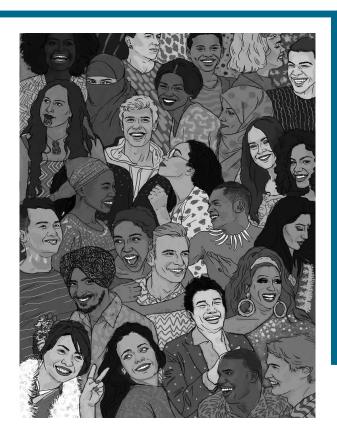
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was for me too. It is where my recovery journey began and the work done at the Conference this year is a gift that our Fellowship has given to generations of alcoholics to come.

In all of my various service commitments below the group level, I understand that I am serving not only the meetings in my area, but also the spiritual guideposts of all 36 principles. I look forward to reading every word of the General Service Conference report this year, in hopes of passing it on and bringing those not active in service to the table. Together, WE can make fully-informed decisions on how to reach out and support the primary purpose of every member in AA as a whole. These are the words that call forth new life in my spirit.

Service, Unity & Recovery! Sober AF! Lucky M.



# AA Service Classefieds



IS THERE AN 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



# The Pointy End of the Triangle From Past Delegate of Area 49, Panel 67

I'm excited to say that I have started a new service position and I'm getting to see AA as whole from an entirely new vantage. As outlined in Chapter 10 of the AA Service Manual, I went through the process of applying for, then interviewing, and finally being selected to become a Non Trustee director serving on the board of AA World Services.

AAWS, one of the General Service Board's affiliate corporations, oversees the General Service Office and its service activities in the U.S. and Canada, as well as communications with AA service boards and offices around the world. In addition, AAWS publishes and distributes AA's books, pamphlets, and other items.

My appointment as Non Trustee Director became official after a vote at the General Service Conference and the subsequent vote of the General Service Board when it met on May 1 to ratify the actions of the 71st Conference.

Within hours of that vote, I attended my first meeting of AA World Services board of directors. Our main order of business was electing the board

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

6/12 - SENY Post-Conference Assembly Virtual

6/12 - Putnam County Founders Day

6/26 - Brooklyn County Share-A-Day

For more events go to AASENY.org

officers for the coming year. We reviewed some pending policy matters and were briefed on a number of ongoing concerns.

Most exciting for me was learning my committee assignments. Boy, am I going to be busy! I will be serving on four Trustees' committees and four AAWS committees. For the Trustees' committees, I am on Archives, Corrections, Public Information, and Literature. For the AAWS committees, I am on the Finance, Internal Audit, Publishing, and Self-Support committees.

The AAWS board meets eight times a year and the General Service Board meets four times. The committees all meet during those multiday convenings, with lots of work in between, to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous.

While I won't have a formal orientation as a new board member until late June, I am already attending committee meetings and I'm doing lots and lots of reading to get up to speed on the multitude of items that are currently before the different committees; with many more headed our way as a result of the 71st General Service Conference.

I've experienced AA from many different levels of the service triangle, but one thing remains constant, it's all about carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

John W.

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# **Putnam County General Services presents:**



Founders Day
Celebrate the End of Isolation



"One day at a time."

Pill's Own Story & Dr. Bob's Last Message
7pm Saturday, June 12th
Hybrid Meeting
Mount Carmel Baptist Church
76 Gleneida Ave, Carmel Hamlet, NY 10512

Zoom code: 822 9275 1708



42ND ANNUAL

BROOKLYN COUNTY COUNTY SHARE OADAY

SATURDAY | 9AM - 9PM

CONTACT: ALEX C. agc2117@gmail.com

ZOOM MEETING ID: 844 3779 0428 PASSWORD: BCSAD

# MEETING SCHEDULE

MEDITATION

CORRECTIONS & TREATMENT WORKSHOP

SERVICE & SOBRIETY

BIG MEETING

SPONSORSHIP

SANE & SOBER: MENTAL HEALTH IN SOBRIETY

A VIRTUAL SOLUTION

A VISION FOR YOU

RELAX & TAKE IT EASY

**BACK TO BASICS** 

ONE DAY AT A TIME

GRATITUDE MEETING

9-9:50 AM

10-10:50 AM

11-11:50AM

12-12:50 PM

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July 9 - 11, 2021 (all times PDT)



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### Friday, July 9

5:45 pm - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff

(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

6:00 pm - "Loving Our Three Legacies"
Sister Judith Ann Kumar, Class A Trustee

7:30 - pm - "Our Primary Aim"

9:00 pm - Close with Declaration of Unity

Online Event!

Space is Limited.....

Pre-Register Today!



unityandserviceconference.org 925.222.5639

### Saturday, July 10

8:45 am - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff

(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

9:00 am - "My Favorite Traditions"

10:30 am - Service Panels

Young People, Bridging The Gop, Corrections (H&I), Grapevine

12:00 pm - Break

12:30 pm - "Why Stay? Overcoming Racial Barriers"

2:00 pm - "Three Legacies, Family Style" Croig, Marissa and Stephen, Sandy Hook CT

\*This 2 Hour and 15-Minute Session Includes a 15-Minute Break at 3 pm Before Concluding at 4:15 pm\*

4:30 pm - "Anonymity, Our Spiritual Foundation"
Steve L., Nashville 7N

6:00 pm - Close with Responsibility Statement





### Sunday, July 11

8:45 am - Welcome! Serenity Prayer & Kickoff

(10-Minute Tradition or Concept Vignette Before Each Main Speaker)

> 9:00 am - "The 12 Concepts" Ashley J., The Beacon Group, Boston

10:30 am - Service Panels

PI/CPC, Intergroup/Hotline, General Service, Sponsorship

12:00 pm - Break

12:30 pm - "Never Too Young For General Service" Katle H., Fair Oaks CA

2:00 pm - Ask It Basket with Speakers

Sister Judith Ann, Tim, Jimmy, Kesho, Steve Ashley, Katle, Craig, Marissa, Stephen

3:00 pm - Close with Declaration of Unity

An Alcoholics Anonymous event with Al-Anon participation



# Nassau County General Service presents...

# **36th Unity Breakfast**

1st Virtual



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"AA In a Time of Change"
Two Keynote Speakers & Fellowship
Sunday June 27th, 2021
9:00am - 11:00am EST

Zoom Meeting ID: 926 5515 7743 Password: unity

RECOVERY

# **Twelve Traditions Workshop**

Hosted by the Bronx Upper Manhattan and Westchester County

Zoom: 868 370 8260 WGSA Saturday, July 10, 2021 11am-1pm

# Grea 40 Presents

2021 virtual!

# INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

Friday - Saturday July 30 - 31

Open to any AA member who would like to learn more about general service in NYS

Registration is OPEN! https://aahmbny.org/nysiw



# **SENY 2021**

# **The Joy Of Service Workshop**

Join us in Sharing Gratitude for Our Trusted Servants Behind the Scenes In This Time of Change

Speakers from General Service, Counties & Intergroups Share Their Stories

> Date: Saturday, August 7, 2021 Time: 10:00am —12:00pm Zoom ID: 849 8225 7824 Password: SERVICE

"Nothing matters more to AA's future welfare than the manner in which we use the colossus of modern communication. Used unselfishly and well, it can produce results surpassing our present imagination." Bill W.

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Brooklyn District 405 Meeting	6/11	3:15p	Zoom ID: 536 413 6776 Passcode: 120712
Staten Island General Services Meeting	6/13	7:00p	Zoom ID: 847 1858 9467 Passcode: 2021
Orange County General Service Meeting	6/15	7:00p	Zoom ID: 999 6809 5777, Passcode: Acceptance
Brooklyn County General Service Meeting	6/16	6:30p	Zoom ID: 828 3147 4891, Passcode: 403618
Rockland County General Service Meeting	6/16	7:30p	Zoom ID: 996 6281 8407 Password: 280593
Westchester County General Service Meeting	6/16	7:30p	Zoom ID: 868 370 8260 Password: WGSA
SENY Public Information (PI) Committee Meeting	6/17	7:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641 Passcode: 714921
Suffolk County General Service Meeting	6/18	8:00p	https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/
Hispanic District Asamblea	6/20	9:30a	Grupo Solo Por Hoy, 161 North Main St, Freeport, NY
SENY Literature Committee Meeting	6/20	2:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641 Passcode: 714921
Nassau County General Service Meeting	6/21	7:30p	Zoom ID: 922 8787 8377 Passcode: 12345
SENY CPC Committee Meeting	6/22	7:30p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Passcode: 714921
SENY Service Sponsor Committee Meeting	6/27	4:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641, Passcode: 714921
SENY Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting	6/27	6:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641 Passcode: 714921
Queens County General Service Meeting	6/28	4:00p	Zoom ID: 733-111-2611 Password: 98765
SENY Archives Committee Meeting	7/2	6:00p	Zoom ID: 998 938 7641 Passcode: 714921
District 312 Virtual Meeting	7/7	6:30p	Zoom ID: 312 815 7427 2176 Password: 2580

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