

SENY Committee Meeting

Monday, Oct 3, 2022, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

7pm - Service Q&A Forum - SENY Service Sponsorship Chair Breakout room

Committee Meeting Begins 7:30pm

Readings: SENY Statement of Purpose

Reports

County & Hispanic District Reports

Eric- DCMC Orange County

- Saturday September 17th, we had a successful Big Book writing workshop in Cornwall, New York with 19 attendees, Thanks Paola and Jo Ann for your service.
- I wish to thank my fellow DCMCs and Alternates from Putnam and Rockland and everyone from SENY and Al-Anon that showed up at SoberJam making it a successful FUN day. DCMCs Thomas, Gregg, John and I all went down in the Dunk Tank raising almost \$500 with 7th tradition contributions. Our hope is this tradition will continue into 2023.
- Orange County elections for Panel 73 will be held on Tuesday October 18th, 2022. Our meeting is Hybrid at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Monroe, 142 Stage Road Monroe, New York 10950 7:00 pm.
- I am looking forward to the Young Peoples convention at the end of this month.
- Just north of us, November 4th thru 6th, Area 48 - NENY is holding their 2022 Convention at the Holiday Inn, in beautiful downtown Poughkeepsie, NY www.tinyurl.com/NENYAA2022
- I look forward in serving SENY with the 2023 Convention and as your Panel 73 Literature Chair

Melissa - DCMC Suffolk County

- PI bus campaign going live Oct-Dec by Suffolk general service. Suffolk Intergroup is paying for Jan-March
- Big meeting 12/3 from 12-4 at Emmanuel Lutheran church in Patchogue - Hybrid.

- Our elections are in October and our inventory is in November.

John - DCMC Putman County

- Putnam County will be having our annual Unity Breakfast on Sunday October 23rd at Centennial Golf Course in Carmel NY. The hybrid event will be held from 8 to 11am. Tickets are \$25 to attend in person, and information is available at asseny.org. No tickets will be sold at the door.
- Thank you to Rockland and Orange Counties for inviting Putnam to participate in Sober Jam. It was really good working with you, and it was an excellent event.
- Putnam County has filled all of its officer positions for the 2023-24 rotation. Thank you to those that made themselves available to serve, and have taken the commitments for the next 2 years.
- The meetings and groups in Putnam seem to be doing well. Most of them are represented right now with GSR's attending the monthly county meeting, and offer a variety of in person, virtual, and hybrid meetings.
- We have activity in our standing committees. There are meetings going into the local rehabilitation center that Putnam's groups support well, but the county correctional facility is still closed to AA Meetings.
- For meeting and county information visit putnamcountynyaa.org The website is updated regularly, and has contact information.
- We hold our General Service Meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. Visitors are welcome. It is a hybrid meeting. Information is available both at putnamcountynyaa.org and asseny.org

Adina - Alt DCMC Queens County

- Queens Share a day went well
- Next Queens County General Assembly Meeting will be on Monday, October 24th - Elections begin at 7:30pm. All County Officer positions are going to be available

Marty - DCMC Nassau County

- Nassau County will be holding our elections virtually, October 17th. Nassau Intergroup is running our elections.

- The AA Membership Survey the 1 group for Nassau County to participate, Bellmore Reprieve has disbanded. I spoke with Patrick C regarding that group info.
- Nassau County has responded to our area registration email to County TCOs'. We forwarded the 36 groups disbanded .
 - 4 are listed double. And I think its 26 temporarily inactive.
 - 3-4 have recently listed with our Area who were only listed with Nassau Intergroup. Thank You the entire Tech Committee.
- Nassau General Service is running the Nassau Intergroup elections. October 6th. It is Hybrid
- I am asking Nassau past Trusted Servants to be the next Unity Breakfast Chair. No takers as of today.

Laura - Bx Upper Manhattan

- Bronx Upper Manhattan Share A Day is on October 22

Larry Manhattan

- Attended SENY Service Sponsorship Committee
- Held Elections Meeting 3 positions not filled. We will hold another Special Election Meeting on October 18, 2020

Maureen- Rockland Alt DCMC

- Had elections
- Sober Jam was a success!

Jorge - DCMC Hispanic District

- The hispanic district is working with its districts to prepare for upcoming election for next 2023/24 period
- Panel 73 the hispanic district will have its elections on Sunday October 16 in the group the opportunity of the district 1114 of Orange we hope to have the presence with our area officers
- Today we have a service workshop in district 814 westchester my colleague Nelson is over there and I am attending committee meeting.

Deborah- DCMC Brooklyn

- Had elections

Approval of September Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Sept Committee Meeting approved.

SENY Standing Committee Reports

Christine - Intergroup Liaison

- next SENY Intergroup Liaison Committee Meeting Dates: 11/20/22 (Virtual) and 12/18/2022 Hybrid, Suffolk Intergroup will be hosting. All information will be on the SENY Website and the SENY Intergroup Liaison Page.

Hank - Treatment Facilities

- Contact at tf@aaseny.org or 914 523 0746
- We meet the 4th Tuesday every month 7PM ID and passcode on SENY calendar
- Treatment Facilities are open face to face to incoming meetings in all SENY counties.
- See your county GS TF chair or Intergroup TF chair to help bring meetings to these facilities.
- I recently attended the Queens county share-a-day and set up a table on TF literature.
- The Bridging the Gap (BTG) Volunteer Sign up Sheet was filled out by numerous volunteers. NYIG BTG committee is considering a BTB volunteer, also called "Gappers," orientation for those who want to help in this vital service.
- I am willing and able to attend your county share-a-days, workshops, and committee meetings.

Claire- Web chair

- Working on minutes on website
- If you are looking for recent minutes, visit here: <https://www.aaseny.org/meeting-minutes>

- If you are looking for the minutes archives, visit here: <https://www.aaseny.org/archived-assembly-committee-minutes>

Kimbley- Grapevine

- As COVID-19 restrictions are easing I am now available to get out to do the wonderful service work of coordinating exhibits, selling Grapevine and LaVina literature, attending Share-A-Days, spiritual breakfasts and area conventions...however there is still much work to do. If you want me to attend your group to assist you in setting up Grapevine/LaVina tables, please reach out to me.
- The committee has met for the 12th time on June 3, 2022. All are welcome to attend and become a part of the committee.
- The Grapevine also has a half hour podcast airing Mondays at 9am. Each week Don & Sam interview a different member about their experience strength and hope in a casual meeting after meeting manner. This past month was the one year anniversary.
- Reminder - “Prayer and Meditation” – Powerful stories about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. Available in English, Spanish and French. And Fun in Sobriety featuring 50 inspiring stories. A new book Sobriedad Emocional was released this past September.
- I will be attending the Putnam County Spiritual Breakfast as well as the Queens County spiritual breakfast..
- Grapevine/LaVina literature are coming along. Facilitated sale of 190 Grapevine, October, 2022 issue to Queens County.
- As of January 1, 2021, top 10 bestsellers will increase by \$2,49. Price will increase on other books as reprinted. There are also ancillary items that have also slightly increased.
- I encourage all to explore the Grapevine link at aagrapevine.org and for all Grapevine reps to register through that link for their service commitment and contact the General Service Office for free Grapevine/LaVina materials including palm cards, bookmarks and catalogs. Looking forward to adapting and exploring new ways to outreach to members and service committees.

- Next committee meeting scheduled October 5, 2022 at 7:30.

Paola - PI

- We had a Big Book story writing workshop last Saturday in Queens.
- We will be having a virtual story writing workshop on Oct 12 at 7pm.
- Our last story writing workshop will be at ESCYPAA on Oct 29.

Kristine - CPC Chair

- Two new AA's joined the committee to discuss potential ideas for reaching professionals. Schools, clergy, parole officers, lawyers, social workers, military and home shelter contacts were discussed.
- Next month we will provide training on speaking at non-AA meetings for those wishing to participate in presentations.

Lucas - Corrections

- Our next meeting will be held on Saturday November 19th at 3pm. Information for this meeting is below. In addition, please visit our landing page for SENY Standing Committee Chairs also listed below.

<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-correction-committee-meeting-virtual-2/2022-11-19>

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- We will be visiting our friends in Putnam on October 23rd for the Unity Breakfast in Carmel NY and we will be logging in on the 12th for the Big Book writing workshop. We will also be visiting our friends in Westchester for the Share A Day in White Plains.
- Rikers Island has opened for volunteers at the North Infirmary Command and meetings have started on Mondays and Wednesdays They have also opened several of their facilities and the possibility of new commitments being taken to AMKC, Rosies and Eric Taylor by 2023 will be a reality.

- CTFC Corrections in Manhattan continues to need volunteers and the process for obtaining DOC ID's now requires visits to the office in Queens. Join them at their Thursday CTFC meeting on the third Thursday of the month (10/20) at 6:30 pm to learn the process.
- The DOCCS for New York State's prisons is also always looking for volunteers at all their facilities. Please submit volunteer applications with the state. We can help with any questions. We have the names of volunteers' supervisors who would help with each of those interested in serving at each county.
- Meetings continue at Sing Sing and we are always hopeful to have volunteers in Orange and Sullivan County.
- Suffolk County and Nassau County continue to be bringing meetings in person into their county jails.
- Our committee continues to communicate with the General Service Office, the Corrections Desk, the Intergroups, regional coordinators and local program coordinators to share information. We continue to receive requests for outside volunteers to be connected via correspondence to members on the inside and have sent those to our Corrections desk. We also have received several pre-release requests in May and have passed those on throughout the Area and the state to other Areas where those persons are to be released.
- There is a new corrections correspondence form which includes more inclusive gender identity choices for being matched with a person on the inside that has been created at our Desk.
- We have successfully agreed to make literature available on tablets for persons on the inside. Successful implementation is a matter of the intergroups liaising with facilities to make that accessible to the population.
- Sponsorship on the inside as a topic and how to suggest offering it to persons in custody who seek it, is being looked at by our Corrections Committee at the service office.

- Our Committee had a successful day in Queens at its Share A Day giving out literature and answering questions. We also visited our friends in Rockland who hosted this year's Sober Jam which was a lot of fun.
- All interested in new information and national issues related to Corrections service can attend the International Corrections Call this Sunday at 11am ET with a new log in:
Meeting ID: 841 1036 5604 Passcode: 223531

Jeff - Archives

- Last week I went to the National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives workshop out in Little Rock, Arkansas. It was a beautiful turnout and very informative.
- October 20, 2022 - We are having a workshop: The history of AA's International convention from 3pm - 6pm

Keith P - sSponsorship Chair

- The Service Sponsorship Committee is here to answer your questions and to help guide you in service below or beyond the Group level.
- You can find all manner of useful service information on the Southeastern New York website at the Service Sponsorship Landing page at SERVICE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE LANDING PAGE : <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship>. or you can reach out to me at the committee's email at : sponsorship@aaseny.org.
- Our current delegate, Tom B. is co-hosting with me the Service Sponsorship Committee's Open-Forum Show this Saturday at 9AM before our Assembly. It will be a great opportunity for GSRs to ask questions and understand the third legacy voting procedure and what to expect on Saturday.
- The Service Sponsorship Committee continues to host our 6 month study of the 6 Warranties from Concept 12 of the NEW A.A. SERVICE MANUAL from 4PM - 5PM. Each month we have concentrated on a Warranty with a guest speaker + Open Forum. Only 2 more Warranties to go!
- Please go to the SENY website events calendar for the log in information.

Melissa- Convention Chair

- We got almost all chairs except 2

- Any support, please come to our meetings

Vicky - Agenda Chair

- Please follow SENY calendar posting procedures.
- All countries, district's monthly meetings, events, workshops, and area standing committees and or events; can be posted by email agenda@aaseny.org or visiting the SENY website go to the Agenda page and follow the suggested template, please view the SENY calendar to avoid overlapping events

Gina D. - Link Editor

- I was able to get the October issue out a few days ahead of schedule and had 150 copies printed.
- I will be attending the Queens County Spiritual Breakfast on 10/8; the Bronx Upper Manhattan Share-A-Day on 10/22; the Putnam County Unity Breakfast on 10/23; as well as the Westchester County Share-A-Day on 10/29 and will distribute copies of the October Link there.
- I am hoping to have copies of the November Link made so I can distribute those at the Westchester County Share-A-Day as well since it is happening so late in the month.
- For the 11/12 SENY assembly, I will be attending in person and will be bringing 500 copies of the Link for distribution.
- I want to thank everyone who submitted articles and for your dedication to service.

Tom - Delegate Report

General Information / Updates:

- As of yesterday, the *current* count of Proposed Agenda Items for the 73rd GSC is at **184**. The various Trustees Committees will decide (over the next several months) which ones will be forwarded to the GSC. I will post them to our website under From the Delegate as soon as possible.
- Speaking of FTD (From the Delegate), I hope to accomplish a major revision within the next two weeks – my apologies for the delay.

- All 93 current Area Delegates have been a survey to fill out re Online Groups, which I will be completing and turning in this week. At this point they are only looking for the Delegate's response from each Area. I will rely on the feedback I have received from some of you, especially re the Trustees' presentation I made available to you several months ago.
- Along with our own Karina C, GSO has hired two additional new Staff members (one started in late September, and the other will start later this month). I will update you further via FTD and at the November Committee meeting.
- It's official – the GSO office will reopen for visitors this Wednesday, October 5th.
- Continue to visit aa.org/what's new in A.A.

Final SENY Assembly – Saturday, November 12th:

- It will be hybrid, and held at the same place: Westchester Comm College in Valhalla. Buses from Bklyn and Suffolk (via Queens).
- Aside from a full slate of Assembly business, we will also hold our Area Inventory and a special election (first one ever for SENY in a Hybrid environment) for Area 49's candidate for the next NERT.
- Final Assembly of the current rotation – make sure your groups attend (voice... vote... esp. the inventory).

Things to think about for Panel 73 – Officers and Committee Members

Please note that the following random thoughts are from my observations POV, and are subjective in nature. To be clear, I don't have answers to these questions, but the next SENY Committee – ALL of them – need to address them.

The continued decline in participation - my informal poll late in the day last month, 81 GSRs or Alts; 1,800-2000 SENY groups; 4% elect 100%. I thought that was the problem; but now look at these #s:

2020 SENY Elections

(those who stood / max # of votes): Del 10/207; AD 8/191; C 8/191

2022 SENY Elections

(those who stood / max # of votes): Del 5/151; AD 6/145; C 3/140

A 25% drop in voting; *a more-or-less 50% drop in people standing*

How are we going to ask group members to make themselves available to serve as GSRs, when we won't even make ourselves available as officers from the SENY Committee?

Virtual or Hybrid or Live, oh my – in 2-1/2 years, the use of technology for service meetings has gone from a God-send to a bone of contention or, worse, disunifying. Our 1st Tradition, long form: [read]

By the same token, for you DCMs and DCMCs, are you able to reach out and enroll silent groups in the vision of having a voice and a vote, and letting their voices be heard at Area Assemblies?

I'm not seeing it in the numbers I gave you a few moments ago. Think carefully about the decisions you make on that score, yet balance accessibility. Have we gotten too comfortable hiding behind the screen?

Ongoing anger re Advisory Actions of the 71st GSC – the A.A. Preamble; the Plain & Simple Language translation of the Big Book; the changes to the 12 & 12; the sentiment that “it was on Zoom, it wasn’t a real conference”. Take a look at the PAIs once I post them.

The ongoing effects of the pandemic itself – fear / anger / a “rawness”. We’ve forgotten to socialize / how to simply be with people // how to debate in A.A. love, i.e. “agree to disagree agreeably”.

This has been a challenging rotation. You’ve elected a great group of officers for Panel 73 – but they cannot do it alone. They need an active, fully participating SENY Committee. And they need the voices of more of our Area’s groups to be heard.

I’m available to visit your county, district, or group, and remain willing to serve Area 49 any way I can, now and going forward. Thank you for letting me serve all of you.

Questions / Preguntas?

- Whats the inventory going to look like?
- Joanne is the steward of the inventory.... I’m hoping DCMCs and DCMCs will ask the groups to attend. It’s a brainstorming question and we want participation...

7th tradition

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Treasurer's Report - Rich S - treasurer@aaseny.org

- During the month of September we received 86 contributions totaling \$9,206 and \$397 from the 7th Tradition baskets at the Assembly and Committee meeting for total revenue of \$9,604. This reflects a slowing in our revenue stream as it is 11% below budget for the month and 22% behind last September.
- However, the cumulative results for the year to date remain strong. Contributions for the 9 months totaling \$107,387 are 19% above budget and 16% higher than last year. Total revenue for the period of \$111,328 is 15% above the budget and 9% higher than last year.
- The expenses for the month reflect an uptick as we continue to resume a more normal level of activity post-COVID, but they still remain well below budget. The total expenses for September were \$6,334 which is only 36% of the budgeted amount. The major items included our monthly rent for the SENY office of \$1,500; \$2,466 for the services of Tech 12 at our Election Assembly; \$833 for monthly tech and website expense; \$425 for The LINK; and \$306 for costs associated with the Big Book writing workshop which was held in Orange County on September 17th.
- On a year to date basis, total expenses were well-controlled at \$95,003 which is only 58% of the budget amount with every line below budget.
- The net surplus for the month of \$3,271 increased the year to date surplus to \$16,324 and allowed our operating account balance to rise to \$105,819.26. In addition, we continue to maintain a balance of \$127,133.09 in our Prudent Reserve account which represents 6.98 months of budgeted expenses with \$6,148.16 in our Convention account and \$5,390.34 in the Special Event account.

- So, we continue to do well and are in a strong financial position as we move forward. We will begin working with the Panel 71 and Panel 73 Officers and Committee Chairs on next year's budget later this month.

Motion to approve the report. 2nd.

30 in favor - 0 opposed 0 abstentions

Motion passes

Alternate Delegate - JoAnn M - altdelegate

- The Alternate Delegate is the assistant to the Delegate and the most important responsibility is to be available and prepared to attend the General Service Conference if the Delegate is unable.
- I attended the Sept 10 election assembly and I was in awe of the history made by our Area for the next rotation. Thanks to all who stood for our Area and congratulations to the incoming Panel 73 Officers.
- We had our last two SENY writing workshops for the 5th ed. English Big Book; one this past Saturday on October 1st in Astoria Queens and in Cornwall NY on September 17.
- On Sept 18, I attended the Asamblea and the NERD meeting. Many came, wrote and read their stories. Thank you for participating. Paola thanks for running the streets with me! The deadline for Spanish stories is December 15.
- I attended the ESCYPAA8 convention planning meeting on September 19th.
- I helped Brooklyn and Manhattan with their county elections.
- I attended Queens Share A Day on September 24 and SoberJam, a three county and WORCYPAA event on September 25 and got to see the DCMCs get drenched in the dunk tank. It was such a fun day with beautiful speakers.
- I started facilitating a group inventory in Warwick NY on September 26 and we will complete it on October 10.
- I will be attending the Queens County Spiritual Breakfast on Saturday October 8 and have another group inventory on October 15.

- We have our Service Participation meeting on October 20th and I will send a reminder the week before.
- I was asked to speak at the Bronx Upper Manhattan SAD on October 22 and will be attending the Putnam Unity breakfast on October 23.
- I am looking forward to the ESCYPAA8 convention coming up on October 28-30. I was asked to help with tech and facilitate a couple of meetings.
- I am also looking forward to our next assembly which is the Area inventory assembly on November 12. I wrote a report back on how our Area did based on the last inventory which I expect to either be distributed via email or be available on our website before the assembly.
- I am still available for group inventories and to speak on traditions and concepts.

Q: Can we advertise this event (inventory)? Maybe get a flyer to get more groups involved

A: That's an excellent idea, thank you!

Technology & Communications Officer (TCO)- Mike O

- My continuing thanks to our technology trusted servants, Claire, Vicky, Derrick, and Justin, for all they have done and continue to do. They really do keep the Area going.
- The Standing Meetings Zoom Account: We've had a few recent cases where users who previously used the account cannot get access unless they go through the Zoom One Time Password process again.
- Over the past 2 weeks I've corresponded with Zoom tech support on why this might happen. Based on what I've found out, this is a sporadic issue with organizations where multiple people share a single account and use the account infrequently and in different locations. Like SENY, especially if Committee does not meet in the summer or the Chair logs in from their summer residence.
- In the meantime, if you are a Standing Committee Chair, please test-start your meeting at least two days in advance of your next meeting; if you have an issue, let me know.

- Groups: According to GSO there are 1,469 active Groups within SENY, plus another 488 Groups whose status is unknown or incomplete, for a total of 1,957 Groups. SENY's records show about the same number. Much of this information predates the pandemic, so Area 49 is gathering information about all Groups within SENY to ascertain whether they are still meeting. This project will almost certainly continue into Panel 73, but our goal is to have a much better idea about what Groups are really meeting within Area 49, and how: physical, virtual, hybrid, or some combination of formats.
- A few last things: although it took place the same weekend as the September Assembly, I was able to get to some of the National AA Technology Workshop online. Justin and I are meeting with Melissa about convention registration. Next weekend Justin and I will be at a GSO meeting to discuss virtual groups, and we have our regular quarterly GSO registrar's meeting coming up as well.

Area Chairperson - Nisaa A- chair@aaseny.org

- Oct 16 - Safety in the rooms panel - will be speaking
- We should be having SENY Assembly hybrid in Westchester, we're gonna submit the form with all the same details. We've met with the exploratory committee members, some of the members were able to meet with tech 12 just to make sure that they're good to go and any information that we need to help them get us set up.
- I suggested that we forego a workshop for that one just so we have more time for tech 12 to get set up.
- We're gonna have the inventory in the first half of the day- we're gonna start at 10, and then we'll have lunch. After lunch, we will conduct our SENY business, so we'll still have reports, and we also need to vote on the trustee.
- If anyone is submitting a motion or any business, please get that to me asap, so we can put that into any emails that go out about the November 12 Assembly. It's gonna be hybrid- if you anything changes I will be sure to let the area know asap.
- I've been meeting with the exploratory committee to provide recommendations for the next panel

- I've been doing inventories which have been so fulfilling, it's so awesome to see AA from the inside and watch your group want to be better and I've been having panel requests - I'll be speaking on a 11 tradition in October for all parks of cadence panel as well as a safety, in the rooms of AA Panel in October for Empire State Convention of Young people in AA

Old Business:

Motion for the Area to purchase new interpretation equipment

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In Spanish: Quisiera presentar una moción para que el área compre nuevos equipos de interpretación.

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Motion 2nd.

Discussion:

Robust discussion about reviews, batteries, need for equipment.

Could not vote because of lack of quorum ...

New Business: None

9:30pm - Closed

A Declaration of Unity