

## **SENY Committee Meeting**

Monday, March 7th, 2022, 7:30pm -9:30pm

7pm - 7:30pm Service Q&A Forum - SENY Service Sponsorship Chair Breakout room

Committee Meeting Begins 7:30pm

Serenity Prayer

SENY Statement of Purpose

## **Country & Hispanic District Reports**

### **Eric O. - DCMC Orange County**

- We formed our 2022 Orange County Spiritual Breakfast Committee, chaired by our former DCMC Frank. Save the Date May 22nd. For more information visit the SENY website. Tickets are available at \$20
- I attended the Asamblea on February 20th in Middletown, NY - We are in search of someone who can help us out with spanish translation for Spiritual Breakfast
- I attended NERAASA
- I am registered for Neraasa 2023 in Albany, and the Young People's convention in October
- I attended the DCMC Workshops and the Grapevine writing workshop.
- I attended the SENY CPC meeting last week and volunteered to help with a CPC Table at the SENY 2022 convention. I shall also speak on Concepts 1, 2 & 3.
- I attended the Suffolk Unity Breakfast.
- I will be at the 2022 SENY Convention April 1st thru 3rd, live.
- Our PI Committee (Public Information) meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm. We need more support here!! Meeting # 956 3734 0074 Passcode – PIORANGE.
- Recently it was suggested to me to have our monthly meetings Hybrid!
- We also need Chairpersons for; Newsletter, Web master (More shall be revealed)

### **Kevin - DCMC Westchester County**

- We meet the 3rd Wed of the month
- We will be having a GSR orientation
- We will be closed through summer
- Spiritual BBQ & Family Picnic Day- Sat, Aug 28th @ 10am - info on SENY calendar

### **John L DCMC Putnam County**

- Putnam County is doing well. We have our General Service Meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. Information for this meeting is on the SENY Calendar and the county website.

- We have had activity in our standing committees with openings in Literature. We had a meeting with the administration at the local rehabilitation center Arms Acres this past month. We are hopeful to resume bringing AA meetings into the facility soon.
- There is a recurring quarterly meeting exchange in Putnam County. The next exchange will be held on the first Saturday in June. Details are on the county website.
- Putnam County General Service is continuing work to update our bylaws, job descriptions, and printed meeting list.
- Putnam County's website, [putnamcountynyaa.org](http://putnamcountynyaa.org), is updated with meeting information, county contact info, other AA links, and upcoming events information.

#### **Larry DCMC Manhattan**

- Attended SENY Service Sponsorship Committee - A.A. Service Manual Study + Open Forum
- Attended Manhattan County GSR Coffee Hour
- Attended MSAD (Manhattan Share a Day) Committee
- Attended SENY Service Participation Meeting
- Attended Manhattan County Concepts Meeting
- Attended Delegate's Day of Sharing

#### **Maureen O - Alt DCMC Rockland**

- Thomas attended Neraasa and we will share at meeting
- April 10th - Spiritual Breakfast \$30 a ticket
- Close to finalizing by laws

#### **Deborah DCMC Brooklyn**

- Tickets \$25 to bus from brooklyn to convention
- Email me [dcmc@brooklynaa.org](mailto:dcmc@brooklynaa.org)
- We are starting a list of service sponsors for brooklyn county
- Next event will be brooklyn share a day - we don't know if it's going to be virtual or in person
- Committee meetings are on seny calendar

#### **Dan S - DCMC Staten island**

- March 12th - DCMs of staten islands will be having a workshop at 7pm with questions about delegates questionnaire
- Annual meeting is the next day
- Attended suffolk unity breakfast

#### **Nelson - Hispanic District Alt DCMC**

- Yesterday we had a nice workshop for 4th edition for BB
- All our groups are working fine after pandemic- open about 80%
- We have asamblea in Huntington NY this month
- We will be at seny convention

### **Laura G - DCMC BxUpper Manhattan**

- The Bronx Upper Manhattan meets every other month .
- Our next meeting is on April 9 at 6:30pm for new GSR's and DCM's
  - 7pm is our general meeting.
- We will be having a joint workshop with Westchester County - date,time to be determined.
- The county continues to meet on a virtual platform.
- Hoping to see you at the SENY Convention.

### **Heather Alt DCMC Suffolk**

- Attended neraasa and got lots of ideas
- Attended DDoS
- Had our spiritual breakfast yesterday
- Seny convention- we are looking forward to attending
- First hybrid soft opening of general service meeting went well
- Next meeting is March 18th

*Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes - Minutes Approved.*

### **Reports:**

Treasurer's Report - Rich S - [treasurer@aaseny.org](mailto:treasurer@aaseny.org)

- Total Revenue for February was \$19,434
  - Consisted of 106 Contributions totaling \$ 18,559;
    - \$173 from the 7th Tradition basket at last month's Committee Meeting;
    - \$700 in Literature Sales at the January Assembla.
- Year to date Revenue for the first two months of \$31,296 is 45% above budget - thank you to all the Counties, Intergroups, Districts, Groups and Individuals who have continued to support SENY. I'd particularly like to acknowledge two of our members, without naming them, who made Anniversary Club contributions – one for 43 years and the other for 54 years.
- Our expenses continue to be well below budget in every category. The major expenses were:
  - \$1,180 in Officer expense reimbursements;
  - \$1,500 for our monthly Office rent;
  - \$688 for Tech and Website expense;
  - \$860 for the annual renewal fee for our Quick Books account.
- The total expense was \$4,913 leaving a surplus for the month of \$14,521. This increased our operating account cash balance to \$103,421.84.
- Our Prudent Reserve and Special Event accounts were basically unchanged at \$127,118 and \$6,000, respectively, while our Convention account balance increased to \$20, 860 as registration and banquet fees continue to come in – a good omen for the upcoming SENY Convention at the beginning of April.

- I encourage our Committee Chairs to actively use their budgets to carry the message and to support the Area's groups.

*Motion to pass Feb report - No opposed no abstentions. Feb report approved.*

- I am also a Co-Chair, along with Sherry P., of the Hospitality Committee for this year's General Service Conference and we are still welcoming volunteers. Please reach out to Sherry or me if you'd like to participate.

### **SENY Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Hank -Treatment & Facilities Chair**

- Face to Face Meetings at many of the treatment facilities in our Area are on and off again when a COVID outbreak occurs.
- There are many facilities in our counties that are in need of Virtual AA speakers on the Zoom platform.
- Contact your county Treatment facility chair if you care to help out. Note: In Most counties in Area 49 intergroup delegates facilitate bringing meetings into TFs.
- The Treatment Facilities Committee of Area 49 meets virtually, the 4th Sunday of every month. The ID and Passcode are on the SENY website calendar. Our next meeting is March 27 at 6PM.
  - We will be discussing cutting through the red tape and opening the lines of communication with your treatment facility rep.
- Treatment Facilities and Corrections Committee Chairs will cohost a Carry The Message meeting at 2:45 on Saturday April 2, 2022;
- Bridging The Gap is a temporary contact program for the alcoholic going from a treatment program to his or her first meetings from that facility.
  - Putnam County has its BTG committee up and running.
  - Most counties in A49 have a working Bridging The Gap program.
  - If you want to help in BTG you can contact Hank [tf@aaseny.org](mailto:tf@aaseny.org).

#### **Kimbley- Grapevine/LaViña Chair**

- 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. The committee met for the 9th time on March 2, 2022. All are welcome to attend and become a part of the committee.
- The Grapevine has a new 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.
- Reminder - "Prayer and Meditation" – Powerful stories about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. Available in English, Spanish and French.

- Attended January Assembly; Monthly meetings for District 617, District 620, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island General Service Meeting. I will be attending the SENY 2022 Conference, April 1-3rd.
- The efforts to sell the on-hand inventory of Grapevine/LaVina literature are coming along.
- I encourage all to explore the Grapevine link at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) and for all Grapevine reps to register through that link for their service commitment.
- Looking forward to adapting and exploring new ways to outreach to members and service committees.
- Grapevine Writer's Workshop has been rescheduled to May 21, 2022 due to Delegates Day of Sharing scheduling conflict.
- Next committee meeting scheduled 4-5-22

#### **Keith P SENY Sponsorship Chair**

- SENY SERVICE MANUAL STUDY GROUP:

Sunday, March 13th from 4-5PM. 12 week continuous study of the NEW A.A. SERVICE MANUAL continues. Each week will concentrate on a specific Chapter with a Guest Speaker + Open Forum. Zoom ID: 998 938 7641 / Passcode: 714921

- Guest Speaker will be Bob W. General Service Office General Manager who will be sharing their experience, strength and hope as it pertains to Chapter 10 : "The General Service Office". Hope to see you there!
- SERVICE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE LANDING PAGE : <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship>
- Contact info: Keith T. Pollick, [sponsorship@aaseny.org](mailto:sponsorship@aaseny.org), 917 – 826 - 1755

#### **Christine - Intergroup Liaison**

- Nassau county is now broken out into 5 regions, you can go print a region as a PDF instead of pages and pages of meetings
- Queens gratitude day is on June 26th
- Brooklyn doing awesome with intergroup office- they now have it staffed on certain days
- Suffolk will be rolling out meeting list and will include spanish
- All links to all intergroups are on seny website and my page

#### **Annabel - Accessibilities Chair**

- USE YOUR VOICE!! If you or your group has not yet completed the Accessibility Survey, please do so on the Accessibility Committee page at [aaseny.org](http://aaseny.org).
- Committee meeting is 2nd Thursday of every month 7:30 – 9:00 p.m – virtual until further notice
- 4/14/22 - Virtual Workshop/Discussion addressing accessibility needs of AA members (discussing the survey and possible solutions)
- Virtual accessibility – be mindful of your background and your behavior during virtual meetings, as distractions may make AA unattractive (and less accessible!) to people who need AA

- We will have table at SENY convention, which will be a last minute opportunity for people to do our survey

#### **Jeannette- NYSIW**

- Event will be held virtually on July 29th and 30th to allow more members from all areas to attend.
- Program Chairs are working on the agenda and a flyer.
- Anyone wishing to help out on the committee please join us on Tuesday March 22 at 7:30 pm information on AASENY.org

#### **Kingsley Literature Chair - 10.55**

- Joy of Service Workshop is on March 19th
- \$700 of book sales from asamblea
- If you are ordering books, there have been a lot of misorders so please be careful when ordering

#### **Paola PI**

- We did a story writing workshop for the new edition of the Big Book in Spanish yesterday with Jo Ann, which was a success. There were a lot of people and a lot of interest.
- Now that we have the format down for a story writing workshop, we are ready to really plan the series of story writing workshops. We are thinking of doing a series of virtual and some in-person ones. Hopefully, we'd be able to do one in-person one in each county in SENY.
- I presented on a PI topic of anonymity in social media at delegate's day of sharing with Jess and Matt. It was on behalf the YPAAs in SENY, but I applied all of this excellent PI knowledge.

#### **Kristen CPC Chair**

- 10 members of AA fully participated in training and planning for our upcoming presentations on 3/30 for the Smitters' Doctorate program in conjunction with district 620 in Harlem.
- New members including; All participated in a lively and informative sharing of CPC strategies and ideas of how to reach out to our professional friends.
- I was graciously extended the opportunity to speak at this month's SENY Treatment committee.
- We will also have a table at the Joy of Service meeting. Committee members will speak and have a table at the CPC meeting during the SENY Convention.

#### **Lucas Correction**

- Corrections will be having a joint panel with Treatment on how we carry the message at 2:45pm on Saturday 4/2.
- We plan to have a table at the Convention on Friday and Saturday. We are looking for volunteers to sit at the Corrections table. A literature order was submitted and we

should have a good supply of Corrections materials at the Convention. Please email me or call / text to sign up.

- Scotty B is the new overall CTFC Chair at NY InterGroup. Scotty, myself, along with the Corrections Chair of NY IG, Matthew B were able to meet with the Programs Coordinator at the North Infirmary Command at Rikers Island to discuss the resumption of programming and the development of a more streamlined Bridging the Gap experience Rikers. The Coordinator encouraged volunteers to get their DOC ID's and CTFC is developing a process to present to NIC at Rikers to resume programming this Spring.
- We are currently looking to see if Sullivan County can begin bringing a meeting back into its County jail upon a request to the Area. Suffolk County and Nassau County continue to bring meetings virtually (Suffolk) and in person (Nassau) into their county jails whereas our state facilities are completely shut down until further notice. I will be speaking this week (3/8) with the regional coordinator assigned to our Area who hopefully will give us better news about where AA may fit into their volunteer schedule.
- Our Committee continues to communicate with InterGroups, regional coordinators and local program coordinators to learn the status of our programs in order for AA county reps and volunteers to be ready to carry the message when called upon as stated above. We continue to receive requests for outside volunteers to be connected to members on the inside and have sent those to our Corrections desk. We also have received several pre-release requests in February and have passed those on throughout the Area and the state to other Areas where those persons are to be released. I also renewed our PO Box for another year!
- We had a great conversation with our friend in PI to begin the process of hosting a writing workshop encouraging people in custody to share their stories for the Big Book.
- Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, at 3pm. Please visit our landing page for SENY Standing Committee Chairs.

<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-correction-committee-meeting-virtual/2022-03-19>

<https://www.aaseny.org/corrections>

- I welcome all interested in Corrections service to attend the National Corrections Call this Saturday at 11am ET to get more information about new information regarding national issues regarding Corrections service. There has been some great talk about new possible general service advisory related to Corrections such as re-thinking the term 'people in custody'. ID:239 990 5603 PW: 765110

### **2022 Convention Chair - Mel R**

- We fulfilled our obligation of 300 rooms to the hotel.
- As of last Saturday, February 26th more Convention rate room nights were added to accommodate those who still wish to book rooms. There are 30 Convention rate rooms available for Friday April 1st and 50 Convention rate rooms available for Saturday April 2nd. These rooms were added as a courtesy from the Hotel. The Hotel rate will end March 13th.
- Banquets are still open to be booked.

- Everyone who registered will get a hybrid link to see the 6 main meetings. The Kickoff and Welcome meetings on Friday. The Longtimers, theme and Banquet meeting on Saturday and the Spiritual meeting on Sunday.
- Contact Convention Chair at [convention@aaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaseny.org) or TEXT at 347-409-3589.
- Pre-registration will end tomorrow, March 8th.
- As of now there are 332 room nights booked, 355 registrations and 183 Banquets.
- Our goal is to have at least 200 banquets sold to cover the minimum. If you wish to buy a banquet online please do so by March 8th. Afterwards you can send it to PO Box 180183 Brooklyn NY 11218 ATTN Colleen V but it must be postmarked by March 8th.
- The convention Program will be online by the week of March 21st. The hard copy by the week of March 28th.
- Please keep in mind that at this time masks are recommended throughout the hotel!

### **7th tradition/ 5 min break**

### **Exploratory Committee Report - *Recommendations to Implement Hybrid Assemblies***

Background: The SENY Area 49 Exploratory committee was formed to evaluate the feasibility of re-opening in person meetings and assemblies by permanently implementing hybrid technologies.

Hybrid meetings address safety and health issues related to the Covid-19 pandemic, and further expand participation to members with accessibility concerns. This approach promotes inclusivity by:

- 1) Providing a safe environment for those members who choose to attend in person assemblies,
- 2) Providing a “virtual” online option for members who do not feel safe attending in-person events, and for members with accessibility concerns.

[Click here to read the proposal](#)

*Report passes - 27 to accept, no opposed. 1 abstentions*

**Delegate - Tom B - [delegate@aaseny.org](mailto:delegate@aaseny.org) min 19.30**

DDoS (Delegate’s Day of Sharing):

- Thanks to SENY tech team!
- Amends - for taking a bit of time to getting things up on website
  - Grateful for feedback about website
  - We are in process of getting things up
- Thank you for participating! 253 attendees at high point - so great that so many people are interested in finding out what’s going on!
- Delighted that a question means a question, and not a clever way of concealing an opinion
- I would love to hear feedback from everyone about this format - did you enjoy DDoS, do you like questionnaire?



- It's ok if you didn't like it, I welcome your feedback
- I thought it was a success!

#### NERAASA:

- I did purchase MP3 - not with group basket dollars
- Several things I heard that stood out:
  - Past Trustee & Panel 25 Delegate: Gen'l Svc structure does not carry the message; rather, we support those who do
  - DCM from another Area went to the mic and said he knew nothing about the Preamble change until one of his GSRs told him after last year's GSC
  - Past trusted servant presented something false as a fact at the mic (when Dr's opinion was moved to Roman numerals from page 1 of BB); a correction was sent just this morning
- It is very important for us all to distinguish between facts and our opinions as trusted servants

#### General Service Conference starts in 48 days..

- 8.5% of groups attended DDoS (253 attendees. Assuming 2/3 were GSRs, 8.5% of SENY's 2,000 groups rec'd additional information)
- I've been working since 2015 (as Alt-DCMC) to encourage increased participation in Gen'l Svc, as have many of you; now, after two years of lock-down and virtual meetings, I'm wondering if I / we need to try a different approach:
- "We're General Service; we're here if and when you need us..."
- We all need to remember that we're in a time of great transition and pain; we're here to support the groups
- Maybe instead of saying we need your service- we should say we are here to help you...

I'm available to visit your county, district, or group, and remain willing to serve Area 49 any way I can. Thanks for letting me serve all of you.

#### Questions/Preguntas?

Q: At NERAASA gentleman said that the doctor's opinion was moved to roman numerals because dr. silkworth wasn't an alcoholic?

A: In all documentation - there is no documentation on why doctors' opinion was moved to roman numerals. Tom emailed someone and is waiting for a response from someone that works in Archives.

#### Alt Delegate - JoAnn M

- Since we last met on February 7th, I attended the PI committee meeting with Paola on February 17<sup>th</sup> and we continued to discuss plans for grapevine writing workshops for the 4<sup>th</sup> Spanish and 5<sup>th</sup> English editions Big Book.
- Have been attending the Service manual workshops when I can.

- Facilitated the Service Participation meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup>. We only meet in months where there is no assembly so the next meeting will be on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. I will send a reminder the week before.
- I started the group inventory on February 18<sup>th</sup> and have scheduled the second half for March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- I met with Jeff our archives chair to pick up SENY Handbooks in Spanish and English. I distributed the handbooks to 7 counties and the Hispanic Districts at the Asamblea in Middletown on February 20<sup>th</sup>. I also distributed the 10 Spanish RSG Kits I received from GSO, the full list of Agenda Items in Spanish, fliers for the Joy of Service workshop and the writing workshop.
- I attended the NERD meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- I have been attending the ESCYPAA8 committee planning meetings for the 2022 YPAA Convention held on Long Island this year. They meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 8:00pm.
- I went to NERAASA on February 25-27. I really loved the panels presented and it was great to finally meet the other Delegates and Alternates from the Northeast Region and to see people in person that I hadn't had the opportunity to see for the last almost 2 years.
- I was invited by Bert to speak at the Queens County Assembly on February 28<sup>th</sup> where we discussed the agenda items and answered questions from GSRs.
- I was able to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the DDoS on Saturday and helped the Hispanic Districts with their presentation.
- We had the first of hopefully a series of writing workshops on March 6<sup>th</sup> to submit stories for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. Of the Spanish big book. I had copies of the delegates questionnaire in Spanish and gave them to Nelson to hand out. Hopefully additional workshops can be in English and Spanish, virtual and in person to be inclusive for all.
- I stopped by the office on the way to pick up the projector and screen for Amalia's presentation and the interpretation equipment for the upcoming JOS workshop. While there, I called Mel and offered to grab convention supplies which I will inventory and send a list to Mel, Bridgette the registration Chair and Eddie D. the hospitality Chair.
- I am always available for group inventories and to speak on traditions and concepts.

## **TCO - Mike O**

Thank you to our Technology Team: Justin K., Registration Chair, Derrick T., Email Admin; Saadi H., Postal Mail Coordinator, Claire M., our Web Chair, and Vicky B., Agenda Chair. And to those alcoholics who have stepped up to perform tech service across the Area, without which this and our other virtual gatherings could not function.

The tech committee is planning a Joy of Tech Service workshop to demystify tech service and encourage others to take up this service; to make it clear that you do not need special skills to perform tech service – all you need is a willingness to learn – and to talk about the joy and satisfaction of tech service. The workshop is tentatively set for September.

Due in large part to the crisis created by the pandemic we have a good number of Groups who have no GSR or Group contact in Airtable or Fellowship Connection, or whose GSR should have rotated out of service after Panel 69 or earlier. If you are a DCM, you may have already received an email identifying these Groups and asking you to find out whether they are currently meeting, either virtually or in physicality, and do they have a current GSR or Group Contact? This will allow us to properly update both Airtable and Fellowship Connection. It may also give us a better idea of how the pandemic altered the Fellowship in SENY. If you are a DCMC and have not yet received an email, you will soon.

I attended NERAASA as a Registrar and gave a report on the Registrar's roundtable. A major point of discussion both nights was virtual meetings. And last night Justin chaired the Registrar's informal monthly meeting, where virtual meetings again dominated the conversation.

The discussions included: Does virtual enhance participation. Some Areas, yes; some, who have returned to physicality, no - they get better participation with physical Assemblies. One Area has returned to physical Assemblies, with no virtual component, and told the Groups that their voice will not be heard unless their GSR can attend in person. Some put all virtual Groups into a new virtual District. And others are still sorting out their conscience about participation, including whether to include a virtual component if and when they return to physicality.

#### **Area Chairperson - Nisaa**

- Attended NERAASA- was there as an Area Chair but also as a member of the working group to revise African American pamphlet- there was a writing workshop. Turn out was small, but we did get to talk to a lot of people one on one about it. I'm going to ask if we can post some of the information on our website.
- I will be attending SENY convention
- Assisted with preparing delegates questionnaire online and our convention registration online
- Available for inventory as well as any feedback about these meetings- want to make sure you feel you are participating, not just a spectator.
- Thank you to the area and all the people behind the scenes!
- For exploratory committee proposal, please make sure to review before May Committee Meeting.

#### **Closed with Declaration of Unity**