

SENY Pre-Conference Assembly

Saturday, April 9, 2022 - 10am - 3:30pm

9am: GSR Q&A - Sponsorship chair and Delegate in Breakout room

10am - Serenity Prayer & SENY Statement of Purpose

Approval of January Assembly Meeting Minutes- *Approved as is*

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

- I previously reported on the January and February results at the past two SENY Committee meetings. If anyone wants to see or discuss those, feel free to contact me. Those results are included in the year to date portion of today's report.

March:

- March was another strong month with contributions and total revenue above budget and expenses starting to pick up but still well below budget.
- Received 97 contributions totaling \$13,298 – 33% above budget and nearly double what we received last March.
- Collected \$532 in the 7th Tradition baskets at the March Committee meeting and the Delegate's Day of Sharing bringing total revenue for the month to \$13,832 which is 25% over budget and more than double last year.
- Expenses for the month remain well-controlled and within budget at \$11,489 which is 65.8% of the budgeted amount. Major items included:
 - \$2,105 in reimbursements to officers (mainly for the costs of attending in-person, service events such as the North East Region of AA Service Assembly (NERAASA), the North East Region Delegates meeting, and County meetings and for printing costs associated with the Delegate's Questionnaire;
 - \$1,500 for the monthly rental of the SENY Office;
 - \$1,305 in tech and telecommunications expense;
 - \$3,927 for the first quarter's Spanish translation and interpretation services;
 - \$868 in costs for the Joy of Service Workshop which was hosted by Nassau County on March 19th;
 - \$608 in literature purchases from Grapevine in anticipation of the SENY Convention.
- As an aside, while the proceeds won't be reflected until the April report, our Grapevine Chair Kimbley G has reported \$1,000 in sales at the Convention.
- The resulting net surplus for the month was \$2,343 which increased the cash balance in our operating account to \$105,045.03.
- Prudent Reserve and Special Event account balances held steady at \$127,120 and \$6,000, respectively, while the Convention account balance grew to \$34,159 at month's end.

Year to date basis/First Quarter:

- Contributions were \$43,436 (45% above budget and 57% ahead of last year). Total revenue was \$45,128 which is 39.4% over budget and well above last year's \$28,433.

- Expenses for the quarter remain well under budget at \$28,741 but above last year's total of \$16,398. This is indicative of our beginning to emerge from the isolation imposed on us by Covid restrictions with our officers resuming travel to County meetings and events, in-person service events such as the Joy of Service Workshop, NERAASA and the Suffolk County Unity Breakfast and the resumption of an in-person General Service Conference after two years of virtual ones.
- The major expense items for the quarter were:
 - \$3,537 in Officer reimbursements
 - Office rent of \$4,500
 - \$3,080 in tech and telecommunication expense
 - \$3,927 for translation and interpretation services
 - \$1,015 for printing The LINK and En Lace
 - \$868 for presenting the Joy of Service Workshop
 - \$8,000 for the cost assessed for the Delegate's Fee for the upcoming General Service Conference.
- Net surplus for the three months is \$16,387 versus \$12,034 last year.
- We continue to exhibit a strong financial position. Our contributions are increasing and exceed the budget. Expenses are below budget but beginning to increase as things begin to reopen and we return to more normal activity levels.
- We thank you for your continued support and look forward to increasing our service activities and assisting you in carrying the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic wherever it may take us.

Motion passed to accept the March Report. 101 to approve, no opposed, 3 abstentions

Reports:

Alt Delegate- JoAnn

- The General Service Conference is in a couple of weeks, and it appears that our Delegate is healthy and good spirits. If I do not have to step in for Tom, I will be helping the hospitality committee for the 72 General Service Conference.
- Since we last met on March 5th, I attended an in person writing workshop for the Hispanic districts on March 6th. The chair of the working group Amelia and our dear PI committee chair Paola gave a presentation on the history of the Spanish big book and fielded questions on requirements for stories.
- At the monthly PI committee meeting we met and planned a virtual writing workshop for April 21.
- We will continue to discuss plans for more virtual and in person grapevine writing workshops for the 4th Spanish and 5th English editions Big Book.
- We didn't have a Service Participation meeting since we only meet during months where there is no assembly so the next meeting will be on May 19th at 7:30pm. I will send a reminder the week before.
- On March 11-13 I went to the In Person NERD weekend with Tom. We got to spend time and attend workshops and meetings with the other Delegates and Alternates in the northeast region.
- I completed facilitating an in person group inventory on March 18th .

- I attended the NERD meeting and the in person Asamblea on March 20th and the Alt Delegate meeting on the 22nd.
- We prepared for our northeast region's presentation on April 1st at the NAAD meeting.
- I have been attending the ESCYPAA8 bid committee planning meetings for the 2022 ESCYPAA Convention held on Long Island this year. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 8:15pm. They are planning numerous events leading up to their convention so please support if you can. The next one is a tie die event scheduled for April 23 from 1-5pm in Rockville center.
- I attended the in person 2022 SENY Convention from March 31-April 3 and I am still feeling the energy shared from that In Person event. It was beautiful and another opportunity to fellowship and get reacquainted with everyone. My sincere thanks to Mel and the convention planning committee.
- Raj, the DCM for District 305 asked me to share on the Concepts at his district meeting on the third Monday of each month this year and I have been doing that since January.
- On April 6, I crashed District 603s meeting and was asked to answer questions on the delegates questionnaire and discussed the agenda items with the DCM and GSRs.
- I am always available for group inventories and to speak on traditions and concepts.
- Finally, I was asked to speak at the in person Rockland County Breakfast tomorrow and I'm honored and looking forward to it.
- I hope you noticed how I emphasized in person. Please everyone, try to start getting out in person. It's exhilarating!

Technology and Communication Officer (TCO) - Mike

- Tom our Delegate will soon head off to the seventy-second General Service Conference, where he will be the Area's voice, conscience, and vote on issues affecting our entire Fellowship, and hearing your and your Group's opinion lies at the heart of reaching an informed Group conscience for AA as a whole.
- GSO ran into some supply and distribution issues around in the month leading up to the winter holidays; due to external issues they were unable to print additional copies of literature; printing and distribution have resumed, but if you were expecting a GSR kit or other literature from GSO and it has not come, please reach out to me directly at tco@aaseny.org.
- I attended the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, where I gave the Registrar's report back on issues common to the Region, including how different Areas are addressing virtual Groups, a matter very much a work in progress given how different Areas have created different rules for allowing virtual Groups to participate.
- Since the start of the year we have had over thirteen thousand unique visitors to the website, with over forty-one thousand page views. Nearly ten thousand of those views were of "From the Delegate," and about ten thousand of those views were of "The 2022 Convention," so people are interested in both what our Delegate says and what we collectively do.
- The Area and Counties keep up-to-date contact records on the roughly 1400 Groups across Area 49. The Area send regular emails to the GSRs and other trusted servants.

About fifteen hundreds of three thousand active contacts open those emails. We have an email administrator, an agenda for Area events, and for those who want paper, a postal mail chair who sends about 400 trusted servants physical copies of the minutes. And, volunteers staff Area Assemblies, manning the waiting room and keeping our virtual space safe.

- It is important that we start thinking about how we get people interested in technology service.
- Please go back to your home group and encourage people to simply put their hand up and volunteer at a virtual meeting; to be a host or cohost, or to staff the waiting room, or act as a virtual bouncer. To ask others who are already doing this service to teach them how, with the hope that some will become enthused and move on further down the AA service triangle. And we can begin to build what I suspect may, in time, become a service unto itself, like Grapevine or Public Information – AA Tech Service. And, because the Areas and Counties all have elections this fall, and we will be rotating out, consider for yourselves if you are interested in service at the County or Area level. Because if you have the interest, the tools themselves are actually very easy to learn, and your predecessor will be more than happy to teach you.

Chair - Nisaa

- Attended Convention, even attended a hybrid meeting while i was there and it was successful
- Meeting with exploratory committee
- Available to do group inventories
- Tech volunteer link on home page- thanks for helping us during meetings like this

7th Tradition

Convention Chair - Mel

- Convention far exceeded expectations
- There were around 600 registrations
- 251 banquets (we were only required 200)
- Contracted to cover 300 rooms, and we had 392 room nights.
- In June the treasurer and I will review everything in detail
- Glad the hybrid worked
- Mel is available for group inventories
- Also, I need to thank ALL the wonderful folks that participated with accessibilities for the convention. ASL and Spanish translation, big shout out to Rosa! Big shout out to Annabel! We were joined at the hip to make all this possible. So proud of this Area.

Standing Committee Chairs:

Accessibilities Chair - Annabel

- Primary Purpose: to carry the message

- USE YOUR VOICE!! If you or your group have not yet completed the Accessibility Survey, please do so on the Accessibility Committee page for aaseny.org.
- ACCESSIBILITY WORKSHOP April 14, 2022 @ 7:30-9PM. The zoom link will soon be available on the SENY Calendar. Three exciting speakers will each discuss different obstacles faced by alcoholics seeking to benefit from the program of AA. Following the presentations, we will host a "town hall" asking all participants to suggest solutions to permit greater access for all who need and want AA.
- Join us to help make a difference

Public Information (PI) Chair - Paola

- We did a workshop with the hispanic district regarding writing stories for the new edition of the big book in spanish. It was successful.
- We have a virtual workshop coming up on April 21st at 7pm. The workshop is on writing/submitting stories for the new edition of the BB in english.
- Also, I'm speaking on PI at a live workshop in Westchester on May 16th at 8pm.

Agenda Chair - Vicky B

- If event is in person please note that in your email

Sponsorship Chair - Keith

- There will not be a meeting in April due to GSC
- Beginning Sunday, May 29th from 4 - 5 PM Eastern on Zoom, the Service Sponsorship Committee will be hosting a 6 month continuous study of the NEW A.A. SERVICE MANUAL CONCEPT 12 WARRANTIES. Each month we will concentrate on a Warranty with a Speaker + Open Forum. More information will be available in the near future on the SENY website at the Service Sponsorship landing page at <https://www.aaseny.org/service-sponsorship> and on the SENY calendar under events: <http://events.aaseny.org/events>.

Corrections Chair - Lucas

- Members of our Committee attended the SENY Convention from 4/1-3. We held a joint panel with Treatment on Saturday 4/2 and served the Area at our table on 4/1 & 4/2 answering questions, distributing literature / flyers and taking names from members interested in doing service. We were joined at the table by our friends from CTFC, Bklyn, Suffolk, the groups, former Delegate Terry F and our Northeast Regional Trustee, Francis.
- The New York State Informational Workshop will be virtual this year on Friday 7/29 and Saturday 7/30. You can get information at NYSIW.org - A49 Corrections plans to deliver a report to the State on its Corrections services.
- Rikers Island is open for volunteers at the North Infirmary Command and meetings have started on Mondays and Wednesdays. CTFC in Manhattan is also looking to kickstart a WebEX program at Queensboro and the development of a more streamlined Bridging the Gap experience Rikers. The program Coordinator at both Rikers and DOCCSS has

encouraged volunteers to get their DOC ID's and submit volunteer applications with the state. Antuns dinner dance will be live and in person on Saturday 7/30.

- State facilities have opened as of March 15th. The DOCCS Regional Supervisor gave our committee names of persons, volunteers supervisors, who would help with each county. These supervisors will be holding orientations for resuming services. They want the return of A.A this Spring. We are looking to get started in Woodburne and Otisville state prison and meetings have started last week in Sing Sing.
- 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 be bringing meetings virtually (Suffolk) and in person (Nassau) into their county jails.
- Our committee continues to communicate with the General Service Office (and our new Corrections Desk staff member Eileen), 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 March and have passed those on throughout the Area and the state to other Areas where those persons are to be released.
- I will be attending PI writing workshop this month and plan to host Corrections writing workshop this Summer or Fall which encourages people in custody to share their stories for the Big Book.
- Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 3pm. Please visit our landing page for SENY Standing Committee Chairs

<http://events.aaseny.org/event/seny-correction-committee-meeting-virtual/2022-05-21>

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

All interested in Corrections service can attend the National Corrections Call this Saturday at 11am ET to get more information about new information regarding national issues regarding Corrections service with a new log in:

Meeting ID: 841 1036 5604

Passcode: 223531

Treatment Facilities - Hank

- Face to Face Meetings at many of the treatment facilities in our Area are opening up.
- Treatment chairs in counties are having difficulties getting help to bring meetings back into facilities.
- 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. You may have to contact your county intergroup.
- The Treatment Facilities Committee of Area 49 meets virtually, on the Zoom platform. The ID and Passcode are on the SENY website calendar. Our speaker Kristen from CPC spoke at our last meeting. She was outstanding; speaking on cutting through the red tape, communicating with tf professionals.

- Come join us and our next guest speaker. Date will be up on SENY calendar.
- Treatment Facilities and Corrections Committee Chairs cohosted a Carry The Message meeting at 2:45 on Saturday April 2, 2022; Chris from Nassau county spoke on the treatment side.
- 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. Some incredible connections are made through Bridging the Gap. It brings joy to me to see our Twelfth Step in action. We had many AA folks sign up as “gappers” at the SENY convention last week.
- Saint Christopher’s Inn men’s rehab at Graymoor will now partake in the BTG program. Most counties in A49 have a working Bridging The Gap program. If you want to help in BTG you can contact Hank tf@aseny.org.

Grapevine/La Viña - Kimbley

- As COVID-19 restrictions are easing I am now available to get out now 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 10th time on April 5, 2022. All are welcome to attend and become a part of the committee.
- The Grapevine also 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 after meeting manner.
- Reminder - “Prayer and Meditation” – Powerful stories about the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. Available in English, Spanish and French.
- I attended the SENY 2022 Conference, the weekend of April 1-3rd. It was a phenomenal experience. Sale of Grapevine/LaVina material far exceeded my expectations. We sold a little over \$1000.00. Grateful to Brian H. and Sherry A. for assisting me with sales.
- Our Grapevine/LaVina Writers Workshop will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Translation services will be provided by Rosa P. and facilitated by Cathy P..
- 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 5-4-22

Literature Chair- Kinglsey min 10.38

- Tomorrow I have been invited to Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast
- SENY Convention was wonderful, and book sales were very good! If you need books you have to order directly because I have to replenish
- Committee meeting info is on SENY website

Archives Chair - Jeff

- Meet every first Friday of the month
- We had a room at the convention, and Terry did a history of GSC.
- Working on a road trip to Stepping Stones
- We will be available soon to set up tables at events

NYSIW - Jeannette

- Since the last meeting, many areas have come forward to help.
- Our Alt Delegate, Joanne was wonderful giving me her time and suggestions which led me to reach out to Queens for help with virtual tech, and they stepped up generously, this removed a large cost to the budget.
- Our Tech committee stepped up to help out with the Website updates NYSIW.org and the registration via online.
- We are in the process of discussing what the registration will look like.
- We have 4 program chairs from Putnam, SI , Brooklyn and Manhattan.
- We are doing this event virtually on July 29th and 30th as we wish to open it to ALL the 4 areas to attend so we ask for your help here to spread the word.
- Please see the flyer on the our Area website - please print or distribute online
- Email is NYSIW@aaseny.org if you want to reach out to me to do service.
- Our next committee meeting is April 21 @ 7:30 pm via zoom 493 803 189

Link Editor - Gina

- Took it over in the beginning of March- there will be no issue for April or March.
- Will be having a link for May.
 - Deadline is April 18th
- Email me at Link@aaseny.com. My Tel # is 347.285.4700
- "What is freedom is AA" theme for May (Language of the Heart pgs. 300-301) articles should be 200-400 words.
- June theme is "Attracting Diversity in Service"

County Reports:**Nassau County DCMC - Marty**

- Posters are up on buses! Sent our 50% responsibility for the Bus Poster.
- March 19th Hybrid Joy Of Service Workshop was AWESOME - 60 in person & as many as 20 Virtual.
- Our Bi Monthly Concepts Series is going well.
- SENY Convention: we filled our 3 Topics .
- Reps meeting April 18th.
- Terry M. is the Big Meeting Chair.
- Paul W. is our lead on the Share A Day panel
- Renee, Our 37th Unity Breakfast Chair, is going to share the Unity Breakfast Report.

- The Adhoc Committee will have The Guidelines for GSRs' Reimbursement reviewed & approved.

Suffolk County Alt DCMC - Heather

- We had our unity breakfast on march 6- went very well
- Started our county meetings hybrid- we had 2 - have our new location
- Going to try GSR buddy program

Brooklyn DCMC - Deborah

- Brooklyn Share a Day - June 18 @ 10am- 5pm -info on SENY calendar
- County meeting on 4/20

Sullivan County DCMC - Jeff

- We are still meeting virtually. New Zoom ID is 919 687 02529
- We are still on a GRS drive to prepare for County elections and to fill the open service spots.
- Next Sullivan Meeting is 4/17/22 3pm to 4:30pm

Putnam County DCMC - John

- Matt from ESCYPAA joined our March County General Service Meeting, and delivered an informative and welcome presentation.
- AA meetings are going back into the local rehabilitation center in Carmel NY. Putnam County AA groups have begun bringing meetings back to Arms Acres this month as we look to re-establish a regular presence.
- Planning our annual Founders Day Event. It will take place at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church on Saturday June 11th. More information and a flyer to follow.
- We are updating our county bylaws.
- Participation seems to be up.
- Our county meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Mount Carmel Baptist Church, and can be attended virtually for anyone Interested. Information is on the area calendar.
- Committee work is regular, although we still have opportunities in Literature and Archives.
- Putnam's website putnamcountynyaa.org continues to be updated with information including the up to date meeting info.

Rockland County Alt DCMC - Maureen

- Next meeting is April 20th - finalizing by laws
- Working on Joy of Service Workshop - Date is TBD
- Planning a Share A Day event
- Planning a Sober Jam with Orange County
- Spiritual Breakfast is tomorrow!

Bronx Upper Manhattan Alt DCMC - Chris

- 4/13 next meeting at 7pm
- We have presentations coming in to the meeting
- Upcoming events: Spiritual Events and joint Workshop with Westchester county
- Discussions of going live or continuing virtual.

Queens County DCMC - Bert

- Made progress with Spiritual breakfast - Oct 8
- Making progress on Share a Day - Date TBD in September
- Meeting virtual in april - we are going to discuss whether we can be in person in June

Orange County Alt DCMC - Denice

- Our next meeting is April 19th- we're experimenting and doing hybrid meeting
- Spiritual breakfast Sunday May 22 at Cools Highlands House - tickets are only \$20

Staten Island DCMC - Dan S

- County meeting is tomorrow at 7pm
- Attended convention
- Going to Rockland County Spiritual Breakfast

Larry Manhattan

- Attended AA Service Study Manual Meetings
- Attended Manhattan GSR Coffee Hour
- Attended SENY Committee Meeting
- Attended MSAD Committee Meeting
- Attended Manhattan Concepts Meeting

Jorge - DCMC Hispanic District

- Present at Nassau workshop and at the SENY convention
- On April 17th - we have our assembly which will be in Nassau County at the New Direction Group
- June 5- we will have our Share A Day

Old Business - None

New Business - None

30 min break

Delegate - Tom

The 72nd General Service Conference starts two weeks from tomorrow (Sunday 4/24), with the roll to be called between 10:00 and 10:30. It will run through Saturday morning, April 30. As you know, it will be held in person in Brooklyn. Please note: I will NOT be responding to calls, texts or emails during that time.

Reason you're all here today, most importantly the GSRs: So me and JoAnn can listen to you. We are listening for additional information from all of the GSRs on this meeting, speaking for their groups.

As of yesterday, at noon, I've received DQs from 116 of our roughly 2,000 Area 49 groups. Perhaps the other 94% will respond over the next six days? I have a sampling of how SENY feels about the agenda items on the Delegate's Questionnaire, but as I've said many times: the conscience of the groups is much more that "yeses or nos"; the "why" is less quantitative, but more qualitative, and thus far more important.

I'm going to read several things out of our literature for the next few minutes, and I'll really be grateful if you'll give them your attention, because they all have to do with the A.A. spirit in which you'll be the voice of your group at the microphone shortly.

- Traditions 1 and 2 (short form)
- Concepts I, II and III (excerpts)
- Dr. Bob's Farewell Talk (excerpts)
- Language of the Heart (pp. 8 and 344, excerpts)
- Dr. Bob's "On Cultivating Tolerance" (third paragraph)
- "A.A. Comes of Age" (pp. 223, 233 & 234, excerpts)

We will be calling on GSRs in the order of raised hands. Each member will have up to two minutes to provide information on their group conscience, information which will help me go to the Conference as fully informed as possible with the needs and desires of Area 49's groups. As I said, GSRs will be called on first – please make sure your service title is in your screen name. Please do not come to the mic a second time until all the GSRs who wish to speak have done so. Nisaa will fill you in on how it will go from that point for others who wish to be heard, time permitting.

Thank you for your attention. I will stick around for a while after the close of the Assembly for any questions you might have.

Discussion begins from GSR

- Robust discussion about various topics
- Tom clarifies Big Book topics
 - Plain and simple language is a translation for BB- meant to be translated from the 4th edition
 - Whenever there is a translation there is an extensive process of who is translating
 - The 4th edition years from now will transition to the 5th edition which will mainly change in the stories
 - What's to be translated in the 4th edition? Everything except personal stories.

5 min break

- Other members given the opportunity to share
- A gentle reminder that although the live transcript can be saved, it can and does contain non-anonymous information such as full names and telephone numbers. Although we are not required to be anonymous within the fellowship, please respect our traditions when using - and possibly sharing - the actual text. Thanks, Mike

Tom B. - Area 49 Delegate Contact Info:

delegate@aaseny.org

(631) 260-0693 (please text first)

Remember: DQs sent by postal mail MUST be received by me no later than this Wednesday, 4/13; and the online submission (preferred) deadline will be 11:59 this Friday, 4/15.

Pls send requests for background information to delegate@aaseny.org (NOT by chat or text): It will have a standard disclaimer attached NOT to post it...

Go to aaseny.org / From-The-Delegate for information about upcoming events and this year's General Service Conference!

Meeting ended at 1:55pm