



## Into Action

### From the SENY Delegate - Panel 67

*"A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die." — AS BILL SEES IT, p. 13*

An important date is looming on the horizon: December 15, 2017. That's the deadline for submitting suggestions for agenda topics for possible consideration at the 68th General Service Conference to be held in April 2018.

At SENY's November assembly, the body voted to support District 404's motion seeking a pamphlet for atheist and agnostic members of the Fellowship. Regardless of how you may personally feel about the idea -- and there will be ample opportunity for you to let me know -- I hope you all applaud the action that took place. It was an example of how Concept I (*"The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."*) gets set into motion.

Ideas for something such as this pamphlet are forwarded to the Conference Coordinator. From there they get directed to the appropriate Trustees Committee. If the Trustees Committee thinks the topic should be considered by the Conference as a whole, it gets assigned to the corresponding Conference Committee. Once that happens, it's on the agenda for the Conference and, depending on how much interest there may be for a particular item, could end up on our Delegate's Questionnaire.

At the Conference in April, committees then debate the merit of the item and recommend whether or not to send to the floor for discussion and vote. Any item needs at least two-thirds of the full Conference to vote in support of it for the item to be approved.

Should an item such as this receive a vote of substantial unanimity, it would then get sent back to the Trustees Committee to begin the slow process of going from idea to printed product.

In the end, we truly are a society of alcoholics in action exercising our responsibility to carry the message. And for that, I am grateful.

Yours in service,  
**John W.**

### Your voice in *The Link*

Are you willing to share your experience, strength and hope about your service in A.A. at the group, district, county or area level? **The Link** is published ten times per year and welcomes articles from all AAs in our area. Please limit your article to 275 words, and email it to [link@aaseny.org](mailto:link@aaseny.org) or mail it c/o The Link Editor, P.O. Box 571, NY, NY 10116. Thanks!

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***"A.A. — A Solution for All Generations."***  
Theme of AA's 2018 General Service Conference

## How I Got To My First SENY Assembly From the SENY Area Chair

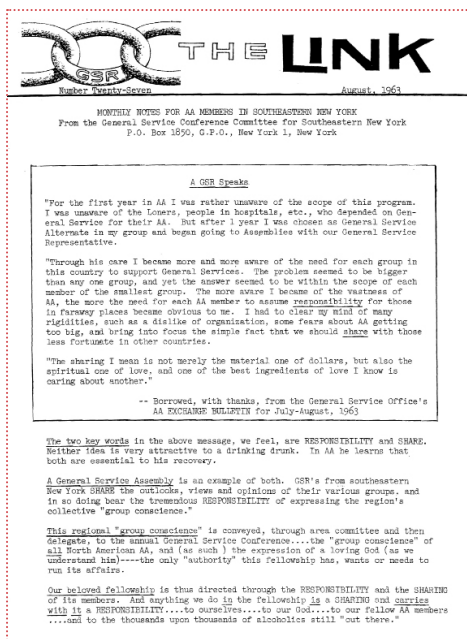
Our GSR brought issues of *The Link* to the group, and I'd grab the first one, paying special attention to the "events page." Because of *The Link*, I'd been to a SENY Convention in my first year and loved it - especially the sobriety count-down. I figured that if all of you could stay sober for years, then I could do it too; you gave me hope.

I had a schedule of meetings for every day of the week. It was a structured plan that helped me get sober. I also liked venturing out from that routine within the safe confines of AA meetings and events. In my second year I saw something on the events page of *The Link* called a "SENY Assembly." I didn't know what a SENY Assembly was; I kinda thought it must be something like a Shareathon, what a Share-A-Day event is in Nassau County.

I wandered in, found a seat, and listened; albeit very briefly. I stood up, waved my hand a few times and said rather loudly "excuuuuuse me . . . but would it be all right, I mean is it all right" if my group, I continued, could put off voting on a "hot issue," until the next business meeting? Unbeknownst to me, the person standing at the podium was SENY Delegate Boyce. I didn't know what a Delegate was, but I did care about that topic at my group, and was hoping he would tell me the answer I wanted to hear.

Mr. Boyce, the SENY Delegate in 1989, answered my question. He told me in a most respectful way that yes, not only was it okay, it was advisable; and that it would help the group to have an informed conscience. Nobody told me to be quiet and to sit down. I do my best today to model the behavior that was shown to me by Mr. Boyce and others, at that first assembly I went to: safe, kind, and loving. With gratitude to SENY (that's all of you reading this!) and *The Link*.

Jane E.



## Sober Holidays Are Possible From the PI Chair, Queens County

I will I will never forget the first time I attended a non-sober event after joining AA. I received an invitation to an airline reunion and ran it by my sponsor who strongly suggested that I not go. I argued that it was an industry event I could not miss, and accepted the invitation against his wishes. You see, my disease would not allow me to fully comprehend the danger of not taking my sponsor's suggestion.

I felt that at four months sober, a whopping 120 days without a drink, I was invincible, and all I'd need would be my sponsor's number and a pocket full of quarters - in 1992, there were no cell phones!

By the time I arrived, the soiree was in full swing and everyone I saw was either drunk or well on their way. The fully-stocked bar appeared to be as long as the Great Wall of China, and the musical playlist was amazing. My former airline roommate pulled me into the center of the room and announced my arrival as I hadn't seen most of these people since we'd flown together and partied around the globe years earlier.

In no time at all, I was being hugged, kissed and bombarded with barely intelligible conversation propelled by "whiskey breath." It was a nightmare. I was extremely uncomfortable but my disease just loved this 1970's style crew party.

"I'm on medication," is how I answered the never ending "have-a-drink" requests requests and after an hour of suffering, I felt the old AA acronym "H.A.L.T" to the max:

--HUNGRY: Because I was afraid to eat; not sure which food did not contain alcohol.

--ANGRY: At the miserable feeling of realizing I'd made a big mistake in coming here.

--LONELY: Because I was probably the only person in the room not drinking or drunk already.

--TIRED: Of people insisting that I drink.

I finally announced that I was going for cigarettes (I'm a non-smoker), left the building, ran to the pay phone and called my sponsor who calmly suggested I go to a meeting and share. I complied, lesson learned.

When we come to Alcoholics Anonymous, we join men and women with a plethora of sober references. We may feel better each day that we don't pick up a drink, but our thinking takes quite a while to improve. To that end, it's suggested that we rely upon a sponsor's assistance. Not ready to admit defeat, I ignored the "people, places," and things" suggestion as I wanted to exhibit a power that I really did not possess. What I didn't realize at the time, was that my unwillingness to take suggestions could have killed me.

The holidays, a time for family gatherings, parties and reunions, can be stressful if not deadly for an alcoholic. Feelings of isolation and abandonment frequently pop up which can lead us back to a drink. Fortunately, we also have many sober tools and events to help us survive these feelings starting with a sponsor's suggestions. If you have reser-

## The Big Book Unplugged From the Alt-DCMC, Suffolk County

AA's Twelve Steps are a gift passed on to us by the original members, whose experience, strength, and hope is recorded in our basic text, Alcoholics Anonymous. They agreed upon the Steps as a suggested program of recovery after long discussion. The base of the AA triangle represents the first of our Three Legacies, Recovery, the other two being Unity and Service.

At AA's 20th anniversary convention in St Louis, in July 1955, our co-founder, Bill W., presented the Three Legacies to the Fellowship. He spoke of the people and the streams of influence that made AA recovery possible.

"The Big Book Unplugged" is an exciting and informative PowerPoint presentation created and narrated by a member of the No Frills Group in Bellmore, New York. Come learn about the history of AA on Sunday, January 27, 2018. This event is sponsored by the Suffolk County General Service Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Love and service,  
**Jim S.**



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versations about attending any non-sober event, share about it at meetings, and above all, follow your sponsor's lead. There are Queen's county Share-A-Thons over Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, with back-to-back, round-the-clock meetings (and lots of great food). The Queens Intergroup Hotline and your group's GSR can tell you about events and sober parties and dances in your district and the county. We are fortunate to live in a city with non-stop 24/7 meetings in Manhattan, so there are lots of life-saving options.

One of the best ways to survive a holiday period is to increase our meetings. Meetings, meetings, and more meetings. Meetings are our medicine. Arrive early, help clean up or set up, stay late and help others by doing service.

Attend the "meeting after the meeting" at the diner or another venue, and experience fellowship with your (hopefully expanding) sober network. Make the commitment to stay sober at all costs, and stay close to the rooms. Above all, ask your Higher Power for guidance, and follow your sponsor's direction.

So is it possible to stay sober over the holidays? ABSOLUTELY! Simply reach for your "sober tool kit," just an arm's length away.

Yours in Service,  
**Antonio G.**

## Our 50th SENY Convention! From the 2018 SENY Convention Chair

Once again it's time to plan our SENY Convention, which will be held March 23-25, 2018. This one is extra special because it will be our 50th!

We're looking for more volunteers to help out during these months leading up to the event, as well as during the weekend of the convention itself. All are welcome! Feel free to contact either a committee chairperson directly, or Mike C., 2018 SENY Convention Chair, to let him know how you would like to help out: [convention@aaaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaaseny.org).

Here are the 2018 SENY Convention committee chairs:

Chair	Michael C.
Treasurer	Steve G.
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Publicity	Ben L.
Program	Jerry R.
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**The Link will publish a special, 50th anniversary SENY Convention issue to commemorate this wonderful milestone in Area 49 service and fellowship.**

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# 50th SENY Convention - March 23-25, 2018

50<sup>TH</sup> SENY CONVENTION  
MARCH 23 - 25, 2018



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SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK

## 2018 SENY CONVENTION

### Convention Highlights

**Friday 3/23:**  
*Kick Off & Welcome Meetings*  
**Saturday 3/24:**  
*Old-Timers, Theme, & Banquet Meetings*  
**Sunday 3/25:**  
*Spiritual Meeting*

**AA Panels & Workshops**  
*Alkathon Meetings*  
**AA Archives & AA Videos**  
*Spanish Meetings*  
*Al-Anon Meetings*  
**Hospitality Room**  
*Evening Entertainment*

Westchester Marriott Hotel  
670 White Plains Road  
Tarrytown, NY 10591  
Convention rate: \$129.00 + tax per night  
(single/double/triple/quad occupancy)  
Room reservation deadline: March 1, 2018  
Hotel reservations via phone:  
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Reservation code: SCTSCTA (King)  
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On-site Registration Hours:  
Friday 3 PM—11 PM Saturday 8 AM —midnight  
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Translation needs will be made only through  
pre-registration.  
**NO Pets ALLOWED!** Service Animals are  
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\*\* For further information contact: Mike C., SENY Convention Chair  
(718) 665-1253 (SENY voicemail) or [convention@aaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaseny.org) (SENY email)

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## Spotlight on SENY's History of Young People in A.A.

South Eastern New York's (SENY's) history of younger AA members extends back to the pioneering days of Alcoholics Anonymous. The first AA groups specifically intended for young sober alcoholics were named "thirty-five and under groups," and first appeared in the AA directory in 1947. Currently these groups are referred to as "young people's groups." The term "young" has taken on a broader meaning so as not to exclude those aged above thirty-five from attending the meetings. Today, "young" is defined as "young at heart" or "room to grow." At present, there are Young People's groups meeting every day of the week in Manhattan alone. Young People's groups are also in the other four boroughs of New York City and scattered throughout SENY. These meetings can be easily found in local AA directories.

As specific young people's groups grew in numbers and popularity, some chose to organize outside the group level and form committees directly responsible to the young people in their local area. Several committees' purpose was to plan and host conferences, conventions, while others structured themselves to be recognized as service committees instead.

The Bridge Over Troubled Water Young People's Conference (BOTWYPC) formed in the Bronx in 1984. This committee hosted conferences for seventeen consecutive years, with the exception of 1993 because of conflict with the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA), which New York City hosted that year. Generally held in February, BOTWYPC's met at Cathedral College in Queens, and in June at SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx or the College of Mount St Vincent in Riverdale. BOTWYPC hosted a Young People's Hospitality suite at the annual SENY Convention for many years, sometimes under ICYPAA's name and sometimes under their own. BOTWYPC was also highly involved in bringing the 36th ICYPAA to New York City in 1993.

ICYPAA has the most longevity of all Young People's Conferences. The first ICYPAA took place in Niagara Falls, NY in 1958 and did not return to New York until 1982, when it was hosted in New York City. The 25th ICYPAA of 1982, took place at the Statler Hilton Hotel, now renamed the Hotel Pennsylvania, across from Madison Square Garden. ICYPAA returned to New York City in 1993. The 36th and 52nd ICYPAA's took place at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Times Square with an attendance close to 5,000 each time.

In addition to BOTWYPC and ICYPAA, young people in SENY hosted several mini-conferences over the years. During the 1980s, young sober alcoholics from New York City held a conference in Stony Point, NY. Rockland County Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous also hosted a conference in Stony Point, NY during this same time. The Orange County Fellowship of Love Conference also existed during the 1980s in Warwick, NY.

I will I will never forget the first time I attended a non-sober Another large-scale young people's committee began in the 1980s and spanned across the entire state of New York, the New York State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics New York State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (NYSCYPAA) hosted approximately ten years of conferences. Two of these conferences unfortunately, have been remembered as rather infamous. A conference held in Long Island lost a great deal of money. SENY contributed to the host committee in order

to pay the balance to the college where NYSCYPAA was renting space.

Another conference, this time held at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains, NY, suffered the fate of being shut down by the hotel on Friday night because of their failure to meet room block and banquet commitments. BOTWYPC and a new Young People's service committee, the Tri-state Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (TRICYPAA), raised money to reimburse SENY for the Long Island mishap, and to pay the remaining balance to the Crowne Plaza. The majority of the money owed to the Crowne Plaza was paid, and the hotel relieved NYSCYPAA of the remaining balance due to negotiations with individuals of the ICYPAA Advisory Council. These two failed conferences were quite controversial in AA all the way to the General Service Conference level. All current delegates at the time received a letter regarding the matter. It has taken many years to repair these relationships, particularly in SENY.

TRICYPAA began the process of mending these relationships for the sake of current and future Young People's committees. TRICYPAA was a Young People's service and ICYPAA bid committee formed in 2001. The committee rotated its central meeting location within the tri-state area. Tension between members who wanted to focus the committee's work on service, and those who wanted to focus on the ICYPAA bid eventually dissolved the committee.

In early 2005, the New York City Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (NYCYPAA) committee formed. NYCYPAA's foundation is similar to TRICYPAA's in that it is a Young People's service committee and ICYPAA bid committee. NYCYPAA hosts multiple fellowship events throughout the year, participates in Share-A-Days in the New York City area, answers late-night phones for New York Intergroup every month, participates in the annual SEAT Convention, and facilitates weekly meetings in the juvenile wing at Riker's Island. It also provides a contact list for Bridging the Gap to local treatment centers, participates in Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community commitments, bids for ICYPAA annually, and makes regular outreach trips to young people's groups in all five boroughs. The committee attended the first panel for young people at the New York State Informational Workshop in 2006, and the first roundtable for young people at the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly in 2007. They held *The Grapevine/La Viña* writing workshops, and reviewed *In Our Own Words*, hosting a feedback session with the Executive Editor of *The Grapevine*. NYCYPAA also facilitated a screening of AA's videos for young people to provide feedback to the Area Delegate, and later shot video footage for submission to AA World Service's after a call for new videos for young people in AA. Later, they presented their video submission at District workshops, a SEAT Area Assembly, and at the Eastern Area Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous to encourage participation. NYCYPAA also hosted the 52nd ICYPAA in 2010.

NYCYPAA continues in service in the area enjoying a wonderful relationship with SENY. It is our hope that SENY will continue to experience an abundant and enthusiastic young people's community who wish to be a current part of, not just the future of A.A.

### **Intergroup/Central Office: Then and Now** *(part 1)*

Established and supported by local groups to carry out the functions of a centralized office, intergroups have provided thousands of desperate alcoholics with their first contact with Alcoholics Anonymous, either over the phone, in person, or, increasingly, online. With 469 intergroups/central offices listed with G.S.O. in the U.S./Canada alone (and nearly 700 worldwide), A.A. is so easily “searchable” these days that we often forget that, at one time, it played a little hard to get. Back in the early days, “A.A. wasn’t that easy to find,” wrote one oldtimer. “A carefully selected group of priests, judges and policemen knew about A.A.; our phone number wasn’t listed, and it could be gotten only by dialing Information.” This was a deliberate attempt to ensure that anyone wanting to get sober was sincere enough to make a real effort. But gauging the level of someone else’s desire to quit drinking was an often subjective judgment that the Third Tradition fortunately did away with.

In the very beginning, there was the Central Committee in Cleveland, Ohio, where by October 1939 a group of seven members convened on a regular basis to coordinate efforts regarding hospitalizations and sponsorship, doing crucial work at a time when the slip of just one member or the dissolution of just one group seemed to threaten the very existence of A.A. itself.

What Bill W. called “A.A.’s first organized service center” — the forerunner of today’s intergroup — sprang up in the Chicago suburb of Evanston. Around 1940, an A.A. member named Sylvia used the proceeds of her monthly alimony check to rent an apartment and establish a phone line. In 1941, after publication of the Jack Alexander article about A.A. in the Saturday Evening Post, Sylvia’s apartment began to resemble, according to Bill, “a sort of Chicago Grand Central,” with so many phone calls that Sylvia had to enlist the aid of Grace Coultice, a nonalcoholic secretary. Eventually, Sylvia and Grace upgraded to an office in the Loop (only a few blocks from where the current Chicago Area Service Office now has its offices), where they welcomed, Bill wrote, “a stream of applicants for Twelfth Step attention, hospitalization, or other help.”

Most early intergroup offices were nowhere near as elaborate as this: they were simply phone lines listed as belonging to A.A. but that were in fact connected to members’ homes. But Sylvia’s office inspired the opening of numerous early intergroup/central offices all over the Midwest, notably ones in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On the East Coast, New York Inter-Group essentially started when the doors of the 24th Street Clubhouse at 334½ West 24th Street opened in June 1940 and began

serving the members of Alcoholics Anonymous in the metropolitan area. By 1942, the Club, as it was called, began to serve as more than a meeting place and to function as a de facto central committee for over 20 A.A. groups, with two paid clubhouse secretaries who answered phones and manned the desk 12 to 14 hours a day. These were some of A.A.’s first “special workers,” as articulated in Tradition Eight, who were paid to make A.A. Twelfth Step work possible, as opposed to individual A.A. members who, on a voluntary basis, carry the message as part of their own Twelfth Step efforts. Eventually, in 1946, New York Inter-Group was established, moving away from the clubhouse (it was difficult to carry on the work of intergroup in a social atmosphere that included an endless poker game and, at one point, a restaurant) to a space on West 75th Street.

By the time of the first General Service Conference in April 1951, at least 16 intergroup/central offices were serving local groups. Since they predated the formation of the general service structure and performed a different A.A. function, they were not a part of the A.A. structure (except in Chicago, where the area service office and area committee are essentially one). At times over the years, there has been an overlapping of services, but, for the most part, intergroups and general service have come to work in harmony.

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### **Self-Support: A Unique Approach**

In recent months, G.S.O. has noticed a groundswell of Seventh Tradition contributions, each for \$7.27 — the dollar amount noted by the General Service Board treasurer as the average cost per member for G.S.O. to provide A.A. services to the Fellowship. Each year the treasurer comes up with an average number based on that year’s financial position. Recently, members of the Fellowship have latched on to this number, sending contributions to G.S.O. in that exact amount. The practice got started in the Pacific Northwest and has swept across the eight regions and 93 areas of the U.S. and Canada, reflecting the commitment of individual members to supporting the services that G.S.O. provides. For this, G.S.O. would like to say, “Thanks!” And to acknowledge the unique surge of contributions for \$7.27 that were sent to G.S.O. — on July 27 (7/27)!

## Upcoming Events & Workshops

### THE JOY OF SERVICE A SERVICE WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY SENY HOSTED BY BRONX & UPPER MANHATTAN

**SATURDAY DEC. 9, 2017  
1 - 4 PM**

- PANELS ON  
THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE THEME:  
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SAFETY IN A.A. - OUR COMMON WELFARE

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER (DCM)  
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BRONX, NY 10461  
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### 12 TRADITIONS WORKSHOP

Using our Traditions as a guide to better ways of  
working and living inside and outside of AA.

Breakfast & Lunch will be served  
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Date: Saturday, December 16, 2017  
Time: 8:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.  
Address: 3560 Richmond Rd.  
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For more info & to do service contact: Tommy W. 646-269-2494



### Our First Legacy: Recovery sponsored by Suffolk General Service

Save the Date  
Saturday, January 27, 2018

for a presentation of  
**Big Book UNPLUGGED®**

Richard H. from Amityville, NY will take us on a journey through the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. Through the lens of the Big Book, we will learn about the events that led up to the concept of Alcoholics Anonymous and the subsequent composition of the book, and we will get to know the various people and institutions that played key parts in the creation of the program and the book that we know and love today.

FREE ADMISSION !!!  
light breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be available at no charge  
Seating is limited. Reserve your seats in advance!!  
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Doors open at 9:00 am  
Program begins at 9:30 am and runs until 5:30 pm  
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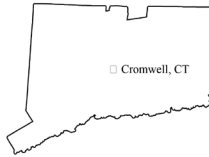
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*We Hope to see you and greet you there!  
Have A Sober Holiday!*

### SAVE THE DATE NERAASA '18 FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> 2018

Come Celebrate the 27th Annual Northeast Regional  
Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly!

Hosted by Area 11 Connecticut



FEBRUARY 23RD - 25TH 2018  
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### SUFFOLK COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE presents its

### 21ST ANNUAL UNITY BREAKFAST "AA - a Solution for All Generations"

Sunday, March 4, 2018

East Wind Catering Hall  
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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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### Upcoming deadlines for submission of articles and flyers to *The Link*:

Wednesday, December 27 (distribution at the January 13, 2018 Area Assembly)  
Sunday, January 21 (distribution at the February 5 Area Committee meeting)  
Sunday, February 18, for *The Link* issue celebrating our 50th SENY Convention  
(distribution at the March 5 Area Committee meeting *and* at the SENY Convention)

### Upcoming 2017-2018 Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies

12/04/17	7:30 pm	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472
01/13/18	8:30 am	Area Assembly	PS 48 William P Wilcox School, 1050 Targee Street, Staten Island, NY 10304
02/05/18	7:30 pm	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472
03/03/18	8:00 am	Delegate's Day of Sharing	<i>Manhattan County</i> : location TBD
03/05/18	7:30 pm	Area Committee	Church of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472

County General Service Meetings		Please visit <a href="http://www.aaseny.org">www.aaseny.org</a> for the most up-to-date information	
Bronx-Upper Manhattan (2nd Wed, every other month)	Bedford Park Congregational Church, 3008 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458	12/13/17	7:00 pm
Brooklyn (3d Wednesday, every other month)	St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn, NY 11201	1/17/17	7:30 pm
Hispanic Districts (3d Sunday, monthly)	Location rotates - please see <a href="http://aaseny.org">aaseny.org</a> or <a href="http://aacdhseny49.org">aacdhseny49.org</a> each month	12/17/17	9:30 am
Manhattan (3d Tuesday, every other month)	Seafarer's House, 123 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003	12/19/17	6:30 pm
Nassau (3d Monday, every other month)	Nassau Intergroup Office, 361 Hempstead Tpke, West Hempstead, NY 11552	12/18/17	7:30 pm
Orange (3d Tuesday, monthly; not July or August)	First Presbyterian Church, Campbell Hall, Rte. 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916	12/19/17	7:00 pm
Putnam (2nd Tuesday, monthly)	Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 76 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512	12/12/17	7:00 pm
Queens (last Monday, every other month)	Saint Mary Gate of Heaven Church, 101-18 104th St., Queens, NY 11416	12/11/17	7:30 pm
Rockland (3d Wednesday, monthly)	Elim Alliance Church, 40 Lake Road, Valley Cottage, NY 10989	12/20/17	7:30 pm
Staten Island (does not meet May, July or August)	Oakwood Heights Community Church, 345 Guyon Ave, Staten Island, NY 10306	12/10/17	7:00 pm
Suffolk (3d Friday, monthly)	True North Church, 1101 Lakeland Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716	12/15/17	8:00 pm
Sullivan (3d Sunday, monthly; except July & August)	Sullivan County Community College, 112 College Rd., Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759	12/17/17	3:00 pm
Westchester (3d Wednesday, monthly)	Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY10605	12/20/17	7:30 pm

Standing Committee Meetings		Please visit <a href="http://www.aaseny.org">www.aaseny.org</a> for the most up-to-date information	
Accessibility/Special Needs Committee (1st Friday, monthly)	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001	1/5/18	7:00 pm
Convention Planning Committee	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Ave., Bronx, NY 10454		
Corrections Committee (3d Saturday, monthly)	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Ave., Bronx, NY 10454	12/16/17	12:00 pm
PI & CPC Joint Committee Meeting (last Tuesday, monthly)	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001	12/19/17	7:15 pm
Treatment Facilities Committee (last Sunday, monthly)	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Ave., Bronx, NY 10454	12/17/17	11:30 am
SENY Committee Chairs Meeting	SENY Office, 99 Lincoln Ave., Bronx, NY 10454	1/28/18	12:00 pm

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