

Delegate's Link...

2020: A Clear Vision for You I am responsible...

After our Big Book was translated into Navajo, it was presented to the Honorable Russel Begaye, president of the Navajo Nation, by Class A Trustee Michele Grinberg with media present. Our Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees are the public face of AA. They do not need to be anonymous at the public level like we are and come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds; including legal, healthcare, corrections, clergy, and business. We have two new Class A Trustees: Al J. Mooney, M.D., and Sister Judith Ann Karam. Our General Service Board is made up of 21 Trustees, 14 Class B (alcoholic) and seven Class A (non-alcoholic) trustees.

Keeping in mind the Communication Audit, (see <https://www.aaseny.org/from-the-delegate> for the audit and more), I've started a new way (for me) to practice "I am responsible." I work with a lot of professionals who come into contact with alcoholics, and if I'm comfortable sharing that I'm an AA with them, I offer to sign them up for "About AA" and "Box 459." "About AA" is a twice-yearly newsletter we put out for professionals to inform them of what we do. We AAs are familiar with Box 459. If you're not, please reach out to me.

If they say yes (I would never sign anyone up without asking them), I go to www.aa.org and click on "For Professionals" at the bottom and sign them up. Until recently, I would not have done so. It was important for me to not disclose my membership in AA to people at work. Everyone has to make this decision for themselves. We know this: We never tell anyone that someone else is a member, and we are free on a personal level to disclose our membership to whomever we choose. On a public level (press, radio, TV, film and public forms of internet and social media) we do not disclose our membership with last names or photographs (Tradition 11). The 2013 General Service Conference determined that the internet and social media are inferred by Tradition 11. Using our last names to each other does not break anonymity. Anonymity refers to the public level. Many members, however, are not comfortable using their last names with other AAs. That too is the choice of the individual. I love how Tradition Three teaches me about personal liberty and that there are no AA police.

I used to hear "back to basics" a lot. My own experience is to never leave the basics, and to find more and more ways to practice all 36 Principles in all of my affairs.

Thank you so much for allowing me to have this awesome commitment for two years!

I am responsible,

Jane E.

Your voice in *The Link*

Your SENY Office

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 300 words, and email it to link@aaseny.org or mail it c/o The Link Editor, P.O. Box 571, NY, NY 10116. Thanks!

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The Love of Service = The Joy of Service

What is it like to serve as the Alternate Delegate? In one sentence: It is the most humbling, spiritual, challenging, and joy-filled commitment I've ever had.

- Humbling, because the more I learn, the more I realize I don't know doodley-squat. And I have discovered that by keeping my mouth shut, and not voicing my opinion, is just about the hardest thing I've ever had to learn. As an AA friend once said: "The best thing I ever said I never said".

- Spiritual, because, in talking with and being with so many trusted servants from so many backgrounds, counties, and points of view, it keeps me right-sized, and teaches me to think in terms of inclusiveness, acceptance, HOW, and to reach beyond my own little world.

- Challenging, because I need to be present for people at all times. Additionally the work load can be daunting – as the Delegate says in Dorothy Goes to Detroit: "You're at the bottom of the Triangle and you have to work your butt off." I have discovered, however, that enthusiasm makes it seem less like "work" and more like "doing good stuff"!

- And joy-filled? I have peace in my heart, because I have the privilege of being of service to others and I get to watch other members grow in service. I met with a YPAA (Young People In AA) this past weekend that I first met 10 months ago. Then, she was quiet; now, she is dynamic, passionate, doing service and carrying the message. I had nothing to do with it; I just got to witness the miracle.

Why am I telling you all this? It's simple: my commitment is no different than yours, it just has different responsibilities. Serving AA is a gift I never could have imagined. The bonds and friendships you will make in serving "below" the Groups will be like nothing you've ever experienced. Dr. Bob said that it all boils down to Love and Service, and it does.

Keep doing service. And don't quit before the miracle happens!

In Love and Service,
Alternate Delegate
Area 49, Panel 69, Tom B.

October Historical Dates

October 1, 1957- Alcoholics Anonymous book A.A. Comes of Age is published.

October 3, 1945 - AA Grapevine adopted as a national publication of AA.

October 6, 1988 - Lois W, Bills wife and co founder of Al- Anon dies at the age of 97.

October 8, 1988 - Memorial service for Lois at Stepping Stones, NY.

October 9-11, 1969 - First World Services meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.

October 17, 1935 - Ebby T., Bill's sponsor moves in with Bill and Lois.

October 28, 1928 - Bill wrote a promise in the family bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving he added a second promise.

October 24, 1973 - Trustees Archives Committee of AA has its First meeting.

October 1936 - Bill C., a Canadian staying at Bill's home, committed suicide using a gas stove.

October 1949- Florence R., AA'S first sober woman, begins drinking again, and commits suicide.

October 1951- The Lasker Award is presented to AA in San Francisco.

October 1954 - The "Alcoholic Foundation" was renamed the "General Service Board of A.A."

Chair's Report:

As some of you may already know, I have an interest in Archives and AA History. There is so much to read about and learn from where we came from.

I had the opportunity to attend the 23rd National AA Archives workshop in Detroit, Michigan, September 5-8, 2019. It was my fourth NAAAW Workshop. I have attended ones in Fort Lauderdale, Phoenix and Niagara Falls.

The title of this one in Detroit was "Our Footprints to Hope and Recovery"

It started out on Thursday morning with a bus tour narrated by Bill T., Area 33 Archivist.

There were many highlights including a viewing of the Bethel Evangelical Church, now named the Mayflower Missionary Baptist Church, where Reinhold Niebuhr, author of the Serenity Prayer, served as pastor from 1915-1928.

Location of the first AA Club in Detroit in 1945.

Location of Archie T.'s apartment where the first AA meeting in Detroit was held. There were five people in attendance. Location of where a school teacher was arrested for drunk driving and sent to AA by judge George Murphy.

Location of Old Cass Tech High School where Dr. Bob gave his last major talk on November 7, 1948 in front of 3,000 attendees.

We visited the grave of Archie T. at Woodlawn Cemetery and topped the trip off at the Area 33 Archives office and their Archives Repository.

There were 28 assorted workshops of all topics including Collecting, Preserving, The Cloud, Repository, Digital Preservation, Scope and Policy, and many more.

Gail L. from Akron did two interactive interviews, One with Nell Wing and one with Bill W.

April H. from The GSO Archives did an update on "Archives Project and Experience" Saturday afternoon.

Greg T. from GSO did a talk on "Archives" Friday night.

The next National AA Archives Workshop will be in San Antonio ,Texas, September 30 - October 3rd 2021; titled "Today is Tomorrows History"

"Pass It On"

SENY Chair, Jerry R.

Upcoming LINK Article/Flyer Submission Deadlines:

1. **10/23** for 11/10/19 Assembly
2. **11/20** for 12/2/19 Committee Mtg.
3. **12/9** for 1/6/20 Committee Mtg.



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12 pm - 12:30 pm **LUNCH**
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202 Amsterdam Avenue, between 96th and 97th Streets

SPEAKERS:
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IRENE from Hispanic District (Spanish)
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August 12, 2019 / September 9, 2019 / October 14, 2019

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until the 2020 Queens Share A Day event - TBD

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Brooklyn (3rd Wednesday, monthly)	St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn, NY 11201	7:30 pm
Hispanic Districts (3rd Sunday, monthly)	Location rotates - please see aaseny.org or aacdhseny49.org each month	9:30 am
Manhattan (3rd Tuesday, every other month)	Seafarer's House, 123 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003	6:30 pm
Nassau (3rd Monday, every other month)	Nassau Intergroup Office, 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead, NY 11552	7:30 pm
Orange (3rd Tuesday, monthly)	First Presbyterian Church, Campbell Hall, Rte. 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916	7:00 pm
Putnam (2nd Tuesday, monthly)	Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 76 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512	7:00 pm
Queens (last Monday, every other month)	Saint Mary Gate of Heaven Church, 101-18 104th St., Queens, NY 11416	7:30 pm
Rockland (3rd Wednesday, monthly)	Elim Alliance Church, 40 Lake Road, Valley Cottage, NY 10989	7:30 pm
Staten Island (2nd Sun.; no meetings May, July or August)	Oakwood Heights Community Church, 345 Guyon Ave, Staten Island, NY 10306	7:00 pm
Suffolk (3rd Friday, monthly)	1 Rue North, Community Church, 1101 Lakeland Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716	8:00 pm
Sullivan (3rd Sunday, monthly except July & August)	Sullivan County Community College, 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759	3:00 pm
Westchester (3rd Wednesday, monthly)	Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605	TBD

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Corrections Committee (3rd Saturday, monthly)	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	3-5:00 pm
PI & CPC Joint Committee Meeting (Sundays: 10/20/19, 11/17/19, 12/22/19)	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	12:00 pm
Treatment Facilities Committee (last Sunday, monthly)	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	10:30 am
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