

Delegate's Link...

Alcoholics Anonymous 70th General Service Conference (GSC) April 19-25, 2020
 Theme- 2020: A Clear Vision for You
 Workshop Topic- Attraction through Action

Delegate's Day of Sharing March 7, 2020 8:30am-3:15pm
 Cross Hill Academy, 160 Bolmer Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703

I learned from a past delegate that the Delegate's Day of Sharing (DDoS) started as an idea back in the 1990's and through the years evolved with each delegate until its present state. It was started not only to help our groups develop an informed conscience on final agenda items by involving more members, but also to help the delegate go to the Conference better informed about our Area's conscience. If you haven't been to a Delegate's Day of Sharing before, I hope you come this year. If you have been, I hope you come again!

In and out of AA, each of us has lots of opinions. The difference is that in AA, we strive to have an informed conscience through truly listening and understanding before sharing a viewpoint on something that we really don't know much about. How different this is from the uninformed opinions I'd loudly slur from a barstool!

An informed conscience is why the Delegate's Questionnaire will not be sent out prior to the DDoS on March 7. On that day seven AA members will present background information on seven final agenda items. Then, there will be time for GSRs to ask questions about each of the items. If your group does not have a GSR, you can still ask questions. That way, you can go back to your group and inform them. Then, the group can develop its own informed conscience and send it in. Or, you come to the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 4 to let us know how your group feels. Your group does not have to answer all of the items on the Delegate's Questionnaire; you can choose the items that interest your group most.

On March 7, the questionnaire will be available at the DDoS and posted on <https://www.aaseny.org/from-the-delegate>. Shortly after, the seven presentations will be posted as well in order to aid the groups in coming to a better-informed conscience. (You can print them out if your group prefers paper to online viewing.)

There is no sharing of viewpoints on any agenda item at the DDoS. The time to share your group's conscience will be done at the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 4. Also, there will be no business conducted at the Delegate's Day. (There will be a skit performed by AA members, and an Ask It Basket.)

I hope you can make it; I can't wait!

Love,
 Jane E.
 Area 49 (SENY) Delegate, Panel 69

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 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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An Aspect of Service - The Group's Voice

If you've read The Traditions, The Concepts, Our Great Responsibility, AA Comes of Age, or The AA Service Manual, one of the consistent themes is that the group's voice needs to be heard. Alternatively, just look at the upside-down triangle of service on page S-16 of the Service Manual, and note that the top of the triangle (and the biggest font) belongs to the A.A. Groups.

The groups are the bosses, the sanctuaries of recovery, the last place that a drunk like me could go before "jails, institutions and death" claimed me. Without the groups, many (most?) of us will drink again, and revert to that particular hell on earth that is reserved for alcoholics.

In order for the group's voice to be heard by all of us who serve, i.e. everyone below the groups in our service triangle, there has to be someone who speaks for the group, someone who feels its heartbeat and knows its wishes. That someone is the General Service Representative – the GSR.

Six times per year SENY asks its GSRs to attend an area service event: the SENY Assembly (5 per year) and the Delegate's Day of Sharing. It often involves getting up early and returning late, depending on the location; sometimes the weather is bad, or beautiful; and sometimes, on a Saturday or Sunday morning, we just want to go back to sleep. So I'll ask the question that our immediate past Delegate used to ask: "how important is your group?"

When the GSR attends an Assembly, the group's voice is heard by the one person who can carry that voice right to the General Service Conference: our Delegate. Watch your Delegate (and her Alternate) when people go up to the microphone at the next Assembly. We listen carefully to you, so that we can serve you and your group as effectively and as lovingly as possible.

Participation is essential in the AA service process, and it shows a special kind of gratitude: the kind of gratitude which helps to carry the message to the next drunk, and the next generation. Can you sacrifice 6 days a year in gratitude?

How important is your Group?

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

Step, Tradition and Concept of the Month.

Step Two - Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition Two - For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Concept II - The General Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

Detroit, Michigan- 2020 -

"Here we come." Love and Tolerance is our Code"

I'm looking forward to our International Convention in Detroit July 2 - 5, 2020. It will be my Sixth International and I don't think there is anything like it; meeting trusted servants from all over the world trying to do what we are doing and carrying the life saving and life changing message of AA. My first International was in San Diego in 1995. It was the second largest convention to date and I was overwhelmed with emotions that I did not know I had.

My friend from Staten Island who worked for the GSO chaired the Russian meeting, and it was amazing seeing the incredible gratitude that was displayed for AA coming to their country. I will never forget that. Jack Murphy Stadium was filled to capacity for the main meetings Friday night (The Flag Ceremony), Saturday night (The Old-timers meeting), and Sunday Morning (The closing Spiritual Meeting).

Before the first International Convention in 1950 in Cleveland, the Cleveland Fellowship of AA hosted a Big Meeting in June 1945, to celebrate AA's Tenth Anniversary. Twenty five hundred people from 36 states and two Canadian Provinces and one from Mexico attended to hear the speakers. So it wasn't surprising that the Cleveland Central Office wanted to sponsor the first International in observance of AA's 15th Anniversary.

To finance the Conference, the plan was that the Cleveland/Akron groups finance half of the convention and the Alcoholic Foundation (now the General Service Board) the other half. The program for the weekend would be a closed meeting so the proposed Traditions and other pertinent subjects would be fully discussed, followed by an open mass meeting in the public auditorium, addressed by Bill and Dr. Bob.

Dr. Bob was the first speaker who spoke for only 10 minutes due to his failing health, (few people knew that he was dying of cancer) but delivered an intensely interesting talk, and Bill W. closed the meeting. He reviewed AA from its beginning to its present time, and expressed belief that the Conference cemented all AA groups into one vast enterprise; and that the important thing is not the single group, but their combination.

Pass It On
Jerry R.
SENY Chair

We Can't Save Everyone

My friends,

I just had a "God moment." My younger son is a third-year medical student doing his Internal Medicine rotation at Good Samaritan Hospital. Today he told me that they admitted a 56 year-old woman with severe cirrhosis of the liver with fluid buildup that is affecting her lungs.

My son said that she is terminal, and is lying in bed watching TV, heavily sedated and intubated, watching TV; in a frightened state of denial.

She must have just thought that this time . . . like the many times before; she would be checked in, fixed, give some empty promises and go out for just "a few more times." This time it seems, her luck just ran out; her body said: "Sorry, no more."

Upon admission she lied about her drinking saying she "stopped four years ago," but her brother told the "real story" that she drank up until yesterday. I thought, my frustration welling up in me: perhaps we could have helped her had she reached out to us sooner.

Perhaps a pamphlet in a doctor's office, or an alert friend or family member, or a PSA on television could have saved her from the alcoholic death she now faces.

As we have been taught, this disease is not about will-power or something that can be cured by a pill or a shot. What really struck home was when my son came home today and said to me: "Dad, this lady made me think how lucky our whole family is that you found AA before it was too late!"

And so my friends, THIS is why we fight: We were chosen by God; we who have had the obsession to drink lifted from us by following a few simple principles. We who have stayed sober by going to ANY length to pass the message along to others.

We cannot deny a phone call or a request to help someone with this disease, whatever be the time day or night - we MUST not. We do our respective Service positions with a zeal and a passion that cannot be ignored. Some of us stand for office; "move down the triangle," we all must do what we are capable of.

When an opportunity to chair an event comes along, to just be of help in the kitchen or setting up, hand out flyers, or announce the event at a business meeting – we do it. We can't save every alcoholic who presents to the emergency dept this way; but we can be there for some.

THIS is what we fight for, and why we do Service; to save an individual and a family the agony of an alcoholic death. God can work wonders through us; as long as we are ready to receive Him.

In Trusted Service
Steve Sh.

DCM Panel 69, Districts 208,209 &211
Area 49, SENY

2020 S.E.N.Y. Calendar

Assemblies

Saturday- March 7, 2020- (DDOS) -
Westchester County

Saturday- April 4, 2020- Pre Conference -
Queens County

Saturday- June 13, 2020- Post Conference
Suffolk County

Saturday- September 12, 2020- Elections -
Manhattan County

Saturday- November 14, 2020-
Area Inventory - Putnam County

Committee Meetings

All committee meetings are at the Church
of the Holy Family, 2158 Watson Ave,
Bronx N.Y. 10472, 7:30- 9:30

Monday March 2, 2020

Monday May 4, 2020

Monday June 1, 2020

Monday October 5, 2020

Monday November 2, 2020

Monday December 7, 2020

Other Important Dates- 2020

February 21-23, 2020- NERAASA

March 13-15, 2020 NERD

March 27-29, 2020- S.E.N.Y. Convention

April 19-25, 2020

General Service Conference



52nd SENY Convention
 South Eastern New York Area 49

March 27 – 29, 2020

Westchester Marriott Hotel
 670 White Plains Road
 Tarrytown, NY 10591



Hotel Reservation Deadline: Thursday, March 5, 2020

Convention rate: \$134.00 + tax per night / Hotel reservations via phone call: 800-882-1042
 Reservation code if booking by phone only: SENY-Convention
 To make hotel reservation on-line or to register on-line please visit: www.aasenyn.org/seny-convention
 No pets allowed at the Westchester Marriott Hotel. The only exception are working/on-duty service animals

Convention Pre-Registration Deadline: March 1, 2020 ONE FORM PER PERSON REGISTERING

Full name _____ Name on badge _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____
 Zip _____ email _____
 AA _____ Al-Anon _____ Phone _____
 Home Group _____ Sober 25+Years ____/____/____
 Translation / ASL / Accessibilities Request? (Please Specify) _____

Convention On-Site Registration hours: Friday 3:00pm – 11:00pm, Saturday 8:00am – 12:00am

Banquet tables seat 10, To be seated together at the banquet, submit all forms together

Registration & Saturday Evening Banquet (\$90) _____

Please select an option from the menu: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian _____

Registration only (\$20) _____

Purchase a Scholarship Registration for someone less fortunate (\$20) _____

We are asking that Scholarship recipients contribute 1-2 hours of service during the convention weekend.
 To request a scholarship contact convention@aasenyn.org Limited number of scholarship available

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks or Money Orders Payable to: SENY Convention 2020
 Mail payment and registration forms:
 SENY Convention PO Box 1463 Lake Grove, NY 11755
 Questions? Write to: convention@aasenyn.org



52ª SENY Convención
 Sur Este New York Área 49

27 - 29 de Marzo, 2020

Westchester Marriott Hotel
 670 White Plains Road
 Tarrytown, NY 10591



Fecha límite de reserva de hotel: Jueves 5 de marzo de 2020

Tarifa de la convención: \$ 134.00 + impuestos por noche Reservas de hotel por teléfono, llame al: 800-882-1042
 Código de reserva si reserva solo por teléfono: SENY- Convention

Para hacer una reserva de hotel en línea o para registrarse en línea, visite: www.aaseny.org/seny-convention

No se permiten mascotas en el Westchester Marriott. La única excepción son animales de servicio / que están trabajando

Fecha límite de Pre-registración de la Convención: 1 de marzo de 2020 UN FORMULARIO POR PERSONA

Nombre completo _____ nombre en insignia _____
 dirección _____ Ciudad _____ Estado _____
 Zip _____ email _____
 AA _____ Al-Anon _____ Telefono _____
 Grupo Base _____ Sobrio 25+ años? ____/____/____
 ¿Traducción / ASL / Solicitud de accesibilidad? (Por favor sea específico) _____

Horario de Registración durante la Convención: viernes de 3pm a 11pm, sábado de 8am a 12 am

Mesas de banquete asienta 10, para sentarse juntos en el banquete, entregue todos los formularios juntos

Registración y banquete del sábado por la noche (\$ 90) _____

Por favor seleccione una opción del menú: Carne de res ____ Pollo ____ Pescado ____ Vegetariano ____

Solo Registración (\$20) _____

Compre una registración de beca para alguien menos afortunado (\$20) _____

Nosotros Estamos preguntando que los becarios contribuyan con 1-2 horas de servicio durante el fin de semana de la convención.
 Para solicitar una beca contacte convention@aasenyny.org Número limitado de becas disponibles.

TOTAL INCLUIDO: \$ _____

Haga los cheques o giros postales a nombre de: SENY Convention 2020
 Pago por correo y formularios de registración:
 SENY Convention 2020, PO Box 1463 Lake Grove, NY 11755
 Preguntas ? Escriba a : convention@aasenyny.org

Save the Date!

NERAASA 2020

29th Annual

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd 2020



Hosted by Area 43 New Hampshire

Radisson Hotel Nashua

11 Tara Blvd, Nashua, NH

For More info: www.neraasa.org

Q: what is the
Delegate's Day of Sharing?

- AA members present background information on the agenda items on the delegate's questionnaire.
- No business is conducted.
- AA members are encouraged to ask questions about the background information, so your group has an informed conscience.

All AA members are invited!

Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be served

**March 7, 2020
8:30 am-3:15 pm
Cross Hill Academy
160 Balmer Ave.
Yonkers, NY 10703**

No registration fee-7th Tradition "Hat" will be passed

Delegate's Day of Sharing (DDoS)

Let's have some fun!

March 7, 2020 Agenda

With Gratitude to Westchester General Service for hosting

8:30 am- Continental Breakfast

9:00 am- I am Responsible & Opening- DDoS Chair Nisaa

9:15 am- Delegate's Encouragement- Jane

9:45 am- Presentations of 4 Agenda Items- SENY AA members

11:30 Skit: Dorothy Goes to Detroit- SENY Players

Noon: Lunch (yum)

1:15 pm- Presentations of 3 Agenda Items- SENY AA members

2:30 pm-Ask it Basket- Francis Northeast Regional Trustee

3:15- Close with the Unity Declaration: "This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first, to keep our fellowship united, for on AA unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come."

Presenters: Annabel, Keith, Kimbley, Malini, Mel, Ray, Reina

SENY Players: Caitlin, Colleen, Eddie, Jane, Jo Ann, John, Marion, Mary, Melissa, Miriam, Rich, Scott, Tom

**Nassau County General Services
Presents:
"The AA Treasurer's Workshop"**



**Light Dinner will be served!!
Topics of Interest to ALL AA Treasurers discussed
in lively
Q & A format!**

Guest Speakers:
Gerald L - NSGS Treas.
Jo Ann M - SENY Area 49 Treas.
Jimmy M - Nassau Intergroup Treas.

WHERE: Nassau Intergroup, 361 Hempstead Tpke, West Hempstead, NY
WHEN : Monday, March 16th, 2020 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**Upcoming
LINK Article/Flyer
Submission Deadlines:**

- 1. 2/16/20 for 3/2/20
Committee Mtg.**
- 2. 3/18/20 for 4/4/20
Assembly.**
- 3. 4/16/20 for 5/4/20
Committee Mtg.**
- 4. 5/17/20 for 6/1/20
Assembly.**

WANTED:

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County General Service Meetings Please visit www.aaseny.org for the most up-to-date information

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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 meeting May)	Oakwood Heights Community Church, 345 Guyon Ave, Staten Island, NY 10306	7:00 pm
Suffolk (3rd Friday, monthly)	True 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	7:30 pm

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Archives Advisory Committee	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave., #201, New York, NY 10001	1:00 pm
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
12 Concepts of World Service Workshop (1st Wed., monthly)	Trinity Lower East Side, 602 E 9th St., New York, NY 10009	8:15 pm
SENY Service Participation Meeting	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001	7:00 pm
SENY Convention Planning Meeting	TBD	7:00 pm

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