

**On September 12 we held our first ever virtual SENY elections for our Panel 71 Area Officers!**

**Our Panel 71 Officers are: Delegate- Tom B., Alternate Delegate- JoAnn M., Area Chair- Nisaa A., Technology and Communications Officer- Mike O., Treasurer- Rich S. I wish them the kind of loving support I've experienced as a SENY Officer. (I'm misty eyed as I type this; thank you, SENY).**

**"What is a Panel?" Great question! The first General Service Conference was in 1951 and was of the first Panel, Panel 1. Each year thereafter a new Panel was seated and numbered representing half the then existing delegate areas. I'm a Panel 69 delegate; all delegates (like GSRs) serve for two years. I served during 2019-2020. About half of the delegates of the 93 Areas of the General Service Structure of the US and Canada "rotate in" on an even year, and the other half, on an odd year.**

**Our Service Manual (p. S111) includes which Areas start on an odd year, and which start on an even year. This assignment assures that every General Service Conference has second year delegates, and new first year delegates. It's just like at our homegroups: we have members with experience, and new people, with fresh ideas. SENY's is an odd year; our delegate-elect Tom, will rotate in on January 1, 2021. I will remain a delegate through 11:59 pm on December 31, 2020. Promptly at midnight, Tom B. becomes the delegate. The spirit of rotation. I will rotate on, as will the officers I serve with. Many of us prefer to say rotate "on", and not "off".**

**Former and seated (current) delegates often introduce themselves with their panel. One can tell which years they served by their panel. For example, I am a Panel 69 delegate which means I serve 2019-2020. Tom B. will be a Panel 71 delegate, serving in 2021-2022; one can count from 1950 to know.**

**There were so many meetings prior to our first virtual elections to ensure the veracity of our elections! We created a virtual equivalent of SENY past delegates looking people in the eye (as is done in real life), with the "Serenity Sentinels" rooms. Our special workers were given countless SENY customs and standards to implement virtually. I appreciate them, and other SENY members who joined in and worked hard to assure our elections would run as smoothly as possible (especially considering this was our first virtual implementation of a process we've used since the 1950's).**

**I'm deeply grateful to each member who made themselves available and stood for office. I'm thankful to the members of SENY for living the Fourth Concept by attending and participating in our elections.**

**I'm incredibly grateful and expect that I will be for the rest of my life (one day at a time) for the incredible experience of serving as your Panel 69 delegate.**

**In love, with service, (and, in love with service),**

**Jane E., Delegate, Panel 69, Area 49, South Eastern New York (SENY).**

### 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](mailto: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 – Serving

Hello, Friends. No, the title is not a typo. I suppose it's a variation of what I heard early on, that "you're either in AA or you're around AA." Those who are in AA and serve our fellowship tend to be the ones who stay sober, at least from what I've seen; and while this article is for all of us, it's particularly written for the GSRs, and for those who will step up as GSRs in the next rotation.

2020 has been a challenging and sometimes brutal year. For AA members it has been a time of upheaval, sudden and enforced change, new frontiers, sickness, and sometimes death. Doors have been closed and opened – a perfect example are virtual meetings, which for some are a source of annoyance (or worse), but for others are an incredible blessing. Money issues for individuals, groups and all other aspects of AA are pressing. The list goes on.

There is a Solution; and it starts with all those who serve.

For the past few months, I've referred you to Concept IX, the "Leadership Concept", and its four touchstones: tolerance, responsibility, flexibility and vision. Perhaps at this time, as trusted servants we can get behind another principle of leadership, one that is necessary (and critical) in times of crisis, loss and even disunity, and one that all of us need to give AND receive. That principle is healing.

For those of you who will stand as your group's next GSR, remember: you will carry your group's voice and its heartbeat to the service structure. You will be the messenger of AA's information and evolution back to your group. You will be the guardian of its Traditions. Additionally, you will be a leader in your group as it moves in whatever direction it chooses to go. Because you will be serving, and a healing influence.

When that load gets heavy, go to Bill W's final sentence in Concept IX: "We thank God that Alcoholics Anonymous is blessed with so much leadership in all of its affairs." Because in AA, leadership is serving.

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

## Concept of the Month- Concept X

*"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority; the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws."*

### October Historical Dates

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

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

**October 6, 1988 - Lois W, Bill's wife and co founder of Al-Anon dies at age 97.**

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

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

**October 10, 1970 - Lois W. reads Bill's last message at annual dinner at New York.**

**October 10, 1988 - Lois is buried next to Bill in Manchester, Vermont.**

**October 20, 1928 - Bill wrote a promise in the family bible to quit drinking. By Thanksgiving he added a second promise.**

**October 1949 - Florence R, AA's first sober woman starts drinking again; 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 AA.**

### Two new literature items from our Trusted Servants:

Thanks to our Archives Committee, the new Area History Book should be out by the year's end. The last time it was done was 2010. It was researched and updated by the County DC-MC's, the young people, and a possible article on the Covid-19 Pandemic and its impact on our Area and AA as a whole.

Thanks also to Mike O. ( D.C.M.C. Manhattan ) and his committee for updating our Area Handbook; Twelfth Edition. The digital version is on our website and It too should be out in printed copy and distributed by the year's end. The main change was to rename the position of Registrar to Communications and Technology Officer, and some small changes in that committee's job descriptions. I was looking at the First SENY Handbook from 1991 when we had our office at Ferris Place in the Bronx, ( Quite a long time ago ).

### Time for a Laughs

Both Al-Anon and AA members go to any length to prove a point.

Fed up with her husband coming home drunk every night, late one evening the wife drove her husband up the mountain to an overlook where they could see the local liquor factory in full swing below. Lights were flashing, machines were roaring, and trucks were pulling in and out.

"See!"... the wife said to her spouse. "They can make it faster than you can drink it"

"Yes!"... he replied, "but you have to admit, I've got 'em working nights to keep up."

Jerry R.  
SENY Area 49 Chair

**2020 WHAT A YEAR!  
OUR FELLOWSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC**



**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING  
HOSTED BY SENY ARCHIVES**

**SATURDAY 10/10/2020 AT 10 AM - 1 PM  
ID: 878 5609 4835 PASSCODE: 18525  
DIAL BY LOCATION 1 646 876 9923 US (NEW YORK)**

South Eastern New York Area 49 of Alcoholics Anonymous

*Mark Your Calendar*

**53<sup>rd</sup> SENY Convention**

Start: March 05, 2021 @ 5:00 pm

Ends: March 07, 2021 @ 12:00 pm

*Alcoholics Anonymous*  
53<sup>rd</sup> SENY CONVENTION AREA 49 - 2021



**AA IN A TIME OF CHANGE**

**Convention Highlights**

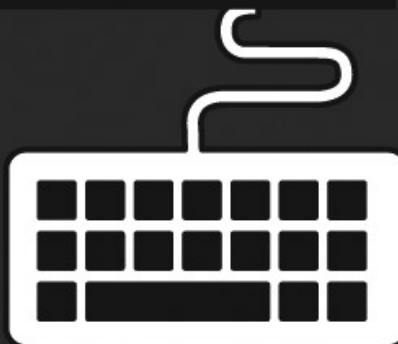
Speaker Meetings • Dynamic Panels and Workshops • Alkathon Meetings •  
AA Videos Workshops in Spanish • All main Meetings Will be Translated into  
Spanish • Long-Timer's Meeting • Entertainment • LGBTQ+ • Al-Anon / Alateen  
Young People in AA • Hospitality room • Much more



**NORTHEAST REGIONAL  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
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2021<sup>V</sup> NERAASA**

**February 26, 27, and 28, 2021**



**Please be advised of the following LINK publication  
deadline schedule of submissions for the balance of 2020:**

- 1. 10/14/2020 produced at the November 2nd committee meeting.**
- 2. 11/18/2020 produced at the December 7th committee meeting.**

## County General Service Meetings Please visit [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org) for the most up-to-date information

<b>Bronx-Upper Manhattan (2nd Wed. every other even mn.)</b>	Bedford park Congregational Church, 3008 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458	7:00 pm
<b>Brooklyn (3rd Wednesday, monthly)</b>	St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St., Brooklyn, NY 11201	7:30 pm
<b>Hispanic Districts (3rd Sunday, monthly)</b>	Location rotates - please see <a href="http://aaseny.org">aaseny.org</a> or <a href="http://aacdhseny49.org">aacdhseny49.org</a> each month	9:30 am
<b>Manhattan (3rd Tuesday, every other month)</b>	Seafarer's House, 123 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003	6:30 pm
<b>Nassau (3rd Monday, every other month)</b>	Nassau Intergroup Office, 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead, NY 11552	7:30 pm
<b>Orange (3rd Tuesday, monthly)</b>	First Presbyterian Church, Campbell Hall, Rte. 207, Campbell Hall, NY 10916	7:00 pm
<b>Putnam (2nd Tuesday, monthly)</b>	Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 76 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512	7:00 pm
<b>Queens (last Monday, every other month)</b>	Saint Mary Gate of Heaven Church, 101-18 104th St., Queens, NY 11416	7:30 pm
<b>Rockland (3rd Wednesday, monthly)</b>	Room #107, #25 Smith Street, Nanuet, NY 10954	7:30 pm
<b>Staten Island (2nd Sun.; no meeting May)</b>	Oakwood Heights Community Church, 345 Guyon Ave, Staten Island, NY 10306	7:00 pm
<b>Suffolk (3rd Friday, monthly)</b>	True North Community Church, 1101 Lakeland Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716	8:00 pm
<b>Sullivan (3rd Sunday, monthly except July &amp; August)</b>	Sullivan County Community College, 112 College Road, Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759	3:00 pm
<b>Westchester (3rd Wednesday, monthly)</b>	Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY 10605	7:30 pm

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<b>Accessibility/Special Needs Committee</b>	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	TBD
<b>Archives Advisory Committee</b>	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave., #201, New York, NY 10001	1:00 pm
<b>Corrections Committee (3rd Saturday, monthly)</b>	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	3-5:00 pm
<b>PI &amp; CPC Joint Committee Meeting</b> (Sundays: 10/20/19, 11/17/19, 12/22/19)	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	12:00 pm
<b>Treatment Facilities Committee (last Sunday, monthly)</b>	SENY Office, 1231 Lafayette Avenue, Suite L2, Bronx, NY 10474	10:30 am
<b>12 Concepts of World Service Workshop (1st Wed., monthly)</b>	Trinity Lower East Side, 602 E 9th St., New York, NY 10009	8:15 pm
<b>SENY Service Participation Meeting</b>	NY Intergroup Office, 307 7th Ave. #201, New York, NY 10001	7:00 pm
<b>SENY Convention Planning Meeting</b>	TBD	7:00 pm

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