Happy, Joyous & Free Area 48 Newsletter

April, 2026

My dear AA friends,

Happy Spring! Hopefully winter is finally behind us.
I attended the Delegate's Day of Sharing on Saturday, and it was a great example of how AA's service structure works as we prepare for the General Service Conference (April 26–May 2, 2026). We reviewed the eight proposals, heard background and history on each, and reached a general group consensus. Dolores will carry this input, along with questionnaire responses, to help guide her at the Conference.

I continue to be impressed by AA's service structure. When I first came in, I thought it was all about the meetings—but over time, I've come to truly respect how thoughtful and effective it is.

In this issue, you'll find more information about the Conference, what comes next, service chair reports, updates from the General Service Office, and new announcements.

Enjoy!

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Recovery

Unity

Service

And Love...

The AA Principles of the Month

April

Step 4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group consider the welfare of nearby groups in its actions and decisions? Of AA "as a whole"?
3. Do I judge or criticize other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—their lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I ever criticize certain groups because I think they don't do things how I believe AA should be done?

Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

- What is the "Right of Participation"?
- Is there a spiritual reason underlying this Right? What does "…in reasonable proportion…" mean?
- Do I expect that, because I'm an A.A. member, I should be allowed to vote in election at any group, even if I am not an active member of that group?
- Do I attend my home group's business meetings regularly as a participant rather than an onlooker?

Officer and Committee Chair Reports

Delegate's Connection

The weekend of March 13-115, Sue and I attended the Northeast Regional Delegates (NERD) Reunion in Wilmington, Delaware. It was a valuable opportunity to connect with the other Delegates in our region and to learn from those who have served before us. These relationships matter. They help us share experience, ask better questions, and prepare more fully for the General Service Conference. I am grateful to Area 48 for supporting my attendance—this preparation directly strengthens how I serve you.

ﷺ What's Happening in A.A. Service

General Service Board (GSB)

The General Service Board, along with the AA World Services (AAWS) and Grapevine/La Viña boards, continues its regular quarterly work guiding A.A.'s service structure.
A few highlights:

- The General Service Conference Final Report will now be available digitally only https://aaws.widen.net/content/yf0tmo53j9/pdf/205_FINAL_CONFERENCE-REPORT_anonymity_EN_ONLINE.pdf

ﷺ Literature & Publications

There is a lot happening in A.A. literature right now:

- The Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) ***The Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous****, published November 1, 2024, celebrated its one-year anniversary, after considerable demand and four print runs, with 322,000 total copies in print*.
- • Sales: First-year total print copies distributed (over its first 12 months) totaled 215,574 copies.
- • Revenue: First-year total revenue stands at $1,908,706.98 (gross sales). • First-year print copies for distribution bought by IGCOs: 94,100 copies. • First-year International sales (to mainly A.A. GB and A.A. Australia GSOs) totaled 7,406 units.
- • First-year reported eBook sales totaled 7,789 units.
- • 2,240 eBook units were accessed in the first 12 months that the book was made available on tablets in corrections venues (as reported by Edovo).
- • Plain Language Big Book audiobook was approved by AAWS to move forward utilizing professional narrators experienced with A.A. literature at a leading professional audiobook production house, and it is on schedule to be released by mid-year,

  June 2026
- The Fifth Edition of the Big Book
  - A final draft will be reviewed at the 76th General Service Conference

Delegate's Connection, cont.

○○ If approved, it will move forward as part of A.A.'s collective conscience
● The 12 Steps Illustrated pamphlet has been redesigned and will be available in a ne display format https://www.aa.org/twelve-steps-illustrated
● All facsimile First Edition Big Books (red and yellow cover) have now sold out

General Service Office (GSO)

● The GSO building renovation is complete and reopening is expected in early April

● New issues of:
○ Box 459- A useful source for AA news
○ www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-36_winter2026.pdf

○ About A.A. (for professionals) For professionals of all types who deal with alcoholics, including professionals in the fields of healthcare, law, corrections
https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/f-13_winter2026.pdf
○ First Quarterly Meeting of the Trustees and Members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

● Demand for services continues to grow:
○ Over 95,000 emails and nearly 1,000 calls were handled in a recent six-month period

�� Grapevine & La Viña

● The Grapevine/La Viña app has now:
○ Paid back its startup costs
○ Begun generating income
○ New books and ongoing calls for stories continue to support member engagement

This is a strong example of how A.A. is using new tools to carry the message while remaining self-supporting.

�� Financial Snapshot (Why It Matters)

A.A. is currently facing some financial pressure:
● Contributions and literature sales came in below projections in 2025
● **The reserve fund is about 5–6 months**, below the goal of 9–12 months
● A literature price increase went into effect in February 2026
● Some services are being reduced or delayed

At the same time, demand for services is increasing.
This creates a real tension:

Delegates Connection, cont.

2. ● More people are reaching out—but fewer resources are available.

Conference Preparation Is Underway

Since early February, I have received:

- Final Agenda Items
- Background materials across all Conference committees
- Financial reports, surveys, and planning documents

This is the work of the Delegate—not done alone, but with you.
Through:

- District meetings
- Delegate's Day of Sharing
- Ongoing conversations
- Home group meetings, if invited

—we are developing Area 48's collective conscience to bring to the Conference in April.

�� Upcoming Opportunities

- **Spring Assembly & Report Back** (May16,Saratoga)
  After Conference comes the Delegate's Report Back — when the Conference comes home to the Area.
  This is where members get to hear what happened, what was decided, what was important, and what it may mean for our groups moving forward. It is not just a list of business. It is the chance to hear the story, the spirit, and the substance of the Conference from the person who was in the room. If you want to know how A.A.'s group conscience becomes Conference action, this is where it all starts to come alive.
- Opportunities for home group, district and cluster visits after Conference

I am always available to visit your district or group to share information and hear your experience.

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In grateful service,
Dolores K.
Panel 76 Delegate *
Area 48 – Northeastern New York

*** There will be a Special Delegates Connection to cover "what happens next" on April 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm Check the Announcements for the sign in Information

Delegates Connection, cont.

What Happens Next

First, the delegate keeps listening. The delegate hears from groups, districts, Area members, emails, and conversations across the Area. Delegate's Day helps the delegate hear the sense of the Area, but it is not the last step. It is one part of getting ready.

Next, the delegate studies the full Conference agenda. The 76th General Service Conference has 14 committee sections or groups of business. These include committees like Literature, Finance, Public Information, Trustees, Agenda, and Report & Charter. The work of the Conference is much bigger than the few items any one Area may talk about before Conference.

Then the work begins in committees. Most items first go to a Conference committee. That committee reads the background, talks about the item, asks questions, and decides whether to make a recommendation. Some items move forward. Some are changed. Some are sent back for more work. Some do not move ahead at all. At the Conference, the delegate serves on one committee, (my committee is Report and Charter) but that does not mean the delegate votes only on that committee's work. When committee reports come to the full Conference, the delegate votes as a full Conference member on business from all the committees. That is an important part many of us do not realize.

For the 76th General Service Conference, the final agenda shows about 73 agenda items. That total includes new items, carryover items, standing items, and reports. So the delegate's job is not just to carry 8 proposals to New York City. The delegate's job is to listen carefully, prepare well, serve on a committee, and vote on all the Conference business.

So the short version is this: our Area discussed 8 selected items, but the delegate prepares for the whole Conference. The items are first worked on in committees. Then committee recommendations come to the full Conference floor. Then the full Conference votes. That is how a proposal moves from discussion to possible Conference action.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who took part in Delegate's Day of Sharing. Thank you for showing up, listening carefully, asking thoughtful questions, and sharing your experience and conscience. Your participation matters. It helps the delegate go to the Conference better informed, better prepared, and more connected to the voice of Area 48. That is real service, and it is deeply appreciated.

Dolores K
Area 48 Delegate
Panel 76 Report& Charter Committee

Here is a visual of the week at Conference in NYC. Another of the delegates compiled this for us.
https://1drv.ms/x/c/bbf24a810304c451/IQBb5nRmVNuAQrrAuGGSmNYpAVaweNc0vEKQSJJ7BN2D6i8

Whenever I doubt that I am up to this responsibility, I remember that each of our past delegates have done this work, and that you, Area 48, trust me enough to have delegated me to bring your voices to AA and my Higher Power has always had my back. And as I have been told- "no one person can break AA" and to trust the process and BREATHE!

Chair/Alt Delegate Report

March was a busy month! I began on the very first day with a great GSR Forum, where our Delegate, Dolores, attended and presented about the GSR's role in getting their group's conscience to the General Service Conference through the Delegate. I attended two Delegate Connection meetings and a special meeting District 20 requested specifically about the topics our Delegate selected for the survey.

On March 13-15 I attended the Northeast Regional Delegate's Reunion, which was in Wilmington, Delaware. All but one of the 18 Northeast Region's Alternate Delegates attended and we got to meet and discuss our roles and how they differ from Area to Area. We also planned out the presentation that we're doing for the rest of the US/Canada Alt Delegates in May. I had a great time and really enjoyed chatting with the other Alt Delegates. We had met in NERAASA, but it was with the Delegates too and there was no discussion. The NERAASA roundtable was a meeting where the Northeast Regional Trustee relayed information to the delegates. I found the Reunion weekend to be extremely helpful and inspiring.\

On March 28th our Area had our Delegate's Day of Sharing. We had over 70 people at the venue and another 30 online! I was pleased with how smoothly it went and heard good feedback from attendees about how helpful it was. I was most impressed with the 8 people that presented a Final Agenda Item and a succinct description of the background for it. I know Dolores will bring the well-informed conscience of our Area to the General Service Conference. I'm looking forward to our Voting Assembly in May in Saratoga Springs.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to you, Area 48, and to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Gratefully yours,
Sue W.
Area Chair/Alternate Delegate

Alternate Chair Report

For all who attended the Delegates Day of Sharing, whether hybrid/virtual, or in person, thank you, and hope the discussion on Agenda Items was helpful to all.
If you have yet to submit the Group Conscience results, or have any GSR's still in the process, the deadline for submission is April 13th!
With the Delegate well-equipped for representing the aggregate Area 48 Group Conscience, we are eagerly anticipating the results of the General Services Conference.
Our next events are Spring Voting Proposal Assembly, hosted by D5 and the ADK Cluster, May 16th,
and then a Joy of Service Day hosted by D4, and the Central cluster, on June 13th.
I hope we all support our trusted servants in getting these events prepared, and successfully delivered..
Looking forward to seeing all DCM's and Alts on the 3rd Sunday monthly call, 5pm, for about an hour.

Join Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95273021180?pwd=amdUTmJjWi9HdnZvNCtlcC9iWlVyZz09
Meeting ID: 952 7302 1180
Passcode: DCMfun

Yours in Service, Vo N.

Secretary Report

It was great seeing everyone on Saturday at the Delegates Day of Sharing and learning more about the Proposals.

Due to the limited time between the event and deadline for the Newsletter, I was not able to get the minutes completed in time. They will be sent out as soon as I have them finished and will also hopefully be on the nenyaa.org Secretary page in the near future.

Here are some Highlights from Our Delegates Day (Details will be in the full minutes):
Proposal 1: Remove Dr. Bob's quote from the Service Manual. The majority of votes were Opposed
Proposal 2: Location of the General Service Conference. The majority of votes were Opposed
Proposal 3:Who can serve, Geographically in the Area. The majority of votes were Opposed
Proposal 4: Updates to Pamphlet P-11. The majority of votes were In Favor Of
Proposal 5: 12 Step Workbook. The majority of votes were In Favor Of
Proposal 6: Safety Videos. The majority of votes were In Favor Of
Proposal 7: Grape Vine/La Vina contributions and funding. The majority of votes were In Favor Of
Proposal 8: Animated Videos for 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. The majority of votes were In Favor Of

Yours in Service,
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Accessabilities

HI Everyone! My name is Amy M and I am the new Area 48 Accessibilities Chair. I am looking forward to learning more about how Area 48 can assist the districts and groups with any accessibility needs they may have. My email contact is accessibility@nenyaa.org

Accessibility challenges apply to all alcoholics who have difficulty participating in Alcoholics Anonymous, whether those are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, or other factors that vary among people. Some of these alcoholics may experience barriers to accessing the A.A. message, including the literature, meetings, sponsorship, Twelfth Step work, and the service structure. Whatever the access barrier may be, the goal of our members and especially those who serve on Accessibilities Committees, is to find solutions to help ensure every alcoholic can participate in A.A. meetings, Twelfth Step work, and A.A. service

Join us every month
Accessibilities Committee Monthly Service Meeting Time: 6:00pm Eastern Time (US and Canada) Every month on the Second Thursday
Meeting ID: 822 5687 7420
Password: 353180

Tech Chair

The Technology Committee continues to make steady progress toward a more secure, organized, and sustainable technology structure for Area 48.

Yours in Service,

Zak P.

NENY Area 48

Panel 76 Technology Chairr

webmaster@nenyaa.org.

Public Information

Still finding our way with CPC/PI monthly meetings. Had some great input from district chairs as to what they would like future meetings to look like. The importance of setting up district email was again discussed. Moving forward we will be emailing out monthly minutes and following an agenda for future meetings.

I attended the CPC/PI Working Group on March 14th. Topic was websites - well attended from across the country - this is a great resource for all. Meets the second Sunday of every month. The next meeting is April 11th 12PM ET. 833 2428 3764 passcode 411

We are keeping the same design for Area PI postcards, but would like the barcode to have analytics prior to ordering for 2026. I will be reaching out soon to see how to make that happen.

Hoping to have some guests at future Area CPC/PI monthly meetings

- Librarian to give us information on “Read to Recovery”
- GSO Public Information Chair
- GSO Cooperation with Professional Community Chair

All are welcome to attend our monthly meeting. We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month. The next meeting is Thursday April 23rd 6:30PM. 868 7177 3923 passcode 080625

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Please reach out at any time.

Susan
Area 48 Public Information Chair
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Literature

Hi Everyone,
I am grateful to have experienced NERAASA, our Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly this year. It is always a fun, working weekend of learning and sharing information with the fellowship of the entire North East Region.
My days were filled with workshops and panels.
I sat in on the writers workshop for the ‘Transgender’ and ‘Asian American’ pamphlets. Learning about the process of creating our pamphlets and the amount of time and caring involved by the past Trustees that I met, is heart warming.
By the time you read this Newsletter, the call for these stories will be closed, and then the task of reading ‘all’ of the submissions begins!
There was a large open space filled with Literature, Grapevine, La Vina, and Archives, they called it the ‘Experience Room!’ It truly was an experience!
We also talked about the upcoming 5th Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
I am waiting to see how the review process of the draft of the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* at Conference turns out!

I am excited for our Delegates Day of Sharing next week to hear more about what's on the agenda for Literature this year at Conference:

a. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
b. Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.
c. Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book *Alcoholicos Anonimos* - Spanish.
d. Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous.*

Literature, cont.

a. Review progress report on the update to the book *Living Sober.*
b. Review progress report on the development of a *Plain Language Big Book* amendment process.
c. Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.
d. Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic.
e. Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* not included in the draft Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous.*

To all Literature chairs and Grapevine/LaVina chairs (and all who love our A.A. Literature, all are welcome to join us every 3rd Thursday of every month we host a joint virtual Literature-Grapevine/La Vina committee meeting at 6:30 PM. Come ask questions, learn and talk about our Literature and Grapevine. Scott and I will be hosting, and we'd love to see you there. This month we welcomed D-17's newest Literature and Grapevine/La Vina committee chairs. We all shared an informative and lively hour about both committees.

Join Our Meeting on the Zoom Platform

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84064855953?pwd=LzI2ZUxFaU9qQndTZmpQaU83Q2RQUT09

Meeting ID: 840 6485 5953
Passcode: 394275

"Our Primary Purpose" is the Official Podcast from the General Service Office (GSO) of Alcoholics Anonymous for the U.S. and Canada. Through interviews with GSO staff and voices from A.A. history and the Fellowship today, they explore how GSO supports A.A. to carry the message of recovery to those who need it most, which is Our Primary Purpose. Season 2 is now available on most popular podcast platforms, as well as from the *'Meeting Guide App'* under the *News tab*. New episodes are released every Tuesday.

Here are links to A.A. Young People Shorts, from the Meeting Guide app:

https://youtube.com/shorts/gpA-mhNIBT4?si=tpTdJ2BAJYtIQ-7Y

https://youtube.com/shorts/mbEbkHxljQ4?si=nWQ6shcmkvJD5XBT

https://youtube.com/shorts/TYJiyaioJjw?si=pzBYNTRvkOzKQqTe

https://youtube.com/shorts/hQJ2jMppUqE?si=0HEWjh8sVyc7sz-o

Treatment Chair

Hello everyone from the Treatment Chair.

I wish to invite all District Treatment Chair to our next Treatment/ Bridging the Gap (BTG) online meeting April 8th at 6:30. **The Id is :861 6963 8196 and the passcode is: 741803.**

This meeting is every month on the second Wednesday of the month same time same place.

The meeting is informal and we try to keep is as a short check-in to see what is happening in your Districts and answer any questions and concerns you may have. Anyone is welcome to attend and see what Treatment and BTG are doing.

Please Try to have someone from your District attend the meeting so that we can discuss ways to improve our outreach services of AA to different facilities. DCM's you are encouraged to attend if you don't yet have a Treatment or BTG Chair for your District.

Hope to see you there.

Howard W,

Yours in Service,

NENY Area 48 Treatment Chair

Grapevine/La Vina

Monthly meeting, third Thursday, 6:30 pm.
ID: 840 6485 5953
Passcode: 394275
Scott S
La Vina / Grapevine Chair
Grapevine@nenyaa.org

Inclusivity

Monthly Meeting, Third Tuesday, 6:30 pm
ID: 898 3966 8615
Passcode: 947900

Yours in Service
Diane R
A48 Inclusivity Chair
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Bridging the Gap

Hi everyone,
Our Monthly meeting is the 2nd Weds of the month at 630p est . The meeting ID is 8616963 8196, The Passcode is 741803. Please come to find out how we can reach more treatment facilities. Please also request BTG cards to give to facilities and I will get them to you. btg@nenyaa.org Contact me if you have any question. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Chrissy O
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Bridging The Gap Chair
Area 48 • Northeast New York

Corrections

Hello everyone,

As we move forward into this new month, I want to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming monthly meeting. Our collective efforts are centered on the spirit of unity and service, ensuring that we are effectively showing up for those currently behind the walls.
Our mission is most impactful when we work together, and your voice is a vital part of that process. We are always looking for ways to better serve our community, and I welcome any feedback or ideas you may have to improve our outreach and support.

Meeting Details

• When: 4th Monday of the month

• Time: 6:30 PM• Meeting ID: 867 1213 3948

• Password: A48Correct

In the spirit of fellowship, let's continue to work toward our common goal of carrying the message of hope and recovery. I look forward to seeing you all there and hearing your thoughts on how we can continue to grow this vital service.

Yours In Service,
Philip Bechard
Area 48 Corrections Chair
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APPROVED – 2026 AREA 48 NENY EVENTS CALENDER
Revised 1/17/2026

DATE	EVENT	HOST
Dec. 2025 - January 2026	Convention Committee begins work on November 2026 Convention	Adirondack Cluster
January 10, 2026	Orientation Day *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	Eastern Cluster – D2 Lead
February 20-22, 2026	Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA)	Portland, ME – Area 28
March 13-15, 2026	Northeast Regional Delegates' Reunion (NERD)	Delegates and Past Delegates Only
March 28, 2026	Delegate's Day of Sharing *(Agenda set by Delegate and Area Chair)*	HV Cluster – D3 Lead
April 26-May 2, 2026	General Service Conference	Delegates Only – NYC
May 16 or 17, 2026	Spring Voting Proposal Assembly *This one or one in Oct. needs to be on a Sunday. (Agenda set by Area Chair)*	ADK Cluster – D5 Lead
June 13 or 14, 2026	Joy of Service Day *(Agenda set by Cluster)*	Central Cluster – D4 Lead
July 10-12, 2026	NYS Informational Workshop	Stony Point, NY - Area 49
September 19 or 20, 2026	Fellowship Day *(Agenda set by Cluster)*	Eastern Cluster – D18 Lead
October 17 or 18, 2026	Fall Voting Proposal Assembly *This one or one in May needs to be on a Sunday. (Agenda set by Area Chair)*	Western Cluster – D12 Lead
November 6-8, 2026	Area 48 Convention	ADK Cluster
November 21 or 22, 2026	Area 48 Inventory Day *(Agenda set by Area Chair)*	HV Cluster – D7 Lead
December 2026		

Clusters

Adirondack (ADK)..... D5, D10, D13, D19
Central..... D4, D8, D14
Eastern..... D1, D2, D18
Western..... D9, D12, 20
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Meet Your Trusted Servants, NENY Area 48, Panel 76

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https://nenyaa.org/area-48-committee-monthly-meetings.

Area 48 Recurring Events

• GSR (Gen Service Rep) Forum | 1st Sundays @ 7pm (see Announcements)
Open to any member of AA! You do not have to be a GSR or a member of Area 48 to attend.
• District Committee Members Meeting | 3rd Sunday @ 5:00pm
* Grapevine Story Hour | 2nd Tuesdays @ 7pm (see Announcements)
• Your Delegate Connection | First Thursday@ 7:30pm (See Announcements)
• Treasury Committee | 3rd Monday @ 6:30pm

Area 48 Committee Meetings

• Accessibilities | 2nd Thursday @ 6:00 pm | ID: 822 5687 7420, Passcode: 353180
• Bridging the Gap (BTG)/Treatment | 2nd Wednesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 861 6963 8196, Passcode: 741803
• Corrections | 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 | 867 1213 3948, Passcode: A48Correct
• Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) & PI (Public Information) | 4th Thursdays @ 6:30pm | 868 7177 3923, Passcode: 080625
• DCMs & Alt DCMs + Functions 3rd Sundays @ 5pm | ID: 952 7302 1180, Passcode: DCMfun
• Grapevine & Literature | 3rd Thursdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 840 6485 5953, Passcode:394275
• Inclusivity | 3rd Tuesdays @ 6:30pm | ID: 898 3966 8615 Passcode: 974900
• Technology | 4th Wednesdays @ 7pm | 829 5229 5872, Passcode: Techteam48
• Treasury I 3rd Mondays @ 6:30pm I Meeting ID: 814 0888 4467 Passcode: 472485

Proposal for Consideration
Area Spring Voting Assembly

Proposal: Make the Area Alternate Secretary a Stand-Alone Position

Currently, the Area Registrar serves as Area Secretary in the absence of the Area Secretary.

The Area Secretary is a distinctly different position from that of Registrar. Whereas the Area Registrar needs familiarity with GSO databases and must maintain almost constant contact with the registrars from all Area districts, standing in for the Area Secretary requires the Registrar to drop those responsibilities and instead be familiar with the procedures for taking minutes at Area events, distributing minutes through MailChimp, updating the Service Manual as needed, sending up-to-date minutes and Service Manual changes to the Newsletter Chair, and keeping in touch with the General Service Conference Coordinator. It does not seem prudent, realistic, or practical to ask the Area Registrar to step into that role, especially on short notice.

The Area Secretary and the Alternate Secretary could work together to coordinate schedules so that the Area Secretary's responsibilities are always covered by someone fully familiar with them. This would help ensure that minutes for Area Assemblies and other events on the annual calendar are recorded as accurately and descriptively as possible and made available to the fellowship in a timely manner.

This arrangement would also provide training if the Alternate Secretary chooses to stand for election when the Area Secretary rotates out of the position, and it would give the Area another service position. Having an Alternate Secretary as a stand-alone position would not increase any costs for the Area, as either the Secretary or the Alternate Secretary would be reimbursed for mileage and expenses for the events covered, as outlined in Section 5.0, Event Participation and Funding, of the Area 48 Service Manual. This change would take effect with the election of the next panel.

Speaking as the immediate past Area Secretary, I can say that I never felt comfortable asking the Area Registrar to cover for me in my absence, as the Area Secretary is such a distinctly different role from that of Registrar. I feel strongly that this change would help the Area function more smoothly

Announcements

BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION

Beginner's Event

APRIL 25, 2026

5pm Pizza/Salads, 5:30-6:50 Meeting

Reservoir United Methodist Church
3056 NY-28, Shokan, NY 12481

Speakers
ANONYMOUS Ask It Basket,
Sobriety Countdown,
Literature for Sale,
Newcomer Packets

Come hear and share
experience strength & hope
ask ANONYMOUS questions,
support others, have fun and fellowship!

Save The Date

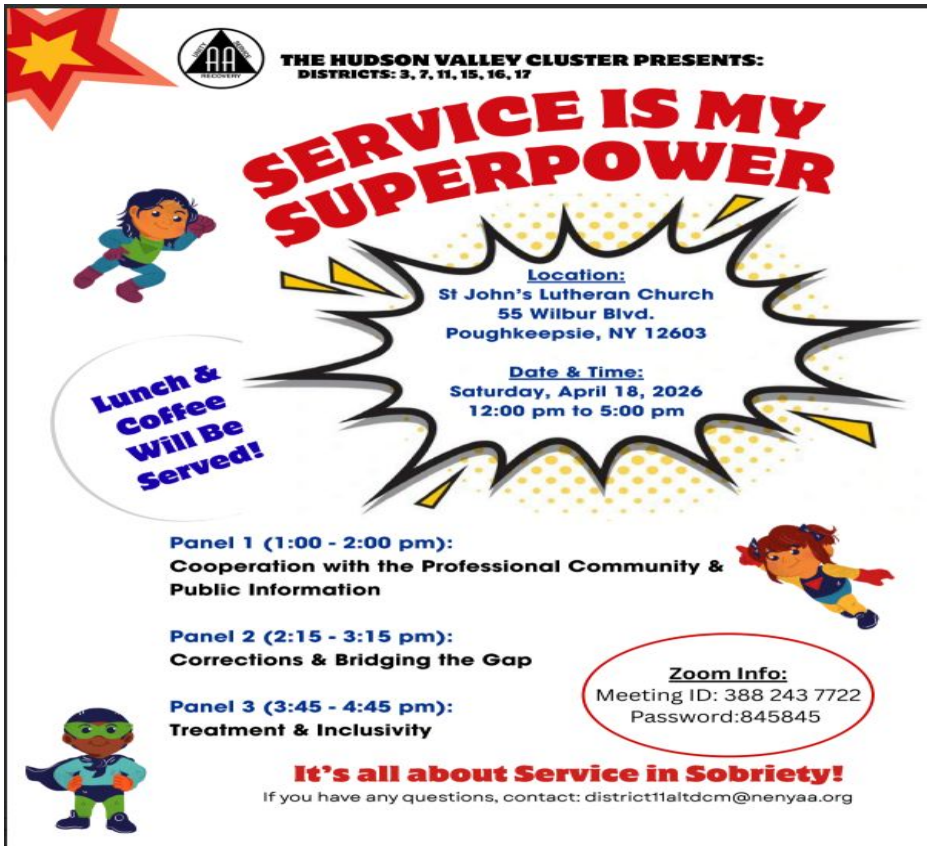
Joy Of Service Day

June 13, 2026

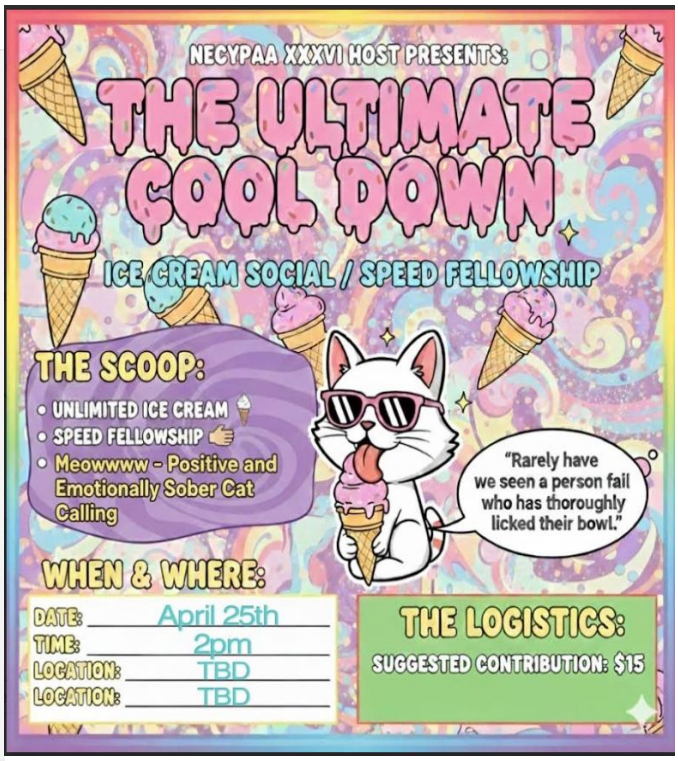
Hosted by :

Area 48's Central Cluster

More details to come



SAVE THE DATE
12th Annual
National AA
Technology Workshop
Hybrid Format
September 11-13, 2026
San Francisco Bay Area
Concord, California
CO-HOSTED BY
AREA 06 TECH COMMITTEE
AND SF/MARIN INTERGROUP
FOR MORE INFO VISIT NAATW.ORG


NECYPAA XXXVI HOST PRESENTS:
THE ULTIMATE COOL DOWN
ICE CREAM SOCIAL / SPEED FELLOWSHIP
THE SCOOP:
UNLIMITED ICE CREAM
SPEED FELLOWSHIP
Meowwww - Positive and Emotionally Sober Cat Calling
"Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly licked their bowl."
WHEN & WHERE:
DATE: April 25th
TIME: 2pm
LOCATION: TBD
LOCATION: TBD
THE LOGISTICS:
SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION: $15

BUSINESS MEETING
VIRTUAL ONLY
NECYPAA
XXXVI
COME JOIN THE CT HOST COMMITTEE!
2pm WE NEED YOU!
Each Month
1st & 3rd Sundays
Northeast Convention of
Young People in AA
www.necypaact.com

NECYPAA XXXVI
The Northeast Convention of Young People In Alcoholics Anonymous
New Year's Eve!!!
*Book Rooms Now Pay Later
4 Day YPAA Convention
@ the Hartford Marriot Downtown
Thursday, December 31, 2026
- Sunday, January 3, 2027
NECYPAA XXVI
12.31.2026 - 01.03.2027
Pre-Register for $40 at
www.NECYPAACT.com

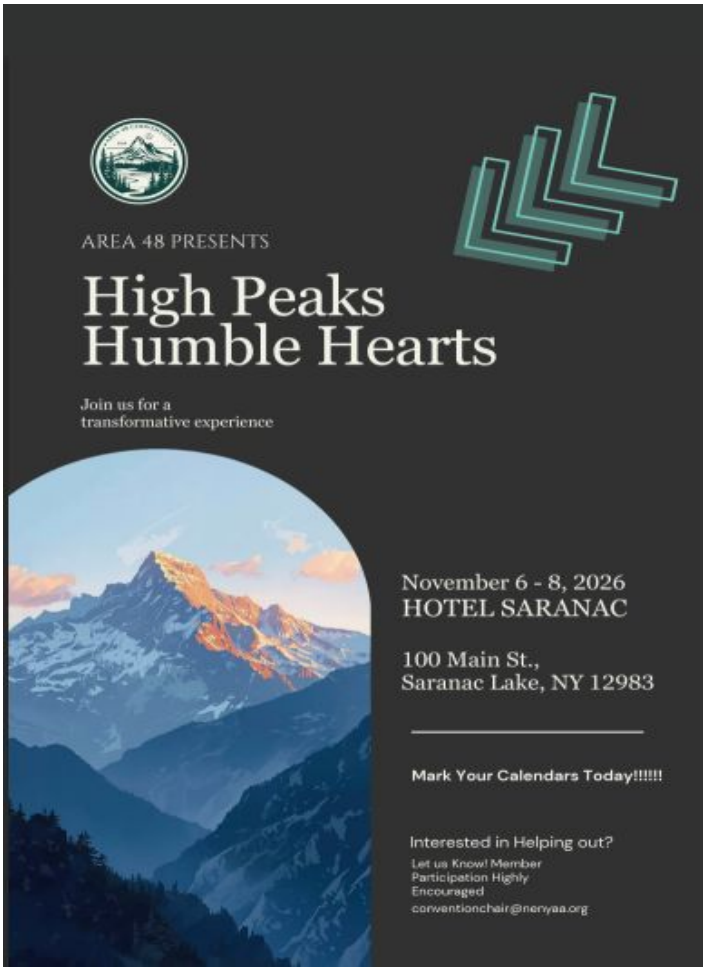
Announcements

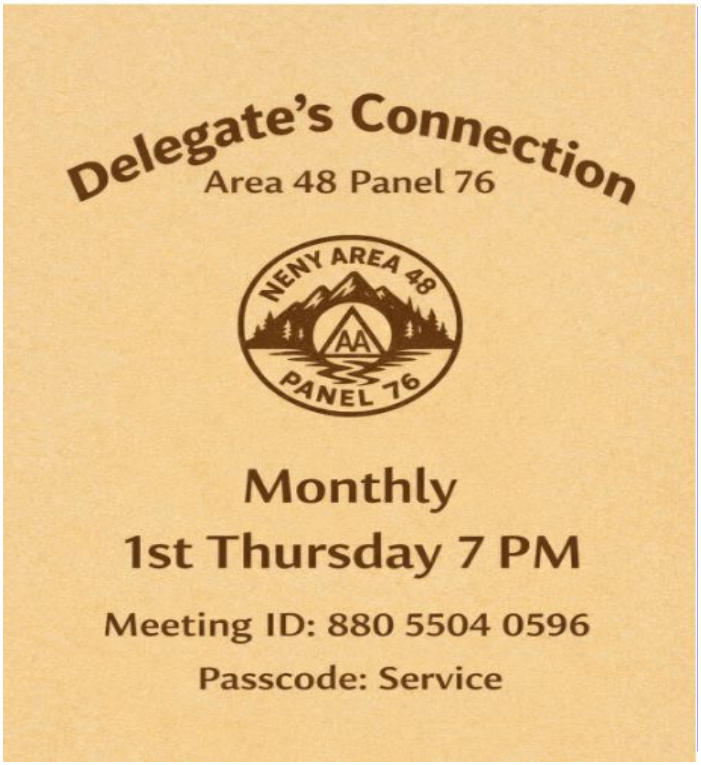
Online District 20 Meeting

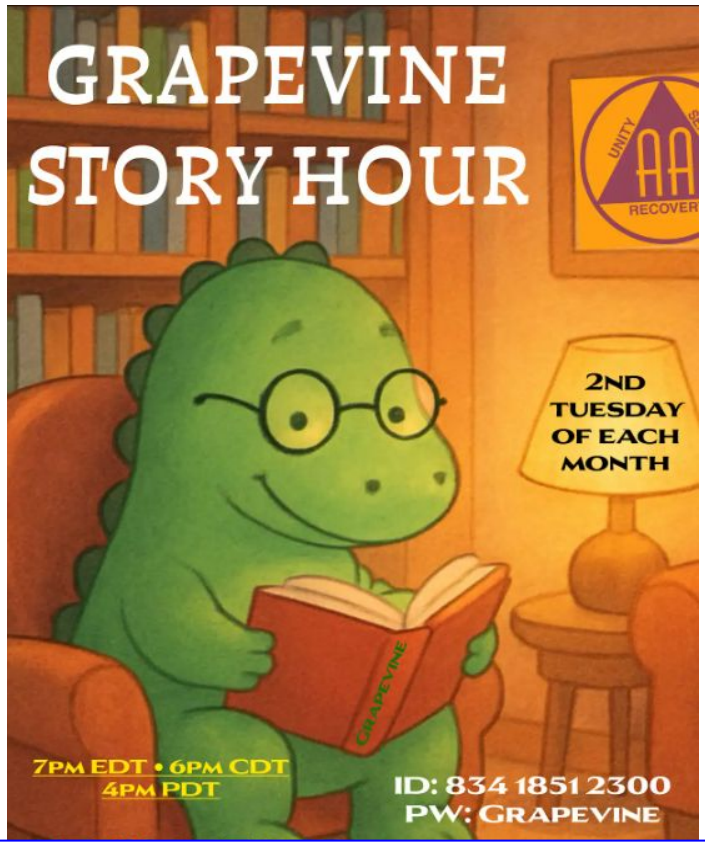
Last Tuesday of the Month
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm ET
Meeting ID: 291 297 7780
Passcode: 011023

Website: district20.nenyaa.org

Questions? Email us at OnlineDistrict20@nenyaa.org
All members of AA are welcomed and encouraged to attend!







SAVE THE DATE!

for the

2026 New York State Informational Workshop

When: July 10-12, 2026

Where: Stony Point Center

17 Cricketown Rd, Stony Point, NY 10980

https://stonypointcenter.org

Who: All A.A. members and their guests are welcome!

Why: Because we love A.A.!

Hosted by: Area 49 (SENY)

For more information, contact Annabel B. at nysiw2026@aaseny.org

STONY POINT
an open space...

Stony Point provides 3 meals/day from their "scratch" kitchen, meeting spaces with tech set-up, pianos, campfires, shared lounges, a peaceful meditation space, a centering Chartres labyrinth, and a chance to enjoy its entire 32 acres for roaming and renewing your spirit…

NENY Area 48 VOTING ASSEMBLY – Saturday, May 16th

Help Steer the Ship! > *Ever wonder how Area 48 actually works? Come find out and cast your vote! Join us for coffee, fellowship, and a little bit of "Area business."*

When

Date: Saturday, May 16th 2026

Registration, Coffee, and Fellowship: 9:00 AM

Assembly Business: 9:30 AM

End Time: 2:30 PM

SARATOGA

Where

In Person: Saratoga United Methodist Church, 175 5th Ave, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (the intersection of 5th and Henning)

Online: Zoom Details to Follow

Let's keep the hand of AA reaching out—hope to see there virtually or in person.

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The AAWS Board recently recommended that a monthly communication be sent regarding matters related to self-support. This communication is a continuation of that series.

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> The A.A. World Services Board met on December 12, 2025. Please click the link below to view the meeting highlights.*AAWS December 2025 Highlights*
>
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> Communication Services Department
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