Happy, Joyous & Free

Area 48 Newsletter - October 2026

A Message from the Newsletter Editor

Happy October everyone!

I can't believe October is already here! Fall is always a busy time in Area 48, and there is a lot happening over the next few weeks. Our **Voting Assembly is October 18**, and our **Area 48 Convention is coming up November 6–8 in Saranac Lake**.

This issue has quite a bit of information in it, including reports from our Area officers and committee chairs, the proposed 2027 budget, and three proposals that will be considered at the Voting Assembly. I hope you'll take some time to look through them and share the information with your groups.

I've also included our regular meeting information, news from GSO, and lots of flyers and announcements about upcoming events. There is a **Table of Contents** to make it a little easier to find what you're looking for.

Thank you to everyone who sends in reports, flyers, and information each month. This really is *our* Area newsletter, and I hope it helps us stay connected and informed.

Hope to see many of you at the Voting Assembly and the Convention!

Yours in service,
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Recovery

Unity

Service

And Love...

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The AA Principles of the Month

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an “AA opinion” on doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? Prescribed medications? Other drugs? Other 12-Step programs? Vitamins? Al-Anon? The federal or state government?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression that I’m stating the “AA opinion”?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. What would AA 1be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
5. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

• Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by GSRs, DCMs and our area delegates?

• Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority”?

Delegate and Officer Reports

Delegate's Connection

It seems things are revving up at GSO in preparation for the 77th General Service Conference. Proposed Agenda Items (PAIs) were due by September 30th at midnight. Some of those PAIs from individuals, groups, districts and areas across the US and Canada may be considered at the GSC in April. Keep your eye out for them. Ask your GSRs and DCMs for information about the new PAIs. The delegates will receive them and share them with you around December. There are already 50 PAIs as of August. I anticipate a spate of new items by the end of this month. Those that don't make it by the due date will be put into the hopper for the 78th GSC. There's a lot in the quarterly Board reports, and I'll admit that some of it makes for pretty dry reading. Here are a few things that caught my attention.

The General Service Board received 19 pieces of formal correspondence this quarter. Ten were about the wording changes in the first 164 pages of the Big Book. Most of the others raised concerns about spending—on the Everything A.A. App, the Grapevine App and podcast, infrastructure, employee compensation, and the prudent reserve.

Nineteen letters can't tell us what the whole Fellowship thinks. They do give us a sense of what some members felt strongly enough to write about.

Fifth Edition Big Book

We're getting closer to seeing the Fifth Edition of the Big Book. After hearing from the Fellowship, A.A. World Services decided to go back to a jacketed hardcover. It will cost $20 and is expected to be available by February 1, 2027.

AAWS also approved more than $8,000 from the International Literature Fund to help translate the Big Book into Haitian Creole. I like seeing examples like this. It's a reminder that our service dollars help carry the message well beyond our own groups and areas.

Everything A.A. App

Work continues on the Everything A.A. App. More Conference-approved material is being added, and there are improvements underway to make it easier to use.

One change members are concerned about is the planned removal of the Joe and Charlie recordings. AAWS says it knows how much people value those tapes, but because they aren't Conference-approved, they will have to come off the app. That doesn't mean members can't listen to Joe and Charlie elsewhere; it means the recordings won't be part of the app now owned by AAWS. The May announcement said changes were expected over the following few months, but AAWS has not given a specific date for removing the tapes. (img1.wsimg.com) I think it's worth keeping an eye on how the app develops. It gives members another way to find A.A. material, while both its cost and the changes to its content have raised questions among members.

Delegate's Connection, cont.

Grapevine and La Viña

Grapevine's print subscriptions are down a little, but digital subscriptions are up 21%. Put them together, and total subscriptions are about 4% higher than last year.

The finances are still a concern. Grapevine is expected to finish 2026 about $286,000 in the red, though expenses have been reduced. Grapevine also found an earlier accounting problem involving book and subscription revenue. Outside auditors reviewed it, the numbers were corrected, and new checks were put in place.

La Viña subscriptions are down about 17% from last year. Its books, though, are selling well, and its financial shortfall has improved.

A Quick Look at the Finances

AAWS and the General Service Board are doing better than expected so far this year. Their operating surplus was about $768,000, compared with the $275,000 they had budgeted. That's also quite a change from the small deficit at this point last year.

The Reserve Fund stands at roughly five months of operating expenses. Most of the money approved for work on the GSO office has now been taken from the Reserve. Once the full approved amount is used, the Reserve is expected to be at about 4.8 months of expenses.

So, the quick version: AAWS and GSB are ahead of budget. Grapevine has more readers, thanks to digital subscriptions, but is still running a deficit. La Viña subscriptions are down, while its books are doing well. And the Reserve is holding at around five months of expenses. **The 76th Conference Final Report**

The Final Report from the 76th General Service Conference is available digitally in English, French and Spanish, and it's free.

If you're like me and still want a copy you can hold, highlight and write all over, the printed report will cost $5. It was expected about six weeks after the August 31 digital release. Once it's available, you can order it through the A.A. online literature store. Groups, districts and areas ordering through their accounts will need to contact Member Services.

The report includes the Conference Advisory Actions and Committee Considerations, plus presentations and other reports. You don't have to read it cover to cover! Look through the table of contents and pick something that interests you.

It's a good way to see what happened at Conference and what we may be talking about in A.A. over the coming year. Ask your GSRs and DCMs how to get your own FCR.

2026 Final Report: Humility in Action

In grateful fellowship,
Dolores K
Area 48 NENY
Delegate Panel 76

Chair/Alternate Delegate Report

What a great month! I was able to join District 13 for both their District meeting and also as a guest speaker at their Fellowship Day. The Fellowship Day was awesome! The displays were great – especially Archives - and the food was delicious. (I ate way too much; but it was sooo good!) Then we had our Area Fellowship Day, and I was **really** impressed with the work everyone's doing. I especially enjoyed hearing from the District Committee Members (DCMs). Their energy was infectious! We'll have Tammie joining us for our Concepts Study on October 2nd to share about Concept 5 and Bill will be our guest at the GSR Forum on the 4th to cover Assembly procedures. I'm looking forward to our Voting Assembly on the 18th.

Some upcoming deadlines for you to be aware of:
October 10th is the deadline to send in a survey before our Inventory Day
If you are a new GSR or an Alternate GSR you should register yourself before the Voting Assembly on October 18th. You can use the New Group Form/Group Change Form right on the homepage of our website, or the GSR registration form on the GSR Forum page. And of course, all members are welcome at the monthly GSR Forum the first Sunday of each month. The flyer is in this newsletter.

Please note: There will be NO Concepts Study in November due to a conflict with our Area Convention.

Inventory Time is next month! The deadline for General Service Knowledge Questionnaire submissions is October 10th. **Please note these are not for a group to fill out; each member should be filling one out individually.** There is a flyer in the newsletter for you to print out and bring to your group which has the links to the digital and print questionnaire.

To fill the survey out online follow this link:
https://forms.gle/sdX9V9Wd5SeJwxZy7

To print out a form and send it back through the mail, click this link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/14gjK8SB7NeMGwVsAx9DlECmKTdsxjty6/view?usp=sharing

Chair/Alternate Delegate cont.

Concepts Study

We're on Concept 5 this month! Tammie will be sharing her experience with this Concept. Come join us! There's a flyer in this newsletter for the login details. If you want more information, please feel free to send me an email. There will be NO Concept meeting in November.

NENY Convention

Convention Registration is open! Our Convention this year will be November 6-8 in Saranac Lake at the Hotel Saranac. Rooms are already sold out at the Hotel Saranac. Call the Mountain Lake Inn at (518) 891-1970 use code AREA 48 CONVENTION for a room rate of $139.00 per night.

GSO Communication

New Contributions Platform Announcement

The Summer issue of Box 459 is here!

August's communication from the Self Support desk

An update on the 5th edition of the Big Book

GSR Forum

Just a reminder that all AA members (GSR and not a GSR) are invited to the monthly GSR Forum on the first Sunday of each month. This month we have Bill W., our Past Delegate, joining us to go over Assembly Procedures so you know what to expect and how things will work.

Area Events Linktree

If you are looking for information about the upcoming Area Event, it can be found in the Linktree. Basically, it's a website that has links to all the information. So minutes, treasurer's reports, agendas, proposals, and anything else that pertains to the next Area Event is there. That information will be there about a week before the event and will stay there until a week before the next event so that you have time to bring the information back to your group. Using Linktree is not an endorsement for them, it's simply the platform we chose to use, just like choosing to use Zoom is not an endorsement for that company.

Yours in Service,
Sue W.
Area Chair/Alternate Delegate
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Alternate Chair Report

Dear NENY Friends,
It was so nice seeing so many at Fellowship Day, and I hope all that attended, whether remote, or in-person, both had a great event, and brought home useful information for others that missed the event. Thank you, Eastern Cluster, and the involved districts, in creating a great day of unity and service!
We all are anticipating the Voting Assembly in Lee Center Oct 18th, please reach a group conscience to base votes on, for those eligible to vote, or to add to any discussion, if not voting.
Soon after, we have our NENY Convention in Saranac, hope to see many of you there!
DCM's (and altDCM's) are invited to the every third Sunday DCM Conference, to discuss upcoming events, district happenings and any questions that occur.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/95273021180?pwd=amdUTmJjWi9HdnZvNCtIcC9iWlVyZz09
Meeting ID: 952 7302 1180
Passcode: DCMfun

Secretary Report

If you have not signed up to receive the Area Minutes and would like to, please email me to get you on the mailing list.

Yours in Service,
Lindsey B
Area 48 Secretary]
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Treasurer's Report

Happy Fall everyone! The final August Treasurer's Report (as presented at the Fellowship Day on September19th) is included here, along with an interim report for September. The September report will change a bit before you see it at the Voting Assembly – we expect another batch of contributions to come from Ship & Copy this week, and there may be another expense or two submitted.

Thanks to all who have been attending the monthly treasurer meetings – it continues to be rewarding discussion. In the October meeting we will discuss how to project monthly contributions so that you can help your group or district better monitor spending; I also want to continue our discussion on presenting the budget and monthly reports. Looking forward to seeing you on October 19th at 6:30! I will send an invitation to DCMs and District treasurers about 3 days before.

JR

NENY Treasurer

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NENY Area Association Area 48
Contributions and Expenses
September 2026
(through September 28th only)

Area Contributions	
Groups	$2,234
Districts	$636
Individuals	$5
Total Contributions	**$2,875**
Expenses	
Committee Allocations	
Hybrid Chair	$856
Total Committee Allocations	$856
Area Services	
Area Fellowship Day	$523
Newsletter Production	$617
Archive Storage Fees	$100
ZOOM License	$170
MS 365 License	$11
Airtable Software	$122
JotForm Software	$26
Digital Ocean	$6
PayPal Contribution Fees	$14
Total Area Services	$1,590
Total Expenses	**$2,445**
Net of Contributions and Expenses	$430
Starting Balance	$22,416
Ending Balance	$22,846
Prudent Reserve	$7,000
Available Balance	**$15,846**

NENY Area Association Area 48

Contributions & Expenses

August 2026

Contributions	
Groups	$3,704
Individuals	$100
Total Area Contributions	**$3,804**
Expenses	
Committee Allocations	
Technology Chair	$32
Total Committee Allocations	**$32**
Area Services	
Archive Storage Fees	$100
ZOOM license	$170
Mail Box Service	$38
MS 365 Software	$11
Airtable Software	$125
JotForm Software	$26
Paypal fees	$13
Digital Ocean	$6
Total Area Services	**$489**
Area Funded Scholarship	$450
Total Area Expenses	**$970**
Net of Contributions & Expenses	**$2,834**
Starting Balance	**$19,582**
Ending Balance	**$22,416**
Prudent Reserve	**$7,000**
Available Balance	**$15,416**

NENY Area Association Area 48
Contributions & Expenses
July 2026

Contributions	
Groups	$5,327
Individuals	$25
Total Area Contributions	**$5,352**
Expenses	
Officer & Committee Allocations	
Secretary	$218
Technology Chair	$32
Total Officer & Committee Allocations	**$250**
Area Services	
Area Events - Hosting	$312
Archive Storage Fees	$100
ZOOM license	$170
Mail Box Service	$37
MS 365 Software	$11
Airtable Software	$139
JotForm Software	$26
Paypal fees	$36
Digital Ocean	$6
Total Area Services	**$525**
Total Area Expenses	**$774**
Net of Contributions & Expenses	**$4,578**
Starting Balance	**$15,004**
Ending Balance	**$19,582**
Prudent Reserve	**$7,000**
Available Balance	**$12,582**

NENY Area Association Area 48

Contributions & Expenses

June 2026

Contributions	
Groups	$3,241
Individuals	$35
Total Area Contributions	**$3,276**
Expenses	
Officer & Committee Allocations	
Delegate Advances	$2,500
Chair Advances	$3,000
Alternate Chair	$644
Secretary	$218
Accessibility Chair	$743
Bridging the Gap Chair	$369
CPC Chair	$365
Grapevine Chair	$526
Inclusivity Chair	$365
Literature Chair	$365
Alternate Secretary/Registrar	$338
Technology Chair	$32
Total Officer & Committee Allocations	**$9,464**
Area Services	
Area Events - Hosting	$762
Newsletter Production	$909
Archive Storage Fees	$100
ZOOM license	$170
Mail Box Service	$56
MS 365 Software	$11
Airtable Software	$139
JotForm Software	$26
Paypal fees	$24
Digital Ocean	$6
Total Area Services	**$2,203**
Total Area Expenses	**$11,667**
Net of Contributions & Expenses	**-$8,392**

Starting Balance	**$23,396**
Ending Balance	**$15,004**
Prudent Reserve	**$7,000**
Available Balance	**$8,004**

Public Information

It was nice to see so many people at the Fellowship Day. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the PI Table. This was my first attempt at doing this and I was happy with the conversations it opened up. I hope to do this at every Area event and will have a table at NENY Convention as well. Come see me and bring your questions, comments and suggestions.

Our CPC/PI monthly meeting was Thursday September 24th. Kevin F., Area 49 (SENY) PI Chair gave a wonderful presentation on how to talk to the public about AA. Marcia suggested we record the meeting and start a shared Google drive. I recorded the meeting and am looking forward to learning how to create the drive to share information.

Kelley C., GSO Staff member on the Public Information desk will be speaking at our October 24th meeting.

Please join us (CPC/PI) every 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30PM
Due to holidays we will not be meeting in November or December.
868 7177 3923 PW 080625. Everyone is welcome!

Reach out anytime,

Susan S.
Area 48 Public Information Chair
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Literature

Hi Everyone,

Sept. 19th's Fellowship Day was a lovely day with the Fellowship, in house and online.
I'm looking forward to our NENY Area Voting Assembly on Oct.18th.
Convention is right around the corner too! I hope to see many of you there.
I am in touch with CDCO to help with the literature table, they will be supplying the literature for us. I am grateful for their support.
Grapevine/LaVina and Literature continue to meet every 3rd Thursday, at 6:30 pm
Scott and I are able to share links to GV/LV rep resources, answer questions about both Literature & GV/LV and how to connect with both aagrapevine.org and aa.org
We hope both Grapevine/LaViña and Literature District chairs will join us, online on Thursday Oct.15th at 6:30pm. The information to log onto the Zoom platform is below:

Join Zoom Meeting 6:30pm (est)
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84064855953?pwd=Lzl2ZUxFaU9qQndTZmpQaU83Q2RQUT09

Meeting ID: 840 6485 5953
Passcode: 394275

In Service,
Sally K.
Literature@nenyaa.org

Treatment

"Autumn is Here"

Hello everyone,

Leaves are changing and Fall is in the air. It was nice seeing many of you at the Fellowship Day coming up on Sept 19th. I hope to see more of you at the Voting Assembly October 18th in Lee Center.

For any District that has a need for the TREATMENT Handbook which also is a helpful tool for Bridging the Gap since there is not a specific handbook for them, I still have (10) available. I Plan on being at the Voting Assembly event and will have them with me.

Unfortunately, I had the CPC workbooks with me last month, but they went to the CPC Chair and were not wasted. The mind doesn't always work right, the joys of getting older LOL.

I wish to invite all District Treatment Chair or DCM's and anyone interested, to our next Treatment/ Bridging the Gap (BTG) online meeting **Oct.14th 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 it 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.

Thank you and enjoy this colorful and serine time of the year as we all know what is coming.

Howard W, Yours in Service, NENY Area 48
Treatment Chair

Webmaster

Technology Committee preparations are underway for several upcoming Area events. For Fellowship Day on September 19, we are reviewing our hybrid setup, including to in-person audio and microphone coverage. Volunteers will be supporting both the in-person and online portions of the event.

Planning is also underway for the October Voting Assembly and the Area Convention. Current discussion includes additional Zoom support, online greeters, fellowship breakout rooms, and possibly a library of informational videos to use during breaks.

On the website side, a broken link to the Area 48 event hosting guidelines was identified and will be reposted. We are also actively assisting districts with website updates, maintenance, and migrations from older sites. Districts that need help are encouraged to reach out.

The committee is also exploring the use of Google Shared Drives to improve long-term access, continuity, and shared ownership of Area files.

Thank you!

Zac P

NENY Webmaster

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Corrections

Happy fall everyone,
My name is Cici B and I am grateful to serve as your Area 48 Corrections Chair.
Was excited to attend Fellowship Day last weekend and happy to have met some of you. I will be reaching out to DCMs in the area to join in their monthly meetings to introduce myself and discuss the work
We do in Corrections.
Please join our monthly meeting in the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 pm

Meeting ID: 86712133948

PW :A48Correct

In Service,
Cici B
Area 48 Corrections Chair
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Grapevine/La Vina

Hello everyone! Make sure to check out flyers in the Announcements. Also be sure to check you the grapevine story hour next month.
Monthly meeting, third Thursday, 6:30 pm.

ID: 840 6485 5953
Passcode: 394275
Scott S
La Vina / Grapevine Chair
Grapevine@nenyaa.org

Bridging the Gap

We need our BTG Committee Chairs to please show up the 2nd Wed of the month 6:30pm Meeting ID 86169638196 pw 741803. We are trying to reach all our treatment centers and Correctional Facilities with Bridging the Gap services. Thank you
Yours in service,
Chrissy O
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Bridging The Gap Chair
Area 48 • Northeast New York

Looking to expand your Service Commitment?

Consider becoming involved in **Area 48 District Service** and discover new ways to give back. An AA District is a local service unit within the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. Its purpose is to connect individual AA groups to the larger AA service structure at the area, regional, and national levels.
District service can be incredibly rewarding. Not only can it strengthen your own sobriety, but it also helps reach more people in your community who are suffering from alcoholism. We encourage you to attend a local District meeting to learn more and see if District service is right for you.

Find a list of District meetings here.
District Meeting Locations | NENY | Area 48

NENY Area 48
Proposed Budget 2027

2027 NENYAA Budget Proposal

		Expense Allocation	NERAASA 2027 Tarrytown, NY	NERF 2027 Buffalo NY	NYSIW Area50	NENY 2027 Convention Hudson Valley	Position Total
Area Officer Allocations	Area Delegate	$3,200	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$5,600**
	Area Chairperson	$2,200	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$4,600**
	Alternate Area Chair	$700	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$3,100**
	Secretary	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Treasurer	$1,200	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$3,600**
	Registrar	$400	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,800**
	Alternate Treasurer	$400	$600		$600	$600	**$2,200**
	Alternate Registrar	$400	$600		$600	$600	**$2,200**
	Sub-Total	*$9,000*	*$4,800*	*$3,600*	*$4,800*	*$4,800*	***$27,000***
Committee Chair Allocations	Accessibilities	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Bridging-the-Gap	$600	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$3,000**
	Cooperation w/ Professional Comm.	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Corrections	$600	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$3,000**
	Grapevine/LaViña	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Hybrid	$1,000	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$3,400**
	Inclusivity	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Literature	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Public Information	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Technology	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Treatment Facilities	$600	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$3,000**
	Sub-Total	*$6,300*	*$6,600*	*$6,600*	*$6,600*	*$6,600*	***$32,700***
Other Position Allocations	Archivist	$700	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$3,100**
	Newsletter Editor	$500	$600	$600	$600	$600	**$2,900**
	Finance Committee Past Delegate	$500	$600			$600	**$1,700**
	Finance Committee Past DCM	$500	$600			$600	**$1,700**
	Sub-Total	*$2,200*	*$2,400*	*$1,200*	*$1,200*	*$2,400*	***$9,400***
	Total for Position Allocations	$17,500	$13,800	$11,400	$12,600	$13,800	**$69,100**

2027 NENYAA Budget Proposal

Area Event Allocations

Delegate's Day	$750
Area Assemblies (3)	$2,250
Fellowship Days (2)	$1,500
Joy of Service Day (2)	$1,500
Orientation Day	$750
Total Event Allocations	*$6,750*

Administrative Expenses

Mail Box Service	$750
Insurance Costs	$2,250
Technology Expenses	$1,500
Computer Maintenance & Equipment	$1,500
Zoom Software	$300
Malware Software	$200
iDrive Software	$750
AirTable Software	$1,550
JotForm Software	$350
Digital Ocean	$95
Siteground (Website, WordPress)	$1,250
Quickbooks Software	$100
Bank Fees	$250
Tax Preparation Fees	$1,100
Paypal Fees	$300
Prior Year Expenses	$500
Total Administrative Expenses	*$12,745*

Service Expenses

General Service Conference Allocation	$4,000
Travel Expenses to Area Events	$750
Newsletter Postage & Printing	$2,900
Archive Storage Fees	$1,100
NENY Service Manual Updates	$200
Service Literature for Area Officers/Committees	$1,000
NENY Tri-fold Pamphlets (printing & postage)	$1,250
Convention Seed Money	$2,500
5th Tradition/Corrections Workshops (2)	$1,500
Public Information Cards	$450
Total Service Expenses	*$15,650*

Subtotals

Area Officer Allocations	$27,000
Committee Chair Allocations	$32,700
Other Position Allocations	$9,400
Area Event Allocations	$6,750
Administrative Expenses	$12,745
Service Expenses	$15,650
Total Allocations & Expenses	**$104,245**

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

News From GSO

- New Contributions Platform Announcement
- The Summer issue of Box 459 is here!
- August's communication from the Self Support desk
- An update on the 5th edition of the Big Book
- Quarterly Report from GSO
  https://www.aa.org/quarterly-reports-from-gso
- AAWS Highlights
  https://www.aa.org/aaws-highlights
- Update Letter about GSO Self Support Actovities

Proposal 1
Change Fellowship Days to Committee Work Days

Prior to the pandemic, Area service committees regularly met in person during Fellowship Days. In addition, committees reported directly to the Area, allowing DCMs, GSRs, and other trusted servants to stay informed about committee activities and to ask questions and engage in discussion.

Since the pandemic, many committees have transitioned to virtual meetings. This has provided increased accessibility and flexibility and has been beneficial in many ways. However, committee reports are no longer regularly included on Area in-person meeting agendas. While reports are published in the newsletter and posted on the Area website, these formats do not provide opportunities for direct interaction, questions, or discussion. As a result, Area members have fewer opportunities to learn about the work of our committees and how they carry the message throughout Northeastern New York.

Area 48 currently holds four annual Fellowship/Joy of Service Days at which little or no Area business is conducted. By dedicating these gatherings to committee work, committee reporting, and service education, we can make fuller use of them in support of our service structure.

Many trusted servants travel several hours to attend Fellowship Days. Focusing the Spring and Fall Fellowship Days on committee work and committee sharing ensures that members receive greater value from their participation while strengthening communication throughout the Area.

We have a responsibility to use our resources wisely and to ensure that our in-person gatherings provide meaningful opportunities for service, communication, and participation.

Therefore, I propose that the Fall (September) and Spring (March) Fellowship Days be devoted primarily to Area committee work and committee sharing.

> A possible agenda might be:
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> 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. — Area committees meet in person. This gives members who are not able to attend online a chance to participate, as well as members who don't consider themselves to be part of a committee to attend committee meetings without any commitment.
>
> 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. — Committee reports to the Area. With eleven standing committees, plus the Convention Committee, allotting five minutes to each committee would allow all committees to report within approximately one hour.

The afternoon session could feature informational panels composed of committee members. If approximately half of the committees participated in the Fall and the remaining committees in the Spring, Area members would receive in-depth exposure to every committee over the course of the year.

These presentations could include sharing about how committees carry the message, demonstrations of committee resources, discussion of challenges and solutions, presentations of best practices, or examples of how the Traditions guide committee work.

By strengthening the visibility of Area committees, we can help DCMs and GSRs better inform their districts about committee activities and foster greater participation in service. In addition, members will gain a clearer understanding of how their Seventh Tradition contributions support Twelfth Step work throughout Area 48.

Submitted by: Thea HB, NENY Hybrid Chair

Proposal 2

Discontinue the Area 48 Annual Service Scholarship Program

The Proposal
That Area 48 discontinue the annual Service Scholarship Program, which currently provides one $500 scholarship per cluster (total annual budget: $2,500) for members to attend NERAASA, NERF, the NENY Convention, or similar weekend service events.

What Problem Does This Proposal Address?
The scholarship program was created to encourage greater participation in General Service by helping members attend service events. This was certainly a worthwhile goal, rooted in Tradition One, which reminds us that our common welfare comes first and that A.A. unity depends on active, informed trusted servants. While well intentioned, the program is not meeting that goal.

Participation has steadily declined, with many districts submitting no applicants. The selection process is cumbersome and inequitable: each cluster receives one scholarship regardless of the number of districts or applicants, which is inconsistent with the spirit of Tradition Two, where our group conscience, which is expressed proportionally through our structure, guides decisions. There are no established criteria for selecting recipients or evaluating the program's success.

Recipients are not expected to share what they learned or continue in service, making it difficult to determine whether the program is developing future trusted servants as envisioned in Tradition Nine; that is, that A.A. service structures exist for service, not for their own perpetuation. In many cases, scholarship recipients do not remain active in Area service, suggesting the investment is not fulfilling its intended purpose.

Background
Area 48 budgets $2,500 annually for this program. Tradition Seven calls on every A.A. group and service entity to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. This Tradition also carries a deeper principle: that we are responsible stewards of the funds our Fellowship entrusts to us. While the cost is modest, all Seventh Tradition funds should be periodically evaluated to ensure they are being used effectively to support our primary purpose.

This proposal is not a criticism of those who created or benefited from the scholarship program. Rather, consistent with Tradition Five, that each group, (and by extension each service body), has but one primary purpose, it is made in recognition that this program is not continuing to serve that purpose effectively. Good intentions alone are not sufficient justification for continuing any expenditure of A.A. funds.

Intended Outcome
If approved, the scholarship program would be discontinued and the budget eliminated.

Districts and clusters would remain free to support members' participation in service events through local initiatives, in keeping with the autonomy affirmed in Tradition Four.
The Area could also consider redirecting these funds toward service education, mentoring, or other efforts that encourage long-term participation in General Service rather than a one-time event. These are all approaches more likely to develop the informed, committed trusted servants that Tradition Nine envisions as the backbone of our service structure.
This proposal reflects good stewardship and the ongoing responsibility, rooted in Tradition Seven, to evaluate periodically whether Area resources are producing the greatest benefit in carrying A.A.'s message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Submitted by: JR, NENY Treasurer

Proposal 3
For Consideration, at the Area Fall Voting Assembly

Proposal : To Eliminate Joy of Service Day and Fellowship Days from the Area 48 Events Calendar.

Joy of Service Day was created to encourage participation in service by sharing our experience through workshops on how we integrate the steps, traditions, and concepts in doing service work. Fellowship days were created to have a dual focus on service and fellowship. In the past these were also used to conduct committee meetings, these are now held online monthly. These events have primarily been attended by people already involved in service. A feeling of “preaching to the choir” and complaining about who is not attending has become the focus, rather than considering what we can change to become more accessible, welcoming, and inclusive. Not everyone can attend an all day event.

The Area commits financial resources and volunteer efforts to plan and conduct these events. Each one is budgeted at $750.00, with mileage also being paid to Area Officers and Committee Chairs, as attending is part of their responsibilities. Background materials include; Area 48 Service Manual Updated October 2024 and Area 48 Budget.

If approved, Joy of Service Day and Fellowship Days would be discontinued as Area sponsored events. Potential outcomes include: Reduced Area expense, more efficient use of Area resources, greater opportunity for districts and clusters to develop local service workshops, and redirecting funds and efforts towards activities more directly supporting AA’s primary purpose.

This proposal is not intended to diminish the importance of service, but to evaluate whether the current format is the most effective way to encourage participation in service.

Submitted by: Susan S. Area 48 Public Information Chair pi@nenyaa.org

in Alcoholics Anonymous

Why is Self Support Important?

UNITY SERVICE AA RECOVERY

Have you ever...

- Read the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*
- Thought about the millions of people throughout the world that can also read it in 73 languages
- Given a copy of the Big Book to a newcomer?
- Read the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions
- Listened to audio interviews of Military Members and Veterans
- Felt grateful and connected to the whole of AA while contributing to and passing the basket
- Listened to an AA podcast
- Read or shared an AA pamphlet
- Been in Jail and benefited from a meeting. The Corrections Service links inside and outside participants
- Been in a treatment center and learned about AA? The Treatment Assignment communicates with about 585 Bridging the Gap members.
- Heard about Loners International? Benefited by it
- Had a doctor, psychiatrist, dentist or therapist know about AA and suggest that it might help you? The Cooperation with the Professional Community Assignment creates resources and participates in professional conferances in the US and Canada
- Needed a meeting in another country? Our worldwide trustee has carried the message to those in need in Bulgaria, Bolivia, and Kenya in the last 12 months.

When your Group contributes to "GSO," purchases AA Conference Approved Literature or subscribes to the *AA Grapevine/ LaVina* you are helping to continue this work of providing the message of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous to people throughout the world.

Make a contribution today

GSO 2025 Stats

- **23,120** e-mails responded
- **22,139** literature orders
- **25,473** front desk calls
- **2,405** Translation requests
- **15 million** website views (aa.org)
- **2 million** Meeting Guide users

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS CARRY THE MESSAGE.
Thank you for supporting our Fellowship!

Self support through our own contributions has always been the spiritual foundation of Alcoholics Anonymous.
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Inventory Day
November 22nd, 2026,
Rosendale Rec Center, 1055 NY-32,
Rosendale, NY 12472
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Take the pre-inventory survey!

Every member is encouraged to participate!

Inventory Day is November 22 and to better gauge where Area 48 stands, the facilitator has asked that everyone fill out a General Service Knowledge Questionnaire before the actual inventory happens.

You can fill it out online: https://forms.gle/oSau8vdw8UHYLWDv8

Online

Or you can print it out and mail it back:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/14gjK8SB7NeMGwVsAx9DlECmKTdsxjty6/view

Print to Mail

Surveys are due by October 10th

Then Join us on November 22nd for Inventory Day!
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Rosendale, NY 12472

Announcements

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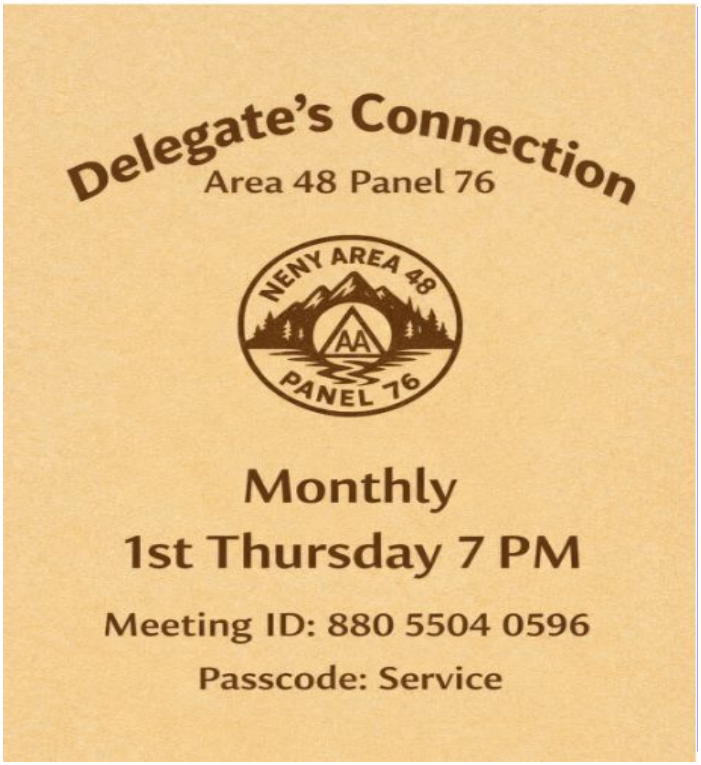
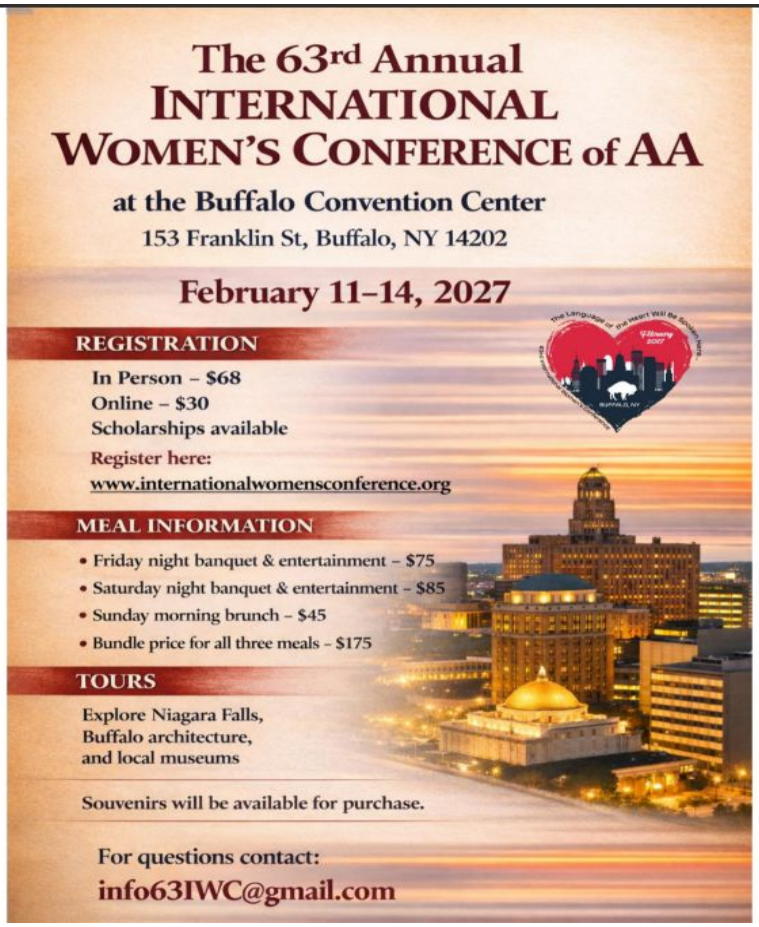
Online District 20 Meeting

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

When

October 18, 2026

9:00 AM-3:00PM

Why

Fall Voting Assembly

Where

Town Hall

Lee Center, NY 13363

5808 Stokes-Lee Center Rd.

Contact Brenda O., Alt DCM 315-922-0335, Tammie E., Functions 315-240-6188 or Chrissie O., Area BTG 315-335-0559 if there are Questions

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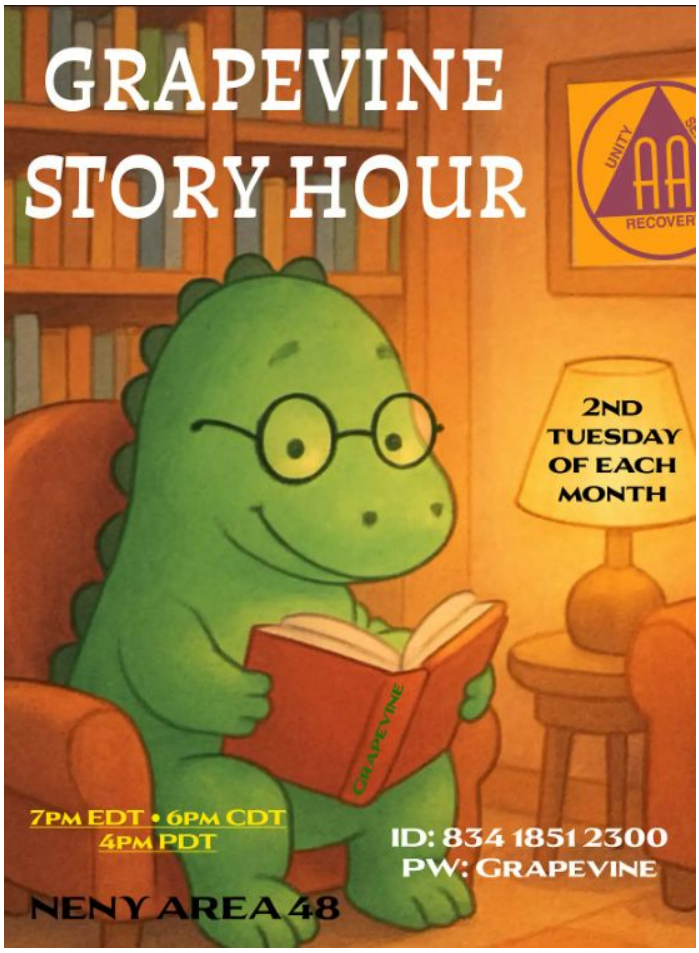


Concepts Study

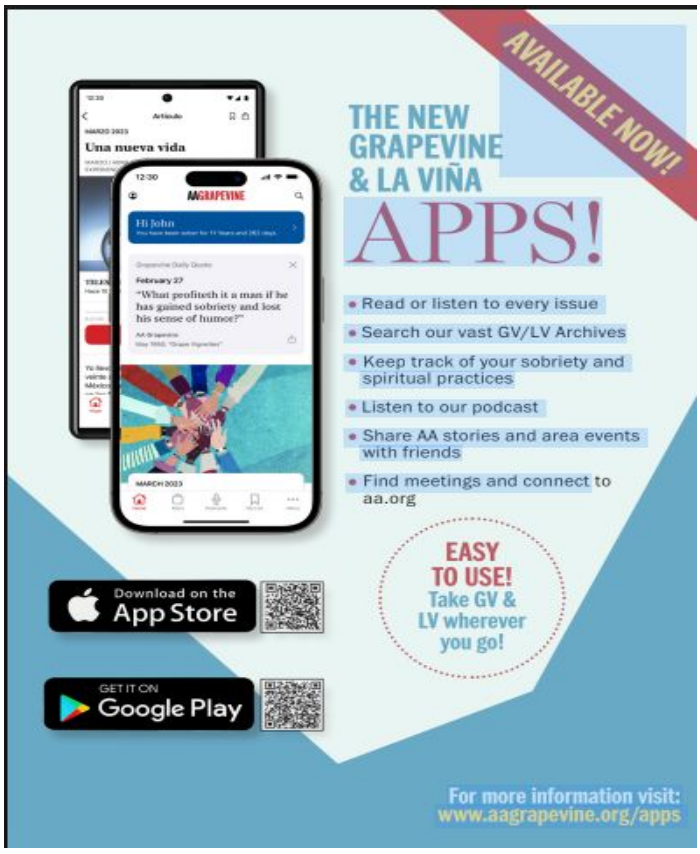
All A.A. members are welcome!

Agenda:
Read the Concept essay out loud together
Presentation
Discussion

Suggested but not required:
Service Manual
Something to highlight or take notes with
Willingness to learn and participate

First Friday of Each Month
Beginning June 2026
7:00 – 8:15 PM Eastern Time
ID: 835 8899 6062
Password: 121212!

Questions: email nenychair@nenyaa.org



District 9 Annual Spiritual Dinner

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2026
Location: Roselawn, 446 Main St., New York Mills, N.Y

Evening Schedule

- **Coffee:** 5:30 PM
- **Dinner:** 6:30 PM
- **Speaker** 8:00 PM

Guest Speakers
Amber and John P.

Join us for an evening of fellowship, inspiration, and community as John and Amber share their Experience, Strength, & Hope!

An uplifting occasion for all!

Admission
$30.00 per person

Don't miss the chance to connect with others and enrich your spirit at this special gathering.
Tickets are available now!

For more information, please contact District 9 representatives.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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8:30 to 9:30 PM EST
Every Tuesday
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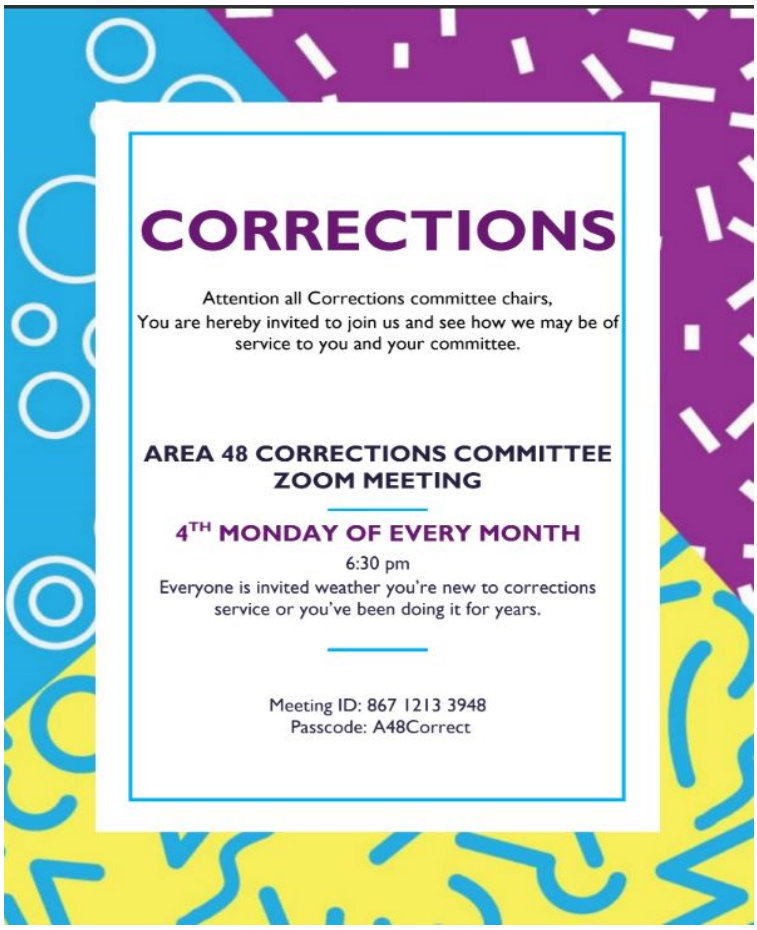
No Password
Closed-Topic discussion last Tuesday,
Open speaker
Contact:
livingsoberpain@gmail.com


CORRECTIONS
Attention all Corrections committee chairs,
You are hereby invited to join us and see how we may be of service to you and your committee.
AREA 48 CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING
4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
6:30 pm
Everyone is invited weather you're new to corrections service or you've been doing it for years.
Meeting ID: 867 1213 3948
Passcode: A48Correct

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