

# THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

Tradition 8

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers." — **August 2017**

## Corrections Correspondence Service offers groups, individual AA's a way to give back ... one letter at a time

As the dog days of summer descend on Brooklyn's streets, many of us will head to our borough's parks and beaches — and even through the spray from a nearby open fire hydrant — to cool off and have some fun in the sun. It's all too easy to forget that many of our A.A. fellows are unable to do the same, as they're getting and staying sober in correctional facilities across the country.

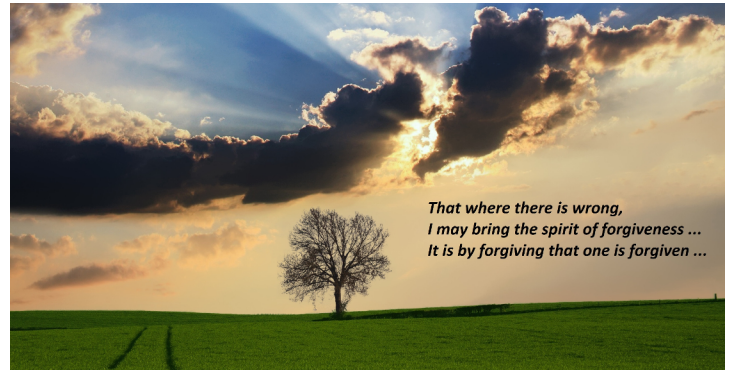
While prisons in many jurisdictions allow for on-site 12-step recovery meetings, others do not. The only lifeline to the program that sober men and women in such facilities often have is a letter from an A.A. "on the outside" (i.e., not in jail) who participates in the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) program.



Joining is as simple as filling out the form available online at [www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/f-26correctcorrespondence\\_form.pdf](http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-26correctcorrespondence_form.pdf) and then either emailing it to [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org), faxing it to 212-870-3003 or "snail-mailing" it by U.S. Postal Service to A.A. World Services. Men are matched with men, and women with women — usually in different parts of the country — and provided with guidelines for inmate correspondence. Last I checked, there was no minimum sober-time requirement for participants, as there is an enormous backlog of inmates, especially men, waiting for letters. This makes C.C.S. a great way to do service very early in sobriety for newcomers too shy to volunteer for commitments.

Naming a Corrections Correspondence chair is another way your group can provide a service opportunity for its members. At my home group, Into Action in Greenpoint, the C.C.S. chair pitches the program during secretary's breaks, passing around sign-up forms and also the famed "pink can," for loose-change donations with which we buy A.A. literature for inmates. Into Action also maintains a post-office box so that C.C.S. participants can have inmate mail delivered to an address other than their homes.

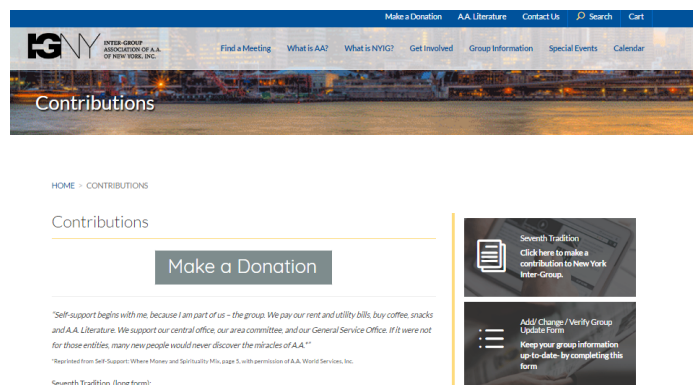
Your group's C.C.S. chair can also join N.Y. Intergrupp's Corrections and Treatment Facilities Committee, which meets monthly in Brooklyn and the other boroughs. The committee brings meetings into prisons and rehabs, assembles lit packages for facilities, and more. Visit [www.nyintergroup.org/get-involved/ctfc/](http://www.nyintergroup.org/get-involved/ctfc/) online. — *Ken K.*



## Revamped NY Intergrupp website adds donation, info update tools

NEW YORK — The Intergrupp Association of A.A. of New York has unveiled a long-awaited update of its website, which now features online functionality for making group and individual donations of several types, changes and updates to group/meeting information and even calculating your sober time.

The new donations page at [www.nyintergroup.org/contributions](http://www.nyintergroup.org/contributions) allows users to set up one-time or recurring contributions in multiple ways: as a personal or group donation, as a memorial or Anniversary Club gift or even as a Corrections and Treatment Facilities Committee contribution — for either "pink can" literature purchase or CTFC Literature Fund distribution purposes. Those who prefer to hand or mail in donations can also download a printable Seventh Tradition Donation Form.



Similarly, the Group Update Forms page at [www.nyintergroup.org/group-resources/forms](http://www.nyintergroup.org/group-resources/forms) offers print and online forms for adding/changing/verifying meetings and groups, new group requests and discontinuing a group or meeting. Online updating of group officer information is also available.

Other site highlights include improved online meeting searches and meeting-list PDF downloads; information on events such as the Big Meeting and Bill W. Dance; and volunteer opportunities, including staffing the NY Intergrupp phone bank. — *Ken K.*

## What's new on the SENY scene?

### SENY Assembly

Sept. 16 — 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Venue: Orange County Community College, Shepard Student Ctr.  
126 South St., Middletown, NY 10940

Note: Continental breakfast and lunch to be served.

### SENY Area 49 Committee Meeting

Oct. 2 — 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Venue: Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall  
2158 Watson Ave., Bronx, NY 10472

Note: New DCM Orientation at 7 p.m.

**Have something to announce? Something to say?**  
**Questions or comments? E-mail Ken K. at**  
**[brooklynjunction@brooklynnaa.org](mailto:brooklynjunction@brooklynnaa.org).**



## 2017 Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast

Sunday, December 3 @10 a.m.

**Dyker Beach Golf Course**

1030 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228

Transit: R train to Bay Ridge/95th St.; D train to 18th Ave.

Tickets: \$35 (Table of 13=\$455)

For more info, e-mail [spiritualbreakfast@brooklynnaa.org](mailto:spiritualbreakfast@brooklynnaa.org)

Serving below the group level? New to service? Up your AA service game by hitting a Concepts meeting!

## OLD PARK SLOPE CATON CONCEPTS MEETING

7 p.m. — 3rd Monday of each month

Venue: 74 East 17th St., 2nd Fl. (Off Church Ave.)  
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Transit: B/Q trains to Church Ave.



### HOW YOUR GROUP CAN CHIP IN!

Does your group collection cup (or basket or hat) runneth over with funds? Consider making a group 7th Tradition donation to Brooklyn County. Send contributions to:

**AA Brooklyn County General Service**  
PO Box 170582  
Brooklyn, NY 11217

(Make checks and money orders payable to **AA Brooklyn County General Service.**)

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## Mt. Carmel meetings move ... again

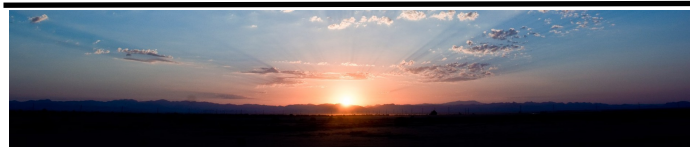
WILLIAMSBURG, Brooklyn — Word had barely gone out in July that evening and weekend meetings at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church in Williamsburg were permanently relocating to the nearby Old Annunciation Schoolhouse than the news broke that four of them were actually moving farther afield, to Greenpoint Reformed Church, a mile north on Milton Street.

**Gutter Bravado, Higher Power Saturday, Williamsburg Women's Step Meeting** and the **Drink and Die** men's group now meet at Greenpoint Reformed, at 136 Milton between Manhattan Avenue and Franklin Street. Meetings at Old Annunciation, at 70 Havemeyer St. (corner of North 5th), include:

- **Alphabet Soup**
- **The Broad Highway**
- **Bleeding Deacons**
- **The Hole in the Donut**
- **One Step Beyond**
- **The Rule 62 Show!**
- **Sunday Night Sanity**
- **This Ungodly Hour**
- **Til Tuesday Women's Meeting**
- **Walk the Talk**



Weekday morning and afternoon meetings continue to meet at Mount Carmel. For more information and updates on changes, visit website [www.northbrooklynnaa.org](http://www.northbrooklynnaa.org). — Ken K.



## North Brooklyn HP-focused meeting needs support

Looking for a safe space to use the word "God"? Want to discuss your spiritual struggles? This intimate candlelight closed meeting works out of the text "*Came to Believe.*"

**"NO HUMAN POWER" — 7 p.m. each Friday**

Venue: San Damiano Mission (rectory basement)  
85 North 15th Street (corner of Nassau Ave.)  
Brooklyn, NY 11222

Transit: G train to Nassau Ave.; L train to Bedford Ave.