

THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

Tradition 9

"A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." — **September 2017**

Spiritual Breakfast: A joyous toast — with coffee — to A.A. solidarity

• A note from Brooklyn County Secretary Lu D.

Autumn! Such a nice time of year. School is in, another layer of clothes is added, new smells, new flavors — and time to buy your Spiritual Breakfast tickets. Queens (Oct. 29), Bronx-Upper Manhattan (Nov. 6), Staten Island (Nov. 26) and Brooklyn (Dec. 3) — we're all doing it — having wonderful gatherings of alcoholics (and friends), complete with delicious breakfast fare, dynamic speakers and lots of coffee!

If you have not yet been to a Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast, I highly recommend that you grab a friend and buy a couple of tickets. Years ago, I thought there was nothing I would rather not do with a Sunday morning. How wrong I was! The Brooklyn County Spiritual Breakfast takes place at the clubhouse at Dyker Beach Golf Course, a lovely, welcoming venue. The room is large and the sun shines through the great big windows. The buffet breakfast overflows with delicious food!

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From the welcoming and the invocation to the speakers and the countdown, each aspect of the program is a joyous celebration of the gift of sobriety, the gift of A.A., the gift of A.A. in Brooklyn. We are fortunate recipients of the legacy of those who came before. Because they were responsible, we have been given back our lives. Because they were responsible, we can share our experience with other alcoholics and help guide them to their spiritual awakening. Because they were responsible, our relationship with our Higher Power and with our fellow man has been restored.

Anyone who has been to that desperate, lonely place that alcoholics know too well, knows that A.A. is pure gift, and what else can we do but celebrate? We celebrate annually with each other because we don't do any of this alone. See you at this year's celebration. For tickets, e-mail tickets@brooklynnaa.org. For info, e-mail spiritualbreakfast@brooklynnaa.org.

(Note: Tickets are \$35 each; a 14-seat table costs \$490. To buy a table, pay half up front. If you pay for half a table or more, but have remaining, unsold tickets on Oct. 31, those tickets will be made available for purchase by anyone Nov. 1.)



2017 Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast Sunday, December 3 — 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dyker Beach Golf Course clubhouse

1030 86th Street (@ 7th Ave.), Brooklyn, NY 11228

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

Tickets: \$35 (Table seating 14=\$490)

For more info, e-mail spiritualbreakfast@brooklynnaa.org

*Have something to announce? Something to say?
Questions or comments? E-mail Ken K. at
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*"True leaders in A.A. are but trusted
and experienced servants of the
whole." — Twelve Steps and Twelve
Traditions, p. 191*



New to service? Up your game & hit 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**.)



What's new on the SENY scene?

• **SENY Area 49 Committee Meetings** will be held **Oct. 2**, **Nov. 6** and **Dec. 4** from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Meeting venue is the Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall, at 2158 Watson Ave., Bronx, NY, 10472 (Note: New DCM Orientations at 7 p.m.)

• Copies of the **67th General Service Conference Final Report** are now available at: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/559f240ce4b07a4915495c39/t/599d756cff7c50a1fe9ba57d/1503491439999/67th+GSC+Final+Report+%28Anonymity+Protected_+English%29+%84%29.pdf. (Note: Spanish-language version also available.)



SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

St. Patrick's Church, William O'Connor School Cafeteria

9511 Fourth Avenue **1:00-4:00 PM Saturday**

Brooklyn, New York 11209

Multiple Speaker Meeting, Q and A, Service Sign Up

Food and Fellowship

Meetings/events updates

• **No Human Power** (Fridays @ 7:00 p.m.) now meets in the living room on the 1st floor of the rectory at San Damiano Mission (85 North 15th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222.) The group formerly met in the rectory basement.

• **Brooklyn Institutions Committee 34th Annual Dinner Dance** will be held Sat., Nov. 18 from 8:30 p.m. at Hope City Empowerment Center, 650 Washington Ave., Brooklyn. Tickets (\$20 in advance, \$25 at door): Carol C., 917-XXX-XXXX; Joe I., 347-XXX-XXXX; Cheryl C., XXX-XXXX; or Sylvia W., 917-XXX-XXXX.

• Online group **Our Solution-Living Solution** meets Monday at 8 p.m. Log into Paltalk, create account and sign into Living Solution room from 7 p.m. Desktop users may need external mics. Info: livingsolution@outlook.com.

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Update: Correx Correspondence backlog reduced, other service opportunities still need takers

NEW YORK — A longtime backlog in prison inmates looking to be matched by mail with A.A.'s "on the outside" via the Corrections Correspondence program has been reduced thanks to a huge response to outreach in the July issue of the *Grapevine*, according to Diana L., Corrections Coordinator at the General Service Office. However, other corrections service opportunities remain.

There are now just 47 male inmates awaiting letters, down from several hundred. Female participants are also still welcome to sign up. "It is not clear why fewer women 'on the inside' request C.C.S. but we have many woman outside A.A.'s who are more than willing to be of service," said Diana L.



Corrections Correspondence matches A.A.'s with incarcerated alcoholics serving at least six months in prisons a minimum of two regions away. "No experience needed; all members are welcome even if you have clearance issues," said Diana L.

Other Corrections-related service opportunities include serving as a pre-release A.A. contact person for new parolees and buying inmates *Grapevine* subscriptions. For more, visit web page www.aa.org/pages/en_US/corrections-committees. SENY Area 49's Corrections Committee also meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 12 noon at 99 Lincoln Ave. in the Bronx. E-mail corrections@aasenya.org for info. — Ken K.