



THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

Tradition 5

"Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." — **May 2017**

'Digging deep' into AA and service

— A note from your Treasurer, Joe S.

Nobody has ever paid me to speak at a detox; I'm not a professional. I like to emphasize this when sharing my story with newly recovering alcoholics. I'm simply someone who was unable to stop drinking until coming to Alcoholics Anonymous. The men and women of AA gave me the tools to stay sober without asking anything in return, while letting me know that in order to keep it I had to give it away. So money doesn't play a direct role in our primary purpose, and it's always reassuring to hear "we need you more than we need your money."

When the basket goes around, I try to dig deep. With so much emphasis on spiritual matters, I can easily forget about the practical needs of our fellowship: rent, literature or coffee, among other things. These not only make 12th Step work a little easier, but ensure that the fellowship on which my life depends remains safe and effective. Recovery is an incredible gift and a dollar or two can help keep it in the hands of people who truly understand that.

But self-support doesn't begin and end with money. When recovering alcoholics empty ashtrays or mop the church basements where we meet, we are supporting ourselves. The small chores or gestures that any member can do demonstrate the gratitude we feel and our commitment to the principles passed down to us. And these seemingly small acts help to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous will remain as we found it, with our groups able to continue staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. — *Joe S.*

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 \$\$ to:

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

(Be sure to make checks/money orders payable to **AA Brooklyn County General Service.**)



"It is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: It enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers." — From the pamphlet "The A.A. Group Treasurer."

Area 49 SENY Convention Report: 'Supporting Our Future' ... through service and participation

By Evelyn R., DCM, District 404

This year's theme for the 2017 Area 49 SENY Convention, "*Supporting Our Future*," made me think of the first SENY convention I attended in early sobriety. I was fortunate enough as a newcomer to Alcoholics Anonymous to attend my first convention and chat with two people who have now passed but were giants in general service: past delegate Boyce B., and Kevin T., former editor of *The Link*. As a newcomer, I was clueless but now I see how these two great people taught me how to support our future through service and participation. That convention was an event that changed my life in many ways and, I assure you, it wasn't a "pink cloud."

This year marked my fourth convention. What a blast — and the hospitality was exceptional! The convention was held in a new venue, at The Renaissance Westchester Hotel, in West Harrison, N.Y. What a great space! Planning a convention like this is a lot of work, and it requires people to cooperate with one another. That's not always an easy task, and the committee should be commended.

I attended a couple of workshops — Surrender Steps 1 & 6 — and the Old-Timers' Meeting, and was asked to read the Preamble in Spanish. It was such an honor to be of service. The theme meeting was outstanding, and addressed how to support our future through young

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people in AA, as well as safety and security in the rooms. Unfortunately, this year I was unable to attend the banquet, Big Meeting and dance — but, last year, I danced all night long. How blessed I feel to be able to share love and joy with my friends and fellows.



Next year, you simply won't want to miss this experience, so make sure you attend the 2018 SENY Convention. You will meet new friends, your imagination will be stirred, you will be inspired to help others and you will surely grow as a person in recovery.

In love & service,

Evelyn R., DCM, District 404

MEMORIAL DAY ALCATHON

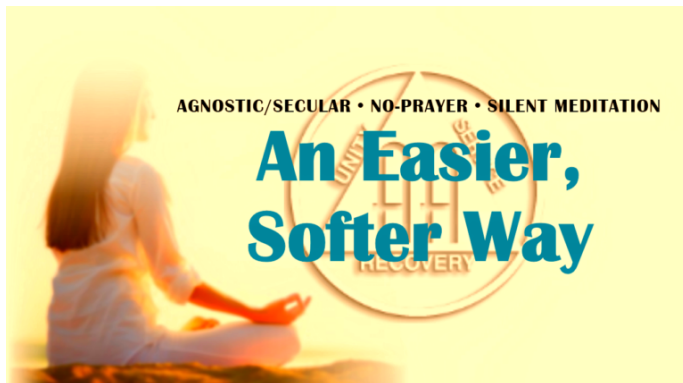
Monday, May 29

9 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Weeksville Group

Our Lady of Charity Church
1669 Dean St. (near Schenectady Ave.)
Brooklyn, NY 11213

7th Tradition to be observed; food donations welcome.



New(ish) Meeting — Sundays @ 11 a.m.

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center
Hospital Chapel (Room 1-01, Main Lobby)
374 Stockholm St., Brooklyn, NY 11237
Subway: L train to DeKalb Ave.
Buses: B13 & B38

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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

Have something to announce? Something to say? Questions or comments? E-mail Ken K. at brooklynjunction@brooklynnaa.org.



JUNE 24, 2017 8-5PM NEW VENUE:
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

260 EASTERN PARKWAY, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11225

NEAR 2-3,4,5 TRAINS @ FRANKLIN AVENUE AND S TRAIN AT BOTANIC GARDEN WITH CONNECTION TO PROSPECT PARK B AND Q STOP.

SUGGESTED DONATION FOR GROUPS: \$50.00 AA BROOKLYN COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE, P.O. BOX 170582, BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11217

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