



# THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

*Tradition 6*

"An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." — **June 2017**

## Saving AA's history safeguards future

— A note from your Archives Committee Chair, Devin C.

Hello, *"THE"* Brooklyn County! I am pleased to serve you all as your Archives Committee Chair for this rotation. Our former DCMC, Richard S., has taken over as the SENY Archives Chair and has some great ideas for the Area. The main goal is to start archiving recordings of old-timers to help us better preserve the history of the County. My call to action for anyone reading this is simply to try to help me track down our County members with 40-plus years of sobriety. As a relative newcomer with just under six years myself, I really need your help!

You may find yourself asking why we need to archive our history. What is important about Brooklyn County, specifically? Well, here's my take on that: Through understanding our history better, we can learn about the shortcomings of our Fellowship, as well as some of our greatest decisions! There's no better way to ensure that AA will be thriving for the next wave of alcoholics who have yet found the message of recovery that our program holds. Also, this is *Brooklyn*! Bill W. and Lois lived at 185 Clinton Street while Bill struggled with his last sprees and, upon his return from Akron, it's where he brought drunks to sober up. It's also where some of the first informal gatherings of alcoholics took place on the East Coast!



So ... the hope here is to get recorded stories about what meetings and getting sober were like a few decades back, as well as personal stories of AA recovery. At the end of the day, there is only one aim with our service: to pass along the gift that was given to us freely. Our history is an important and vital part of our Fellowship. I believe it will help us keep this ship on course and better carry this message to yet others as we continue adding more links in the amazing chain that is Alcoholics Anonymous. I thank you all for allowing me to serve you. I *do* need your help and I look forward to getting to know all of you.

In Love and Service,

Devin C.

*NOTE: All inquiries can be sent to [archives@brooklynaa.org](mailto:archives@brooklynaa.org). Any and all recordings will not be publicly available; these will strictly be available for archival purposes.*



**WELCOME  
TO  
BROOKLYN  
SHARE-A-DAY  
2017!**

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## 67th General Service Conference Report: Lit, archives updates OKed; others tabled

RYE BROOK, N.Y. — The 67th General Service Conference met at the Hilton Westchester hotel here April 23 to 28 and took several actions upon agenda items that our delegate John W. had solicited direct input from AA groups in Brooklyn County on earlier this year, via the Delegate's Questionnaire.

A handful of innovations and/or changes were recommended for implementation or further consideration. These included:

### Literature

- It was recommended that two apparently contradictory bullet points about beginner outreach be removed from the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- It was recommended the pamphlet "Too Young?" be "revised to reflect more current collective experiences of young alcoholics."
- Three changes were recommended to language about safety in AA: 1) That Question 10 in pamphlet "The AA Group" will now refer to a "**safe**, attractive and accessible meeting place." 2) That text from "Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare" be added to the "Principles Before Personalities" section of pamphlet "The AA Group." 3) That the Trustees' Literature Committee develop language addressing safety for use in recovery literature, a plan for implementation and that said draft language and plan be brought back to the 2018 General Service Conference.

### Archives

- It was recommended that a draft or progress report of *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 - 1970* (working title) be brought back to the 2018 Conference Committee on Archives for review.

### Cooperation with the Professional Community

- It was recommended that the title of the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" be changed to "Is

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## There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?"

In contrast to those OKed recommendations, no action was taken on several other items on the conference agenda, including:

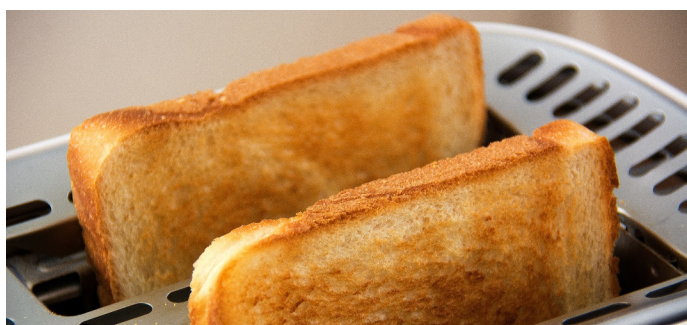
- **Literature:** A revision to pamphlet "The AA Group" concerning landlords was considered but no action was taken. Committee agreed, reports John W., that an AA group's relationship with its landlord falls within autonomy of the group.
- **Finance:** No advisory action taken on request to add text specifying there is no cap on contributions by groups to pamphlet "Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."
- **Policy/Admissions:** No action taken on a request to add a Young People in AA (YPAA) Subcommittee to the service structure.

— Ken K.

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**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.*

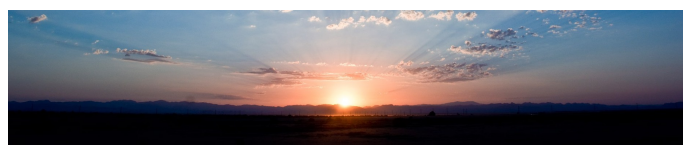
## Dist. 404 floats agnostic pamphlet idea

GREENPOINT, Brooklyn — District 404, which covers North Brooklyn neighborhoods such as Greenpoint and Williamsburg, is exploring the idea of proposing a new pamphlet for agnostic and atheist AAs to be published by AA World Services. (Brooklyn is reportedly home to the greatest number of special-interest agnostic AA meetings in the country.)

Based on the pamphlet "The God Word" currently issued by the AA General Service Conference in Great Britain, the new U.S. version would address perceived inadequacies in similar pamphlets such as "Many Paths to Spirituality" already available on this side of the Atlantic, according to 404 DCM Evelyn R.

"We discussed writing a letter to GSO and submitting a pamphlet ... for consideration," she wrote to district GSRs in May. "However, before we draft this letter we are going to seek support from Brooklyn County and SENY Area 49.

"These are exciting times for District 404," she added. "Remember: This is our fellowship." To view the original U.K. pamphlet, visit website <http://aaagnostica.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/The-God-Word.pdf>. The next District 404 meeting will be held Sunday, July 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Greenpoint Reformed Church, 136 Milton St., Brooklyn. — Ken K.



## North Brooklyn HP-focused meeting needs support

Looking for a safe space to use the word "God"? Want to share your struggles with spirituality as an AA? 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.*



## 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**.)