

THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

January 2018

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." — **Tradition 1**

Area 49 sees golden opportunity in coming 50th SENY Convention

The 50th SENY Convention will be held March 23 to 25 at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown, N.Y. Registration costs \$20 per person or, with banquet, \$80 per person. The Marriott is offering a special room rate of \$129 plus tax for attendees interested in staying overnight. Registration is available online at www.aaseny.org/seny-convention.

Convention highlights include themed meetings, panels and workshops; alkathons; a banquet; hospitality room; Spanish-language A.A. and Al-Anon meetings; displays of A.A. archives and videos; and evening entertainment.



"Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God ..."
— *Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions*

Organizers are looking for more volunteers to help out during the months leading up to the event, as well as during the conference itself. To volunteer, contact 2018 SENY Convention Chair Mike C. at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or convention@aaseny.org. The 2018 SENY Convention committee chairs are:

Chair, Michael C.; *Treasurer*, Steve G.; *Secretary*, Christina A.; *Publicity*, Ben L.; *Program*, Jerry R.; *Hospitality Co-Chair*, Trish D.; *Hospitality Co-Chair*, Kevin McQ.; *Entertainment*, Richard P.; *Registration*, Nisaa A.; *Banquet*, Mike O'B.; *Alkathon*, Frank G.; *Accessibilities*, Nellie P.; *Hispanic Liaison*, Sandra V.; *Al-Anon Liaison*, Rene V.; *Greeting Team*, Emma M. — *By Ken K.*

District 405 presents a new A.A. Historical Book Seminar!

A discussion of A.A. history, working out of the book

"Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age"

3:30-4:30 pm. — 4th Sunday of each month, Jan. to July

@ Old Park Slope Caton, 74 E. 17th St., 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11226
(Book available for purchase @ mtg. Spanish & audiobook available.)

Transit: B/Q trains to Church Ave. **Info:** AAHBS.405@gmail.com



HAPPY NEW YEAR, BROOKLYN COUNTY!

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

Curtain going up on District 404 plans for Twelve Traditions Play

District 404 in North Brooklyn is planning an evening event themed around the rarely performed A.A. "Twelve Traditions Play" this spring. Organizers are shooting for a Saturday night event and performance in early spring, preferably the first week in April, and are actively seeking a host venue — church, hall, community center or other — that could accommodate 20 to 60 attendees from about 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for under \$300. Any and all input/advice welcomed. Volunteers with and without professional theater experience are also wanted.



The next event planning committee meeting will be held Jan. 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Buđin Café, 114 Greenpoint Ave., between Manhattan Ave. and Franklin St. in Greenpoint (Subway: G train to Greenpoint Ave.) A version of the Traditions Play script the
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12 Traditions play event in works

committee is working from can be found online at <http://nwtta66.org/owl/Documents/Public/FormsAndDocs/Traditions%20Play%20District%2010.pdf>

Proposed Event Format

6:30 p.m: Set-up

7:00 p.m: Hospitality (coffee, baked goods, snacks)

7:30 p.m: Traditions Speaker (one 30-min. or two 15-min.)

8:00 p.m: Twelve Traditions Play

8:30 p.m: Audience shares on Traditions, called on by narrator

9:00 p.m: Clean-up

According to committee member Leslie C., planners hope to lock down a venue and make appropriate edits to the script by the end of January. In February, chairs for set-up/clean-up, costuming, lighting/sound, direction and publicity will be named. March will see casting, preproduction meetings, rehearsals and volunteer recruitment. Come April, the cast will be in final rehearsals and then ... it's showtime! For info, email northbrooklyn404@gmail.com. — By Ken K.

Meetings/events updates

THURSDAY 7PM
MEDITATION

**NEW MEETING STARTING
JANUARY 4, 2018!!!**

We absolutely insist
on enjoying life!

ST. PATRICK PARISH
9511 4th Ave – btn 95th & 97th Brooklyn, NY
MEETING in the lunch room – PARKING in the lot!

- **'Big Book Unplugged':** Suffolk General Service sponsors a journey through A.A. history, through the lens of the Big Book. Free admission, breakfast, lunch and snacks. Jan. 27; 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Vail Leavitt Music Hall, 18 Peconic Ave., Riverhead, N.Y. Email: BigBookUnplugged@gmail.com.

- **NERAASA '18:** The 27th annual Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly will be held Feb. 23-25 at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, Conn. Hosted by Area 11 in Connecticut. For more information, visit www.neraasa.org or email neraasa2018@gmail.com.

- **Suffolk County General Service's 21st Annual Unity Breakfast** will be held Sunday, March 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at East Wind Catering Hall, 5720 Route 25A, Wading River, N.Y. Tickets cost \$28. Contact unitybreakfast@aasuffolks.ny.org.

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More AA's ante up with new \$7.27 Seventh Tradition donation surge

Monthly SENY Area 49 newsletter *The Link* reported in its December 2017 issue that the General Service Office has noted "a groundswell" of Seventh Tradition contributions in the amount of \$7.27 — the dollar amount that has been estimated by the General Service Board treasurer as the average cost per member for G.S.O. to provide A.A. services to the Fellowship.

Each year, the treasurer calculates an average member contribution based on that year's financial position. It seems that members of the Fellowship have recently begun to "latch onto" this number, reports *The Link*, sending contributions to G.S.O. in that latest exact dollar amount.

The practice reportedly began in the Pacific Northwest and then "swept across" the eight regions and 93 areas of the U.S. and Canada. This reflects "the commitment of individual members to supporting the services that G.S.O. provides," according to *The Link*. What's more, there was even a "unique surge" of contributions of \$7.27 apiece sent to G.S.O. in New York last year — on July 27 (7/27), of all dates. Members can set up onetime or recurring donations at aa.org. — By Ken K.

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 **Feb. 5** and **March 5** 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, N.Y., 10472 (Note: New DCM Orientations at 7 p.m.)