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"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking." — *Tradition 3*

County votes to move Spiritual Breakfast to Park Slope venue

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Park Slope, here comes Brooklyn County. In a 29-to-6 decision at an emergency group conscience meeting held Feb. 28, three dozen or so Brooklyn County DCMs, GSRs and alternate GSRs in attendance voted to move this year's Spiritual Breakfast event — scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 9 — to a new venue, **The Grand Prospect Hall** in Park Slope. For several years running, the breakfast has been held at the clubhouse at Dyker Beach Golf Course, tucked farther south in the borough between Dyker Heights, Bensonhurst and Fort Hamilton.



Brooklyn County DCMC Mel R. described the debate and vote as an exemplary display of A.A. in action and called for unity going forward. "After a well-informed and passionate group conscience at St. Francis College, 'The' Brooklyn County has voted to move our Spiritual Breakfast to The Grand Prospect Hall," he told *The Brooklyn Junction* after the meeting. "This exciting change, born from the Second Tradition and the Ninth Concept, will define and strengthen our inclusiveness and leadership in our future endeavors."

Spiritual Breakfast chair Rafael S. convened a search committee (comprised of volunteers such as Mishie, Karl, Debra, Heidi and Charlene) that, after surveying in person the facilities, services and pricing at The Grand Prospect Hall — a National Historical Landmark built in 1892 — decided to propose the move. Factors contributing to their decision included price, location, public transportation, on-site parking, wheelchair/accessibility and maximum capacity. The Grand Prospect Hall can accommodate up to 750 attendees at a single event, with room for attendees, breakfast stations, speakers and literature and committee tables in one room. Previous Spiritual Breakfasts at the golf club, in contrast, were technically capped at 300 attendees (although as many as 400 (Continued on Page 2)



"What do you mean you're not willing to pay the price for that drink?"

*From AA Grapevine, July 1988. © AA Grapevine

Share A Day plans now underway

Planning has begun for the annual Share A Day at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf (260 Eastern Parkway). A date is not yet set for the all-day event, to feature multilingual meetings, keynote speaker, info tables, meals and sobriety countdown. A.A.'s and Al-Anons are encouraged to volunteer. Group donations of \$50 welcome. E-mail shareaday@brooklynaa.org.

2018 Delegate's Questionnaire ready for AA groups' appraisal



NEW YORK — SENY Delegate John W. has made the 2018 **Delegate's Questionnaire** available for review by A.A. groups. The document focuses on eight specific proposals from the upcoming 68th General Service Conference's full agenda. Groups are encouraged to review, complete and submit the questionnaire by April 8; the conference runs April 22 to 28.

John W. fielded DCM and GSR questions at the annual Delegate's Day of Sharing, held March 3. The questionnaire addresses three proposed new pamphlets — for long-term sober inmates about to be released, Spanish-speaking women and atheists/agnostics (proposed by our own District 404) — revisions to the Big Book and *Living Sober*; publication of a new (Continued on Page 2)

Spiritual Breakfast makes a move

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or so tickets have been sold some years) packed into a tighter space. The move to Park Slope, thus, will allow for more tickets to be distributed for sale this year. The county will be required to guarantee the new venue 325 seats at about \$32 apiece (\$26 per ticket plus 20% gratuity/service fee.) Dyker Beach reportedly counter-offered with a \$30 per person price, down from \$35 last year; the minority opposed to the move stressed that ticket prices could therefore be lowered for 2018, but the majority voted for change nonetheless. Tickets will remain priced at \$35 each.

According to the preliminary breakfast schedule, the venue will be accessible as early as 8 a.m., with registration from 8:30 to 9:00 and breakfast served from 9:00 to 11:00. Coffee will be served until 11:30 and the event will wrap up by 1:00 p.m. The Grand Prospect Hall is located at 263 Prospect Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215. Visit www.grandprospecthall.com or call (718) 788-077. For tickets and more event information, send an email to spiritualbreakfast@brooklynaa.org.

— By Ken K.

Delegate's Questionnaire available

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book combining the 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts; changes to the subtitle of a pamphlet about GSRs; and a reorganization of the A.A. World Services and General Service boards (in response to recent legal action by AAWS to reclaim the original printer's manuscript of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.)

"In the spirit of transparency and openness, and for the first time," according to SENY, John W. has made available the complete background information for the General Service Conference agenda, a 650-page document, online at website https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QH6kuXoiAFBgbepPm2kbV8tR vnLHaNwU/view.

There are several ways to submit completed questionnaires: online atwww.aaseny.org/d-q; by email (written out or as an attachment) to delegate@aaseny.org; mailing a hard copy to John W., SENY Delegate, at 199 Lincoln Ave., Box 318, Bronx, NY 10454; or dropping it off in person at the Pre-Conference Assembly in Suffolk County on April 8. — By Ken K.



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