



THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

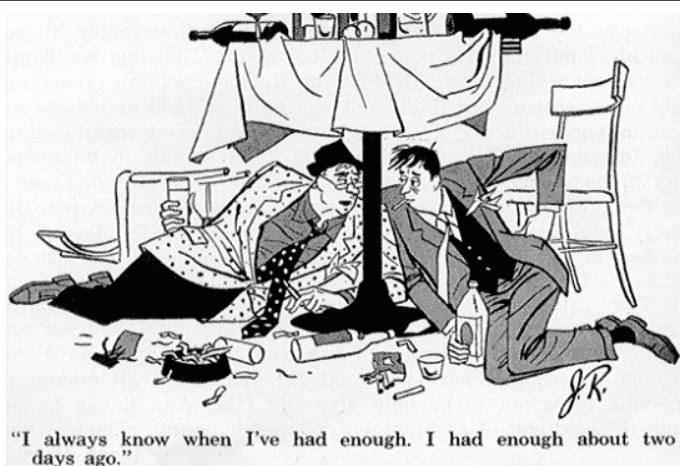
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"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole." — **Tradition 4**

Participation in Delegate's Day of Sharing, questionnaire on the up

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Numbers are up across the board for area participation in preparatory events leading up to this year's A.A. General Service Conference this month in New York. According the SENY Area 49 Delegate John W., more people attended the March 3 Delegate's Day of Sharing and submitted Delegate's Questionnaires by the April 8 deadline than ever before.

"We had around 325 people for the 'DDoS' on March 3," he said. "A past delegate told me that it was by far the largest and most enthusiastic turnout he'd ever seen at a DDoS."



*From AA Grapevine, January 1960. © AA Grapevine



"I'm grateful the fellowship in SENY is so engaged," John W. added. The questionnaire response rate hovered around 20%, with 400 completed questionnaires submitted. There are approximately 2,000 groups in the SENY area. This represented an increase of nearly 30% over last year's response rate, according to John.

The purpose behind the DDoS and the questionnaire to help SENY's area delegate to prepare for the GSC, he noted. "A critical component of that preparedness is having a good sense of the collective conscience of our area on some of the important matters that will be addressed," John said. "I now head off to the GSC informed — but not instructed — and vote in the best interest of AA as a whole." — Ken K.

Share A Day 2018 date, theme set

BROOKLYN, N.Y. —The county has set Saturday, June 23 as the date of its annual Share A Day event, to be held at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf (260 Eastern Parkway). This year's theme is "Rocketed into the Fourth Dimension We Have Entered The World of The Spirit." The all-day event, to run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., features 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 chairperson Willie C. at freewillie1440@aol.com or at shareaday@brooklynaa.org. — Ken K.

Hand of A.A. reaches the world

(An excerpt from the Spring 2018 edition of "Box 459," the A.A. General Services Office newsletter, follows.)

In March 2017, Greg T. became the General Service Office's first general manager to visit **Cuba**. He was accompanied by Scott H., trustee-at-large, Canada; and Hernán M., former La Viña editor, who acted as translator. The purpose of the trip was to respond to an invitation from the Cuban General Service Board to attend their 18th General Service Conference, which was held March 23-26 in the town of Caibarién. "Despite some of the roadblocks facing them," Greg says, "people in Cuba are truly passionate about A.A." (Cuba celebrated 25 years of AA at their National Convention which took place January 19-21, 2018, in Santa Clara, Cuba.)

The All **India** Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Convention was held in New Delhi, December 9-10, 2017. Organized by New Delhi's all-women group, Shakti, this was the country's first all-women convention, bringing together sober alcoholics as well as addiction workers. Heather H., chair of the Asia-Oceania Service Meeting, attended. "As chair of the AOSM — of which

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HOW GROUPS CAN CHIP IN!

Does your group collection basket runneth over? Make 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.**)



Upcoming Events

Brooklyn County Share a Day
June 23, 2018 8am - 5 pm



Rocketed into the Fourth Dimension
We have Entered The World of The Spirit

Suggested Donation For Groups \$50.00 BCSAD 2018
 AA Brooklyn County General Service
 P.O. Box 170582
 Brooklyn, New York 11217

St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf

260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11225

Near 2,3,4,5 Trains @ Franklin Ave. & S Train at Brooklyn Botanic Garden with
 Connection to Prospect Park B & Q stop

Wheelchair Accessible Free Childcare Breakfast and Lunch

Russian, Spanish, LGBTQ, Alanon, YPAA, Women, Men, Step and Gratitude Meetings

www.brooklynnaa.org

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What's new on the SENY scene?

Post-Conference Assembly

June 2 — 8:00 a.m.

Venue: Westchester County location TBD.

SENY Area 49 Committee Meetings

May 7 & June 4 — 7:30 p.m.

Venue: Church of the Holy Family, Mechler Hall

2158 Watson Ave., Bronx, NY 10472

Note: New DCM Orientation at 7 p.m.

A.A. hand reaches around world



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India is part — I was delighted that they have started what could be the beginning of many women's conventions," says Heather.

"There are numerous countries where culture hinders recovery for women, and by talking one to one — as well as listening to stories and presentations from each other in conventions such as this — we will hopefully see a huge growth of women no longer dying from alcoholism."

A.A. continues to spread in **Iran** as the Iranian government, faced with a rise in alcoholism and drug abuse, has tolerated the open growth of more and more A.A. meetings. Iranian World Service Meeting delegate Masood F. writes, "A few years ago it was a ridiculous dream to share about alcoholism in an Islamic country like Iran. Now, the good news is that anyone who suffers from alcoholism in Iran should be able to find a meeting and speak about his or her problem."

Masood estimates that there are roughly 400 A.A. groups in the country, at least a quarter of them linked to Iran's General Service Office. "Contact with other countries, especially with the U.S./ Canada General Service Office, has been beneficial and even vital to us."



AA Brooklyn District 412
 A Workshop on
the Home Group

- Fostering Fellowship
- Creating a Welcoming, Safe Space
- Encouraging Service
- Building a Stable Foundation
- Much More!!!

Join us to share your insights, experience and practical tips:
 Saturday - May 19, 2018; 2:00 - 5:00 PM
 St. John & St. Matthew Emanuel Lutheran Church
 283 Prospect Avenue, btwn. 5th and 6th Avenues
 (use senior center entrance on east side of church.)