



THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

June 2018

"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." - **Tradition 6**

Archives Update: Three 'oldtimer' interviews recorded, more wanted

BROOKLYN — Hello, Brooklyn County! I am happy to take this opportunity to inform you all about what is happening with the Recorded Histories Project. After a long time of looking at coordinating schedules, I just recently had a flurry of activity and was able to record three separate interviews over the span of two weeks. Each one of these interviews was made possible by members helping to introduce me to the elders of their districts or home groups, so a big "thank you" for your help is in order!

What I can share about this process is nothing but gratitude. I feel I have personally been able to meet and sit with members of our wonderful Fellowship that I may not have ever met and share an intimate space, one-on-one, to hear their experience. When I went back to the tapes to check on the audio, I felt moved hearing these voices and stories, and I believe preserving our history through recorded interviews will be a valued treasure for our County to have.



As I look to our digital archivists to find the best way to store these talks, I have two requests for you all. First off, I kindly ask for your continued help to get me connected to more members with over 40 years sober so that we may get as many of these as possible! The second request I have is that DCM's — or anyone, for that matter — who has flyers of events over the last two years send them, please, my way. I would like to have a comprehensive binder of all the events over the 2017-2018 term to leave, as well. Thanks, everyone, for allowing me to serve your County.

In Love and Service,

Devin C., Archives Chair

NOTE: All inquiries can be sent to archives@brooklynnaa.org. Any and all recordings will not be publicly available; these will strictly be available for archival purposes.



**WELCOME
TO
BROOKLYN
SHARE-A-DAY
2018!**

68th General Service Conference Report: District 404 agnostic pamphlet OKed

NEW YORK — The 68th General Service Conference met at the Crowne Plaza Times Square here April 21 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.

Several innovations and/or changes were recommended for implementation or further consideration. Some of these included:

Literature

- **North Brooklyn District 404's proposal that the agnostic/atheist pamphlet "The God Word" from the U.K. be adopted by A.A. World Services was approved!**
- Title changes were approved for pamphlets aimed at women, LGBTQ and differently-abled A.A.'s and about GSRs. Updates OKed for the pamphlets "Understanding Anonymity," "A Brief Guide to A.A.," "Members of the Clergy Ask about A.A.," and "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services." Draft pamphlet "Experience, Strength and Hope: A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues – and their sponsors" was approved.
- Text originally included in the 1998 edition of "Living Sober" will be restored, following the section titled "Note to Medical Professionals."
- *For reporting back to 2019 Conference:* Revisions to sponsorship pamphlet to include anonymity section, and development of pamphlets (1) for Spanish-speaking women and (2) about A.A.'s Three Legacies.

Finance

- The maximum annual contribution from individual A.A.'s to the General Service Board rises to \$5,000, from \$3,000.

Archives

- Proposed new publication, "Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks,

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1951 – 1970," approved, with minor editorial changes.

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

- **Literature:** Requests to add the A.A. Preamble and Responsibility Statement and an endnote on Dr. Bob to the Big Book were considered but no action was taken.
- **Trustees:** Censure of General Service Board considered but no action taken.
- **Corrections:** No action on proposal for new pamphlet for soon-to-be released long-term prison inmates.

Motions that failed to pass included a new appendix about Library of Congress recognition for the Big Book, a new book combining the 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts; and revisions to how the trustee-at-large/U.S. is elected. — Ken K.

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



2018 Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast Sunday, December 9 — 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Grand Prospect Hall

263 Prospect Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215

Transit: D/N/R/W trains to Prospect Ave.; F/G to 7th Ave.

Tickets: \$35 (Tables available)

For more info, e-mail 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.

What's up in SENY Area 49?

SENY Elections Assembly

Sept. 15 — 8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Venue: Lehman College (Music Bldg.),
250 Bedford Prk Blvd. West, Bronx, NY 10468
Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

SENY Area 49 Committee Meeting

Oct. 1 — 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Venue: Church of the Holy Family (Mechler Hall)
2158 Waston Ave., Bronx, NY 10472
New DCM Orientation at 7 p.m.



**"Why shouldn't we put up the funds for a detox ward?
The group has plenty of money in the treasury. . ."**

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Long Island Spirituality Through Service 2018

The Long Island Spirituality Through Service (L.I.S.T.S.) Workshop aspires to reaffirm the strong spiritual benefits of service to recovering alcoholics.

Saturday, Sept. 22 — 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Exhibits — Lunch & Refreshments — Meditation
Big Meeting — Workshops
Wheelchair-Accessible — Spanish/ASL Translation

Venue: St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf
260 Eastern Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY 11225
Transit: 2/3/4/5 Franklin Ave.; S to Botanic Garden



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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:

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