



THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

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“AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

September 2014

What's up Brooklyn!

As we welcome everyone back from summer vacation, I hope all had a safe and sober one. Brooklyn County's activities are ongoing and take no such time off!

Share-A-Day in June at Bishop Kearney was a huge success, with great food, meetings, activities and was attended by some 225 people. Even before the share a day came to fruition, we were meeting with our connected counties of Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens, planning the Long Island Spirituality Through Service (L.I.S.T.S) hosted by Brooklyn on August 10th at St. Francis College. As I report, the planning committee for our annual Spiritual Breakfast is hard at work. I would like to thank all the trusted servants who have stepped up and served. Service is not a spectator sport and we've been fortunate here in Brooklyn to have great support.

SENY Area 49 elections will be held on September 27th, at the Bronx High School of Science, transportation will be provided. Let's represent Brooklyn!

The officers of the county are looking forward to the upcoming year with enthusiasm and great expectations. Any thoughts or ideas fell free to call, text or email any one of us.

Excited, learning, teachable, still committed to service,

Richard S, DCMC

When our DCMC, Richard S., asked me to chair Brooklyn County Share-A-Day I was overwhelmed by the idea. I've been told to say yes to the opportunity to do service which has always provided me with the opportunity to ask for help and guidance from sober folks who were eager to share their experience with me. Of the many things that AA has taught me, we don't have to do anything alone anymore unless we choose. Thank you to Heidi C. who co-chaired the event and brought her attention to detail and extensive service experience to the table.

Brooklyn Share A Day was a wonderful day of love and service. A huge thank you to the planning committee without whose organizational skills and dedication Share A Day would not have been so successful! We had an amazing turn out and the food provided by Gary is still being talked about. My personal highlight of the day was hearing a young man with one day share his gratitude for having a place to go and having one day without a drink. Thank you again for everyone who contributed to and participated in Share A Day.

In Love & Service,

Mishie O., 2014 Share-A-Day Chair

Welcome back Brooklyn County! I trust you had a safe, sober, and service minded summer (that's a lot of s's!) It is an awesome honor and privilege to serve as your Alternate DCMC. Being raised in AA to be service minded and taught to give back, is a big part of my sobriety.

I have been doing service below the group level for over 16 years and I am truly blessed to have worked for and with some extraordinary people, Delegates, SENY officers, DCMC's, DCM's, GSR's and Standing Committee Chairs. My service sponsor has kept me particularly aware of the importance of the gift of service on below the group level. Let us not forget that we do what we do for the individual AA as well as for the group!

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Commitment is the watch word as we go forward. Being part of and helping one another achieve the ultimate goal of giving will help keep Brooklyn General Service strong, effective, and binding. Brooklyn County has a lot to be grateful for. We have carried the message of hope further than we could have imagined and will continue to do so. From outstanding Share a Day's, Spiritual Breakfasts, Workshops, Assemblies, and L.I.S.T.S events.

I have always believed in the spiritual importance of the GSR. Not everyone shares that gift of serving a 2 year commitment, not everyone wants to accept that gift. If you are here and have been elected, appointed or just simply pushed into becoming a GSR welcome! The service you are about to do or having been doing will not only protect your sobriety but also strengthen the people around you. We, the county officers, GSR's, Standing Committee Chairs, applaud the job you stepped up to do. This will always be a "WE" fellowship and County. Let's continue to make 12th step work possible to help the still sick and suffering. This is what Dr. Bob meant by "added insurance", not only for us, but for those we have yet to meet.

To the Standing Committee chairs and County Officers, welcome back! I look forward to being available and of service to you all. My hand is extended and will. Let us focus and give support towards our awesome Spiritual Breakfast in December, so it can be just as wonderful as June's Share A Day. Before I forget, I'd like to mention I co-chair a Concepts Meeting every third Monday of the month at OPSC. The Concepts, those other 12 principles we rarely hear about are not only alive and well, but also just as important as the Steps and Traditions. Everyone, particularly at the county level, can benefit from them. We have had some awesome speakers lead us in the concepts since we started and I recommend that anyone doing service on the county level DCMC to GSRs to come find out about the Concepts. In closing, I would like to embrace this thought, this belief, this way of life called sobriety. It is an honor to serve "Brooklyn County".

In Spirituality and Service,
Mel R, Alt DCMC

Spiritual Breakfast Planning Meeting
Sunday, September 21st, 4:00PM
74 E 17th St (btwn Church & Caton)
FOR TIX
CONTACT YOUR GSR OR
DEBORAH L – 917.836.5893

SENY ELECTION
ASSEMBLY
HOSTED BY BRONX & UPPER MANHATTAN
Saturday, September 27th, 2014

Bronx H.S. of Science
75 West 205th Street
Bronx, NY 10468

YOU MUST BRING I.D. TO ENTER THE BUILDING

Brooklyn will be providing a bus for \$10 which will
meet at BAM between 7-7:15am.

Brooklyn Institutions Committee
31st Annual Dinner Dance!!!
Saturday, November 22, 2014 -
8:30p - 'till
Meeting * Food * Fun * DJ
St. Teresa of Avila R.C. Church
563 Sterling Place - Brooklyn, NY
Advance Tickets: \$20.00 - Door:
\$25.00
Tickets: Carol C. - 917.747.5136
no refunds

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SAVE THE DATE**BROOKLYN COUNTY ANNUAL
SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2014
9:30AM – 1:00PM

DYKER BEACH GOLF COURSE

1030 86th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11228
Tickets cost \$30

Free parking and wheelchair accessible

MAKE ALL DONATIONS C/O
"Brooklyn County General Service"

MEMO: **Spiritual Breakfast**

**The Bay Ridge Group has
moved!**

New Address

Union Church
7915 Ridge Blvd
(between 79th and 80th Streets)

**TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD
SERVICE WORKSHOP**

**EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE
MONTH
7:00PM**

**OPSC – 74 EAST 17TH STREET
(BTWN CHURCH & CATON AVES)**

**Old Park Slope Caton
Semi-Annual Old Timer's
Meeting**

**November 16, 2014
5 Speakers, 25 Years+
74 E. 17th St
Btwn Church & Caton
4:00PM – 6:00PM**

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Brooklyn District Meetings

- **District 400 & 402 Cluster:** 2nd Mon. of the month at 6:45pm, Grace Episcopal Church (cnr Hicks & Grace Ct)
- **District 401, 403 & 411 Cluster:** 2nd Sat. of the month at noon, 103 Quincy St., btw. Franklin & Classon
- **District 404:** 2nd Sunday of the month @ 5:30 PM, Greenpoint Reform Church, 138 Milton Street (cnr of Manhattan Ave)
- **District 405 –** Last Saturday of each month @ four - OPSC, 74 E 17th Street, btwn Church & Caton
- **District 406, 408 & 413 Cluster:** St Thomas Aquinas Church, (b/w Flatlands and Flatbush (Flatlands Group) the last Sat of each month at noon.
- **District 407 & 409 Cluster:** 1st Tues. of the month at 7pm, Church of the Good Shepherd, 7420 Fourth Ave.
- **District 410:** TBD
- **District 412 Meeting:** 3rd Sun. of the month at 6pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 281 Prospect Ave at 6th Ave.
- **District 414 Meeting:** Sat. 5pm-7pm, 30 Jefferson St.

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