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*Good communication is of vital importance. In personal Twelfth Step work, there is no end to communication. The sponsor talks with the drunk; speakers share their experience; we share with each other. But when it comes to general service work, communication has a general tendency to break down. It can take hard work to get the attention of alcoholics, but with a creative approach, they can be encouraged to take time out from the nuts and bolts of recovery to think about another phase of their new lives. Once A.A. members are well informed about service, they often want to become involved and to take on their own service responsibilities.*

— The A.A. Service Manual, p. S23

*Ab, the election of the County officers for 2012-2013! For those of you who do not have the SENY Service Handbook handy, the following is excerpted and paraphrased to apply to the County, rather than the Area officers' job descriptions.*

In general the DCMCs:

- Are voting members of the SENY committee and assembly;
- Are members of the SENY Ad Hoc Service Participation Committee;
- Participate in share-a-days and spiritual breakfasts;
- Chair all county meetings;
- Prepare all agendas for the county meetings and send them to the county registrar for distribution along with the secretary's minutes;
- Support county DCMs and GSRs;
- Submit articles to *The Link* [and *The Brooklyn Junction*];
- Communicate with the county treasurer concerning the condition of the county bank account, countersign county checks, and help the treasurer keep the county solvent;
- Form county committees and appoint their chairs (in some counties the chairs may be elected, not appointed), subject to approval by the county meeting; see that county chairs coordinate activities with the SENY chairs;
- Are available to do group inventories, settle Traditions questions, and discuss tradition breaks;
- Keep the county aware of area, national, and international AA information and functions;
- Help new groups register with General Service, SENY, the County, the districts and Intergroup, and to update group information GSR records, etc;
- Set up a county communication tree or chain;
- Help to arrange for district, county or area workshops to be held in the county.

#### Treasurer

- Coordinates the County bank account; obtains and sees to the completion of the bank signature cards by the DCMC and treasurer.
- Receives and accounts for all group contributions, literature sale and other revenues.

- Dispenses funds in accordance with the annual budget established by the County.
- Maintains full financial records on all transactions and reports to the County.
- Prepares the budget in consultation with the other officers and standing committee chairs. Monitors adherence to the budget.
- Prepares the tax returns and required filings with the DCMC.
- Late in the second year, works with the newly elected successor treasurer to pass along a basic knowledge of the job.
- Passes along communications and requests from SENY and AAWS/ Grapevine of possible interest to the membership.

#### Registrar

- Updates group and district information for the County.
- Coordinates the annual group records update project with GSO and the GSRs and DCMs.
- Arranges necessary supplies, equipment and support for the County's mailings.
- Coordinates the County's mass mailings.
- Coordinates sign-in sheets at the County General Service Meetings.
- Late in the second year, works with the newly elected successor registrar to pass along a basic knowledge of the job.
- Passes along communications and requests from SENY and AAWS/ Grapevine of possible interest to the membership.

#### Recording Secretary

- Takes the minutes of the County General Service Meetings.
- Edits the minutes in consultation with the DCMC.
- Duplicates approved minutes for distribution at County General Service Meetings, and provides copies for mailing by the County registrar and to the County website in a web-friendly edition for web posting.

—Excerpted and *paraphrased* from the *Service Handbook and Articles of Association and By-Laws/South Eastern New York Area Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous (Area 49)*, Tenth Revision, January 2011.

## 24th Annual Brooklyn County Spiritual Breakfast

When our DCMC Michael S. asked me to chair this year's Brooklyn County Spiritual Breakfast, I immediately thought that the job would be way too much for me to handle. But, like every other service opportunity I've taken on since getting sober, the position has taught me how to continue to look for direction outside of myself to get a job done. As a solitary drunk who used to spend as much time alone as possible, it hasn't been easy for me to ask for help and guidance from my peers and my Higher Power, but somehow things are unfolding and the event is coming together.

The 24th Annual Brooklyn County Spiritual Breakfast is going to be held on Sunday, December 11th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Bay Ridge Manor will once again host the event, and their building can be found at 473 76th Street. Tickets cost \$25 and can be obtained from me or your GSR or DCM. Unfortunately there will be no tickets sold on the day of the event, so be sure to act fast! To keep things as orderly as possible doors will not open until 9:00 a.m., so please plan accordingly. Also, if you have any special dietary requests, please be sure to get me that information no later than Sunday, December 4th.

Thanks to a devoted planning committee and the useful tips of those who came before me, the arrangements for the event have been surprisingly stress-free. There will be tons of food, plenty of opportunities for fellowship, and a great slew of speakers. I hope you can join me on Sunday, December 11th to appreciate the continued gifts that are offered to us in Alcoholics Anonymous.

In A.A. love and service,

Michael C.  
2011 Spiritual Breakfast Chair  
spiritualbreakfast@brooklynaa.org

**Hey Brooklyn - As we approach the time for me to rotate out - I want to thank you for the opportunity to be of service and wish the incoming newly elected DCMC, Alternate, Treasurer, Registrar well!**

**Michael S., DCMC 2010-2011**

District 400/402 Presents

**The Service AND Beginners Workshops**

**When: Saturday, November 12th, 2011**

**Service Workshop 10 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Break & Fellowship 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM**

**Beginners Workshop 1:15 PM – 4:00 PM**

Where: Grace Church, 245 Hicks Street, Brooklyn  
Entrance on Grace Court

Directions: 2, 3, 4 or 5 to Borough Hall; R to Court Street;  
A C, or F to Jay Street

Whether you're one day sober or have been coming around for 30+ years,  
these workshops have something for everyone!

Panel Topics: Beginners in Service, NY/AA Service Structure, Service IS  
Sobriety, Getting Through the Holidays, The First 90 Days & What's With  
all the God Stuff?!

If you would like more information about directions or getting involved,  
email sfrishberg@gmail.com.

**Starting Point Group Anniversary**

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

**Meeting at 7PM, Dancing & Food from 8PM to 11PM**

Holy Apostles' Church basement 612 Greenwood Ave at Prospect Ave.

**District 405 and Brooklyn Intergroup are having a  
Beginners Workshop: "Getting Through The Holidays"**

**Speakers, Fellowship, Refreshments!**

**Saturday, November 19, 2011 1:30 - 3:30 PM**

Location: Refuge Group Meeting Place

The Church of Our Lady of Refuge

2020 Foster Avenue (betw. Foster Ave & Farragut Rd)

**OLD PARK SLOPE CATON'S**

**SEMI-ANNUAL OLD TIMERS' MEETING**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th, 2011 4:00-6:00PM**

**5 SPEAKERS WITH 25 YEARS or more**

Join us at Old Park Slope Caton (OPSC)

74 E 17th St. (Between Church & Caton Aves.)

**DIRECTIONS: Q Train to Church Ave (Church Ave & E 18th  
Street Exit); B35 to Church Ave & East 18th Street**

**Brooklyn County**

**24th Annual Spiritual Breakfast**

**December 11, 2011 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Bay Ridge Manor

476 76th Street Brooklyn NY

For more information contact Michael C

**The Prospect Group mourns the loss of its program  
chair, Eddie R., who passed away this October. Any  
group that has exchanged speaking commitments  
with Prospect for October-December 2011 are urged  
to call Tom C.**

**Brooklyn County General Service Meeting**

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

St. Francis College, 180 Remsen Street

New GSR orientation at 6:30 PM, General Service Meeting at 7:30 - 9:30 PM

**Brooklyn Institutions Committee Meeting**

Old Park Slope Caton Group, 74 East 17th Street, 11226

First Saturday of every month at 3:30 PM (no meeting in July)

**District 400 402 Cluster Meeting** - 2nd Mon. of the month at 6:45 PM

Grace Episcopal Church (Corner of Hicks St. and Grace Ct.)

**District 401 403 411 Cluster Meeting** - 2nd Sat. of the month at 7:00 PM

103 Quincy Street basement, between Franklin and Classon, 11238

**District 404 Meeting** - 2nd Sunday of the month at 6:45 PM St. Francis Di

Paulo Catholic Church / 213 Woodpoint Rd., Williamsburg 11211

**District 405 Meeting** - Last Sat. of each month at 4:30 PM

Our Lady of Refuge Church basement (2020 Foster Avenue at East 21st Street)

**District 406 408 413 Cluster Meeting** - 2nd Sat. of the month at 11:30 AM

2240 79th St. between Bay Pkwy. and 23rd Ave (residence)

**District 407 409 Cluster Meeting** - 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:00 PM

Church of the Good Shepherd (7420 Fourth Avenue)

**District 412 Meeting** - 3rd Sun. of each month at 6:00 PM

St. John's Lutheran Church (281 Prospect Ave off 6th Ave., 11215)

**District 414 Meeting** - Every Sat., 5:00 - 7:00 PM

30 Jefferson Street, 11206 (Bed Stuy)

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401	Dennis A.	410	Nellie P.
402	Blake B.	411	Russell D. Kevin Y. (alt)
403	Annette C.	412	Holmes R. Lou G. (alt)
404	Vincent M.	Hispanic (414)	Mario
405	Richard S. Cathy M. (alt)	Polish	Mark
406,408, 413 cluster	Karen K.	Russian (in 408)	Valentina G., GSR

**AA and Dual Diagnosis - SENY Special Needs Share-A-Day  
Saturday Jan 7, 2012 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

St. Francis College

180 Remsen Street Brooklyn, NY (Between Court and Clinton Streets)

Wheelchair accessible facility and program ASL interpreted

Contact Charlene B, Brooklyn Accessibility/Special Needs Chair

**In the Garden Temporarily Moved**

In the Garden 11th Step Meditation meeting, which normally meets  
on Saturdays from 10-11:30am at 918 Kent Ave., has temporarily  
moved to a new location: 103 Quincy Street (betw. Franklin Ave. &  
Classon Ave). We will begin meeting at 103 Quincy Street on Sat-  
urday, October 29 at 10am. Same time, same day, different place.  
Please announce to your groups.

*Traditions for November/December*

- Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
- Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

*Concepts for November/December*

- The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
- The Conference shall observe the spirit of AA tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.