



THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

Tradition 6

An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

June 2015

Rotation, Rotation, Rotation

If you thought we settled the question of whether or not to align Brooklyn's General Service rotation with all the other counties' – and SENY's – rotations for all time, think again. It is common in AA General Service to "reconsider" previously decided issues.

Presently our rotation cycle does not match the rotation cycle of SENY or that of any other county within SENY. Our rotation cycle began January 1, 2014 and will be completed on December 31, 2015. Everyone else is on a rotation that began January 1, 2015 and will end on December 31, 2016. What we will be considering at this (June 2015) General Service Meeting (GSM) and voting on at the next (September 2015) GSM is whether or not we should get our rotation cycle in sync with everyone else's.

If we do sync up with SENY's rotation, we will have to deal with making the transition. There are 3 ways we can do that. First, and easiest, is to extend the current rotation another year. All our officers have indicated their willingness to serve an additional year. Several of our standing committee chairs have been appointed during 2015, so adding a year onto their rotations would turn them into normal, rather than truncated, rotations.

The next option is to end this rotation as originally scheduled,

and have a new slate of officers serve a one-year rotation. The third option is to have a new slate of officers serve a three-year rotation. The new DCMC, whether serving a one-year or a three-year term, will need to appoint standing and ad hoc committee chairs to fill the one-year or three-year rotation. Who the new slate of officers will consist of will be decided at the November GSM.

As your DCMC, I am not urging you to take one side over another. However, as alcoholics, we are likely to word our motions not so elegantly or spend a good deal of time hammering out the wording. To save us time and effort, I would like to propose...

Motion #1: Do we sync up Brooklyn's General Service rotation with that of SENY and of all the other counties within SENY? If we vote 'no' we're done. If we vote 'yes' we go on to...

Motion #2: Do we extend our current rotation, with the current slate of officers, an additional year? If 'yes' we're done. If we vote 'no' we go on to...

Motion #3: Will a new slate of officers serve for one year? If 'yes,' we're done. If 'no' the new slate of officers will serve for three years.

Yours in service,
Richard S., Brooklyn DCMC

LISTS 2015: not just for service nerds

Long Island Spirituality Through Service (LISTS) is beginning its second cycle through the counties of Long Island in Nassau County. The date and time are Saturday, August 1 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm; the venue is the Garden City Community Church, 245 Stewart Ave. (at Whitehall Blvd.), Garden City, NY 11530. Lunch will be provided.

LISTS is partly a Share A Day, partly a workshop which emphasizes the spiritual benefits of service for the recovering alcoholic. The event will begin with a keynote address followed by guided meditation. Later, after lunch, there will be breakout sessions devoted to specific topics. Here is a sampling of them: "We might be the only Service Man-

ual AA members hear!"; "What is General Service at the Home Group, District, County and Area Levels?"; "Group Conscience and the Minority Opinion";

"Anonymity Our Spiritual Foundation". There are fifteen sessions to choose among.

As the title says, LISTS is not just for "service nerds." New General Service Representatives (GSRs), AA members – particularly newcomers – who want to know what holds the disparate AA groups together, or AA members who would like to do something for AA not connected to a specific home group: LISTS is a good place to get a taste of what "service below the group level" means and how that can rebound in spiritual growth.

If you are interested in attending LISTS and need a ride (or can provide one) contact Richard S. (your DCMC) at dcmc@brooklynnaa.org or Mel R. (your Alternate DCMC) at altdcmc@brooklynnaa.org or Cathy M. at webchair@brooklynnaa.org.

**Brooklyn County Share A Day Saturday, June 20
8:30 am - 4:00 pm at Bishop Kearney High School
Bay Parkway and 60th Street, Brooklyn**

Grapevine Facts

- The first issue of *the AA Grapevine* was published in June 1944. A new issue has come out every month since.
- Early AA groups adopted *the AA Grapevine* as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1946. The General Service Conference reaffirmed this designation in 1986.

Conference Advisory Action, 1986:

"Since each issue of *the Grapevine* cannot go through the Conference-approval process, the Conference recognizes the Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous."

- *The AA Grapevine* is produced by a staff of professional editors, writers, and artists, who are members of AA. Most of the articles are written by members of the Fellowship.
- Bill W. introduced the Traditions to the Fellowship in a 1946 *Grapevine* article called "Twelve Suggested Points for AA Tradition."
- Acting as the senior advisor of the magazine, Bill W. wrote more than 150 articles in *the AA Grapevine* between 1945 and 1970. His articles are collected in the anthology *The Language of the Heart*.
- The Preamble was written by a *Grapevine* editor, based on the Foreword to the first edition of the Big Book. It was first published in *the Grapevine* in June 1947.
- In July 1995, a special edition of *the Grapevine* in Spanish was published, and in July 1996, *the AA Grapevine* began publishing *La Viña*, a bimonthly Spanish-language magazine.
- *The AA Grapevine* is entirely self-supporting through the sale of the magazine and related items. It receives none of the group contributions sent to the General Service Office.

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(Bay Parkway & 60th Street)

The Greenwood Group is proud to announce a Grapevine meeting starting July 2015. It will be on Saturdays at 5pm (last Saturday of the month is an open anniversary) 367 20th street (off 7th Ave.) Spread the Word! Come Join Us!

Long Island Spirituality Through Service

August 1 9:30 am - 3:30 pm; Garden City Community Church, 245 Stewart Ave. Garden City, NY.

NYSIW August 14-16

314 Mountain Road, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520

The New York State Informational Workshop, hosted this year by SENY, is an educational sharing forum for the purpose of carrying the A.A. message through our General Services Committees. We meet annually with the four General Service Areas in New York State, to share our experiences with the most effective ways to do our 12th Step Work.

Visit www.nysiw.org to register and book accommodations.

Old Park Slope Caton Concepts Meeting 7:00 PM
July 20 • August 17 • September 21

Brooklyn County Spiritual Breakfast

Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Dyker Beach Golf Course - 1030 86th St & 7th Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11228

Calling All Brooklyn AA Groups **We need your financial support!**

Please consider a \$50.00 donation, though any amount greater or lesser will be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to AA Brooklyn County General Service, with "BCSAD 2015" indicated in the memo line of the check or money order. Include your group name and contact info. Send your group contributions as soon as possible to:

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