



# THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

**Tradition 3**

*"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."*

**March 2016**

## Hello Brooklyn!

I was recently asked to write an article for *The Junction* about what plans did I have for the County for the remainder of 2016. Honestly I hadn't given it much thought. In the near term, Brooklyn is hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly in April. Finding a venue that meets SENY's requirements consumed a great deal of my time and others'. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the school search effort. Especially Evelyn R., whose hard work resulted in us securing a location.

Going forward we have Share A Day coming up in June, the Long Island Spirituality Through Service (L.I.S.T.S.) workshop scheduled for October, and our flagship event, the annual Spiritual Breakfast, which we hope to hold sometime after Thanksgiving. Committees must be formed for each of these events. Locations will have to be scouted out; contracts to be signed; and planning meetings to attend.

There are at least four more assemblies to attend - which means getting a bus for transportation to counties outside the Boroughs. And we have four more County meetings.

Active participation by our General Service Representatives (GSRs) is vitally important to the well being of our Fellowship. Service sponsorship plays an important part in bringing this about. I am looking for someone among our ranks who has the time and enthusiasm to fill the position of Sponsorship Chair.

At the County meetings, I'd like to see time set aside for discussion on topics such as Safety in the Rooms, the LGBT alcoholic, the AA Service structure, and the SENY service manual, with special emphasis on the Standing Committee chairs and their job description.

The term of service for myself and the others (with the exception of our Secretary, Lu) is over December 31,

2016. Elections will be held in September. It's important that the newly elected officers go through a transition period with the outgoing officers. I did this when I was elected DCMC. I spent several days with past DCMC Nellie P. at her house.

Of course the incoming Officers have the right to do things differently, but at least they'll have a basic idea of what the positions they were elected to will demand of them. These are some of my plans for the rest of the year. Hopefully they'll come to fruition. Thanks, Brooklyn, for doing your job, which has enabled me to do mine.

Richard S., DCMC, Brooklyn

## A Beginner to General Service!

I began my term as GSR for This Ungodly Hour in January 2015 never imagining that I would chair the 2015 Spiritual Breakfast. I had not attended a spiritual breakfast in the past and didn't know what the job would entail. Therefore when Richard S. was looking for a Chairperson I naively volunteered. It was quite the undertaking, but one of the most rewarding experiences I've had in AA general service.

I met so many great people and attended meetings all over Brooklyn County. The exposure outside of the Williamsburg meetings was fascinating. To my delight and amazement the Spiritual Breakfast was sold out two weeks before the event. The real credit goes to the committee members who gave up many Sunday afternoons to take part in the planning sessions. Thank you Deborah, Richard S., Andrew L., Kristin D., Nisaa A., Ronnie L., Adam S., Michael G. and the many others who pitched in and made the triangle, Unity, Recovery and Service in a circle.

In Love and Service,  
Evelyn R., DCM 404

The Delegate's Questionnaire can be downloaded from our website, [www.brooklynnaa.org](http://www.brooklynnaa.org) or from the Area's website, [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org). All groups are encouraged to fill it out and have their GSR turn it in at the Area 49 Pre-Conference Assembly held here in Brooklyn on April 9. Background information for the questions on the questionnaire will be presented at the Delegate's Day of Sharing on March 26, 2016 from 9 am to 2 pm hosted by Rockland County in Pearl River.

## We'll Miss You!

2016 has barely gotten out of the gate, and Brooklyn has suffered not one, but multiple, losses.

Boyce B. (1929-2016) from Slope Open Discussion was SENY's Panel 39 Delegate. Thomas K. (1926-2016) from the Bay Ridge group had gotten sober when Dr. Bob was still alive. He had 58 years "back." Don D. from the Bay Ridge group achieved 61 years of sobriety. Leon C. from Herkimer Sponsors. Chris House was DCM of District 412.

## Here's Looking At Your Districts 400 & 402



Districts 400 and 402 comprise Brooklyn Heights, Downtown Brooklyn, part of Dumbo, Cobble Hill, Boerum Hill, Carroll Gardens, and Red Hook.

- 1 - Bridge Back, Cobble Hill, Promises Plus
- 2 - Brooklyn Group
- 3 - Brooklyn Heights, Seeing Is Believing, Spirituality in Recovery
- 4 - Brooklyn Sober Agnostics
- 5 - Caucus
- 6 - Chapel Street VA

- 7 - Great Fact Big Book Study Group of Brooklyn
- 8 - Remsen Street
- 9 - S.O.S. (Sober on Saturday), Sydney Place
- 10 - Sunrise, Women's Room
- 11 - A New Pair of Glasses, Sober on Third, Young Brooklyn
- 12 - Big Book Thumpers
- 13 - Brooklyn Exchange, Clinton-Carroll Men's Big Book, Clinton-Carroll Morning
- 14 - Recovery in Red Hook
- 15 - Sobriety in the Gardens

### Brooklyn Institutions Committee!

Saturday, April 2, 2016 - 3:30p

Old Park Slope Caton 74 East 17th Street, 2nd Floor 11226

**ALL ARE WELCOME! Help Carry The Message**

Remaining meetings will be held on May 7, June 4, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 6, and December 3, 2016 (No Meeting in July)

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SENY Convention: Friday, March 18 - Sunday, March 20 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY

Delegate's day of Sharing Hosted by Rockland County  
March 26, 2016 9am-2pm Pearl River Middle School  
520 Gilbert Ave, Pearl River 10965

SENY Area 49 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 9, 2016 @ 8:30 am - 3:15 pm

**PS 84 Jose De Diego**

250 Berry Street in Williamsburg, 11211

Registration starts at 8:30am and workshops start at 9:15

Upcoming SENY Area 49 Assemblies: May 2016 - Manhattan;  
Sep 2016 - Hispanic Districts; Nov 2016 - Suffolk

Upcoming SENY Area 49 Committee Meetings:

May 2, 2016 • June 6, 2016

7:30PM - 9:30PM (DCM orientation at 7:00PM)

Church of the Holy Family Mechler Hall  
2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx 10472



## Seeing Is Believing 34th Group Anniversary

**Saturday, March 26 at 10 am**  
**Grace Church Guild Hall**  
**50 Grace Court at Hicks Street**



A.A. District 404 (North Brooklyn) Presents:  
A MEDITATION SHARING SESSION  
A three-speaker meeting on the topic of Eleventh Step meditation in recovery, followed by snacks and a dance party.

5:30 PM Saturday April 9, 2016

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Cafeteria

(use entrance on Havemeyer St. around the corner)

275 North 8th Street Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY 11211 USA

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