



# THE BROOKLYN JUNCTION

## Tradition 11

*"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." –November 2016*

### WHO KNEW?

GSR in my second year; DCM in my in District 405 in my third year. Sponsorship chair in my seventh year. And DCMC in my eighth year. What a ride, Brooklyn! Thank you for allowing me to participate in my recovery. My sponsor calls me a service junkie. Well he started it. I remember going to my first general service meeting in my first sober year. My sponsor was the GSR for my home group. I had no idea that AA involvement consisted of so much more than I had been exposed to. And Brooklyn General Service provided a welcome relief from the chaos that is sometimes exhibited at my home group. I WAS HOOKED! GOD willing on March 16, 2016 I'll have eleven years clean and sober. Eight of them spent doing service below the group level.

WHO KNEW? We've made some major strides over the last three years and the future looks bright for the County. Hats off and my utmost thanks to the officers I served with. And to the DCMs, GSRs, and all who gave up their Saturdays to attend the assemblies and the Monday night committee meetings and let's not forget the bumpy bus rides to places near and far. My commitment to service is insatiable. I'm enjoying the journey. And I hope as my term ends that we've all grown in service and that the last three years have been palatable.. Good luck to the newly elected officers!

Yours in service.

Richard S., DCMC, Brooklyn County

### Tidbits From Around SENY

Greetings Brooklyn! Since our election General Service Meeting (GSM) the service events in Area 49 brought forth a lot of interesting information worth reproducing in *The Junction*.

I participated in a SENY service participation workshop held in Nassau County (There are two such workshops that SENY sponsored this year: one in the spring easily accessible to the upstate counties, and one in the fall held in Long Island. These were initiated by our Delegate-elect, John W., and I hope they will become mainstays in the SENY repertoire of events.). The workshop was organized around the Fellowship's upcoming theme, "Supporting Our Future: Growth, Participation, and Contributions."

An interesting observation was made regarding the membership of AA: it had peaked at around an estimated 2 million members and has declined to about 1.6 million since. There are, however, more AA *groups* than there were at the membership peak. No shortage of resentments and coffee

pots! An outcome of this could be the decline in group contributions to entities below the group level (fewer people supporting the rent for a meeting place means less money available for carrying the message outside the group). Moreover, tiny groups would have more difficulty getting people willing to serve as their GSRs, because the trusted servants in these groups would already be wearing many hats.

Another issue, of course, involved financial contributions. Literature sales are subsidizing the General Service operations because contributions are falling short of covering the expenses. The good news is, there has been an uptick this year in donations and subscriptions to the Grapevine/La Viña.

Now it's possible to make individual contributions to GSO online using the website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). You can use your credit card. Moreover, you can make a recurring contribution, authorizing GSO to take a specified amount from your credit card on a monthly basis. If every member of AA made an annual contribution of around \$7.50, GSO would be fully self-supporting. And, as literature sales cease being necessary to subsidize GSO, the cost of literature would go down. Incidentally, [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org) also has the ability to accept one-time individual contributions using your credit card.

This convenience does not, however, address the need for *group* contributions, adhering to our Fellowship's 7th Tradition of self-support.



An interesting take-away from the most recent (November 12, 2016) SENY Area 49 Assembly relates to our (Brooklyn County's) aligning our rotation with that of SENY (and the Conference Panel). As our Alternate Delegate reminded us previously, our rotations are *required* to coincide. At the recent Assembly we were again reminded of this and moreover, quoting from the Current Conference Charter of the United States and Canada:

8. *Area Assemblies, Terms of Office for Group General Service Representatives, Area Committee Members, and Delegates:* Unless otherwise directed by the Conference, these terms of office shall all be concurrent and of two years' duration each. In approximately half the areas, assembly elections shall be held in the even years; the remaining assemblies will elect in the odd years, thus creating rotating Panels of the Conference, as further described in "The A.A. Service Manual."

—The A.A. Service Manual, p. S103

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That means the rotations of GSRs, DCMs and County officers and committee chairs should all be concurrent. In other words, the 4th Tradition does not apply to terms of office; that is a matter affecting AA as a whole. On the other hand, *how* groups, districts and counties come to comply with the Conference Charter's requirements regarding terms of office could be governed by the 4th Tradition.



Many more topics were covered at both the Assembly and the service workshop, but these two things grabbed my attention the most.

As your outgoing *Junction* editor, I found the position to be very rewarding. For you new to general service, serving as *Junction* editor is an excellent way to accelerate and deepen your involvement with the Fellowship's legacy of Service. When contributions for articles are scarce, what happens at assemblies, workshops and other such events are all the more worth paying attention to.

In joyful service,  
Cathy M., editor, *The Brooklyn Junction*

### Thanksgiving Alcathon November 24, 2016

#### Our Fathers House

Our Lady of Victory Church

163 McDonough Street Corner of Throop Ave

**Meetings every hour from 8AM - 9:30PM**

District 412 invites you to the  
**Christmas Day Alcathon**  
*Sunday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016*  
**8am - 9:45pm**  
*-open meetings on the hour-*  
**Park Slope  
United Methodist Church**  
410 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (at 8<sup>th</sup> Street)  
*Breakfast & Afternoon Supper  
All Day Coffee, Tea & Snacks  
-food donations accepted & appreciated-*  
Interested in doing service?  
Contact Scott:

For Alcohons or Share-a-thons not listed in *The Junction*, visit [www.brooklynnaa.org](http://www.brooklynnaa.org) or [www.aaaseny.org](http://www.aaaseny.org)

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Group Contributions to Brooklyn County can be sent to:

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PO Box 170582

Brooklyn, NY 11217

Checks/Money Orders payable to:

**AA Brooklyn County General Service**

**SENY Area 49 Committee Meeting - December 5, 2016  
7:30PM - 9:30PM (DCM orientation at 7:00PM)**

Church of the Holy Family Mechler Hall

2158 Watson Avenue, Bronx 10472

**Brooklyn Spiritual Breakfast Planning Committee** will meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 103 Quincy Street at 4:15 PM. For additional information contact Jesse M., Spiritual Breakfast co-chair at [brooklynspiritualbreakfast@gmail.com](mailto:brooklynspiritualbreakfast@gmail.com) or phone

**Brooklyn Institutions Committee!**

**Saturday, December 3, 2016 - 3:30PM**

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

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

**Queens County Share-a-thons  
Springfield Gardens Christ the King Center  
145-02 Farmers Blvd.**

(off So. Conduit and Farmers Blvd.  
across street from the 2 churches)

**Thanksgiving: Wed., Nov. 23 thru Sat., Nov 26, 2016**

1st mtg. begins 11/23/16 at 6pm;

last mtg. ends 11/26/16 at 8 pm.

**Holiday Season: Fri., Dec 23 thru Sun., Jan 1, 2017**

1st mtg. begins 12/23/16 at 6PM;

last mtg. ends 1/1/17 at 8 pm.

**Share-a-thons run around the clock.**

**AA meetings every hour on the hour**

### SAVE THE DATE! 12/4/16

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual

## BROOKLYN SPIRITUAL BREAKFAST



Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DYKER BEACH GOLF COURSE

1030 86<sup>th</sup> St., Brooklyn, NY 11228

Ticket Cost: \$30.00 per person

Free Parking & Wheelchair Accessible