



Published by the Central New York Area 47 Committee

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT?

The purpose of the Area Assembly is to elect a Delegate, and to keep him/her informed of what's going on within our area. The Delegate brings the Conference Agenda Items to Area 47 for discussion, and then carries the collective conscience of CNY Area 47 back to the Annual General Service Conference held in New York City.

The Area Committee is comprised of Area Officers and District Committee Members from the Central New York Area. The Area Committee meets to discuss problems, concerns and other issues which may affect A.A. groups, CNY Area 47, or A.A. as a whole.

AREA MINUTES

Because the Area Minutes contain last names they are considered **"Closed"** AA reading material. Please share them with your group members only.

The Area Secretary can provide you with **"Open"** minutes (no last names) upon request. These minutes are sent to A.A. meetings in jails and other institutions.

Minutes are mailed monthly to every registered group in Central NY. The GSR is usually the mail contact for the group. Please remember to inform the Registrar if you move or no longer wish to receive the minutes. Returned minutes are a costly and avoidable expense. The Assembly voted to recommend a minimum annual contribution of \$12 (if the group could afford it) to cover the cost of publishing and mailing the Area Minutes.

The minutes are also available online at www.aacny.org under the Member Resources section. Contact the Website Committee for your user name and password.

Welcome to Central New York's Area Assembly,

This is your invitation to join the "Winners Circle" and participate in the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

On the second Sunday of each month your Area Assembly meets in various cities and towns all over Central New York. This assembly is comprised of General Service Representatives (GSR's), District Committee Members (DCM's), as well as Area Officers and other Trusted Servants from this assembly. Together, we conduct the business of AA in Central New York.

As your group's GSR you become a voting member of the Area Assembly. It is your responsibility to carry the "Informed Group Conscience" to the Assembly and to vote as a "Trusted Servant" for your group. You are the key to unity of AA as a whole. Bill Wilson said, "The strength of our whole AA Service Structure starts with the General Service Representative those groups elect. I cannot emphasize too strongly his or her importance." Communication is a vital part of carrying the AA message, and the GSR is the direct line of communication between the members of their group and the Delegate at this Assembly.

GSR's attend Area Assembly to carry the voice of their respective Home Groups, thus connecting their group to A.A. as a whole. Participants at Area Assembly have access to the many committee meetings at the Area Level. The table below shows the various committees:

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| Area Committee | Archives | CPC |
| Corrections | Finance | Public |
| Accessibility | Treatment | Information |
| Literature | Grapevine | Website |

A.A. Conference Approved Literature and A.A. Grapevine materials are also available for purchase at Area Assembly.

For more information or answers to your questions please feel free to contact your local DCM or other Trusted Servants. Their contact information is published on the Trusted Servants list, available from the Recording Secretary. Trusted Servants may also be contacted via e mail by visiting www.aacny.org.

Yours In Service,

The Members of the CNY Area Assembly

Recommended Reading for Everybody

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| The A.A. Service Manual along with The Twelve Concepts for World Service | GSR Pamphlet |
| The A.A. Group | Box 459 |
| Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix | DCM Leaflet |
| A.A. Tradition-How it Developed | The Twelve Traditions Illustrated |
| | The Twelve Concepts Illustrated |

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Most DCM's hold District Meetings and Workshops or Sharing Sessions for the GSR's in their District. Here you can learn about what's going on in your District, help plan A.A. events and become an active participant in your own recovery. Many districts choose to have their meeting times and locations posted on the AACNY website (www.aacny.org).

During your term as a GSR, you are encouraged to attending various District and Area Service Meetings. At first they may seem very confusing to you. However, our experience has shown that attendance at these meetings, combined with the study of the pertinent literature, will soon clear up this confusion. For many of us service has become a vital part of our recovery from alcoholism and we hope that it may become so for you as well.

CHANGES IN GROUP INFORMATION OR NEW GROUP INFORMATION

All changes in group information (meeting place, day, time, GSR, etc.) should be given to the CNY Area Registrar either by mail, through your local DCM, or in person at Area Assembly. Changes sent directly to the General Service Office will delay your receipt of the Area Minutes; therefore it is recommended that you submit your changes directly to the Area Registrar, who will then forward your updated information to the General Service Office.

*Please use the following information for making changes.
New Group/Group change forms are available
from the Registrar or by visiting www.aa.org*

CNY AREA REGISTRAR
P.O. Box 15587
Rochester, NY 14615
registrar@aacny.org

DONATIONS

Our Seventh Tradition States:

"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Groups donate to Area according to their group conscience. Please review the Pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" for more information on helping your group reach an informed group conscience on its finances.

Donations may be given to the Area Treasurer at any Assembly or mailed to:

CNY AREA COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 15587
Rochester, NY 14615

The Travelling Road Show

CNY Area 47's Assembly has often been referred to as "The Travelling Road Show" because it meets in a different city or town every month. Because the rotation schedule is updated so frequently it is impractical to include it here; the Area Minutes are the best source of the most current information. If your group or district would like to host an Area Assembly please contact the Area Chairperson (Hervé G.) or the Area Committee.



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