



A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future;
to place our common welfare first;
to keep our Fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
and the lives of those to come.



Area 50, Panel 74 Presents...

G.S.R. Resources



Virtual Coffee Hour





TRADITION OF THE MONTH

Principle: Group Conscience

Ultimate Authority





Topic of the Month... 'PRE-CON'

What is Pre-Conference?



*General Service Conference
U.S./Canada*

It's the time leading up to the Annual General Service Conference where our Delegate shares the voice of Area 50 with AA at large

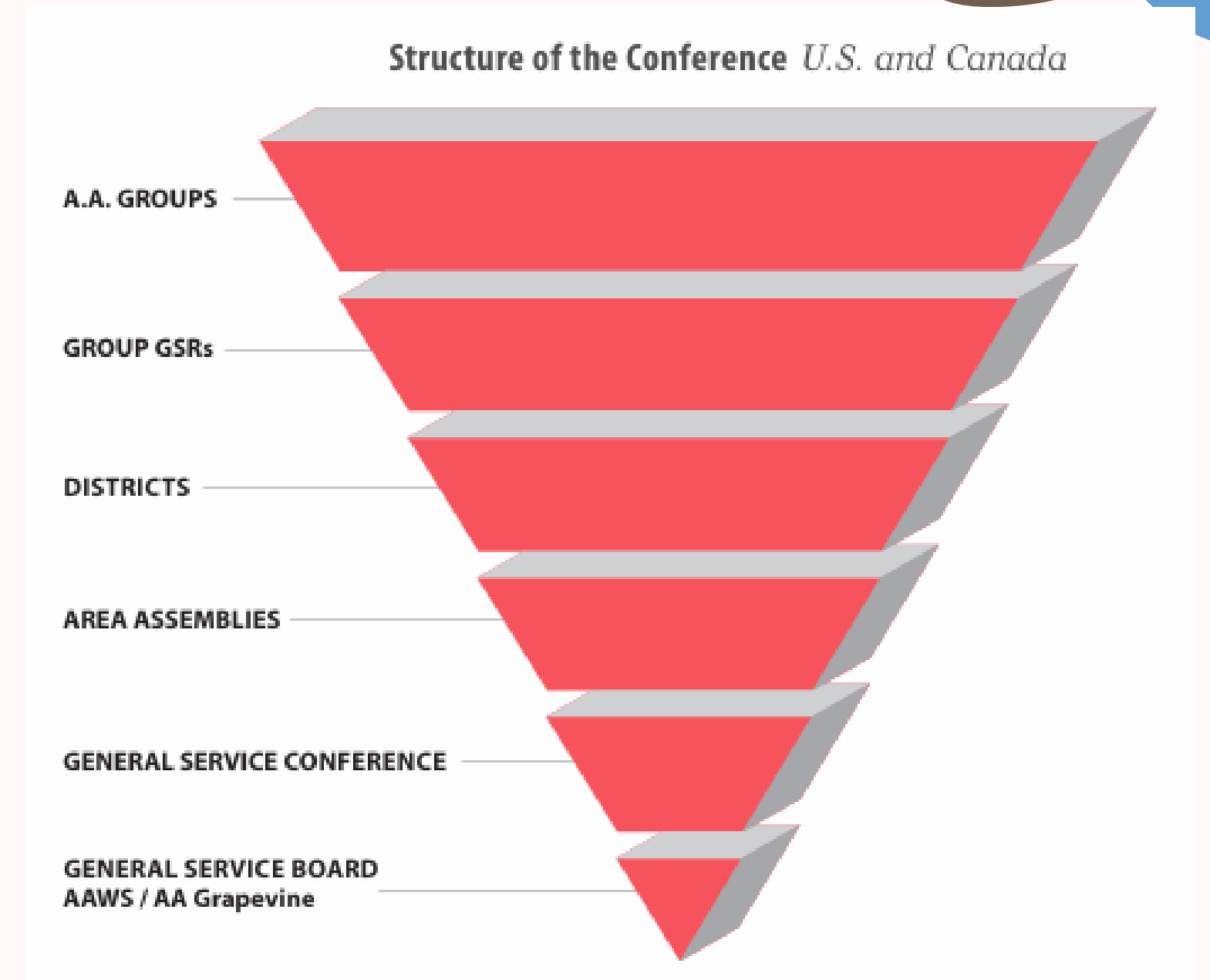
Think of this season as the holiday season of General Service. We spend all year preparing and looking forward to this period of connection towards a large group conscience.





The Structure of the Conference

- The GSC is annual meeting (in April) of AA for Delegates, Trustees and Committees
- The GSC is a forum for discussing and making decisions about matters that effect AA as a whole
- As a GSR, this is an important event because every home group has a voice to share



Thoughts from the Membership about the GSC



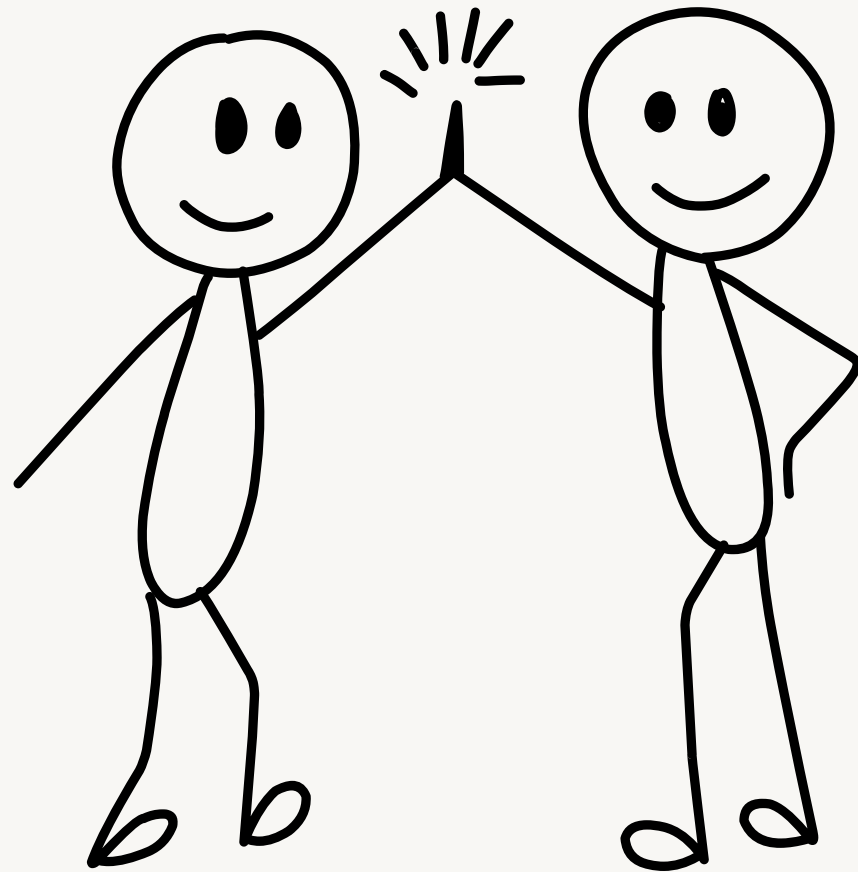
Important for the
recovery of ALL
alcoholics

A way to ensure that
AA remains a safe
and welcoming place
for ALL alcohol
related problems

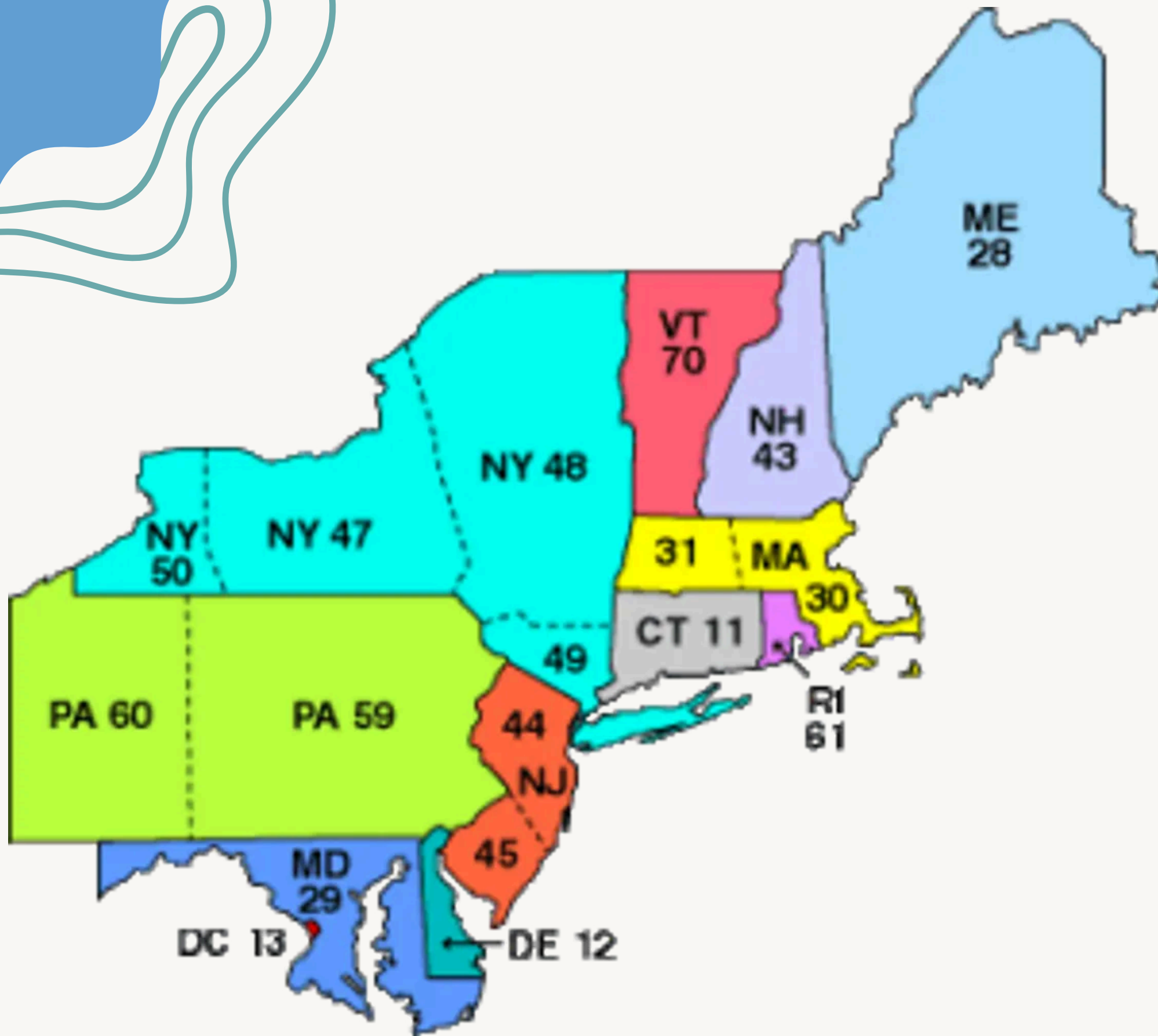
The GSC is
responsive to the
needs of ALL AA
members

Protected from
government and
anarchy

A way to ensure that
AA's 12 Steps, 12
Traditions and 12
Concepts are
preserved



NERAASA



Hosted by: Area 45
Southern New Jersey

Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly



2025 VIRTUAL NERAASA

Hosted by General Service Area 45

February 21, 22, 23

www.neraasa.org

**GSR
ROUNDTABLE!**

FRIDAY

- 3:00 - 3:30 PM: Online Orientation (as it relates to NERAASA)
3:30 - 4:00 PM: Orientation & Opening of the 2025 Virtual NERAASA
4:15 - 5:30 PM: **Panel 1 - Involvement and Effectiveness**
[Question 1: Delegating - It is okay to ask for help](#)
[Question 2: Unleashing GSR/DCM Potential](#)
[Question 3: The Role of Alternates](#)
5:30 - 6:30 PM: Dinner!
6:30 - 7:45 PM: **Panel 2 - Leaders in Service: Worthy of Trust**
[Question 1: Working Together, Increasing Trust](#)
[Question 2: Floor Actions?](#)
[Question 3: The Power of the Purse](#)
8:00 - 9:30 PM: Roundtables
9:45 - 11:00 PM: After Hour Roundtables (Young People / Spanish)

SATURDAY

- 8:00 - 8:45 AM: Open A.A. Speaker Meeting
9:00 - 10:15 AM: **Panel 3 - Service: The Right of Participation**
[Question 1: Closing the Gap - Concept IV](#)
[Question 2: What Does "A.A. as a whole" mean?](#)
[Question 3: The New Financial Reality Facing Our Spiritual Movement](#)
10:15 - 10:30 AM: BREAK
10:30 - 11:45 AM: **Panel 4 - Literature as a Tool for Recovery**
[Question 1: Exploring A.A.'s Foundational Texts](#)
[Question 2: Plain Language: Making A.A. Literature Accessible to All?](#)
[Question 3: Protecting the Message: Safeguarding the Integrity of A.A. Literature.](#)

SATURDAY

- 11:45 - 12:45 PM: Lunch
12:45 - 1:45 PM: NERT Report
1:45 - 2:00 PM: BREAK
2:00 - 3:15 PM: **Panel 5 - Outreach**
[Question 1: Attraction, not Promotion - How has outreach to Groups Changed?](#)
[Question 2: Reaching the Unreached](#)
[Question 3: The Next Gen of Outreach](#)
3:15 - 3:30 PM: BREAK
3:30 - 4:45 PM: Inventory
4:45 - 5:45 PM: Dinner
5:45 - 7:15 PM: Business Meeting (All are Welcome!)
7:15 - 7:30 PM: BREAK
7:30 - 9:00 PM: Open Speaker A.A. Meeting
9:00 - 9:15 PM: BREAK
9:15 - 10:30 PM: Roundtables (Same as Friday)
10:15 - 11:30 PM: After Hour Roundtables (Young People / Spanish)

SUNDAY

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM: Open A.A. Speaker Meeting
10:00 - 10:15 AM: BREAK
10:15 - 12:30 PM: Roundtables - Report Backs
Interactive "Ask It Basket"
Closing Ceremony of the 2025 Virtual NERAASA

**GSR
ROUNDTABLE!**

**GSR
REPORT!**



2025 VIRTUAL Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly

FEBRUARY
21 - 22 - 23

HOSTED BY



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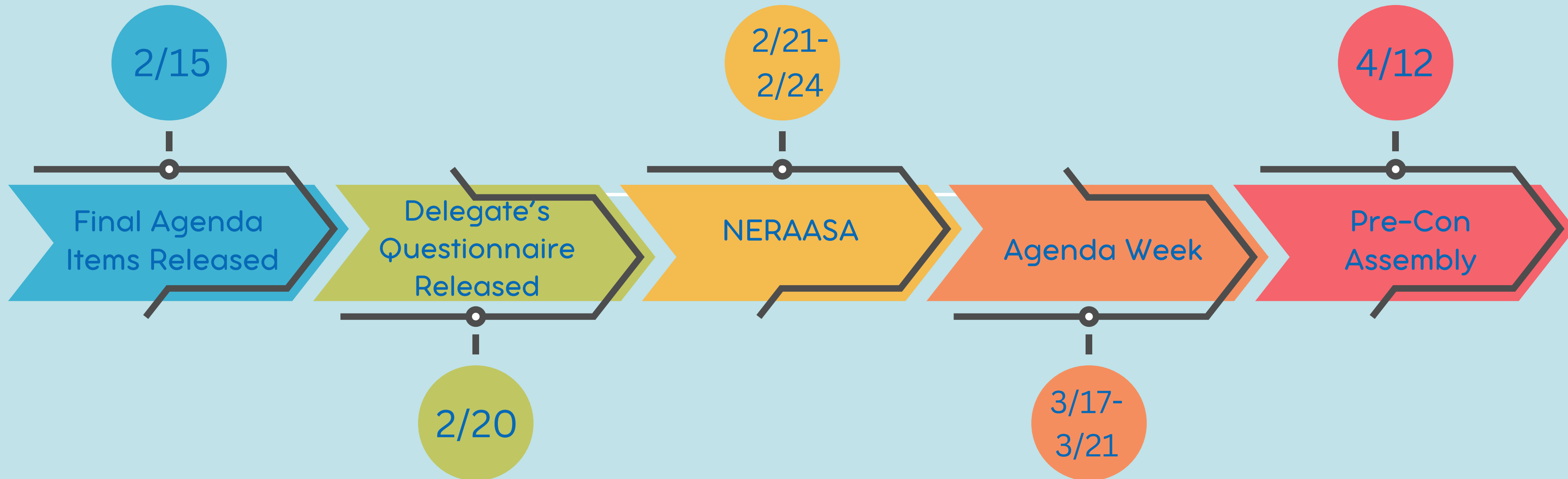
Register Today!

Need Money to Attend?

**Ask your Home Group to
donate \$35 from the
7th Tradition Contributions
(by making a motion
at your next Business Meeting)**

Timeline of Upcoming Events

These are suggested events for GSR's to attend. Mark your calendars!



Coffee Hours, DCM Mtgs and Home Group Business Mtgs NOT Included



What is our Delegate doing at the GSC?

- He's discussing and voting on this year's Agenda Items
- At your next home group business meeting: Pick one agenda item that your HG cares about and discuss to get a group conscience
- Share that group conscience with our Delegate when he releases the Delegate's Questionnaire later this month. Steve needs your input so he can represent your HG's voice!
- How to find them: Area50wny.org website. Password area50





AREA 50 DELEGATE

PANEL 74

**Let your voice
be heard!**

STEVE J

NYC OR BUST!

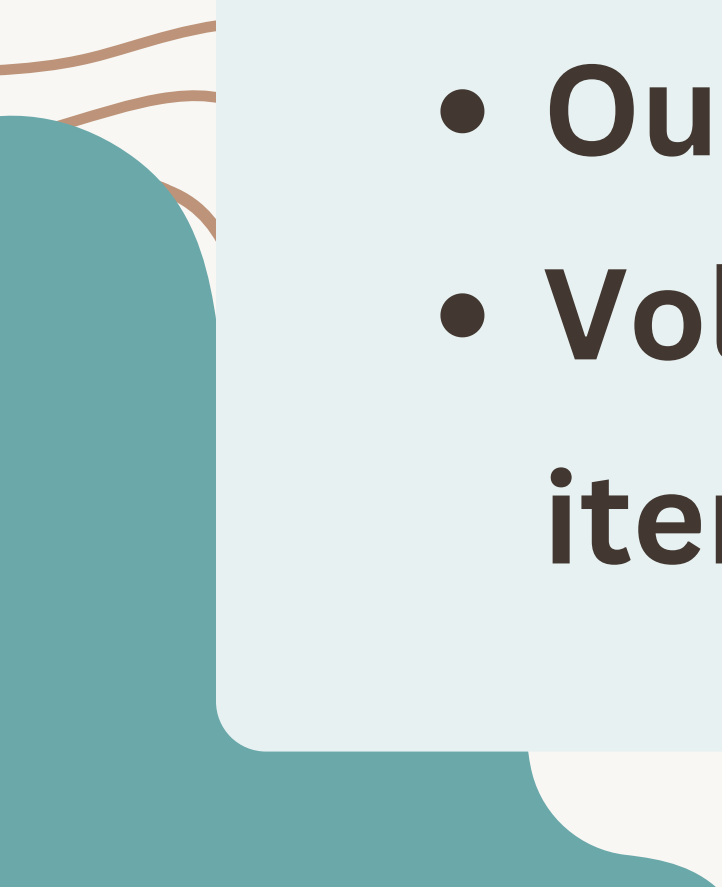
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NEXT MONTH

- **Share about experiences from NERAASA**
- **How a thought becomes an agenda item**
- **Example of the process of thought to Conference**
- **Our Primary Purpose Podcast - meet the GSO**
- **Volunteers will be selected to research agenda items and share with the Fellowship**





Announcements!





GSR's Needed!

Area50 Communications Ad Hoc Committee

Info:

<https://area50wny.org/events/event/area-50-communication-ad-hoc-committee-meeting/>

Next Meeting:

February 19, 2025

Where:

Zoom, every third Wednesday of the month

AA Area 50
of WNY

COMMUNICATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

What we are Doing

Clarify and enhance communication channels within GSO, Area, Districts and Home Groups via phone, emails, websites and more, up and down the triangle.

Committee Meets

Every 3rd Wednesday
of the Month
8pm

Meeting ID: 896 7618 3157

Passcode: 535358

Accessibilities - new digital pamphlet



AA WESTERN NEW YORK AREA 50 ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

*Accessibility challenges apply to
ALL ALCOHOLICS who have difficulties
participating in Alcoholics Anonymous.*



MISSION STATEMENT

To carry the message to those alcoholics with physical, cultural, mental, and other limitations. Determine resources and recommend actions that will serve those affected and allow for inclusiveness.

Physical Limitations

For meetings to be considered totally accessible (no barriers to any and all entryways and bathrooms), all the following should apply:

- Ground level entry into the building holding the meeting OR a ramp
- Meeting held on first floor OR elevator to meeting if on another floor. The threshold into the meeting room should be wide enough for wheelchair access and enough floor space within the room to accommodate the wheelchair
- A handicapped bathroom stall in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act
- Choosing accessible home group(s) or meetings to attend

Literacy & Intellectual Disabilities (ex. Dementia or Stroke)

Individuals having limited ability to read or understand concept of literature

- Audio formats of AA literature on aa.org
- Step or Tradition meetings can be read aloud rather than read from text
- CD's, DVD's, and illustrated easy-to-read literature
- Sponsor or other experienced AA member can explain what is being conveyed.

Cultural/Language Barriers

AA members can utilize the following resources.

- AA Online intergroup (aa-intergroup.org/meetings)
Types of meetings are listed on the right side of the webpage, either defined by a certain language, Closed Captioned or ASL (American Sign Language), LGBTQ, among others.
- aa.org
"Find AA Meeting Near You" at top of main webpage. Select country from drop down menu to find meetings in that language.
- AA Around the World (aa.org/aa-around-the-world)
"Contact AA Outside of the US and Canada" -- Find AA". A drop-down list appears with all the countries. Choose country of desired language, and the General Service Office or Intergroup appears along with a telephone number. Member can request a meeting list for that country.

Transportation

Individuals unable to drive to meetings

- Ask for rides.
- Utilize Uber or Lyft
- City bus or paratransit
- Online meetings, if no other way to attend in-house meeting

Technology

AA members lacking computer or cell phone OR individuals having digital devices, but lack knowledge how to access AA resources or meetings via internet (ex. Zoom)

- Hard copies of AA literature rather than digital
- Sponsor or other experienced AA member can teach basic computer or cell phone skills to access AA literature or meetings online.
- Individuals can have audio only access into online meetings via landline or flip phone. Call (US) 1-669-900-6833. Listen for prompt and enter Meeting ID followed by #, then password followed by #. Announce yourself once in meeting.

Elder or Home-Bound Community

Elderly alcoholics have difficulty getting to meetings and have shrinking networks.

- Home groups take meeting into a senior or living center on a regular basis, or form a new AA home group in the facility
- Existing AA members can provide the elderly or infirmed that have a cell phone or computer access with Meeting ID numbers and Passcodes to online AA meetings. Facility staff or existing AA members may be able to assist in accessing Zoom.

Deaf and/or Hard of Hearing

AA members can utilize the following resources:

- The AA Online Intergroup (aa-intergroup.org/meetings) has many meetings in American Sign language or Closed Captioned
- Once on zoom, a hearing-impaired member may activate closed captioning
- One-on-one meeting with an AA sponsor or small AA group may be an option for those deaf members who can lip read
- Groups might have available a hand-held microphone for sharing
- An interpreter can be obtained, at member's own expense, through Deaf Access Services, Inc. at 716-833-1637 OR Service Bridges, Inc. at 716-371-1390



Resources (aa.org)

"AA Guidelines on Accessibility for All Alcoholics" (GSO)

"Access to A.A.: Members share on Overcoming Barriers" pamphlet

"Serving all Alcoholics: Making the A.A. Message Accessible" pamphlet

"AA for the Older Alcoholic" pamphlet

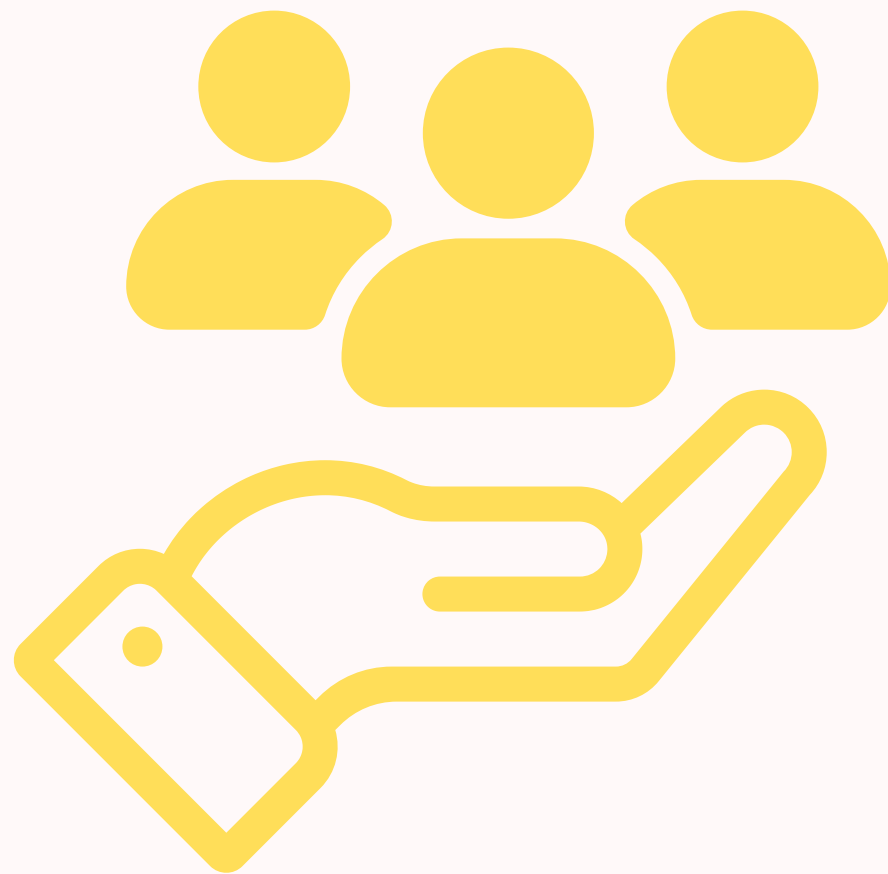
*"I am Responsible, When Anyone,
Anywhere Reaches Out for Help, I
want the Hand of AA Always to be
There, and for that I am Responsible"*



For more information,
contact the Area 50
Accessibilities Committee
Chair at Area50wny.org



Service Opportunity for Home Groups

A promotional graphic for 'Nightwatch' service. It features a teal background with a white central area bordered by an orange line. Several yellow four-pointed stars are scattered around the top and sides of the white area. A red banner at the top left says 'LET'S TALK ABOUT'. The word 'NIGHTWATCH' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, text explains the service. At the bottom left, contact information is provided. On the right, a hand holds a megaphone with a blue and pink cone.

LET'S TALK ABOUT

NIGHTWATCH

It's our after-hours
answering service through
Central Office!!

**TO SET UP A
PRESENTATION FOR YOUR
GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT
STEPHANIE F. AT
716-880-7327**



Coming Up...!

Sober Super Bowl Party

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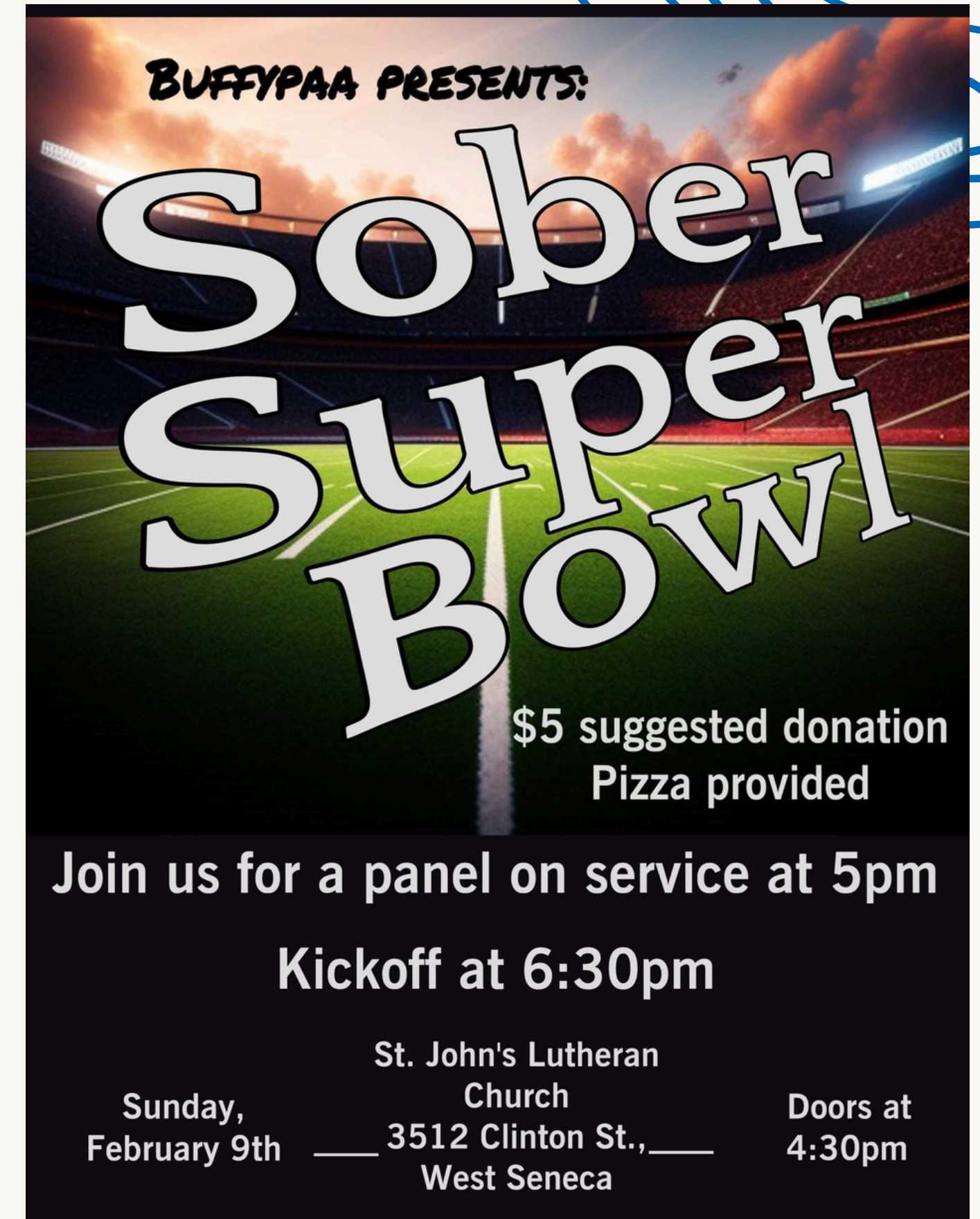
Panel on Service at 5p
Kickoff at 6:30p

When:

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Where:

St. John's Lutheran Church
3512 Clinton St, West Seneca, NY 14224



BUFFYPAA PRESENTS:

Sober Super Bowl

\$5 suggested donation
Pizza provided

Join us for a panel on service at 5pm
Kickoff at 6:30pm

Sunday, February 9th St. John's Lutheran Church
3512 Clinton St., West Seneca Doors at 4:30pm



Coming Up...!

SoberJam WNY

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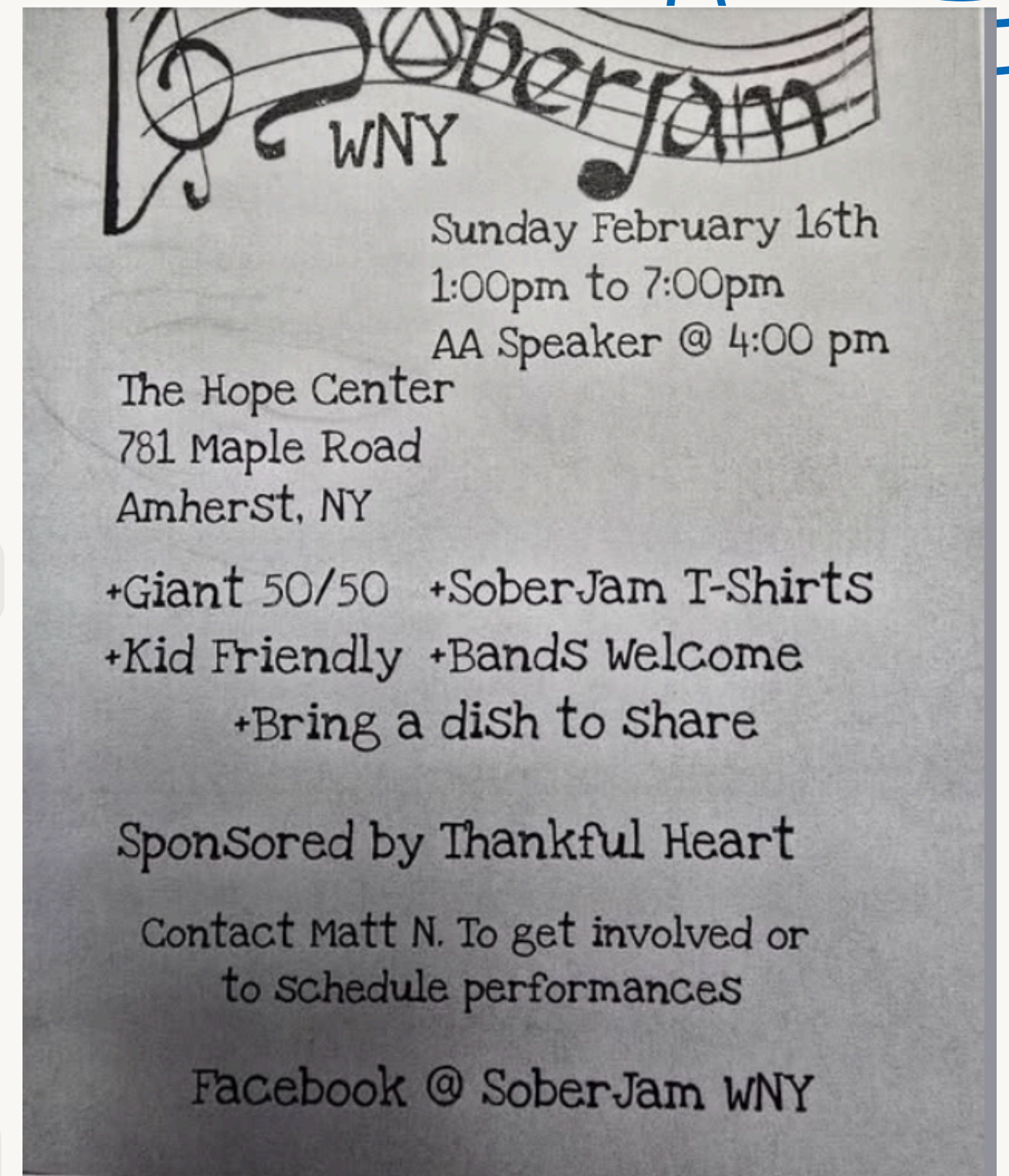
<https://niagarafallsnycameetings.com/event/sober-jam-winter-2025>

When:

February 16, 2025
1-7p

Where:

The Hope Center, 781 Maple Road, Amherst, NY





Coming Up...!

NERAASA

Info:

<https://area45snjaa.org/how-to-access-the-virtual-event/>

When:

February 21, 22, 23

Where:

Online



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Coming Up...!

17th Annual Cataract City Convention

"Humility – Tradition 12"

What:
Niagara Intergroup of AA

Info:
<https://niagarafallsnyaameetings.com/convention>

When:
March 14–16, 2025

Where:
Sheraton at the Falls
300 Third St, Niagara Falls





**MARCH 14-16
2025**
Sheraton at the Falls
300 Third Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14303
Opens Friday @ 2pm

17th ANNUAL
CATARACT CITY CONVENTION

**HUMILITY
TRADITION 12** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

CONVENTION FEATURES

- 6 SPEAKERS + 5 PANELS THROUGHOUT WEEKEND
- FRIDAY EARLY BIRD SPEAKER 4pm: Mike K.
- SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET AND DANCE
- ARCHIVE DISPLAY, RAFFLES + MUGS FOR SALE
- AL-ANON PARTICIPATION

HOTEL ROOM INFORMATION

CONVENTION RATE: \$109/ NIGHT (STANDARD RM.) EXCL. TAXES AND FEES.
RATE CUT OFF DATE 02/21/25

RESERVATION LIASON @ HOTEL: ASHLEY KINNEY (716) 278-2695

ONLINE RESERVATION PREFERRED:
www.sheratonatthefalls.com/group/cataractcityconvention2025

There are no refunds. One Form per Person. For questions or special needs contact Alan T. @ 716-345-0250 (Registration Chair) or Steve P. @ 716-946-0428 (Co-Chair). Make checks payable to Cataract City Convention (US funds only) and mail to: P.O. Box 734, Niagara Falls, NY, 14304.

	AA	Al-Anon	Alateen
Registration + Banquet:	☐ \$75	☐ \$75	☐ \$60
Registration ONLY:	☐ \$30	☐ \$30	☐ \$15
Banquet ONLY:	☐ \$45	☐ \$45	☐ \$45
Souvenir Mug:	☐ \$5	☐ \$5	☐ \$5
TOTAL:	\$	\$	\$

NAME ON BADGE: _____

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

USE FORM OR QR CODE BELOW

Pre-Regist. Deadline for Dinner is February 26, 2025.





Coming Up...!

Pre-Con General Service Assembly

Info:

<https://area50wny.org/events>

When:

April 12, 2025
9:30a-2p

Where:

Gratwick Fire Hose #6,
110 Ward Rd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

AREA 50 WNY

**LET YOUR
VOICE BE
HEARD**

*Pre
Conference
Assembly*

**APRIL 12TH
GRATWICK HOSE NO. 6
110 WARD RD.
NORTH TONAWANDA,
NY 14120**

**HOST BY
DISTRICT 3
AND
NIAGARA
INTERGROUP**

**COFFEE SNACK
AND
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**

On Line Information
Meeting ID: 993 4272 4284
Passcode: 026826



See you there!



I Am Responsible...

**When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A.
always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.**





Thank You!

**Questions? Concerns?
Comments?
Email us!**

p74gsrorientation@area50wny.org

