



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 3 – The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking

“You are an AA member if you say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you’ve gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications - even your crimes - we still can’t deny you A.A. We don’t WANT to keep you out. We aren’t a bit afraid you’ll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we’ve had. So you’re an A.A. member the minute you declare yourself.”

-12 Steps and 12 Traditions

At first, the original members of A.A. were pretty intolerant because they were afraid of what everyone else in the world they might think, but they weren’t being intolerant, they were scared! (Fear is the basis of intolerance) All they were concerned about was A.A.’s reputation!

They didn’t know back then that as long as you have breath in your lungs, anyone is capable of making a miraculous recovery!

They found that to take away any alcoholic’s full chance was sometimes to pronounce his death sentence, and often to condemn him to endless misery. We had no right to judge these people or be the deciding factor on whether they were allowed to get well or not....SO they came up with Tradition 3...that anyone with a desire to stop drinking can become an A.A. member.

TRADITION OF THE MONTH

**Principle:
MEMBERSHIP**

**Overriding Idea:
Desire Is All You
Need**

NERAASA

RECAP!

General Service Representatives: Roundtables

**Six common challenges were discussed.
Responses and group discussion notes will be
emailed with Coffee Hour Recap.**

Who went? How did it go?

Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly

**PRE-CON
2025**

MARCH 2025

**‘WORKING TOGETHER,
INCREASING TRUST’**



Being effective in AA

Working Together means being **Active** in ensuring that our program will be here for us all and all those to come.

- **Are you a home group member or an **active** home group member?**
 - Do you have a service position within your home group?
 - Do you attend the business meetings?
 - Are you a member of a service committee for your District or Area?
 - Do you practice the 12 Steps for your own Recovery?
 - Do you sponsor others? Especially newcomers who receive a new Big Book...
- **Are you a General Service Representative or are you an **active** General Service Representative?**
 - Do you offer Good Short Reports at every business meeting?
 - Do you attend District meetings and Area Assemblies?
 - Do you represent your home group's voice with your vote?
 - Do you attend the Coffee Hour and Agenda Week?
- **Are you a member of a meeting or a member of an **active** home group?**
 - Does the group carry a message into the community (treatment centers, jails, libraries, doctors, etc)?
 - Does a group inventory exist?
 - Does your group complete the Delegate's Questionnaire?



The difference of being **active**, or not, is participation in all three legacies of AA.

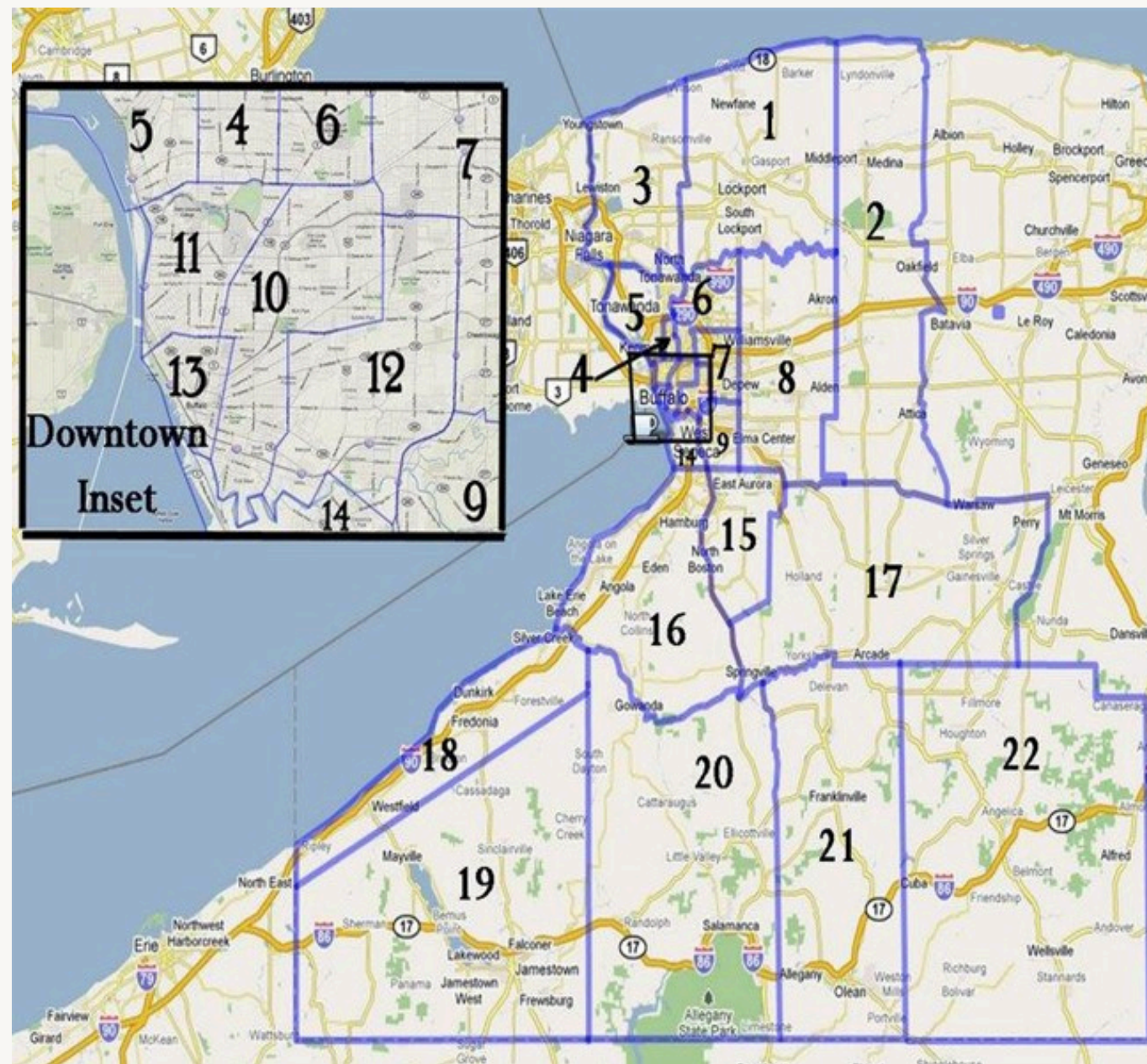
Know your trusted servants!

What District is my home group in?

<https://area50wny.org/district-maps/>

General Service Representatives work

with the District Chair Members



Structure of the Conference *U.S. and Canada*

A.A. GROUPS

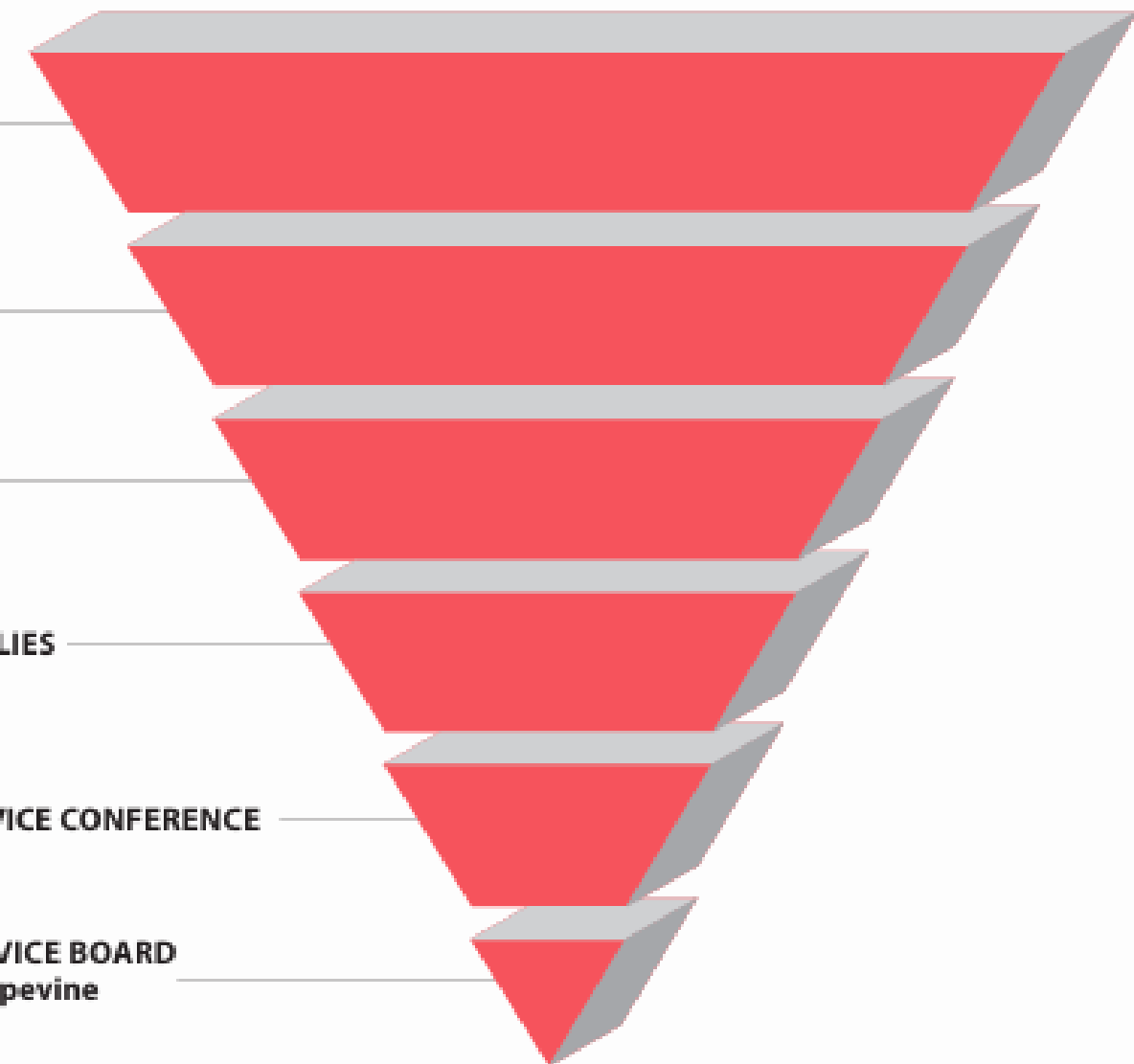
GROUP GSRs

DISTRICTS

AREA ASSEMBLIES

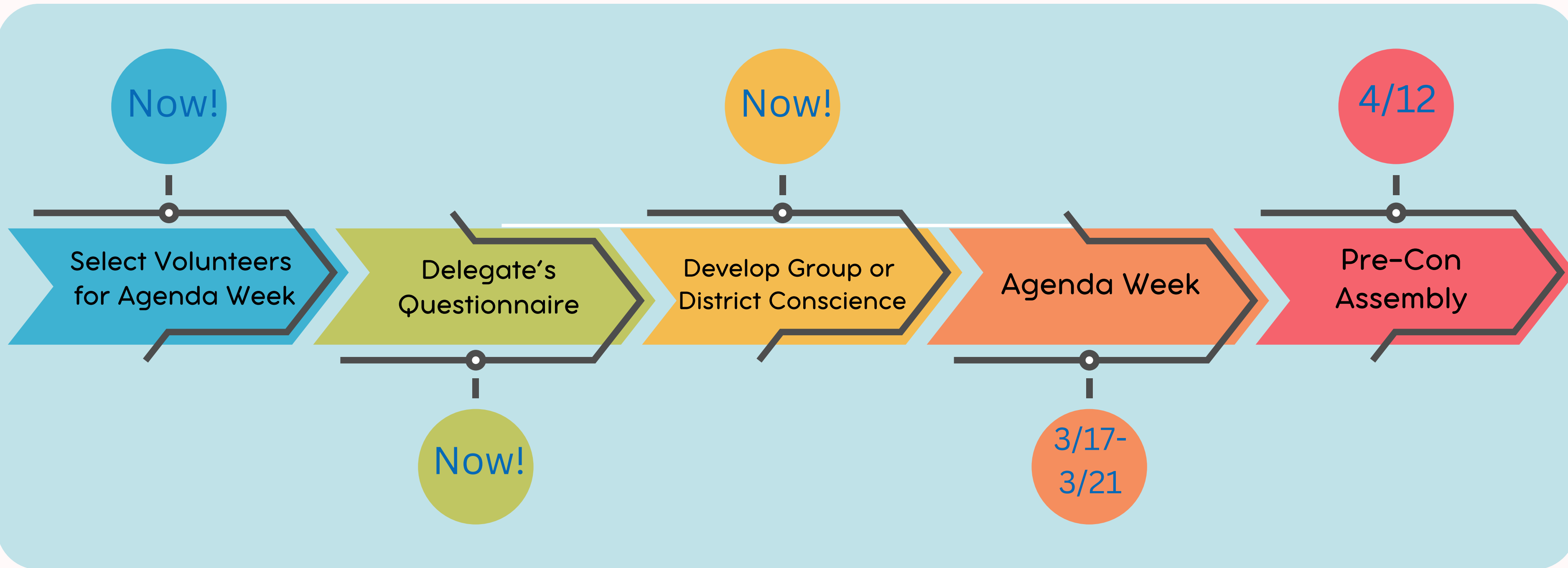
GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD
AAWS / AA Grapevine



Share Your Voice!

Being an **active** GSR means to provide home group members an opportunity to share their voice with our Delegate and AA as a whole.

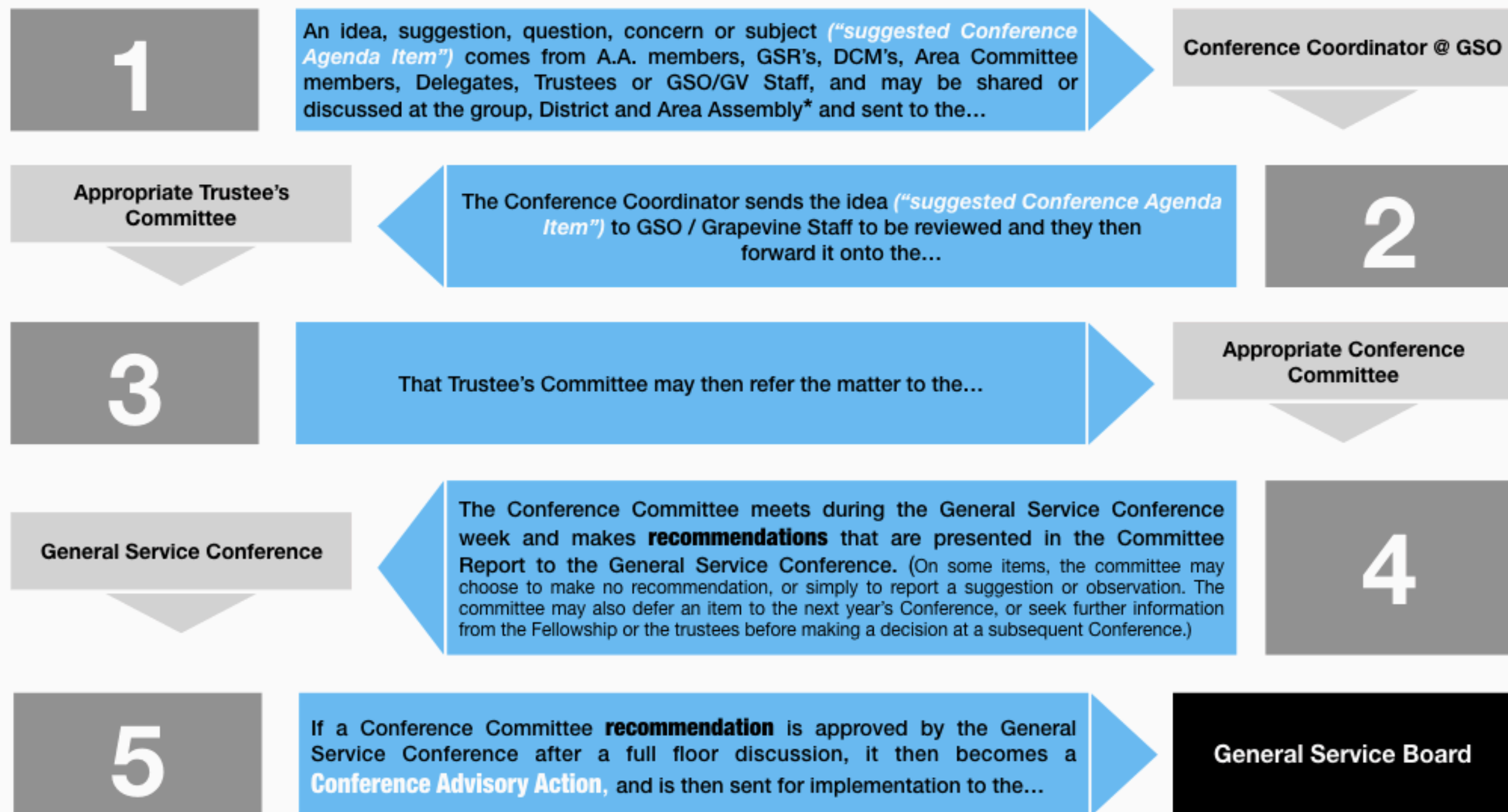


It can be **WITH** a voice or the **LACK** of a voice that effects how AA happens around you.



Process of a Conference Agenda Item

The voice of the Groups has a clear path to making an impact on AA as whole through the Conference process.

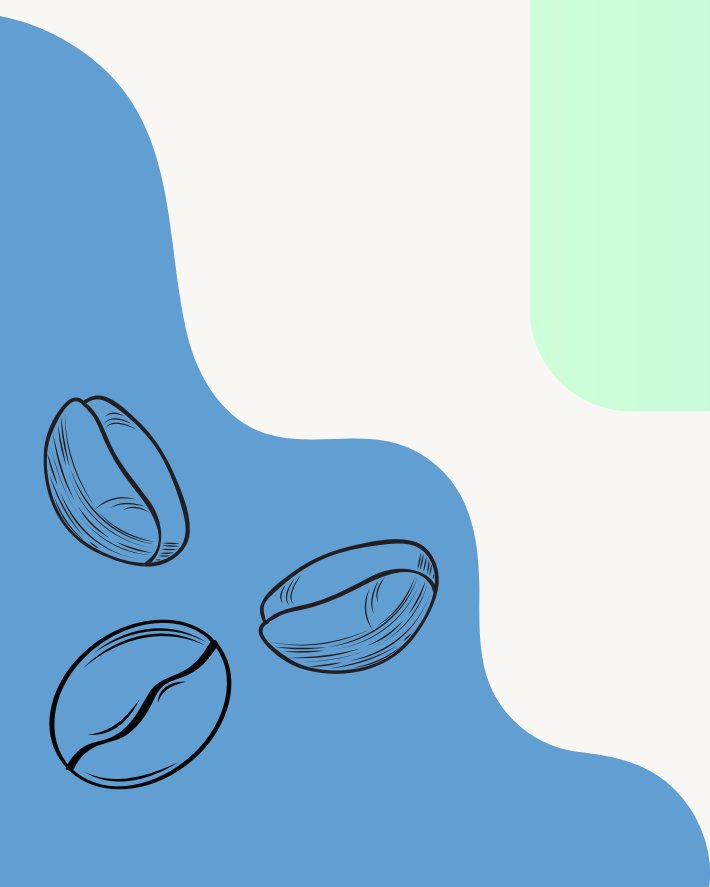


"Without Committees, it is doubtful that any Conference would be able to function effectively. Most questions suggested for the Conference agenda are assigned to a Committee, where items can be discussed in a small group before they are forwarded for discussion to the full Conference body." - AA Service Manual

* a suggested conference agenda item does not need to be discussed at the group, District or Area level, but experience suggests that it will carry more depth and weight if it does.



How A Thought of Change Can Become an Agenda Item



Here is an example of a 2024 Agenda Item...

**Grace L and Her Homegroup From District 7
in Area 06 of California had a problem.**

**They wanted to better inform the Transgender Community
about AA. They thought a pamphlet would help the situation.**

**They went to the District and the District went to the Area.
Area 6 voted on the Item and it was approve.
The process of submitting it to the
General Service Office Began.**





The Trustees thought this might be a good idea and included it as an Agenda Item to discuss at the Conference.



2024 Conference Committee on Corrections

ITEM D: Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.*

*2024 EDW distribution

Background Notes:

Excerpt from the October 28, 2023, trustees' Literature Committee meeting report:

The committee considered a request to develop a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength, and Hope: A.A. for the Transgender Alcoholic" and agreed to forward to the 74th General Service Conference.

Background:

1. Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission Form - PAI 30
 2. Presentation to Area 06 assembly (2019)
 3. "LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A." pamphlet
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Our Delegate added it to the Area 50 Questionnaire

4. III. Corrections:

Item D. Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.

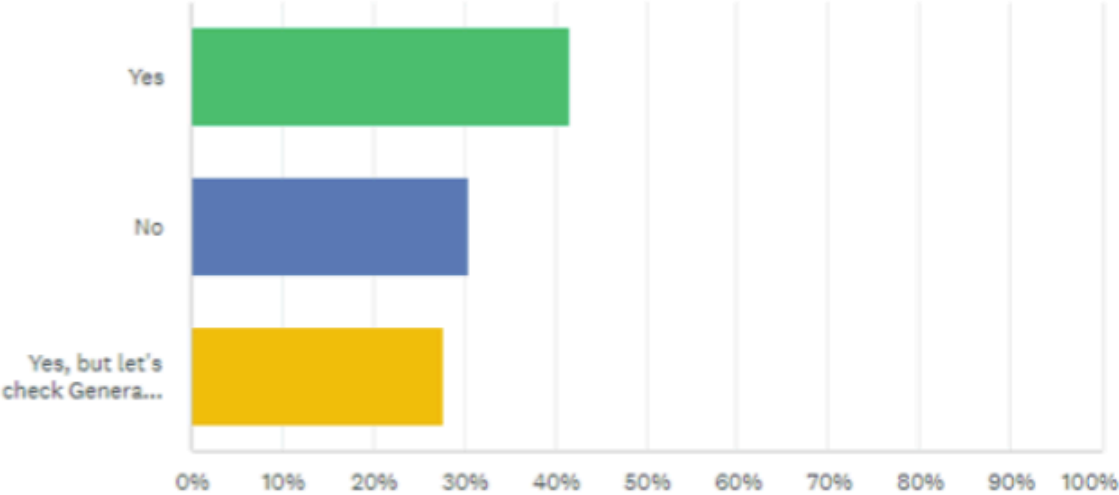
[Background](#)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, but let's check General Service Office Finances before allocating resources to another project.

A presentation was made during Agenda Week.
This is how Area 50 voted.

Q4: Corrections: Item D. Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.

Responses	
Yes	15
No	11
Yes, but let's check General Service Office Finances before allocating resources to another project.	10

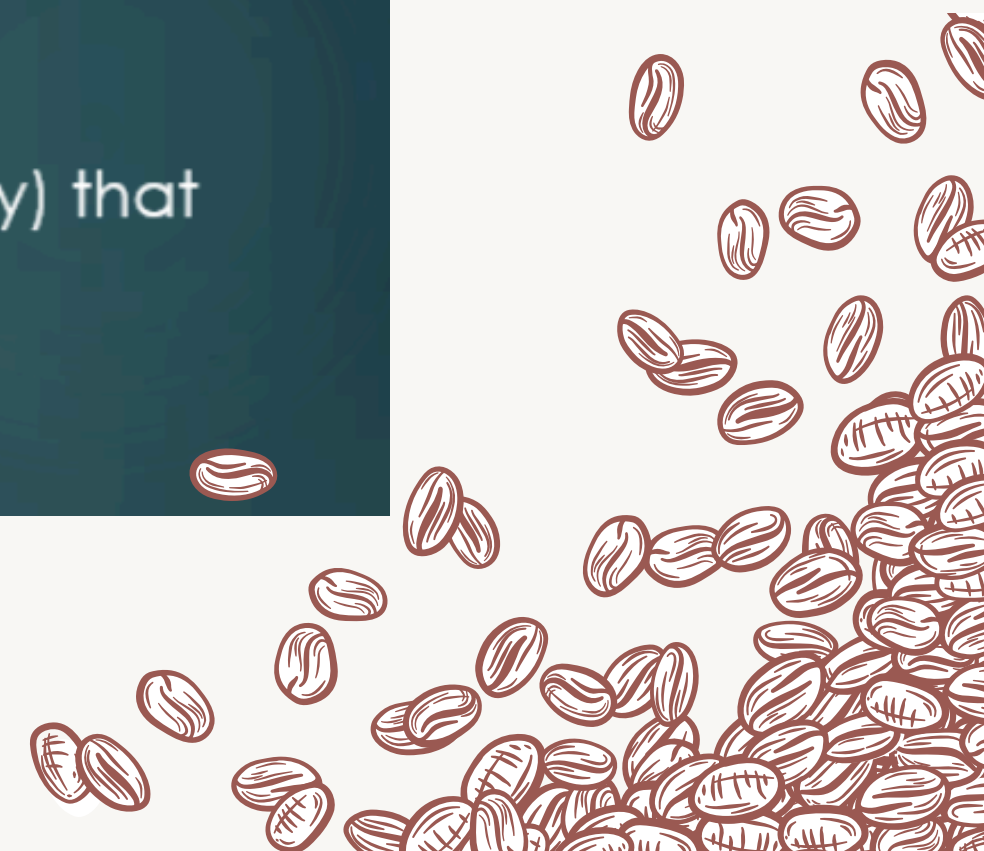


Our Delegate voted at the General Service Conference, along with all the other Delegates and Trusted Servants.
This was the outcome!

PAMPHLET FOR THE TRANSGENDER ALCOHOLIC

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- ▶ Trusting a collective Higher Power
- ▶ Cost of pamphlets, staff over-work, and turning points in discussion
- ▶ The General Service Conference recommended (by substantial unanimity) that a pamphlet for the Transgender alcoholic be produced – **approved**



AGENDA WEEK!

Seven items selected by our
delegate and alternate delegate

Conference Committee: Item

***Agenda: I**

Finance: C

Policy Admissions: E

Public Information: A

***Public Information: B**

Report and Charter: B

Treatment & Accessibilities: E

Background Info:

www.area50wny.org →

Delegate's News → protected
file password is...

Volunteers Selected: 5

Volunteers Needed: 2

Remaining Items Needing Volunteers

1. Agenda Committee: Item I Volunteer -

- I. Consider the request to suspend oral presentations of all Area Service Highlights and continue printing highlights in the final report. (PAIs 20 and 32)

Background Info from Agenda Committee: Pages 107 - 113

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5. Public Information Committee: Item B Volunteer-

B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):

1. Review the 2025 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Audio and Video PSAs."
2. Review plan for evaluating Spanish and French language PSAs.
3. Review progress report on the Mesmerize Point PSA distribution channel.
4. Consider suggestion to develop new video PSA. (New Item)
5. Review report and tracking of distribution of PSAs.

Background Info from Public Information Committee: Pages 44-100

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Volunteers will Inform the Membership

3/17 - 3/21 @ 7p

ALL ARE WELCOME

AGENDA WEEK
2025

Unravelling an Agenda Item

ASK YOURSELF ABOUT EACH ITEM:

1. Where did the item originate?
2. What portion of AA is supporting this?
3. Is there a wide spread need?
4. Is this an already existing agenda item or a new one?
5. Who is this item helping?
6. What Tradition or Concept is this supporting?
7. What is the cost and resources to do this?
8. What is our group doing with this discussion currently?

REMAIN NEUTRAL & UNBIASED

**Support is
Available!**



DELEGATE'S QUESTIONNAIRE!



Agenda Weeks helps GSR's inform their home group members about the item(s) that our delegate will vote on.

The group conscience is formed and used to complete the Delegate's Questionnaire.

Our delegate represents your home group's, your district's and your area's VOICE at the General Service Conference in NYC.





AREA 50 WNY

DELEGATE'S QUESTIONNAIRE IS NOW AVAILABLE



**GO TO
DELEGATE'S
NEWS
PROTECTED FILES**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS
CONTACT P74DELEGATE@AREA50WNY.ORG**





Announcements!



Your
Next
District
Meeting

Events

Panel 74 Area Meetings | [Printable 2025 Schedule](#) | [View them on the Calendar](#) | [How to Add Events to the Calendar](#)

Area

Area Committee

District

Misc Events

Regional

National

March 2025

<>today

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly 11:00 am 63rd IWC Informational Sessions 6:00 pm Area 50 Finance Committee	24 7:30 pm 63rd IWC Informational Session 7:30 pm District 5 Monthly Meeting	25	26 6:00 pm 6pm Archives Monthly Committee Mtg 7:00 pm District 16 Meeting	27	28	1 11:00 am 63rd IWC Informational Sessions
2 7:00 pm Buffalo Central Committee Meeting	3	4	5 6:00 pm Gen-Wyo Intergroup 7:00 pm Website/Technology Committee – Area 50 7:30 pm 63rd IWC Informational Session	6 7:00 pm GSR Virtual Coffee Hour	7	8
9	10	11 5:30 pm District 18 & 19 Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm District 4 Business Meeting	12 6:00 pm District 3 Monthly Meeting	13 7:00 pm DCMC Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm Corrections Committee Meeting	14 5:00 am Northeast Regional Delegates (NERD) 2:00 pm Cataract City Convention	15
16 Northeast Regional Delegates (NERD) Cataract City Convention 2:00 pm Niagara Intergroup	17 5:15 pm District 11 Business Meeting 7:00 pm Agenda Week	18 7:00 pm Agenda Week	19 7:00 pm Agenda Week 8:00 pm Area 50 Communication Ad Hoc Committee Meeting	20 7:00 pm Agenda Week 7:00 pm Area 50 Treatment Committee	21 6:30 pm District 1 Business Meeting 7:00 pm Agenda Week	22
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<https://area50wny.org/events/>



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.





GSR's Needed!

Area50 Communications Ad Hoc Committee

Info:

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

Next Meeting:
March 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



Coming Up...!

SoberJam WNY

Info:

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

When:

March 30, 2025
1-7p

Where:

The Hope Center, 781 Maple Road, Amherst, NY



The Hope Center
781 Maple Road
Amherst NY

Sunday March 30th
1:00pm to 7:00pm
AA Speaker @4:30 pm

★Giant 50/50 ★SoberJam T-Shirts
★Kid Friendly ★Bands/ Solo Acts
Bring a Dish to Share

Sponsored by Thankful Heart
Contact Matt N. To get involved or
Schedule performances

Facebook @ SoberJam WNY



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

