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NERAASA 2018

February 23 -February 25, 2018

Radisson Hotel
Cromwell, Connecticut

Registration opens 10am Friday morning!!

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It's that time of the year again in the Conference Cycle. The Upside-down Triangle that is in much of our

Triangle that is in much of our literature shows the Groups at the top of the Triangle. It's time to hear from the 1441 Groups in Area 11 Connecticut about what's important to you, and come to the Pre-Conference Assembly to share with other members of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 11.

Thank you to all who attended the Pre-Conference Assembly last March and/or completed a delegate survey online last year. Your feedback was helpful as items came to the floor for consideration. One of the presentation topics for this year's Conference will be one that Area 11 told me at last year's conference they were interested in hearing about, "Participation in All of AA-Is My Triangle Balanced?".

The list of Final Agenda Items was sent to the DCMs to distribute to all GSRs at your District Meetings later this month. They will be receiving the Background Material for the Agenda Items as well, so they will have that for you and your group to study if you are looking for more understanding of them.

As you read the Agenda Items, they fall into three general categories: Review, Discuss, and Consider. What does that mean? A quick reference is:

- "Review" usually deals with Advisory Actions from previous Conferences, or work that was completed this past year that is ready for an Advisory Action this year.
- "Discuss" falls closer to brainstorming within the particular committee. Please bring your group's ideas and suggestions from brainstorming at your group conscience meeting (business meeting).
- "Consider" means a committee might vote to approve an item to be sent on for consideration by the Conference.

This is an opportunity for your group to practice Tradition 2 and some Concepts including the group conscience being the ultimate authority and your right of participation, and a few more that you may not even know about.

Is your Participation Triangle balanced?

You are invited to jump in at the top of the triangle to exercise your Group's or your District's conscience and bring it to the Pre-Conference Assembly on Sunday, April 8th, 2018 from 8:30 am (pre-reg & food) until 3:30-4:00 pm at the VFW, 41 Veterans Drive, New Britain.

NERAASA 2018

After a year and a half of planning, NERAASA 2018 is here. Area 11 Host Committee is humbled by the outpouring of support and spirit as Area 11 hosts 17 delegate areas from the entire Northeast Region from Maine to Washington DC and from the most western parts of Pennsylvania to the tip of Cape Cod. This year's event is designed to be informative and thought provoking. Every sub-committee has worked tirelessly to bring such an inspired event to Area 11. It is never too late to get involved. There are still positions available on the Meet & Greet, Hospitality and Accessibilities committees. This is your opportunity to see what service to AA is all about, and to have many of your questions answered and myths dispelled! Join us February 23, 24 & 25 at the Radisson in Cromwell!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NERAASA 2018 2/23, 24, & 25, 2018 Radisson Hotel – Cromwell 100 Berlin Road, Exit 21 off I-91

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

April 8, 2018, 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM VFW, 41 Veterans Dr. New Britain

SPRING ASSEMBLY SATURDAY.

May 19^{th} , 9-3, VFW; 41 Veterans Dr., New Britain, CT

SOBERFEST; June 2,3 & 4,2018 Odetah Camp Ground; Bozrah, CT

For more information on any of these events, please visit ct-aa.org

Delegate Survey 2018

Ask Your GSR How Your Group Can Participate

There is a **Delegate Survey** with ten questions about some of the Agenda Items for you and your group to discuss, review and consider. Please complete and return it either at the Assembly or fill out online on our website www.ct-aa.org. Join us in the Triangle at your level!!

Remote Communities Wants to Hear From You

The theme for the Remote Communities Meeting at the 68th General Service Conference is "The Military as a Remote Community." While reaching out to alcoholics in the military might not seem to fit into a preconceived idea of remote communities, the challenges here are similar to those when reaching out to native populations and others separated from mainstream A.A. These may include cultural, geographic, linguistic barriers and, perhaps even those imposed by the need to maintain security clearances and operational safety.

The Remote Communities Meeting Committee produces the annual journal of the meeting called the "Remote Communities Communicator" which is a compilation of submissions of articles of personal experience with accessing meetings and services from Alcoholics Anonymous while a member of the Military, either as active duty or a veteran. The deadline for submission of articles is March 24, 2018 and can be sent to me at delegate@ct-aa.org.

Financial News \$\$\$

The Contributions to GSO Report for 2017 for Area 11 was sent recently, and the numbers are encouraging. The total Contributions for Area 11 ending 12/31/2017 was \$158, 930.64 from 592 groups with the percentage of groups in Districts contributing holding at 41%, the same as last year.

That number is encouraging because it didn't drop, so thank you for continuing to support the General Service Office and the Twelfth Step resources and services we have available because of that support.

Five sub-districts of the 27 sub-districts in Area 11, had 52%-60% of the registered groups contributing to GSO! There were three more that were just below the 50% number, and overall several sub-districts saw increases from last year in the number of groups contributing. Great work DCMs and GSRs in carrying the message about Self Support to our Groups!! Thank You Area 11!

Please feel free to copy this report and circulate it as needed within A.A. Groups and A.A. Service Committees.