



AREA 11 DELEGATE'S REPORT

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Area 11 General Service Committee

Links to information:

NEW Webstore experience:

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_WebstoreAnnouncementLetter.pdf

NEW Online Contributions portal:

https://aa.org/assets/en_US/en_OnlineContributionsCommunication_9-20.pdf

Sharing from Behind the Walls; Fall 2020

https://aa.org/newsletters/en_US/f-97_fall_2020.pdf

NEW Video: Young and Sober in AA; from drinking to recovery

<https://www.aa.org/#>

Go to ct-aa.org for updated meeting information including virtual video conferencing meetings and temporary meeting closures

Panel 69 Committee Highlights

ARCHIVES:

There was no report from the Archives desk at GSO this month. Watch here for updates.

Phase 3:

All of Connecticut prepares to relax guidelines on October 8th, Groups are encouraged to continue discussions regarding meeting in person. Many members have reached out to me to discuss the restrictions or guidelines on their groups by the meeting places. Every place will vary. So, know the fire marshal's room capacity for your space. Read the guidelines for personal meetings and groups on the State of Connecticut website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/09-2020/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Connecticut-Moves-Toward-Phase-3-Reopening-on-October-8#:~:text=09%2F24%2F2020-Governor%20Lamont%20Announces%20Connecticut%20Moves%20Toward%20Phase%203%20Reopening%20on,the%20ongoing%20COVID%2D19%20pandemic>

Having an informed group conscience is the only way to make sure everyone continues to stay safe. There is a great article of shared experiences in the latest issue of Box 459:

https://aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_fall20.pdf

VRIP:

The second and final round of early retirements have been announced and effective on September 30 the following staff will be leaving GSO:

Daniel Brown – 25 years
Mary Cumings – 10 years
John DeStefano – 34 years
Evelyn Gonzalez – 24 years
Rose Hendricks – 12 years
Noela Jordan – 30 years
Liz Ramdarass – 35 years
Awilda Rivera – 32 years
Ivelisse Rivera – 36 years
Linda Samuels – 30 years
Eva Sanchez – 24 years
Frank Segui – 37 years
Darlene Smith – 38 years
Rick Walker – 20 years

GSO has announced two key promotions at the General Service Office:

- **Sandra Wilson** is Director of Staff Services and will supervise and lead the GSO staff and staff assistants. Sandra reports to the General Manager.
- **Malini Singh** is Director of Operations with responsibility for customer and member services, including Order Entry, Group Records, My Portal implementation, Mail and Shipping and other support services. Malini reports to the Senior Director of Administration and Strategy.

Save the Date:

There will be a Virtual Eastern U.S./Canada Forum on **December 5, 2020**, with the theme: ***“2020: Experience, Strength & Hope - what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.”*** The one-day event will feature participation from the Northeast, Southeast, East Central and Eastern Canada Regions. As with traditional Regional Forums, the day will include workshops, presentations, Q&A's, General Sharing, and much, much more!

TRUSTEES:

A reminder has been sent to all Area 11 past delegates regarding the opening for Trustee-at-large come the 71st Conference. Trustee-at-large is also delegate to the World Service Conference. Elections for Area 11's nominee will happen the same day as the Area 11 elections on November 15.

AAWS Highlights

Regional/International Events

NERAASA VHC 2021:

February 26, 27 & 28

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

The NERAASA 2021 Platform Committee is looking for help with hosting meetings on virtual video platform (Zoom). If you are interested in helping please contact John D.

neraasa21tpc@gmail.com

UPCOMING AREA 11 EVENTS:

FALL ASSEMBLY

Sunday, November 15th, 2020

Virtual Video Platform

Please visit ct-aa.org for Pre-Registration and training sessions or click/copy & paste link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8ph0JgibJTqZecOGsnGtqdouc4IvKuyGWqTms_3d6Qezaw/viewform?usp=sf_link

AREA 11 ROUND-UP

Sunday November 22, 2020

9-3 Virtual video platform

Registration is Free!

<https://ct-aa.org/event/area-11-aa-round-up/>

CSCYPAA

November 27-29, 2020

Video Virtual Platform

<https://cscypaa.org/>

AREA 11 CONVENTION:

Postponed to September 2021.

Agenda Committee:

The 2021 Conference Committee on Agenda will consider suggestions for a **theme, presentation, and workshop** topics for 2022. We hope that you will assist us by asking members in your area to offer suggestions for the theme, workshop and presentation topics for the 71st annual meeting of the General Service Conference next spring. Please send suggestions in by December 15, 2020. A list of past Conference themes is available for your reference, as well as a form for your convenience in submitting suggestions.

Treatment and Accessibilities:

The Conference Treatment and Accessibilities committee reviewed the progress report on updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic." The committee noted that the submitted stories did not indicate a broad and diverse representation of A.A. experience and suggested a reopened call for stories based on the following experiences provided by trustees' C.P.C./Treatment and Accessibilities Committees:

- Ethnic, cultural and LGBTQ communities
- Lifestyle diversity
- Got sober later in life
- Veterans from the Vietnam War or later
- Hearing loss or mobility issues
- Online or telephone A.A. meetings
- Dementia or Alzheimer mental health issues
- Spiritual pathways

Typed manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Please email your sharing to: access@aa.org and type "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic" in the subject line of the message. Or you may mail your sharing to: Access Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. The deadline for submissions is **December 15, 2020.**

AA's October Surprise:

General Service Board voted on October 2, 2020 to draw down an additional \$1.5 million from our prudent reserve to meet expenses. A letter from Greg T., General Manager of the General Service Office was sent to out on Saturday 10/3 with additional details. Chief among them was that the Reserve Funds now sits at 7.8 months based on the revised 2020 budget 2.0.

Despite the Board's best efforts to reduce costs (i.e., Trustees travel, in-person events, etc.) - and even with a remarkable Fellowship Contribution rally – the loss of book income (due to COVID) simply cannot be overstated.

The Fellowship rally continues, with an estimated \$850,000+ in contributions (already processed) for the month of September.

	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Literature</u>
April	\$540,000	\$67,355
May	\$839,815	\$310,780
June	\$898,296	\$438,150
July	\$1,126,903	\$411,424
August	\$1,030,841	\$329,000
September	<u>\$850,000+</u>	<u>\$657,000</u>
	\$5,285,855	\$2,213,709
	\$7,499,564	

(processing not completed as of 10/2)

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

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