

GSR News

Coffee Hour Recap

October 2023

*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.*



Area Service Committees

One of the main purposes of the Area Assembly outlined in the General Service manual is “To carry out Twelfth Step work that may not be practical for groups, districts or intergroups to take on by themselves.”

Area 50 has Service Committee Chairs that ideally work with the Districts and Intergroup committees to support and coordinate efforts throughout the Area in ways to reach the alcoholic who still suffers.

As a GSR, you have the opportunity to work with one of these committees at the district level by chairing a committee. At next month’s Virtual Coffee Hour, we will touch on each of these committees: what they do and how to participate.

- ▶ **Accessibilities**
- ▶ **Archives**
- ▶ **(CPC) Cooperation with Professional Communities**
- ▶ **Corrections**
- ▶ **Finance**
- ▶ **Grapevine/ la Vina**
- ▶ **(PI)Public Information**
- ▶ **Treatment**

Next Coffee Hour:

November 6, 7 pm

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Password: service

Resources:

- Area50WNY.org
- AA.org
- [Service Manual](#)
- [Buffalo Intergroup](#)
BuffaloAA.ny.org
- [Gen-Wyoming](#)
geneseewyomingcountyaa.org
- [Niagara Falls Intergroup](#)
niagarafallsnyaa.meetings.com
- [NY-PENN Intergroup](#)
nypennintergroup.org

Communication and Cooperation

One of the main goals of Area 50 is to increase communication and cooperation between the Area Service Committees and the Districts and Intergroups within Area 50. It might be helpful to see the maps below and realize the overlapping “territory” these different entities cover.

The goal is to have committee chairs at the Area level that work closely with

those same committee efforts at the Intergroup level. Local efforts can be carried out by District Committees and supported by the Area Chairs.

By increasing the communication and cooperation, we can avoid duplication of services and target efforts where they are needed the most.



Area 50



Districts



Intergroups

Next General Assembly:

November 4th

10 am– 2 pm

UU Church of Amherst

6320 Main St, Buffalo,
NY 14221

Boots on the Ground

Service within our communities include making sure non-alcoholics are aware of our common solution and how to refer alcoholics in need of recovery to A.A.

We do this through Public Information efforts as well as Cooperation with the Professional Community. Treatment and Corrections efforts reach the alcoholic directly by cooperating with non-alcoholic professionals at these institutions.

We have Archives to make sure our history is preserved and available to future members and Accessibilities efforts to ensure every alcoholic is able to access recovery.

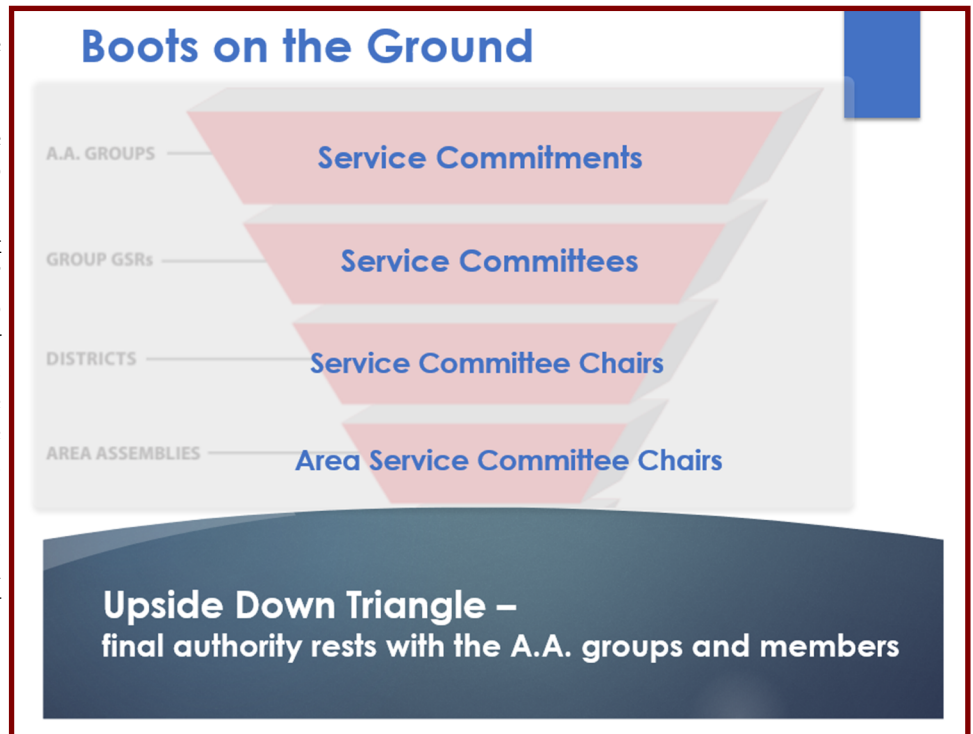
The Grapevine/la Vina Committee makes our A.A. publications available to groups and the Finance Committee manages the funds that are contributed by our local groups to carry out all of these efforts.

Many A.A.'s call all of this work "service outside the home group" and it is vital to keep our fellowship united and thriving so that recovery is available not just to those of us who have been lucky to become members, but available for future members for years to come. It is also called General Service.

The General Service Manual lays out how general service is organized on page 3. It discusses how many organizations are run by a few individuals "at the top" of an organization who make decisions for the organization. Not so in A.A.

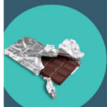
In Alcoholics Anonymous, it is the A.A. groups that make these decisions and have the final authority over how our fellowship functions and carries the message of recovery. This is called the "Upside Down Triangle".

In all cases, it is the A.A. member themselves who carry out this service. They do this by either by joining a committee or becoming the Chair of the committee at the District level. These District Chairs are served by the Chair of that committee at the Area level. The Area has the responsibility of supporting these efforts with resources, contacts and possibly financial support that the District may be unable to access on their own.



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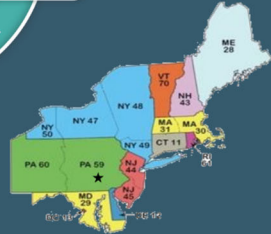
Hershey Lodge
325 University Dr
Hershey, PA 17033



Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

Register Here

www.neraasa.org



Now is the time to sign up for the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly!!

Meet other A.A. members learning about General Service from all over the entire Northeast. Meet our regional trustee and find out more about what is happening in the General Service Office in New York City as well as A.A. as a whole.

NERAASA.org

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