

Area 45 Winter Assembly

The Hybrid Winter Assembly was hosted by Section II at The Gibson House on November 20, 2022 in Evesham, New Jersey.

GSR/DCM orientation was started at 8:45 AM.

The Assembly Meeting opened at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer followed by the A. A. Anonymity Statement.

Recognition was given to those who celebrated a sobriety milestone and those new to an Assembly.i

Intergroup Chair Reports:

Cape Atlantic:

Hi. It's CAIG Chair, Dawn I.

Honor & Privilege to to attend my first Area 45 Assembly. I am stepping up for Damon B who recently resigned. There is so much going on at "The Shore"! The biggest news is the upcoming 16th Annual Waves Round Up "On Awakening". It will be held at The Showboat in AC NJ the weekend of Dec 2-4.

We also have the Annual NYE Party Dec 31st @ Our Lady of Sorrows in Linwood NJ. We have many service commitment opportunities at in InterGroup level. Panel & Committee Chair positions as well as Hotline and 12 Step Call slots are open.

More information and details can be found on our newly updated and easily navigated Website : CapeAtlanticAA.org maintained by our amazing WebChair Carolyn M.

Thank you for allowing me to Serve!!

Central Jersey:

Central Jersey is continuing to update our meetings as things come in.

We do have active positions open in intergroup. Men's and woman's prisons, newsletter, and H&I so if anyone in the central Jersey area knows of willing members that want to get active reach out to us.

We continue to work together to keep CJI moving as a whole.

We have many events coming up one which is our Gratitude breakfast which I believe we have sold out. This will be on December 4 of this year! Thank you Sam for putting this together.

Our team is amazing and would t ask for a better unit.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. Sorry I couldn't make it today.

Thank you
Rickey

South Jersey

Verbal Report

DCM and Section Leader Reports:

Section I

Leader position – *Vacant*

Anyone interested can speak to Joe E, Chairperson chair@snjaa.org

District 3:

District 3 meets the second Thursday of every month. We get a regular attendance of 4-7 GSRs. We have a bank balance of 493.37. Since our last assembly we worked with the Districts in Section 1 to have our movie night. It was a spectacular success. I worked with the NERAASA adhoc committee on the scholarship. We voted last week to stay on zoom instead of meeting in person (because of the convenience). We are getting ready for a corrections workshop on Jan 14th. We are also planning a bus trip to GSO.

Thanks

Patrick McN

District 4: Vacant

Mike, GSR, reported that the District was stirring and hoping to be an active District soon.

Districts 22 & 23:

Good morning. My name is Jeremy, I'm an alcoholic, and I am the DCM for District 22/23.

District 22/23 meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm on Zoom. We routinely have 8-12 GSRs from the district represented in our monthly meeting, which is a welcome increase from my last assembly report.

As of November 19th, our district's treasury balance was \$4,149. We supported the Unity Picnic and Movie Night but still waiting on the final distribution request. We expect to spend approximately \$1800 on the New Year's Day Alcathon.

Members from the district participated in planning and execution of the Unity Picnic on Sept 11th, and although there was rain off and on, we had a great showing and a great time.

We also participated in planning for the 2nd Annual Section 1 movie night that took place on Oct 15th. Weather again was a player, and we had to reschedule from the original date of Oct 1st. We had 25-30 people in attendance with lots of candy, brownies, fresh popcorn, and hot cider, as well as a brief introduction on Lois Wilson by Roy from Archives.

Planning for the District 22/23 New Year's Day Alcathon is nearly complete, and all but one time slot has been filled. We are looking forward to hosting this event from 8 am to 5 pm on January 1st. Details are in the 4th Dimension Newsletter.

We are going to start planning to host a workshop in our district in February or March 2023 following the NYD Alcathon.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremy B, District 22/23 DCM

District 24:

District 24 meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm at 100 Scotch Road. We currently have 7 GSR members that attend the District Meeting on a regular basis. We are still in need of support. We have approximately \$934 dollars in our treasury.

We held our annual picnic in September. We had over 150 people present and a great time was had by all.

We will be hosting the New Year's Eve Sober Bash Dec. 31st at the Lawrenceville Pres. Church. From 6:30- 12:30 Buffet dinner speaker meeting and dancing to following

We had the privilege of helping to support the 2nd annual movie night.

We are looking to host workshops in the upcoming year and ask that any district in wanting to Cohost with us please let me know.

District 25: *No Report*

District 30 &31: *No Report*

Section II

Thanks to all the volunteers who came early today to help set-up. Thank you to all the DCM's who helped organize the food, drink and set-up, Tim and Bobby at section 8 for the coffee, Andy at district 9 for the drinks, Max K at district 27 for the breakfast and Lisa B for lunch.

Thanks again everyone for your service, we couldn't do it without you!!

Back on 10.29.22 District 8 and Area 45 put on a Corrections WorkShop which was well attended,

Thanks Josh P for making such a fantastic presentation and thanks Bob and Tim for the pizza and drinks.

Upcoming: Section II is working on another Bowling / Fellowship Night, as the Event this past summer was so successful. We hope to do it again this winter.

Thanks,

Frank M

Districts: 5, 6, 7

Leader position – *Vacant*

Anyone interested can speak to Frank M flmusella@gmail.com or Joe E, Chairperson chair@snjaa.org

District 8:

* District 8: *Verbal Report*

District 9:

My name's Andy and I'm currently serving as District 9's DCM and Treasurer.

We have several active Groups, and quite a few that are not participating in the Area activities. We are pleased to be able to help Section 2 host today's Assembly. District 9 currently has \$754.34 in the bank account, and is keeping the lights on. We would like to see more of Cherry Hill and Voorhees Groups send representation to keep their Groups up to date on the activities in the Area as well as those in New York.

Happy, Safe Holidays to all !

Peace... Andy E.

District 26 & 10:

Hi, my name is Bob. Lisa B is out of state for a soccer tournament with her daughter. She's missing seeing everyone in person and of course the food. Thank you, Susan, for your service as ALT DCM.

District 26 currently has approximately 45 registered meetings. The district has 22 email contacts or GSRs. The active meeting list that was created has been helpful in determining which meetings do not have contacts or GSRs.

The meetings that were in district 10 have been moved over to district 26. Our treasury balance as of our last meeting is \$3,537.92.

Looking forward to going to NERASSA this February and hope GSRs in the district can experience it.

Once the holidays are over, I am hoping to ask GSRs for input for a workshop or fun activity for the district.

Thank you to our Section Leader Frank, for having the DCMs get together for the planning of the assembly. Also, thank you to our section, the panel and the virtual team as who gave their time for this assembly.

With Gratitude, Lisa B DCM district 26

District 27: Verbal Report

Section III

Leader position – *Vacant*

Anyone interested can speak to Joe E, Chairperson chair@snjaa.org

District 12: No Report

District 13: No Report

District 14:

Good morning Area 45 Assembly attendees and Area Committee members! I'm an alcoholic, my name is Bill. I am the DCM of District 14.

Since our last assembly, we held our Annual D14 Picnic on August 28 and it was a great time with over 190 members, friends and family in attendance, great food and great fellowship. We unfortunately had to postpone our H&I Corrections Workshop due to conflicts but we will be forming a new W/S Committee and voting on a new date at the beginning 2023. Hopefully we will have 3 workshops in 2023!! The Vineland groups at Main and Sherman will be hosting an Alcathon from 7-4 on, last meeting starting at 4. Thanksgiving this Thursday and the District voted on support the event.

Our monthly D14 meeting is held every 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 2nd and Pine St, Millville. Average attendance has been 6-12 GSRs/Alt GSRs and visitors to see what District Service is all about.” And that’s a good thing. Our Treasury Report on 11/17 was \$3,368.60 and on 12/15/22 we will be voting on a new proposed budget for 2023. I will be speaking with the Convention Chair soon to report that D14 will have members that are ready to volunteer for 10pm-6am meetings at the upcoming March 2023 Convention so the District 14 may help in Area 45 Service.

Lastly, I would like to share some awesome news about one if not the oldest groups in Cumberland County, The Wednesday Night “Saint Andrews Meeting” at 7:00 pm. It was on the brink of closing, when 2 members have kept it open for the past 2 years. The Church was sold and the Group moved to Laurels St in Bridgeton, called Bridge the Gap. I am happy to report that the newly elected GSR, Rich C, announced that last Wednesdays meeting had over 14 in attendance and has gained 3 new home group members. This support was in part, due to the District GSR and its members going back to their respective meetings announcing the moved and the need for attendance. AA Unity of our Fellowship is paramount to it’s success!

Grateful to be in service,

Bill F
District 14 DCM

Districts 20: *No Report*

District 21 and 28 & 29 – Vacant
Anyone interested can speak to Joe E, Chairperson chair@snjaa.org

Section IV

Leader position – *Vacant*
Anyone interested can speak to Joe E, Chairperson chair@snjaa.org

District 15:

Greetings Everyone! I am Kevin H an alcoholic DCM District 15.

We gather on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 6:30pm @ Holy Spirit Episcopal Church 222 E Main St. (route 9) and Cedar St. Tuckerton NJ 08087.

Our Holiday Event filled with Holiday Spirit, Service, Fellowship, and Dinner Dance Dec. 4, 2022 5-9 pm @ Holiday Inn, Manahawkin. 75 tickets have been sold at \$50 each. As of this report 50 tickets are available till November 24. Joe E., Area 45 Chair, graciously accepted our invitation to be our speaker.

His topic is service. Our treasurer Barb L. reported a balance of \$3,117.22. Our group (8-10) is continually updating meetings and GSRs in District 15. I am grateful for Everyone's service. Greetings Working on humility and responsibility Kevin H.

District 16 & 17: *Verbal Report*

District 18:

My name is Paul H. I am the DCM for District 18. I am grateful to have the opportunity to be of service.

Our most recent district meeting was held on November 6, 2022 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 2998 Bay Ave, Ocean City. Three GSRs attended.

Our next meeting will be December 4, 2022.

Our treasury is in good shape and I want to thank our local groups for their continuing generosity and support. We are trying to put our funds to good local use. Including:

- A contribution to the Area 45 Archives committee to help them have a display at the Cape Atlantic Intergroup Round-Up scheduled for December 2 – 4, 2022.
- Possibly purchasing literature for groups in our district. Some groups are still struggling to recover from the pandemic.
- Contributed funds for four scholarships to the Cape Atlantic Intergroup Round-Up.
- We hope to send at least two of our District GSRs to NERASSA.

We hope to hold a workshop in late winter or early spring. Several topics are being discussed.

District 19:

Greetings everyone, I am Sandy M and an alcoholic.

District 19 meeting is held the last Thursday of the month at Crest Community Church, Wildwood Crest at 7:30 pm. Everyone Welcome!

District 19 has 8 GSRs. Fall Unity Event was on the 12 of Nov, at the Crest Community Church it was a Catered Dinner and a Movie.

1. Sr Ignatia, Gavin, Photo Slideshow and talk at the 25 Anniversary of Alcoholics Sister of Charity of St. Augustine, a humble Servant.
2. Where do we aim, what we thirst for, Bill W the creative force behind Alcoholics Anonymous a reluctant hero, Bill Wilson lived a life of sacrifice and service and left a legacy that continues every day, all around the world. Needless to say it was a great success!@ Now all there is to do is put our thinking caps on and come up a great plan for our Winter Unity Event.

Treasury Report: Balance prior to Fall Event \$6,435.81, less the \$1,000.00 Prudent Reserve, resulting in a net available balance of \$5,435. Due to the available funds, the District was able to send 1 GSR to NERAASA. The selection was based on the highest number of District meetings attended.

I would like to thank everyone for their service and in helping me get another day of sobriety.

Area Committee Reports

Accessibility

Hi, my name is Maria S and I am the new chair.

- Focus from last committee meeting was to increase access to the AA message to both Spanish speaking population of Area 45 as well as the elderly population
These areas will continue to be explored in the next committee meeting.
- Invitation for volunteers to join the committee.

In Service and with gratitude,
Maria

Archives

The Archives Committee continues to operate with the help and cooperation of the membership and the fellowship of Area 45. New members are welcomed.

Activities included a hybrid workshop on 8/27/2022. Attendance at the National AA Archives Workshop 9/22/2022-9/25/2022. Involvement at the Area 45 Inventory and a short presentation at the Section 1 movie night on 10/15/2022. A newly discovered article on the origin of the Serenity Prayer was submitted to the recent Area 45 newsletter and published. Monthly visits to the repository (storage locker) were completed to manage inventory. Most importantly the Historical Archives section of the Area 45 website is up and running thanks to the hard work of our web administrator.

Future activities include a display table at the Waves Roundup in December. We will be looking into attending the 26th National AA Archives Workshop held Sep 7-8,2023, Sudbury, Ontario (Canada)

Our annual budget has been depleted and payments were made in a timely manner by the treasurer. Many thanks.

Yours in service,

Roy C. Archives Chair, Area 45, Panel 72

Audio

Verbal Report

Budget & Finance

My name is Justin and I'm a grateful, recovered alcoholic.

Since the 2023-2024 budget was approved at the last assembly, my focus has been on participating in and supporting the NERAASA 2023 committee. I'm grateful for the hard work of the committee and the chair over the past few months. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at NERAASA 2023 in Albany at the end of February.

Thanks as always for the opportunity to be of service to Area 45.

Respectfully submitted.

Convention – 57th Annual

No Report

Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information (CPC/PI)

No Report

Corrections

Hi everyone, I am Josh P, and I am an alcoholic. I am also the area 45 Corrections Chair. It is both an honor and a privilege to be trusted with such a responsibility. We are busy. If you are looking for an opportunity to get involved please come talk to me.

Our committee has been extremely busy. We are happy to report that we are currently supporting 20+ meetings per week inside prisons and jails. We would like to thank District 8 & District 25 for co-hosting our recent application workshops. Both were extremely successful and we brought in 6 new volunteer applications, as well as, made some connections with a county jail. Thank you!! We look forward to visiting District 3 & District 14 next year. District 3 is hosting on Saturday - January 14th 2pm to 5pm. District 14 TBD. Any DCM interested in co-hosting an event please find me. Our goal is to visit every district.

This past month I had an opportunity to virtually attend the National Corrections Conference where I met a lot of enthusiastic corrections volunteers. It gave me a lot of hope and A TON of ideas for our committee. This past week we were also invited to participate in a Health/Recovery Event at both FCI Fort Dix and Ann Klein Forensic Center. We were able to talk with and provide pamphlets to new people who may not know much about AA and let them know about our meetings.

I would like to point out 2 needs that we currently have; First, We are always in need of volunteers. See me for a state/ Federal application. We are still working to establish and start additional county meetings. We need help with that too. Second, we are looking for new Bridging the Gap Coordinator. BTG is a service to bridge AA with inmates or patients coming out of jails, prisons, or institutions. Our long time coordinator is stepping down and we are looking for ways to fill this service. Again if you interested, please come find me.

Our corrections committee meets virtually the first Tuesday of every month. Virtual meeting ID and password is available on the area 45 website under the area events section. All are welcome.

I would like to thank everyone involved with our recent events. Our speaker volunteers and districts were amazing. A special shout out to Marlene W and Pat G. Marlene recently became our treasurer. Thank you all for contributing to make this all happen.

Please keep an eye out for our monthly reports which our area secretary shares using MailChimp. It contains our monthly meeting minutes with detailed information on our efforts, as well as, flyers about upcoming corrections events.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. I look forward to sharing corrections with you.

Gratefully,

Josh P
Area 45 Corrections Chair

DCM/GSR Orientation

At today's orientation, I counted 10 new GSRs 2 new DCMs, and two GSR ALTs. if anyone needs orientation info or

Grapevine

No Report

JalCon – Vacant

Please announce and reach out to meetings in your area to see if anyone is interested in this service opportunity.
They should then contact Ken, Delegate, delegate@snjaa.org.

Newsletter

Good afternoon. My name is Kelly and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as your Panel 72 4th Dimension Newsletter Chair.

Many of you received the Fall Newsletter emailed to you, and if you have not yet seen it, it is also available on our Area website area45snjaa.org. Unfortunately, a last name was inadvertently left on the version that went out via email, however a scrubbed for anonymity copy is up on our website now.

I'm attempting to stick with a theme for each Newsletter, and for the Fall addition that theme is Cooperation. I am especially thankful to our Committee Chairs Josh P. and Michelle C., as well as our Panel 66 Past Delegate Andrew L., Area Secretary Jean W., and Central Jersey Intergroup Trustee Mark B. for their very thoughtful submissions on this important topic.

If any of you made it to the games section at the end, it turns out the AA Trivia link has a glitch. You are free to answer, but apparently you can't check your answers. You have several options if you are curious about the correct answers: 1) Google it 2) Reach out to Roy our Archives Chair 3) Wait for the minutes to come out- I will include them at the end of my report or 4) Ask me or email me- I know the answers and am happy to share.

Moving forward, wheels are in motion for topics for and contributions to the Winter Newsletter. If you or anyone you know has some ideas for submissions or topics you'd like to see included, please send an email to newsletterarea45@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly W.

1. Where did Alcoholics Anonymous start?
Akron, Ohio
2. What are the names of the A.A. co-founders?
Bill W. and Dr. Bob
3. What year did Alcoholics Anonymous start?
1935

4. Prior to starting A.A. both co-founders were in contact with what fellowship?
Oxford Group

5. What year was the basic textbook, Alcoholics Anonymous published?
1939

6. Who was Sister Ignatia?
Nurse who helped almost 5,000 hospitalized alcoholic patients

7. How often are International Conventions held?
5 years

8. What did Bill W. do while staying at the Mayflower Hotel in Akron, Ohio?
He made a phone call in the hotel lobby instead of going to the bar

9. Who was Henrietta Seiberling?
First woman to get sober by joining Alcoholics Anonymous

10. Who started the first A.A. meeting in Cleveland, Ohio?
Clarence S.

11. Bill W. was homeless for 2 years in sobriety
True

12. A star catcher for what baseball team achieved sobriety in Alcoholics
Anonymous?
New York Yankees

Policy

Verbal Report

Registration

Total Attendees 80, 58 in person and 22 virtual

Virtual Tech

Managed the Day of sharing, helped manage and set up the Area 45 Inventory, but was unable to attend. I attended several ad hoc committee meetings for the online district.

Thank you so much!

Nickie L

AdHoc NERAASA Scholarship Committee

I want to thank Joe for asking me to chair this. This could not of happened if it was not for Justin coming up with the idea. We had a great team that met regularly to create the application and we kept visiting it over and over to make it as simple as possible. We have enough money to get 50 people to the event this year and reimburse you up to 250 dollars. This was already approved by the Assembly last meeting. I want to thank Joe, Pat, Phil, Justin, Tara and Jean. They worked hard on this process. As of our last meeting we

had 15 applicants. We will be meeting on December 15 th to go over the applications Pam was great in putting the flyer up on the website and creating a pop up that gives people the link to apply.
Kerry

Website

Written report submitted by Pam:

- Worked with Roy C. (Archives) and there is now a section on the website for his wonderful presentations
- Published the Area Events at the very top of the sidebar to stand out more per request from Wendy M. Ken T.
- Users continue to submit their own events for the calendar and the gallery. It works quite well and makes it easier for me to get them published quickly.
- Still need to work with George H. (Registrar) on finalization of his requirements for GSR/DCM forms and information. I think when he has a laptop computer this will be much easier to complete. I need to follow up with him.
- No issues reported with Email for snjaa.org

Not sure if this is really relevant to Area business:

- Attended Day of Sharing in October and had very productive sessions with other Intergroups.
- CAIG, AASJ and CJIAA/Area 45 Webmasters (Carolyn, Richie, Pam) had a zoom meeting in October to get to know each other and share information on what we are each doing with our respective Intergroup Websites. The meeting was very productive and it was good to have the opportunity to get ideas and offer each other assistance.

That is all I have for updates. Please let me know if anyone needs further information.

Happy in Service...Pam R.

Young People - Vacant

Verbal Report

Area Panel Reports –

Registrar

- 1) Area 45 Contact List Updates
 - Two Section Leaders
 - 18 DCMs
 - 15 Committee Chairs
 - Added Section III Acting Leader
 - Lost Section IV Leader
 - Added 3 Acting DCMs
- 2) Updated GSO Fellowship Cnct
 - 531 Total Registered Grp Count
 - Section I: 186

- Section II: 94
- Section III: 113
- Section IV: 138

3) Intergroup Meeting List Check

- SJIG 488 Meetings/Week (88 Virtual)
- CJI 245 Meetings/Week (63 Virtual)
- CAIG 415 Meetings/Week (92+ Virtual)

4) Group Contacts Records in GSO Fellowship Connection

- 680 (reduced from 840 in 2022)
- 300 Old July 2021 Contacts Need Update/Closing
- Like to get DCM Latest Contact List January 2023 for Spring Assembly

5) General Activities

- Supported GSO National Survey
- Attended Day of Sharing
- Attended Area Inventory
- Supported NERAASA Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee
- Supported Virtual District Ad Hoc
- Assistance Section III Leader
- Sent out District Level Group Spreadsheets for Update
- Registrar Area/GSO Phone Calls
- Attended CAIG Unity Breakfast
- Spoke at District 19 Fall Picnic
- Woodstown Anniversary Meeting

Secretary

Hello, my Jean and I am an alcoholic.

I have sent out 18 email Blasts since the Summer Assembly. Here is the list of Blasts:

| Subject | Send Date | Day | Total Recipients | Successful Deliveries | Total Bounces | Open Rate | Total Opens | Un-subscribes |
|---|-----------|-----|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| FALL Assembly This Sunday | 11/16/22 | Wed | 732 | 730 | 2 | 40.41% | 532 | 1 |
| It's here! 4th Dimension Newsletter - Fall 2022 | 11/14/22 | Mon | 734 | 732 | 2 | 39.34% | 549 | 1 |
| How Accessible are Your Meetings? and other Events? | 11/13/22 | Sun | 735 | 733 | 2 | 39.84% | 468 | 3 |

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| 2023 NERAASA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM! | 10/22/22 | Sat | 739 | 738 | 1 | 48.64% | 705 | 2 |
| Advisory Action - General Service Convergence of AA | 10/19/22 | Wednesday | 740 | 738 | 2 | 49.59% | 636 | 0 |
| Reminders - Area Inventory & S1 Movie Night | 10/14/22 | Friday | 743 | 739 | 4 | 39.51% | 428 | 1 |
| Have a Photo for Grapevine's Instagram? ALSO - Deadline for YP's Video Project | 10/11/22 | Tuesday | 744 | 741 | 3 | 45.34% | 482 | 1 |
| 2023 NERAASA Information | 10/10/22 | Monday | 744 | 741 | 3 | 45.21% | 649 | 0 |
| Corrections - News, Workshops & National Convention (Hybrid) | 10/09/22 | Sunday | 745 | 742 | 3 | 41.51% | 519 | 1 |
| GSO Re-Opening - S1 Movie Night Postponed | 09/30/22 | Friday | 746 | 743 | 3 | 41.86% | 589 | 0 |
| Accessibilities Meeting (10/12) & Movie Night (10/1) - Lets Have Fun | 09/27/22 | Tuesday | 747 | 743 | 4 | 43.20% | 539 | 0 |
| Area 45 Inventory, October 15, 10:00-12:00, Live or Virtual ! | 09/20/22 | Tuesday | 747 | 746 | 1 | 48.53% | 845 | 0 |
| * Heads UP * Grapevine Announcement - upcoming price increases | 09/02/22 | Friday | 435 | 433 | 2 | 17.09% | 160 | 1 |
| Area 45 Summer Assembly Minutes and other links | 09/06/22 | Tuesday | 742 | 741 | 1 | 44.94% | 723 | 1 |

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| * Heads UP * Grapevine Announcement - upcoming price increases | 09/01/22 | Thursday | 746 | 744 | 2 | 47.18% | 600 | 1 |
| An Invitation to the Bringing the AA Service Manual to Life speaker series | 08/29/22 | Monday | 746 | 744 | 2 | 45.43% | 672 | 0 |
| GSO Publishing Update | 08/26/22 | Friday | 748 | 744 | 4 | 43.15% | 583 | 1 |
| Launch of *New* Website for Area 45 | 08/23/22 | Tuesday | 749 | 745 | 4 | 45.37% | 688 | 0 |

NOTE: 1 Bounce is recurring and I am working on fixing that. All 'hard' bounces are sent to the Registrar.

I participated with the NERAASA Ad Hoc Committee and I submitted an article to the 4th Dimension Newsletter.

I was notified of an error in the Summer Assembly Minutes which I corrected and the in *coordinated* with Kelly, Newsletter Chair, and Pam, Web Chair, to ensure the Newsletter and Website had the updated information.

Respectively submitted,
Jean W

Treasurer

Hi, my name is Phil and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve as your Area 45 Treasurer.

Thank you to all the AA groups and individuals that contribute financially to Area 45. I also want to thank and express my appreciation for individuals and groups that either cannot contribute money or choose to focus their efforts in a different way.

During just the 3rd quarter of 2022, Area took in about \$1,600 more than we spent. Through the first 9 months of 2022, Area took in about \$5,000 more than we spent. We are on target to receive about \$41,000 in contributions in 2022. That would be 25% more than was anticipated back in the Summer and Fall of 2020. About 11% of contribution funds are coming in electronically through area45snjaa.org.

Next month brings us to the end of a two-year budget cycle. I was a member of the budget and finance committee that put together the plan for these two years. The "problem" that we have (if you choose to call it a problem) is that contributions to Area continue to be more than what we spend. Why? First, contributions rebounded after the COVID shutdown in a bigger way than we expected. Second (and this is NOT pointing fingers), committees and panel members generally spend less than they are budgeted. This is not a new situation, I just feel the need to address it directly, so that we (collectively) can put our thinking caps on and keep our thinking caps on regarding how best to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Simply put, Area 45 has the resources. What do we need? More involvement, more education about the service opportunities that exist, getting sponsees into service, encouragement to dream up a new outreach, and continued emphasis on the spirit of rotation.

I have really enjoyed working with the NERAASA Scholarship Ad-Hoc committee over the past few months. You've heard a little bit about this program and you'll hear some more over lunch. My request is that you tell one other person, who is not here today, about the scholarship program. The Ad-Hoc committee desperately wants to see all 50 spots filled!

Lastly, a request: Please ask and encourage your group treasurers to include the group ID number on your mailed checks. For me, it doesn't matter whether that group number is the old six-digit FNV number or the new Fellowship Connection Group ID.

Thank you for supporting Area 45, please reach out to me directly with any questions (treasurer@snjaa.org) and enjoy this day!

Chairperson

Good morning, everyone and thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Area Chair. It is with my deepest appreciation that I thank the security staff and the body of this assembly for making this possible. Since our last assembly, I had the privilege of attending both our Annual Day of Sharing as well as Bi-Annual Area 45 Inventory. Both of these events were available to the area both in person and online. There was a lot of good information as well as robust conversation around important issues in both AA Service as a whole and Area 45. My hope is that moving forward, these events will get better traction. I know I came out a more informed member and would like to take this service journey with you as well. Thank you, Rich H., and Wendy M., for all your hard work on these events.

As of now, I have all Chair Positions filled at this time. But not to worry, they need committee members!! Kelly W. does a fantastic job on our Newsletter. She has everything: articles from our past delegates, workshop dates and times, stories, and the most recent newsletter had a quiz on AA for all those AA buffs. Thank you, Kelly, for your dedication to this chair position. Finally, I would like to ask for some volunteers to be a part of the Accessibilities Committee. We have a new Chair, Maria S.,(Maria please raise your hand) she has already done some fantastic research on both accessibilities and local intel on South Jersey. Accessibilities is a juggernaut of an issue and she could use your help as we have a big opportunity to really enhance our current status.

If you have an event that you would like to post on the website, please send me the flyer and I will see that our Web Chair posts it on our site as well as calendar. (Chair@SNJAA.ORG) Please check the website periodically, as I will be updating it with new information.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to speaking with everyone today.

Alternate Delegate

Hello, I am Wendy, and I serve as your Alternate Delegate.

Soon after the last assembly, I was moved to send in an agenda item for the 73rd Conference. Before I sent it in, I consulted with past delegates and the current panel.

The proposed agenda item I sent in read as **To have a backup hybrid set-up for every General Service Conference in the future so that if conference voting members get ill or have a sudden family emergency after they have arrived at the Conference, they can still participate in discussion and voting during the Conference from the hotel room if they are quarantined, in a hospital, or as they travel back to their home.**

I spent September and the first week of October prepping for the Day of Sharing. I can't thank Central Jersey Intergroup enough for hosting and our tech team for always being phenomenal. I also want to thank everyone who came to contribute to the conversation. I hope the Intergroups were able to take the conversation and get excited about seeing how they can continue to carry the message.

The following weekend I had the chance to attend the Group Inventory and thank our past Delegate, Rich, for doing a great job guiding the conversation.

I also had the privilege of being on the Online District Committee; as a committee member, I set up some times to speak with a past delegate from Area 44 to discuss his ongoing involvement and experience with the Online Intergroup and how two other Areas welcomed online districts.

I want to thank District 16/17 for inviting me to speak at their event, The Family Afterwards. The event was fantastic, and the District 16/17 DCM and GSRs did a wonderful job hosting it.

Last, but not least, I've been working on a fun project, a skit for the Area 45 workshop at the Waves of Sobriety Round-Up. The theme for the skit is Robert's Rules and some of the proposed agenda items. I hope you can all join us for it.

In love and service,
Wendy M.
Area 45 Alternate Delegate

Delegate

Welcome everyone!

I am an alcoholic, and my name is Ken. Privileged to serve as Area 45 Delegate, Panel 72.
Thank you to the hosts, and technical facilitators for making this meeting possible.
Welcome to the new GSR's, DCM's and Section Leaders.
Thank you All for your vital service to our Fellowship.

Since our last Assembly:

I attended the monthly Northeast Delegates and Alternates meeting.
Attended the CAIG Chair transition meeting for support, and Unity Breakfast.
Participated in 2 Area 45 Ad-Hoc Virtual District meetings.
Was invited to speak at the Ancora AA meeting, and a few others.
Attended and participated in the Area 45 Day of Sharing, and Area Inventory.
Attended and participated in my Conference Committee (Conference Trustees Nominating) meeting with Class B Trustee of the GSB, and assigned GSO staff member.
I also attended the Maple Shade 60th Group Anniversary.
I'm looking forward to attending the CAIG Roundup in December at age Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

Thank you All again for your service to your groups, and Area 45.
Please remember, our journey, and the journey of countless others begins at the AA Group. Do whatever you can to keep your group Unified, and grounded in AA Principles.

In Love & Service

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Motion #1: Reimbursement for expenses to attend the National A.A. Achieves Workshop.

Passed

Motion #2: Requesting approval for up to \$1,000 to purchase a new laptop for the Registrar.

Passed

The NERAASA Adhoc Committee Report was given at the end of the Assembly. The Report details however are at the conclusion of the Committee Reports.

11:35 am - Lunch Break

During the Lunch Break there was an Open Mic where people shared about their experiences with NERAASA.

Area 45 Spring Assembly Adjourned and closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Area 45 Spring Committee Meeting

The Committee Meeting opened at 12:25 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Rich H, Immediate Past Delegate, raised a *Point of Information*:

After a multi-year project, Area 45 was finally incorporated in 2020. This will allow Area to better serve AA in South Jersey. But now Area must decide how these corporate officers will be selected going forward and what their responsibilities will be.

This is an open question with many good answers. Area can decide to fill the corporate positions based upon whoever wins the Panel elections. For example, whoever is elected “delegate” automatically becomes the “president,” etc.

Another idea would be to elect the corporate officers as new and separate Area 45 positions, like some intergroups do. Other great ideas may exist. Whichever way Area proceeds, the handbook and bylaws will need amending.

The hope is that GSRs and DCMs will discuss the best course of action, and that a motion (or motions) will be made at the February Committee meeting to be considered by the full Assembly in the Spring or Summer. This way the new officers can be in place for Panel 74 in January 2024.

Josh P, Corrections Committee Chair, gave an information session regarding the Bridging the Gap (BTG) program. Our long time member, Loli-Pop Joe, has stepped down as Bridging the Gap Coordinator. Joe held the position for many years and there is really no way to ‘fill his shoes’. The traditional role is one person manages the Program for the whole Area. The Coordinator pairs up volunteers with new AA members pending discharge from treatment or correctional facilities. That is a big task given the number of facilities and the distance within Area 45. As a result, we have been unable to fill the position.

The goal of the Bridging the Gap Program is to ‘bridge’ AA and a newly released member from a treatment facility or institution. We create the bridge by coordinating new releases with local AA members who volunteer to take them to meetings and introduce them to the AA program. Generally, it is suggested we take the new members to a few meetings and introduce them to other AA members.

Our current Area 45 BTG program is in need of an overhaul. After talking to a number of other Area Corrections folk about various programs and attending the National Corrections Conference, Josh is recommending that Area 45 model its program after Area 59. The Area 59 BTG would share responsibility with the Districts and enable more opportunities for service work throughout the Area. Each district would become responsible to have a Bridging the Gap representative who would work in conjunction with the Area 45 BTG coordinator to fill the need within their district. This involves contact with facilities and creation of a steady pool of volunteers to fill the need.

Josh P realizes this is bigger than a motion for this meeting and will evolve as more information is gathered. The corrections committee is forming a sub-committee to assess and develop a plan moving forward. It's not going to be the last time we will be hearing about it.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.