

Area 45 Winter Assembly

The Hybrid Winter Assembly was hosted by Section IV at Ocean Acres Community Center, 489 Nautilus Dr., Manahawkin, NJ 08050 and virtually via Venmo.

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.

Those new to the Assembly shared their name and position.

Recognition was given to those who celebrated a sobriety milestone since our Fall Assembly

Intergroup Chair Reports:

Cape Atlantic:

My name is Dawn I, CAIG Chair

Our 16th Annual Round Up "On Awakening" Dec 2-4 was a huge success. Over 300 we're able to participate.

The New Year's Eve event was a blast. Everyone that attended (over 100) had a ball!!

Our budget for 2023 was presented and approved. Inventory of the office and literature were completed for this quarter. Our attendance At monthly meetings have been improving.

We had a very successful bus trip to GSO with 24 in attendance.

We still have open positions on both the Panel (Vice Chair) and some committees. One of our goals is to boost enthusiasm.

We are working tirelessly on the revision and update to our bylaws that haven't been updated since 2013

Looking forward to seeing y'all at NERAASA.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Central Jersey:

Central Jersey Intergroup is continuing to progress and work hard to keep intergroup moving smoothly.

We still have active positions open in intergroup. Steering chair is open which Rickey (Active CJI Chair) is currently filling temporarily. Men's and woman's prisons, newsletter, and H&I are also open so if anyone in the central Jersey area knows of willing members that want to get active, reach out to us. Sam and Mark have both stepped in to support these positions until they can be filled. Thank you fellas.

Since our last assembly, Social organized our yearly gratitude breakfast which was held on December 4 at the Carlslake Community Center in Bordentown and was a great success. Literature is doing fantastic and attending many events and anniversaries. Social has been active all year with events. H&I has been consistently filling commitments and also has two new facilities bringing in meetings; those are Trenton Rescue and Avant Rehab. Public Info is continuing to bring knowledge across central jersey about AA. Unity has been and continues to bring knowledge of what CJI is about across different events and meetings. Website continues to update the website for the public to stay updated with all the latest across Central Jersey AA and other outside AA info/events. News Letter is continuing to publish great content for all to read and learn about what CJI has going on. 12thstep hotline has been active getting our slots filled to help those on the phone in need of AA and to get them the info they need to get help. Meeting List Chair has the Meeting List current with our meetings in the area. Our Treasurer has been doing a great job keeping our finances up-to-date. Our Financial Secretary has proposed a new budget for the year and will be voted on at our next body meeting which will be on March 15th.

Our CJI Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary have been active and staying on top of our duties to continue to serve CJI.

All our committees are doing a fantastic job at their positions and couldn't be more proud of the team

Thank you,

Rickey

South Jersey

Verbal report

DCM and Section Leader Reports:

Section I

Leader position – *Vacant*

District 3:

Since our last assembly District 3 and area corrections committee held a correction workshop on Jan 14th we had twenty five in attendance. Corrections and Bridging-The-Gap we're able to get a good amount of applicants signed up. I Updated the District 3 contract list at the registrar's request. And it does seem we got a few new GRSs in this new year. And a few have joined us at our District meeting. We have a regular attendance of 4-8 GSRs at our meeting on the second Thursday of every month via zoom. We have \$653.99 in the bank. We were planning a trip to GSO but it fell thru due to the money this. It cost too much for the bus. We are in the thinking stages of a workshop or two.

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 honored to serve as DCM for District 22/23.

I'd like to say Thank You to the Winter Assembly planning committee. Events like these don't just happen on their own; a lot of behind-the-scenes planning and coordination took place to put together today's assembly. Thank you.

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.

As of January 23rd, our district's treasury balance was \$2,579. We spent \$1,800 supporting the district's New Year's Day Alcathon. Our treasurer is researching options to allow digital payments to the district to catch us up to the 21st century. If your district has done this recently, please reach out to me. As much as we like inventing wheels, we'd be grateful for the blueprint on this one.

We are beginning planning in the district for upcoming workshops with topics including Service 101 and AA service structure, Area and AA History, and an Intro to prison outreach. We'd also like to host an AA dance along with one of these workshops early this summer.

The district 22/23 NYDA took place on Sunday, January 1st at the Dwier Center in Groveville. There were 8 meetings hosted by groups in our district. We had over 150 attendees along with Randi from the CJI Unity committee and Roseanne from Lit on Wheels.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremy M, District 22/23 DCM

District 24:

Good morning to the Panel and Committee. District 24 currently has 32 active groups in their district. We have approximately 7 groups that participate in the district monthly meeting. We are working on getting more support. We currently have \$276 in our treasury. This quarter we hosted the New Years Eve bash and had two great speakers. I want to thank all that planned this event. it was a great success. We had about 100 people in attendance. District 24 and 25 will be hosting a Step 1-3 and Tradition 1-3 workshop on March 18th at 100 Scotch Road from 10-1. A light lunch will be provided. This is part one of a four part series that we will be holding. We are helping to secure a location for the summer assembly. I am looking forward to attending NERAASA next weekend and bringing back some great information to the district.

Thank you
Kerry K
District 24 DCM

District 25:

District 25 meets every first Monday of the Month at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Hightstown at 7PM. Attendance usually consists of GSRs from 6-8 groups, and also includes the District Secretary, Treasurer and a few guests. We have done outreach in the last 3 months and have brought in GSRs from 2 groups which did not have representation before.

District 25 recently passed its 2023 budget, and currently has a bank balance of roughly \$3,200.

We will be co-sponsoring 4 quarterly Steps/Traditions Workshops along with District 24. The first of these will be held on March 18th and will be put on by District 24. We also have secured the date for our District Unity Picnic which will be held on July 30th.

We will be discussing the balance of our District Calendar at our 3/6 regular meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie T., DCM

District 30 &31: Vacant

Section II

Verbal report

Districts: 5, 6, 7 - Vacant

District 8:

Good morning my report is : District 8 meets the second Tuesday of the month@ The Episcopal Church @ Main and Church in Moorestown NJ. Our Treasury is \$690.85. We are hoping to plan a bowling event along with other districts in Section 2. More information to follow.

In service Tim A.

District 9:

District 9 continues to grow in participation as we reach out to our Groups.

We're still meeting on Zoom, Last Thursday, 7:00 PM. Looking forward to the Mini-conference. Our February bank balance is \$795.34

Thanks for allowing me to be of Service... Andy E. 😊

District 26:

Hello, I'm Lisa B, the DCM for district 26 and of course an alcoholic.

Our district is continuing to have our meetings via hybrid, the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Logan Presbyterian Church in Audubon. We will continue the hybrid format, which is beneficial to members. Our district has agreed to keep hybrid meetings.

Our treasury balance is \$3,875.33.

Our district is providing funds to those attending NERASSA next week. Several of our district members are attending, which is fantastic. I can't wait to hear all about it, since I am unable to attend this year.

We are looking forward to the mini conference in April.

Looking to do a workshop and fun event in the near future.

At our January meeting, Josh the Corrections Chair and Scott Bridging the Gap Coordinator gave presentations and provided helpful information that can be shared with our home groups. I learned a lot regarding these service areas. Thank you, Josh and Scott. And Kelly for organizing the visit and her service to help bridge the gap

Peg I has been in service as the district secretary for several years. In the spirit of rotation, Kelly volunteered to serve as district secretary for the remaining of the term. Thank you Peg for your many years of service. Kelly thank you for stepping in!

Thank you to everyone for their service for today's assembly and your continuing service to Area 45.

Submitted with gratitude

Lisa B

District 27:

Verbal report

Section III

Verbal report

District 12: No Report

District 13: No Report

District 14:

Good morning Area 45 Committee members, DCM's, GSR's, Alternates and Guest(s), my name is Bill and I am an alcoholic.

The District meeting is held every 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church, 2nd and Pine in Millville NJ.

As DCM of D14, I wanted to report that the District continues to do well and remains active. We average 6-14 GSR's and guests at our monthly meetings. In January, we voted on and approved our Treasury for the year of 2023 for \$3,618.00. This past quarter the District held 3 Alcahons on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day to which the District contributed \$100 for each of the held events and within the District had an Anniversary celebration for Shiloh Serenity Group of 17 years which had 50 AA members in attendance. The DCM has been in active conversation with the Section III Leader, Wayne P, and GSR's from our Section, attending Zoom meetings trying to pick a date and venue for a Section Unity event. Yesterday, D-14 and Area 45 held a Corrections/H&I Workshop at South Vineland Methodist Church at Main and Sherman, Vineland NJ and I am happy to announce that there were 38 AA members in attendance, to which, 3 State, 7 Federal and 7 CCS applications were filled out along with 13 Pamphlets for Bridging The Gap and handed to the BTG Coordinator, Scott P..

I personally wanted to thank Area 45 Corrections Committee, Josh P., and his Committee for producing and informative and well put together workshop. It was a great day.

Respectively submitted,

Bill F, DCM District 14

Districts 20:

No Report

District 21 - Vacant

Districts 28 & 29 – Vacant

Section IV

Verbal Report

District 15:

Hello everyone, Rich J, alcoholic, elected to D15 DCM January 11, 2023.

D15 meets in-person and without virtual attendance capability on the second Wednesday of each month at the Episcopalian Church of the Holy Spirit located at 220 East Main Street in Tuckerton NJ.

Presently supporting D15 service is a DCM, an Alternate DCM, a secretary, a treasurer and three to five GSRs. Also, we thank Rob M, the Section IV Leader, for consistently attending D15's regular monthly meetings and for supporting all trustees in any way that he can.

As of our February 8, 2023 Treasury Report our financial balance is \$4,733.06. February 2023 service efforts have centered on doing our part in the planning, preparation and implementation of the quarterly Area 45 Winter Assembly in Manahawkin.

Like our service predecessors, we will focus our efforts on combating the service apathy that endures within our community. More than 50 AA Groups are a part of D15 and we sputter at five to ten percent of district-level service involvement. I know many of these AA Groups and can attest to the fact that group-level service is generally strong. The deficit and service apathy exists not at the group level but rather directly above it; at this level; and we will continue, as those who came before us have done, to assess, evaluate and seek remediation. It is a stubborn and formidable problem and we will brainstorm within our district and cooperatively across other Area 45 districts to pool resources and chip away at the stone.

Yours in Loving Service,

Rich J, District 15 DCM

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 February 5, 2023, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 2998 Bay Ave, Ocean City. Seven GSRs attended and Rob M., our new Section IV Leader. Welcome Rob!

Our next meeting will be March 5, 2023.

Our treasury is in good shape, and I want to thank our local groups for their continuing generosity and support.

Many members of our district contributed to providing breakfast for today's assembly. I want to thank all that contributed for their service. Special thanks to those that made the trip here today to help.

We are sending three district members (me included) to NERAASA next weekend. All three of us are looking forward to this experience of service.

In cooperation with the Area 45 Corrections committee District 18 will have a corrections application workshop on April 22 in Sea Isle City. I hope to post a flyer this week.

District 19:

Greetings everyone, I am Sandy M a grateful recovering Alcoholic.

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

We haven't had a good start to the New Year. We lost a faithful member and former DCM of AA and a good friend, Doc Joe C. Our alternate DCM and two GSR's have had serious surgeries. I myself have been down with the flu for over two weeks.

We have no Treasury report. He has had a family emergency. His infant granddaughter (Harper Renee) is in Intensive Care at Children's Hospital of PA and could really use your prayers.

NERAASA 2023, Feb 24-26, John S or I will attend and bring back updates.

Our District 19 Winter Event will be a Declaration of Unity on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 12:00-4:00 pm at Crest Community Church, 5901 Pacific Ave, Wildwood Crest NJ. Free Food, Fun and Fellowship to all attending.

I would like to thank everyone here in persona and virtual for your service and helping me get another day of sobriety.

Area Committee Reports

Accessibility – Vacant

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 have included planning for an active year in 2023. We have plans to attend NERAASA next weekend. I have attended most of the Area 45 convention meetings and plan a display in the Longport Room of the Claridge Hotel. Emphasis is being placed on movement towards more digital storage and presentation. We have also plans to send the chair and alternate to the 26th National AA Archives Workshop in Sudbury , Ontario this coming September. A display table at the Waves Roundup in December 2022 was a success.

The budget for 2023 has been developed. It will be presented to our treasurer for review and advice. New membership in this committee is welcome. Many thanks to those that continue to support us.

Yours in service,

Roy C.

Archives Chair, Area 45, Panel 72

Audio

Verbal report

Budget & Finance

No report

Convention – 57th Annual

- Walk thru-1/28-Very productive. We will be utilizing more space that we did not last year to make for more breathing room in halls and seating area. Tasting for banquet was amazing. Every dish is delicious!! Thank you, Jenn!!
- No presales for merchandise. I have every confidence that we will have no problem selling all our merchandise during the convention. A copy of the program will not be put on website due to last minute changes, workshops.
- **Online registration will end Saturday, February 25th at 11:59 pm.** The hotel needs a head count for food 2 weeks prior to event.
- As of 4 pm yesterday, there are 207 registered. We have exceeded our contracted room nights.
- Parking will be \$27.00

- The mystery of our balance at the end of last convention has been solved. Claridge charged us only \$500 for coffee. (cost of coffee this year-\$40/5-gal + 22% gratuity)

Respectfully submitted by Jen G

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

We continue to provide information to area facilities and community professionals. I am currently working on area churches and synagogues at this time. Volunteers are always welcome to help spread the word. I can provide you with pamphlets and a list specific to you area, along with an acrylic rack to use as a display.

I will be at the convention with a table, stop over to say hello. I would be happy to talk with you about ways you can help.

Grateful to be in service

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. Thank you to all the area 45 members who stepped up to support our committee efforts. We are happy to report that we have a new Co-Chair, Kelly S, and a new BTG Coordinator, Scott P.

We would like to thank District 3 & District 14 for co-hosting our recent application workshops. Both were extremely successful. Thank you!! We look forward to visiting District 18 & District 26 over the next few months. Any DCM interested in co-hosting an event, please find me. Our goal is to visit every district.

Our Area 45 Bridging the Gap (BTG) service is currently being restructured and needs support from you. We are currently building a temporary contact data base to support our treatment and correctional facilities. We need you to help bridge the gap from facility to AA. Please see Scott P, our BTG Coordinator to get involved.

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

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 2 GSR ALTs. If anyone needs orientation info or further information you can contact me, Rich H, at dcm_gsr@snjaa.org

Grapevine - Vacant

JalCon – Vacant

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.

This Quarter's theme was the 3 Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service. Many of you received the Winter Newsletter emailed to you, and if you have not yet seen it, it is also available on the homepage of our Area 45 website.

At the risk of sounding like an award acceptance speech, I just want to take a moment to thank all of the folks who contributed. I had no role in creating its content. Everything that is in there comes from many of you. My job is to try to organize it and if possible, make it pretty and hopefully cohesive. To that end, thank you to Dymond Dave, Bob W., Jeremy B., Kerry K, and our Area Chair Joe E. for such thoughtful essays on your experience and reflections on the Three Legacies. I'd also like to give a shout out to our Web Chair Pam R. for posting it so quickly on the web site and Jean W. both for providing some of the flyers and Fall Assembly minutes as well as sending it out to our Area distribution list so quickly. Also a special thank you to our Area Archivist Roy C. for providing a lovely photo of some vintage 4th Dimension Newsletters on display and again to Joe E. for always being so supportive and for actually, for real, proofreading and checking that the links do work.

Moving forward, wheels are in motion for topics for and contributions to the Spring Newsletter. If you or anyone you know will be attending NERAASA, the Area 45 General Service Convention, or the Mini Conference, in particular for the first time, please reach out. I would love to include your thoughts and reflections on those events and what you got out of them. Please send an email to newsletterarea45@gmail.com if you'd like to contribute on those topics or have some thoughts on other things you'd like to see in our next Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly W.

Policy

Verbal Report

Registration

Virtual	Panel	Commit-tee Chairs	Section Leaders	DCMs	Alt-DCMs	GSRs	Alt-GSRs	Inter-Group	Past Delegate	Guest	Totals
Virtual		4	2	2		13	2	2	1		26
Onsite	6	8	1	8	2	26	9	1	1	1	63
Total	6	12	3	10	2	39	11	3	2	1	89

Virtual Tech

I attended the Online District planning and a Town Hall meeting. Also, helped get today together. I would like to thank my Team: Cori, Laura & Mikey!

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Nickie L.

Website

Nothing to report

Young People

Verbal Report

Ad Hoc NERAASA Scholarship

Good morning. My name is Phil. This report was really was begun by Kerry in the Fall Assembly. Area 45 NERAASA Scholarship program was designed to get more people, especially new to service, to attend NERAASA. We've heard a number of people mention NERAASA in their reports. We got a total of 30 responses for the scholarship plus or minus. There were 50 open slots.

This committee will continue to be around is going to do a post-mortem after. We are looking forward to hearing input after NERAASA. We need to hear the feedback of those who attended to help with next years Scholarship program.

The 2023 NERAASA Scholarship program was announced at the Fall Assembly with a cut-off of 12/15/22. That was needed to make a determination of who would get scholarships and to give enough time for the people to register and make hotel reservations.

This program is budgeted for 2024 and NERAASA will be hosted by Area 59 Central PA and will held at Hershey Lodge. We will learn from this year's process, we will be publicizing this and getting the word out and there will be even more spots available. Details to follow. If you're a scholarship recipient, find me in Albany, and I'll have something for you and any other questions about the overall scholarship program.

See you after NERAASA. Thanks.

Ad Hoc Virtual District 42

I'll start off by saying that I [Joe E] am standing in for the Committee Chairperson. If there's anyone from an online group who is interested in leading this initiative, please reach out to me.

District 42 is Area 45's Virtual District. This is pretty exciting stuff and there have been 2 Town Hall meetings held over the last month. We discussed the service structure and roles of DCM, GSR and Registration Chair talked about service. We also talked about the vision of the virtual District of moving forward. It's a pilot program to see where we go with a Virtual District.

What I would say is attendance has been super lite so far. Having said that, as a committee, we're going to make a little more of an intentional approach to increase awareness about this District. We will attend more online meetings and get the information out there.

Anyone interested from an online group perspective is welcome to attend. The next Town Hall meeting will be March 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

If you're getting interested in Area 45 service, you are an online group and you want voice to be heard, please refer to area45snjaa.org for the flyer. Go to the area calendar and our webmaster, Pam, actually made the link clickable for the virtual meeting.

That's report for now. The Virtual District is really looking for some participation in this.

Thank you

Area Panel Reports –

Registrar

- 1) Purchased Registrar Computer
- 2) Area 45 Contact List Updates
 - Three Section Leaders
 - Added Section IV/ Working Section I
 - 18 DCMs (One Change)
 - 15 Committee Chairs (Add Ad Hoc/Bridge Gap Spring?)
- 3) GSO Fellowship Connection Group Count
 - a) November/Update Spring 2023
 - 975 Total Groups Ever Since 1940s (Approaching 1000)
 - 530+ Total Registered Group (86 No Contact)
 - Section I: 186
 - Section II: 94
 - Section III: 113
 - Section IV: 138
 - b) Intergroup Meeting Info (Not Updated)
 - About 1150+ meetings per week
 - SJIG 488 Meetings/Week
 - CJI 245 Meetings/Week
 - CAIG 415 Meetings/Week
- 4) Group GSO Fellowship Connection Contacts Records
 - Panel. Requested DCM Contact List Jan
 - 600+ Contacts.(250 18-36 months last update)
 - Updating as Received DCM Updates /Clearing out 18+ old months records (since last update)
 - If Update with Member Services, be sure to give email/term (1 or 2 yrs) and copy DCM/Registrar
- 5) Contact Update Status:
 - Section I - Outreach New Section Leader
 - District 22-23 Great Progress
 - Largest District 81 Groups
 - Section II - Large District 26 Good Shape
 - Section III - March 11 Event/Spring Assembly

Section IV - New Leader: Sent Group Contract Records

6) General Activities

- Attended Wave Roundup & Skit
- Supported Ad Hoc Virtual District Committee
- NERAASA 2026 Committee
- General Assistance Section III Leader
- Spoke at Salem 50th Anniversary

7) Supported Archive Committee Researching History GSO Registration/1940 SJ Groups

- May 13, 1940 "First Registration" for South Jersey Fellowship (before called Groups) for May 14, 1940 Meeting (AA in Area 45 is 83 years old in Amaya 2023)
- Got Photocopy original May 13, 1940 Ruth Hock "Registration" letter to Member in Camden also in 1941 list of 169 AA Groups (35 members and 2 contacts for "South Jersey Group": see slide)
- South Jersey AA Fellowship welcomed by North Jersey & New York Fellowship
- Copy of 1940 Pamphlet to Groups
- Did Registrar perspective slide for Total Area 45 Groups 1940-2020 (1941 South Jersey Group)

Secretary

Good morning, my name is Jean and I am an alcoholic. I'm happy to be of service to our area and I appreciate your support. Thank you all.

My thanks to Section IV and the Area for hosting our Assembly today.

Since our last Assembly I have sent out 15 Mailchimp email blasts. 2 of those were required due to corrections, I apologize for that. If you have not received any of these emails, please let me know. Here is the list of emails:

Subject	Send Date	Send Weekday	Total Recipients	Hard Bounces	Unique Opens	Open Rate	Unsubscribes
Grapevine changes Announcement Anuncio Annonce	11/30/22	Wednesday	729	0	297	40.85%	0
* Inclusivity *	12/07/22	Wednesday	729	0	302	41.54%	0
AAWS Update on Printing Delays & Backorders	12/08/22	Thursday	729	0	288	39.61%	1
AAWS Announcing: Hardcover Jacketless Format	12/09/22	Friday	729	0	292	40.17%	2
Fall Assembly Minutes	01/10/23	Tuesday	726	0	351	48.48%	0
RE-send of the Fall Assembly Minutes	01/12/23	Thursday	726	1	342	47.30%	1
Spanish translation of "Experience, Strength and Hope"	01/12/23	Thursday	724	0	273	37.81%	2
Winter Assembly * Convention * Mini-Conference	02/02/23	Thursday	721	0	342	47.63%	4

Correction on Mini-Conference Flyer	02/06/23	Monday	717	0	332	46.43%	0
News from the General Service Board	02/07/23	Tuesday	717	0	333	46.57%	0
4th Dimension Newsletter - Winter	02/08/23	Wednesday	717	0	293	40.92%	0
Help Wanted - Area Mini Conference	02/11/23	Saturday	717	0	367	51.26%	1
Winter Assembly Information - Sunday, 2/18/23	02/16/23	Thursday	716	1	306	42.86%	0
Winter Assembly - Sunday 2/19/23	02/17/23	Friday	715	0	284	39.83%	1
Announcing literature price increase effective April 3	02/18/23	Saturday	714	0	280	39.33%	1

I have attended the NERAASA Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee meetings and also attended the second Virtual District 42 Town Hall meeting. I'm looking forward to NERAASA.

Please send your electronic reports to me at Secretary@snjaa.org , preferable in word format within a week.

Respectively submitted,

Jean,

Panel 72 Secretary

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.

I'm going to provide some numbers that tell the story of your support of Area 45 during last year. I have not prepared a list of all contributing groups or summaries of the total money contributed by each group during 2022. I recently fielded a question from a group secretary about that group's contributions to their area and intergroup. It took a few days and more than 10 emails, but we were able to answer the secretary's question AND provide some valuable information about the 7th Tradition and group conscience decisions on percentages to AA entities.

The following numbers are for 7th Tradition support of Area 45: Approximately 200 different AA groups or individual members mailed checks or money orders to our PO Box last year. I processed 415 7th Tradition checks during the year.

The following numbers are for contributions to the Area 45 Corrections Committee, aka LIPS: Approximately 30 different AA groups or individual members mailed checks or money orders to our PO Box last year. I processed 59 LIPS checks during the year.

The following numbers refer to online contributions through our website. 7th Tradition and LIPS are grouped together in these next few sentences, just for the sake of providing a snapshot of how we are using the online contribution options. There were about 20 different AA groups or individual members who contributed to Area 45 or LIPS through the website, making a total of 43 contributions. About 10% of all 7th Tradition contribution funds

came in electronically through area45snjaa.org last year. I did not calculate this percentage for LIPS contributions, but it's in the same 5-10% range of the total LIPS number.

Contributions and other incoming monies for calendar 2022 were nearly \$46,000, which is more than 50% greater than what was very conservatively forecast back in the mid-2020. Expenses in calendar 2022 were around \$36,400. Taken as a whole calendar year, Area 45 received about \$9,400 more than we spent in 2022.

One stated goal of the budget cycle that ended on December 31, 2022 was to spend down a portion of the reserves that were in excess of the Area 45 prudent reserve. I will simply say that it's difficult or impossible to achieve the goal of spending down excess reserves when you are receiving 50% more in contributions than was forecast. This is not a criticism of the prior forecast made 2.5 years ago (full disclosure, I was a member of that budget and finance committee) it's just an acknowledgement that we, collectively, have our work cut out for us in terms of putting contributions to maximum use in support of our Primary Purpose.

To return to a theme from my November treasurer report...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'm looking forward to a robust Area 45 presence at NERAASA next weekend. If you are the recipient of a NERAASA scholarship, please keep an eye out for me in the hallways and elevators next weekend - I have something for you!

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!

See Appendix for additional information

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 have had the privilege to attend several committee meetings: Corrections, Virtual District 42, NERAASA/NERD Planning Meeting, NERAASA Scholarship, and Accessibilities Meetings. For the most part, these have been fantastic meeting filled with robust conversation, idea exchanging, and collaboration. The outlook for Area 45 is bright and something you will be proud of. Some of the upcoming events that we need full participation are the Area 45 Conference on March 18-20th as well as the Area 45 Mini-Conference on April 16th in Bordentown. Our Delegate, Ken T. wants and needs to hear from you to carry our group conscience to the General Service Conference in April. Let's show some support.

Currently, we have opening for our Accessibilities Chair. If you know someone interested in serving Area 45, please let me know.

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.

It's been a busy three months and it started right after our last assembly. The panel had been invited to a workshop at the Waves of Sobriety Roundup, and I had fun writing a skit called As We See It Business Meeting. You will be able to watch a modified version at the Area 45 Convention if you missed it.

I also had the opportunity to host two meetings with several past Delegates and the current Panel to discuss submitting an intention to bid on NERAASA 2026. You will find out more about that later from our Delegate. I also worked on getting initial hotel bids for NERAASA.

In December, during the NERD meeting, it was a humbling experience to say goodbye to the 71st panel of Delegates and Alternates while welcoming those elected to be the 73rd panel of Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

I met with Ken in late January to decide on the mini-conference topics. I also created flyers and sent them out to the online meeting emails and our DCMs for the Online District 42.

Lastly, I got together with Joe to work on a mailing to get South Jersey pins to the 71st-panel delegates since they arrived after the 72nd panel.

In love and service

Delegate

I am an alcoholic, and my name is Ken. Honored to serve as your Panel 72 Delegate. 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 last November, there has been much activity. Our General Service Office is still recovering from economic challenges that affect all businesses as a result of the pandemic. The increase in the cost of producing our literature has resulted in announcement last week of a price increase of 20-30 % starting in April.

I had the privilege of attending Board Weekend in Manhattan the weekend of January 27th. This invitation is extended to all Conference Committee Chairs for the 73rd GSC. It is an opportunity to CCC's to meet and observe their respective Trustees Committee, as well as the committees do their work before Conference in April.

As you may know, Class A Board of Trustees Chair Linda C was asked to resign, which happened Monday morning at the full Board meeting.

This has caused great concern among Conference Members, and throughout the Fellowship as a whole. Not much information regarding this request for resignation has been released yet, but I hope to have more information as time goes on.

Linda has been a great asset to the Board, and has served previously as Board Chair for 6 years, and for the 72nd GSC. An internal part of AA Leadership, she will be missed.

I've been meeting with Josh E the Class B Trustee who is assigned to the Conference Trustees committee. Josh has been very helpful guiding our committee through the tasks assigned to us at the upcoming Conference, which will now include the process to find a replacement for Board Chair as a result of Linda's departure.

The final list of Conference Agenda Items, as well as some of the background has been released this past week, and will be made available to all of you as soon as all of the background is released.

I want to thank our immediate Past Delegate Rich H, for helping guide and counsel through these challenging times, and to our current Alternate Delegate Wendy M for her vital service to me, and Area 45.

Thanks to the NERAASA Ad-Hoc committee for your efforts to increase participation in the annual Northeast AA Service Assembly. Exposure to this inspiring event is vital to the future of Area 45, and to AA as a whole. I also look forward to the Area 45 Convention, and to NERD weekend which all take place before the GSC in April.

A Point of Order

Wendy, Alt-Delegate, shared that we have the opportunity to bid on the Northeast Regional Service Assembly (NERAASA) for 2026. This is very exciting! This Assembly takes place yearly in February in different Area locations.

The intention to bid will be presented by Ken, A 45 P 72 Delegate, at the NERAASA Business meeting in Albany. Between now and April, we would finish getting bids from area hotels. Information will be gathered such as, could the hotel handle the conference at the size, pricing estimates, etc. Ken would then have all of this information to present at the P73 General Service Conference.

What we're looking for today is if area of 45 would like to host 2026 NERAASA. It's not a formal vote, just a consensus of the room by show of hands.

A little history, Area 45 has hosted NERAASA twice before, 1996 and 2008 in West Atlantic City. It is about due time that it comes back here. It would be lovely and the other thing is as we were doing this scholarship.

As we're going to be able to give up more scholarships, it would be wonderful if those who are attending in the next few years really got excited, and then we'd be able to host it here from that excitement as we send New people to New York so that is feedback that is we may not have to take a vote but we would like to.

Points of discussion:

- The date would be in February 2026. There is a gap in the bid due to the pandemic. NERAASA was a virtual event in 2021. All physical hosts were pushed back by one year.
- Getting estimates have been hard due to the time out and the uncertainties with the economy. The larger hotels I have reached out to are slow in response. I have contacted Double Tree in Cherry Hill and Sheridan and Showboat in Atlantic City.
- The seed money comes from NERAASA and not Area 45.

This is a great opportunity, I am very excited and I hope you are too!!

By show of hands, it was clear that the body of Area 45 is interested in making the bid!!

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge at 11:38 am

Break for lunch.

Area 45 Spring Committee Meeting

The Committee Meeting opened at 12:13 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

During the Committee Meeting we're going to be setting the agenda for the Spring Assembly.

Those eligible to vote on matters pertaining to area business are: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Committee Chairpersons, DCMs, and Section Leaders. Panel Chairperson votes only to break ties.

Motion 1:

Hi everyone. My name is Wendy, and I'm still an alcoholic, and I do have a motion to update the Area45 Handbook .

Motion: To update the Area 45 handbook to include the process of how to bring an agenda item to the committee portion of the meeting.

Synopsis: The current handbook does not discuss how to bring an agenda item to the committee portion of the Committee Meeting. Currently, Area 45 has always followed the AA Service Manual suggestion to have a GSR bring an agenda item to their district and the DCM bring it to the Committee portion of the meeting.

This is ideal if a GSR is part of an active District. But, unfortunately, many times, GSRs will find themselves in an inactive district or Section. This motion would give Area 45 GSRs an outline of how to bring an agenda item to the Area Committee Meeting, whether or not a GSR has an active District, bringing our handbook in line with Concept IV, The Right Of Participation.

Background:

How this came to light was within the last year, a GSR had asked to bring two motions to Area 45; unfortunately, they were not part of an active district, so when they sent the motion to our chair. They were told a panel member or committee chair would have to bring the motion to the committee.

And although that was a very reasonable solution to the situation, it shed light on the fact that depending on the panel we have standing, the standing panel could handle it in many ways. Having a written policy in our handbook ensures that we have a transparent process that allows all motions to be presented by the groups, whether or not they have a DCM or Section Leader.

Motion: To update the Area 45 handbook to include the process of how to bring an agenda item to the committee portion of the meeting.

Passed

Motion 2:

Presented by Phil K on behalf of Rich H:

Commencing with Area 45's elections for Panel 74, those elected as Chair, Delegate, and Treasurer shall also become respectively the corporation's "President," "Vice President," and "Treasurer" during their panel term. In addition to all other duties, these corporate officers shall have the additional responsibility to ensure the ongoing compliance by Area 45 with all State and Federal laws and regulations, and the execution of any required forms, including but not limited to the Area's tax returns and corporate reports. Candidates for office should understand that the full names of corporate officers are included on various records that are open to public inspection.

Points of discussion:

- It is necessary to have people named for these roles of President, Vice President, and Treasurer in order for Area 45 to be recognized as a NJ non-profit organization
- The people currently listed for these roles are no longer in the service positions they were when papers of Incorporation were submitted.
- It's important for people to be aware of these changes prior to accepting a nomination to become Chair, Delegate and Treasurer. These added responsibilities will be included/added in the position descriptions in the Handbook if this motion passes.

Motion: Selections for Panel 74. Those elected as Chair, Delegate and Treasurer shall become respectively the Corporation's President, Vice President, and Treasurer for the Panel term.

Passed

The meeting closed at 12:39 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

May 13, 1940 letter - Referred to in other graphic.

Significant Alcohol Foundation recognition of South Jersey Fellowship, an early form of registration.

Robert Tucker Contact in both May 1940 Ruth Hock letter and in 1941 AA Bulletin #4 Group list. Pearson in Woodbury/Mullica Hill evidence that 1943 history date of Woodbury Group (Group claims lost old timer Group record) wasn't just a typo.

30 Vesey St.,
New York City.

May 13, 1940

J. H. Tucker,
909 Market St.,
 Camden, N. J.

Dear Mr. Tucker:

Thanks so much for your letter of the 11th regarding Camden A.A. meetings to begin Tuesday the 14th.

We are more than glad to send along 50 of the A.A. pamphlets to give you a start at Camden. They were mailed this morning -- hope you have them in time for the first meeting.

It will be perfectly all right for N. J. agreements to take over the mailing of the book in the South Jersey area. As you undoubtedly understand through Jimmy Marshall, we can ship the books to the different groups at \$2.50 to be sold to individuals for the retail price of \$3.50. The difference of a dollar to be donated to a central fund of the group, or to one designated individual.

In the event of possible inquiries for assistance in the South Jersey area, Alcoholics Anonymous speaking, may we take the liberty of referring them directly to you?

Best regards to you all from the New York and Northern New Jersey Fellowship --

Sincerely,
Secretary.

*30 pamphlets
mailed 5/13/40*