What is the Area 45 Newsletter?

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The Newsletter Committee is responsible for producing a quarterly online newsletter called The Fourth Dimension. This newsletter carries information about Area 45 events and provides a format for exchange of information. It includes Area Assembly and Committee meeting minutes, agenda items for the next Assembly meeting, location of the next meeting, and a listing of Area events. Questions? Email Kelly W. newsletterarea45@gmail.com
Area 45 Southern New Jersey
Hybrid Summer Assembly

Sunday August 20, 2023
Columbus Grange #2
102 Atlantic Ave
Columbus, NJ 08022

OR
Meeting ID: 890 6412 2331
Passcode: SNJAA45

8:30 am Registration begins
8:45 am DCM/GSR Orientation
10:00 am Assembly
Committee Meeting to follow

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At the heart of each area is the assembly meeting, where the democratic voice of our Fellowship expresses itself. While each area has the autonomy to conduct its meetings according to its conscience, Concept XII offers the General Warranties of the Conference as the guiding principles to remain democratic in thought and action.

- The A.A. Service Manual 202-2023

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Please submit your written reports to Secretary@snjaa.org

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Provided virtually

ASL upon request, email Secretary@snjaa.org by 8/15/23
Hello everyone, my name is Fred E. I served as your panel 58 Delegate 2008-2009.

The Area’s primary purpose is to elect a Delegate to the General Service Conference. At the November election assembly you, the GSR’s and DCM’s, will have that awesome responsibility. Along with electing a person to serve as your Delegate, you will also be charged with electing the remainder of Panel 74. As I stated, this is an awesome responsibility not to be taken lightly. You are electing members who will be the face and voice of the Area. This is not a popularity contest. This is not an opportunity to vote for our friends. You are being asked to put forth the best candidate to serve and represent the Area at Area events, regional events, International Convention, and the General Service Conference. Each position is very important, so care must be taken to ensure qualified members are selected. The best way to ensure this happens is for your groups to send the current GSR’s to the election assembly instead of the newly elected GSR’s. You who have served over the past 6 months to almost 2 years are familiar with most of the members who currently serve the Area, from the DCM’s, Committee members, and the Panel, as opposed to a someone newly elected who probably hardly knows anyone.

The Delegate job is a demanding one not only because of the time and work involved, but because it is the delegates responsibility to serve the US/Canada Conference as a whole. As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to their deliberations the experiences and viewpoints of their own Areas. They are not representing their Areas in the usual sense. After hearing all points of view and becoming fully informed during Conference discussion, they vote in the interest of what’s best for A.A., placing principles over personal desires.
The Delegate and the Panel will serve for two years. Some of the qualifications for the position are several years of active participation in local and Area affairs as a GSR and a committee member or DCM; time availability, not only for the weeklong Conference meeting, but all the efforts needed before and after the conference; five or six years of continuous sobriety (AA service manual, pg. 33); the ability to make and take suggestions and criticism; experience in chairing meetings; thorough familiarity with the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts and how to apply them to local problems as well as the ability to be open minded. There are more qualifications in the AA Service Manual and the Area Handbook.

Some things to consider if you are thinking about making yourself available to serve are: How well did you do as a GSR, DCM, Committee member or Panel member? Did you carry out your duties and did you enjoy the responsibilities? Have you discussed the possibility with your employer and family? Will the time be available for the work involved? Have you talked with your sponsor and/or service sponsor? Have you talked to a Past Delegate to get an idea of the time and effort required and the sort of work you will be doing? The same applies if you are considering serving on the Panel as Alt. Delegate, Chair, Treasurer, Registrar or Secretary. Talk it over with your sponsor and/or service sponsor as well as the person who is currently serving. If you are thinking about serving on or chairing a committee, communicate with the person who currently has the job and be prepared to let the incoming Delegate (who appoints the Grapevine and Jal-Con chair positions) and Area Chair know of your desire to serve on the Committee level.
The Election Assembly is a separate assembly which is focused on the elections. This will be a Hybrid election assembly. The Past Delegate and those who are working along with him are preparing to ensure it runs as smoothly and fairly as possible. Each GSR and DCM will have one vote. If the GSR or DCM are not present, then the Alternate gets to vote. Section Leaders (DCM at large) and Panel members also vote.

The Election Assembly will start with registration at 8:30 am, Roll Call at 10:00 am. Try to be seated with your District if in person. Please be logged on and self-labeled by that time if online. After Roll Call the Election Assembly will be closed. All current Area officers (except the Delegate), Committee Chairs, and DCMs are eligible for candidacy and will be polled by the Election Assembly Chair, after which nominations from the floor will be accepted. If you happen to be a GSR, Visitor, or coming over from one of the Intergroups and would like to stand for one of the elected positions, have someone ready to nominate you from the floor. If you decline to run and want to have your name removed from further consideration for the other positions, you may do so at any time. This will save time on polling for each position. You will be required to give your qualifications to the assembly with your full name, sobriety date and service experience (2 minutes). Please have your Service Manual and/or your Area Handbook so that you can follow along with the Third Legacy procedure.

You have the awesome opportunity to shape the Area for future generations of alcoholics who will serve after you, just like those who came before you. Remember to place principles before personalities and make the best decisions for Area 45 and Alcoholics Anonymous worldwide.

Yours in love and service,

Fred E., Area 45 Past Delegate Panel 58
It's 3AM and the phone is ringing. I just want to roll over and put my head under my pillow and snuggle deeper into the soft warm blankets. BUT... I pick up my phone.

It's 7:30 pm. The rain is pouring down, the thunder is clapping, and the sky is flashing with lightning. I've got the keys to the church and must make the coffee. My P.J.'s are calling me and I just want to curl up on my couch with my cat. BUT... I get in the car.

I arrive for the Saturday night speaker meeting. The speaker hasn't shown up and the Chairperson is walking in my direction! My first instinct is to dash to the bathroom, even though I don't have to go. BUT... I say yes when I'm asked if I'll share my Experience, Strength, and Hope.

This, my friends, is suiting up and showing up. This is how I make myself available and stay sober as a result. And you know why? Because AA is an Into Action program. Bill W. gave us specific instructions as to exactly what we needed to do to stay sober. Help another alcoholic! It can be as easy as a ride to a meeting, introductions before the meeting begins, coffee or ice cream after the meetings are over, offering encouragement when times are tough, or celebrating anniversary milestones that mean so much to someone who feels so alone.

In As Bill Sees It on page 298, Bill writes: “This is indeed the kind of giving that actually demands nothing. He does not expect his brother sufferer to pay him or even to love him”.

Phone calls, rides, opening a meeting or sharing your story are but a few of the ways to be of service and I believe that service is the only way to stay out of my own head. And my head is where all the chaos is. The saying “I came to AA for my drinking, but I stay for my thinking” is just ONE of my many favorites.
Another is The Responsibility Pledge. “I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.” This was adopted in 1965 at an AA International Convention held in Toronto, Canada. The theme of this convention was Responsibility and former trustee Al S. is credited as the author.

Our primary purpose! Carrying the message of recovery.

And why is this all so important?

Because we were all once the newcomer that called a name, found on the back of our first meeting list, at 3AM. Thank God there was a calm, soothing voice that answered and asked, “Are you OK?” and then talked to us until we had found comfort.

I think back to my first meeting. What if no one had shown up because it was raining or snowing? I don't think I would be sitting here writing this today. I’m pretty sure I would be dead. What if someone had finally made the decision to try and get sober and had gone out in the horrible weather and found a locked door? The thought of the outcome is scary.

It is a fact that most people fear public speaking more than anything else. No wonder people are hesitant to get up and share their stories. But once you've done it, it gets easier! You realize that we all share one common thread: We don't want to drink, just for today.

So, SHOW UP! Then get your hands up and share! Offer a ride to someone in need. Volunteer for your Intergroup Hotline! Get involved as an Intergroup Rep, General Service Rep or a District Committee Member in your Area! You can make a difference in someone's life! Even if you “don’t wanna” get involved, make yourself available.
Tell your story.
Shout it. Write it.
Whisper it if you have to.

But tell it.
Some won't understand it.
Some may outright reject it.
But many will thank you for it.

Then the most magical thing will happen.
One by one, voices will start whispering, “Me too!”.

And your tribe will gather.
And you will never feel alone again.

I’m forever grateful for finding my tribe who allows me to serve.

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn I - Cape Atlantic Intergroup Chair

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A Prayer

Open my mind
so that I may see
the things hidden from my eyes

Turn my fear around
so that I may face
the things that I must confront

Heal my heart
so that I may accept
others for who they are

Guide my spirit
so that I may walk
the path to serenity

Ease my pain
so that I may help
those who are still suffering

These are just some of the things I pray for because if I do not:
open my mind, face my fears, have acceptance, ask for guidance,
and help others, I will continue to live my life
the way I always have, stumbling around in the dark...
without a prayer

Bob W
The program really works.
Just sit down & get yourself a fresh cup of brew
Develop a strong network
And just do as we do.

We know you can do it.
You must find a sponsor, that you can trust
Just do no quit
Or sit there gathering dust
You need to get honest

And let things go
No need to be modest
It will only give you room to grow
Get out your Big Book
And your 12 & 12
Now let us take a look

It doesn’t do any good on the shelf
You have to live for today
And don’t give into temptation
Learn how to pray
And to do meditation
Now you have to help others
It is what you have been told
We are all sisters and brothers
DON'T LEAVE THEM OUT IN THE COLD

Now you have made a start
You have to remain willing
Just feel it in your heart
It is quite fulfilling.

Get in to service.
Time to start making amends
No need to get nervous
Just let down your defense.

Liz R., GOYA Group

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Dear Reader,

About AA is the newsletter from the General Service Office of the U.S. and Canada for professionals in all fields who deal with alcoholics. This issue takes a look at "helping alcoholics help each other."
PILGRIM'S TALE
by our Area 45 Archivist, Roy C.

I am a pilgrim on this road. Sometimes the road gets rocky along the way, but you never walk alone. Following a road many men have walked down, report the markers found along the way. This is an AA's vision of the path our founders traveled.

In southern New Jersey our founders often traveled by rail. Dr. Bob famously took a train from his home in Akron Ohio to Atlantic City. Newly sober, he tested his ability to maintain this human state of being alone and failed. He returned home quickly on the same train. With Bill W. AA was founded.

Later Atlantic City would become a center of AA activity. Room 41, in the Arcade building was the most famous meeting place of early AAs there. The Arcade building stands, often closed to the public. Today AAs gather at an indoor clubhouse and attend meetings along the shore like Good Morning Ocean City. Or, on the Boardwalk.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Area (45). AA was being spread by early pioneers like Jimmy B. A salesman by trade, Jimmy B. sought to sell the newly penned Big Book for Bill W. Away from the fellowship in Northern New Jersey, Jimmy found other drunk to keep him sober by helping them. The early meetings were posted in lists from Philadelphia and what is now known as the Area 59 intergroup. The South Jersey AAs soon found a home at the Cam-al-An Club in Camden New Jersey. Eventually the South Jersey intergroup was formed and stands today as the hub of AA activity in the southern portion of Area 45. There are also active club houses to serve AAs in need of help.
At the same time Fitz M. was organizing to the south. Early AAs traveled by ferry boat across the Delaware River starting the Churchtown meeting and others. That area continues to have a strong geographical tie to Delaware via the twin spans across the river.

In the northern sector of Area 45 a club was formed in Trenton that stands today. The Al-An club is a meeting place that stands close to Trenton State Prison and kept the likes of Earl O. and Dick S. sober for decades. There continues to be a strong connection with New York and Area 44 in this part of the state. The Central Jersey Intergroup is the hub of today’s AA activity.

Geographically Area 45 (originally known as Panel 2) is huge. Although hundreds of meetings exist there continues to be a common theme. Helping the still suffering Alcoholic. There are three distinct Intergroups, Cape Atlantic, Central Jersey and Southern Jersey. Area 45 supports them all equally. While investigating the history of Area 45 there is always a subtle link to spiritual pioneers to be found. The Oxford Group played a big role in Dr. Bob’s sobriety, The Quaker movement aligns significantly with AA growth and the idea of a Higher Power is a cornerstone of this 12 Step program. This is very frustrating as many fear the God word in dealing with sobriety. Alcoholism is a quiet disease and those who have worked to cure it didn’t talk about it. They just did it.

I thank God that I am sober today and pray that I am sober tomorrow. This pilgrim doesn’t walk alone. There is George, Joe, Jane, Kelly, Bill, Bob, etc. and my higher power with me along the way.

Yours in service,

Roy C. Chair Archives Committee, Area 45, Panel 72

The 2024 Convention theme is...

On the plane of inspiration

AREA 45 CONVENTION
My name is Kelly and I am an alcoholic. It has been my privilege to serve as your Area 45 Panel 72 4th Dimension Newsletter Chair. Yikes, that’s a lot of digits!

As this Panel comes to a close, I am beginning to feel the weight of my responsibility to the Spirit of Rotation that we treasure so much in Alcoholics Anonymous. When I served as Area Chair for Panel 70, it was my responsibility to appoint the Newsletter Chair and sadly, I was never successful in finding someone who was able to take on the job for the duration of the Panel. I believe that was in part because many people did not have a good idea of what the 4th Dimension Newsletter even is, what purpose it serves, what sorts of things ought to (or ought not) be included, and of course what kinds of skills or knowledge would be helpful in terms of producing the document itself.

It is now my great pleasure to invite you to learn all of that and more! Not all service jobs are the best fit at any given time, but this certainly was a great job for me. My time availability has been limited, so I pretty much did the bulk of the work by myself behind my computer. No meetings! I have enjoyed selecting a quarterly theme, educating myself on that theme, and inviting a wide variety of fellow AAs to submit their personal reflections on those themes; I have kept in touch with our Area Registrar to keep my own DCM and Committee Chair emails up-to-date in order to communicate and request flyers for events; I have likewise stayed in contact with our Area Secretary for additional flyers and the minutes from the previous Assembly and Committee meetings. Finally, I have most recently been in touch with our Area Treasurer in order to include a list of groups in Area 45 who made 7th Tradition and LIPS contributions. I love finding unique and useful links to AA literature and other free online offerings from AA as well as coming up with games at the end just for fun.

However one chooses to produce, format, and create each quarterly Newsletter is not cookie-cutter and there is a lot of room for creativity and fresh ideas.

If you think you might be interested in making yourself available to our sooner-than-later-to-be-elected Area 45 Panel 74 Chair, I am cordially inviting you to get in touch with me. Although a background in creating documents using Microsoft products (PowerPoint, Word, Publisher, etc.) is helpful, it is not required. I am happy to teach you what I know using that software, although you would of course be free to use whatever other systems or software you are most comfortable with.

If interested in learning more about this very valuable and rewarding service commitment, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at newsletterarea45@gmail.com

In grateful service,
Kelly W.
Area 45 4th Dimension Newsletter
Gratitude to the following groups for their 7th tradition contributions to Area 45

God Could and Would Group
G.O.Y.A. Group
Masonville Big Book
Crossing Serenity Group
Palmyra Group
But For the Grace of God Group
Blackwood Sunday Night Group
Tansboro Spiritual Group
Saturday Morning Big Book Group
Hainesport Serenity Group
One Day at A Time Group

Feelings In Sobriety Group
Happy Hour Group
Riverton Triboro Group
Monday Night Women’s Big Book Study Group
Living In the Solution Group
How It Works Group
Barrington Just for Today Group

High Kickers Group
Hightstown Early Birds Group
Hope Recovery Group
How It Works Group
Jacobs Creek Survivors Group
Keep It Simple Sisters
Last Little Step & Tradition Group
Leave It Here Group
Linden Group
Live And Let Live Group
Live And Let Live Step Group
Magnolia Saturday Group
Maple Shade Group
Masonville Big Book Recovery Room Group
Mays Landing Group
Men’s Rap Around Group
Milka B. (Memorial)
Monday Night Unity Group
Monday Night Women's Big Book Study Group
Morning Glory Group
New Vision Group
Noon Serenity Group
On Awakening Group
One Day at A Time Group
Pen to Paper Group
Pennington Wed Night O.S. Grp
Pinehurst Women’s Group
Red Lion Group
Renaissance Men
Riverton Triboro Group
Rule 62 Group of Bordentown
S.I.O.G.A. Group
Saturday Early Rivers Group
Saturday Morning Big Book Group
Serenity At Noon Group
Serenity Group
Singletons Of Purpose Group
Somers Point Group
Step Up to Recovery Group
Sunday Spiritual Group
Sweet Sobriety Group
Tansboro Spiritual Group
Tell It Like It Is Group (Sunday Night)
There Is a Solution Group
There Is a Solution Group
Robbinsville
Trudgian Group
Tuesday Noon Big Book Group
Tuesday Noon Group
Venture To Help Group
Vineyard Nooners Group
Wake Up to Recovery Group
Wednesday Serenity Group
Welcome Home Group
Women

Gratitude to the following groups for their Literature in Prisons contributions
The Hybrid Spring Assembly was hosted by Section III at Elmer Grange, 535 Daretown Rd, Elmer, NJ 08318 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.

Panel 72 Chairperson, Joe E:
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 NERAASA, Area 45 Convention, Area 45 Mini-Conference, and the privilege to share my service journey at a District 19 workshop. As we all can relate, NERAASA speaks for itself and was a wealth of information.

Both our Area Conference and Mini-Conference were well attended and organized. Thank you to those service members. Lastly, it was a true honor to be invited to the District 19 Workshop and a memory I will never forget. Service is alive and well in the Wildwood Area, please check them out if you are in their neighborhood.

Currently, we have an 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 the latest information.
I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to speaking with everyone today.

Those new GSRs/DCMs to the Assembly shared their name, position and home group.

Recognition was given to those who celebrated a sobriety milestone since our Fall Assembly. There approximately 13 people who stood.

Delegate’s Report Back from the General Service Conference:
Around the Picnic Table [Presentation]
73rd General Service Post Conference [Report]
12:05 pm lunch break.
Cape Atlantic:
Pleased to announce Business Meetings (held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Christ Episcopal Church in Somers Point, is steadily seeing attendance increase. 30-46 people each month. Steering meetings, held 2nd Wednesday each month at the CAIG office, 3153 Fire Rd, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234, is struggling.

Our treasury is in great shape. We’re always working on creating imaginative ways to use our dollars to reach those still sick and suffering. We increased 2 budget lines, Unity and PI/CPC, to help with that.

We voted in a new Trustee, Joe O. We unanimously voted to relocate our CAIG office from Fire Rd, where we have been for the last 10 years, tentatively, to Northfield. This new space will offer larger, safer and more secure location.

Ad Hoc Policy and Structure Committee has completed the revisions of the By Laws and are very close to finishing the update to Job Descriptions. We hope to present to the body the June Business meeting.

Hot Line is averaging 100 calls a month and we have a few spots open.

Website is up to date with latest upcoming events and service position available.

Mark your calendars: November 17-19 17th Annual Roundup “There is a Solution”. It will be held at the Grand in Cape May.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn I.
CAIG Chair

Central Jersey:

Randi J. Unity Chair reporting for the Chair Rickey S.

CJI is grateful to maintain a healthy budget with consistent contributions from groups.

We have open positions available for Women and Men’s prisons, Hospitals and Instructions and Steering Chairs. Please contact our Chair if interested chair@cjiaa.org

We have implemented a new automated answering service for our Hotline which saves us considerable money.

We have a new Newsletter Chair and expect our next newsletter out June 1.

Our Literature Committee is doing great, and “Literature on Wheels” has attended many events. You may contact them for your event at literature@cjiaa.org There are now plans to take our bookstore online.

Upcoming events include:

**July 14, Friday, AA General Office Tour**
Tour 10 am AA meeting 11 am
Cost $28
8am Hightstown Presbyterian Church
August 26 Intergroup Dance
7PM – 10PM
Hightstown Presbyterian Church Hightstown
Potluck. Donations welcome
John Q Speaker 45 Years sobriety from Atlantic Highlands
50/50
Tickets available soon

August 27 Trenton Thunder Game
Meet 12:30 in Front of Stadium
1pm Game
$30 Unlimited Buffet for 90 Minutes
Notify ASAP Sam A. 609-529-2212 or Beth D. 609-433-7160

In Love and Service,
Randi

South Jersey
Verbal report

DCM and Section Leader Reports:

Section I
Leader position – Vacant

District 3:
Hello,
Since our last assembly District 3 has met on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm via zoom. Our attendance fluctuates ranging from 5-12 GSRs. As of May 11th our treasury is $617.52. We are planning our next workshop “How it Works” (area service). We helped secure the meeting location for the Summer Assembly.

Thanks
Patrick McN

District 4: Vacant

Districts 22 & 23:
Good afternoon. 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 Spring 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 May 20th, our district’s treasury balance was $3,122. We spent $300 supporting the District’s first in person workshop in over three years. We plan to support a home group led workshop later this summer and provide $300 in support of food and location donation.

Our treasurer and secretary are still researching options to update our district checking account and allow digital payments. Some of our district continuity was lost during COVID, and we’re trying to track down the former members whose names are on the account in order to make updates.

As mentioned earlier, we held our first in person workshop in over three years on April 29th. Nicole, our treasurer, set up the location, food, and coordinated the speaker, Rich H for a Service 101 workshop. We had 12 members attend the workshop. We are also working with the Sunday night BYOBB meeting to set up a prison outreach workshop. We hope to have this in late June or July. Be on the lookout for the flyer. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremy B, District 22/23
District 24:
We currently have a balance of $924 dollars. We meet the third Monday of every month at 100 Scotch Road at 7pm and is open to anyone that is interested in finding out about what the District does or is interested in doing service at the district level. We currently have 30 active groups in our District with a monthly GSR participation of around 8 groups represented. We would like to thank all of the district 24 groups that contributed this quarter. Their support helps us better serve their needs.

On March 18th we held the first of four step and tradition workshops which are co-sponsored by District 25. It was a great success. We had 20 people attend. The next workshop will be held in District 25 at the Heights Town First Presbyterian Church on June 17th.

We will be hosting our annual picnic on Sept 9th from 12-5 the meeting will be at 3pm. Sides, salads and desserts are always welcomed and appreciated. It is a free event but donations are always welcomed to offset the cost of the food. District 24 supplied cups and sugar for the mini-conference and we along with all section 1 groups began to plan for the summer assembly. It will be at the Grange Hall in Columbus thank you to Pat for securing the location.

Kerry
DCM District 24

District 25:
No Report

District 30 &31: Vacant

Section II

Districts: 5, 6, 7 - Vacant

District 8:
No Report

District 9:
District 9 continues to grow participation (slowly) but we are reaching more groups than in the past. We look forward to participation in hosting the Fall Assembly in Marlton. We are closing our PO Box 4629, as the cost has outpaced contributions, and has become poor stewardship of our Groups 7th Tradition funds. See me after the meeting for the New Mailing Address.

Our Bank Balance is: $ 752.93
Thank you for the privilege of serving our fellowship.
Peace... Andy... ;)

District 26:
District 26 meets at 6:30 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Logan Presbyterian Church in Audubon. We continue to have our meeting hybrid. Our treasury balance is $4,365.05.

Kelly S and Josh P, our area corrections chair, are in the planning stages to have a corrections workshop in August. Thank you to Kelly for getting our
district involved with corrections service.

We are also narrowing down topics for another district workshop.

Thank you to Ken for attending the GSC and your service to our area. Thank you to everyone for their service for this assembly.

Respectfully submitted with gratitude,
Lisa B.
District 26 DCM

District 27:
No Report

Section III
Verbal Report

District 12:
No Report

District 13:
Verbal Report

District 14:
Good morning Area 45 Committee members, GSR’s and guests. My name is Bill and I am an alcoholic.

District 14 meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church on 2nd and Pine St in Millville NJ.

As DCM, I wanted to report that the District meetings average 8-14 GSR’s and guests at our monthly meetings. Our Treasury report from 5/18/23 was $3,570. This past quarter, the District had multiple Group Anniversaries: Millville Saturday, 8:00 pm Bill W Awakening celebrated 22 years Millville’s Saturdays 9:00 am Sober Saturday Group celebrated 12 years Millville’s Tues Serenity at Noon group celebrating 22 years Millville Thursday Night group celebrated 74 years of continued service

June 12th the Vineland Group of AA at 2724 South Main Rd in Vineland (old location was 8th and Wood) is celebrating their 64th year with food at 7:00 pm and meeting at 8:00 pm.

District 14 has also secured Parwins State Park for our 18th Annual Food Fun and Fellowship Picnic, August 27, 2023. Flyers will be coming out soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill F
DCM District 14
Hi my name is Rob and I'm an alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege of serving as the section 4 Leader. Since last assembly I have made a few out our districts meetings. I also was able to attend and participate in the mini conference last month. As far as what's happening in the districts, I will let the DCM's cover in their reports. I'm still getting acclimated in my position and will do whatever I can to help support the districts in my section. In love and service. Rob M.

Section 4 Leader

District 15: D15 meets in-person and without the option for virtual attendance on the second Wednesday of each month at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 220 East Main St, Tuckerton. The District is active with positions filled for DCM, Alt-DCM, secretary and treasurer and attended with 5-7 GSRs. We also enjoy the benefit of regular attendance with Section IV Leader, Rob M. Our May 2023 treasury report indicates a financial ending balance of $4,977.79.

Service efforts for the second quarter of 2023 are focused on stimulation community support for district level service. While it may prove easier to balance the nation debt there is a silver lining. Our modest growth thus far has yielded dramatic statically results. We've seen an increase from 4 to 6 GSRs and that translates to a thirty-three percent improvement in support for 2023. Optimism is a virtue. Therefore, our glass is half full.

We are approaching the problem of service apathy above the group level from the standpoint of self-examination as we would engage in moral inventory for personal recovery. Instead of looking to the community and pointing a finger of accusation over poor support we are focusing on the service body itself. Our AA meetings thrive but our monthly District meeting is a ghost town. Why? Can we clean our side of the street and improve support on the basis of attraction?

In the AA spirit of pragmatism, we are overhauling our operation on the premise that form follows function. If the service body is unhealthy, service anemia follows. If we restore vitality we can attract the like-minded and able-bodied among the community. Accordingly, we have gone back to the drawing board to fundamentally evaluate our function is as a district assembly. In addition to being a conduit in the global service structure, what utility can we provide for our community? What business can we engage in regularly to inspire and draw others into service on the basis of attraction? In the past, we have assembled, counted money, listened to a few GSR reports and planned for an end-of-year annual party. With so little going on, it stands to reason that poor involvement was the yield.

We have concluded that pragmatic solutions are the best course. To that end, we have elected to charter and activities subcommittee to put primary purpose-friendly events on the calendar. District has the advantage of economies of scale over AA groups when it comes to hosting recreational community events. Theoretically, we have deeper pockets and more service resources.
Presently we are in the process of roughing out policies, procedures and by-laws for D15 activities subcommittees. Its function will be to plan, organize and implement AA events in the community, evaluate effectiveness upon completion and report back to the District. If such endeavors are successful, the District will elect to further appropriate budge for the subcommittee efforts.

Hopefully, this will prove effective against systemic service anemia. If it goes well, we will continue to make changes to improve D15’s community disposition. God willing, form will follow function.

Yours in Loving Service,

Rich J.
District 15 DCM

District 16 & 17: Vacant

District 18:
My name is Paul H. I am the DCM for District 18 (northern Cape May County). I am grateful to have the opportunity to be of service.

Our most recent district meeting was held on May 7, 2023, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 2998 Bay Ave, Ocean City. Three GSRs attended and Rob M., Section IV Leader. Participation in the District is dwindling with the resignation of two GSRs.

Our next meeting will be June 4, 2023.

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

A Corrections Application Workshop was held on April 22, in Sea Isle City. Three volunteer applications were received for NJ State Prisons, eight for the Cape May County Jail, and one for Federal Prison at Fort Dix. Thank you to Noreen M and Tom K of District 18 for their help. And thank you to Area Corrections Chair Josh P and his team for traveling to Sea Isle City to put on a great workshop.

We hope to have another workshop in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H
DCM District 18

WHAT’S YOURS?
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SOBRIETY CALCULATOR
YOU HAVE BEEN SOBER FOR
14 Years
11 Months
8 Days
Greeting everyone, I am Sandy M a grateful recovering alcoholic.

Our District 19 meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at Crest Community Church, Wildwood Crest, NJ at 7:30 pm Everyone’s Welcome.

We had a super District 19 Winter Unity Event, A Declaration of Unity on March 11th. Our speaker, Joe E, was excellent and our skit ‘As We See It, Home Group Meeting Area 45’ was hilarious. Thanks to Wendy M, Author Author.

NERAASA 2023 was fantastic! NERASSA 2024 will be held at Hershey PA (tickets selling fast) and guess what, Area 45 through our hat in the ring to host NERASSA 2026 (finger crossed).

Copies of the 73rd General Service Conference Committee Agenda items and 2023 Mini-Conference background information and Survey were given to the GSR’s to take back to their groups at our last District meeting on 3-30-23.

A new GSR, Pac C, for the Young Men’s Group making it an even dozen.

Our Treasury report available balance $4,449.24, Prudent Reserve $1,000.

Jim W’s granddaughter, Harper Renee, is in stable condition at Children’s Hospital of PA. She is one of four babies waiting for a heart transplant. Our prayers are with them all (Gods will be done).

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

Area Committee Reports

Accessibility – Vacant

Archives

The Archives Committee continues to serve with the help and cooperation of the members and fellowship of Area 45, Panel 72. New members are sought to ion in this service opportunity.

We have been involved in major events. The committee attended NERASSA 2023 and provided an Archives display at the annual Area 45 Convention in the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City. There we met AAs from all over and inspired one member to get involved in Archives for her home state (Virginia). Also, our committee chair took second place in the Talent Show. He proved, with his ukulele, that we are not a Glum Lot.

There was an Archives display and presentation for Section III. With the help of Wayne, Ginger and Section 3 volunteers it served as a kick-off for this Assembly. Give them a hand.

Plans for the near future include, a short introductory presentation at the District 3 in-service in June. It is called “How it Works: Area Service”. See Pat -the-juggler for details. We also plan on attending the 2023 National Alcohols Anonymous Archives Workshop. It is being held in Sudbury, Ontario. Yes, in Canada, in early September. Wish us luck.

Yours in Service,

Roy C.
Area 45, Panel 72 Archives Chair

Audio

Verbal Report
My name is Justin, I am a real alcoholic, and honored to serve as the chair of this committee. Since the last assembly, I attended NERAASA, where I participated actively in several finance breakout sessions, visited a young people's breakout session, and learned an incredible amount about diversity and security by attending all of the panel presentations. My third trip to NERAASA was by far my favorite. My entire home group drove to and from Albany together. One has since become the DCM for our district, another is now serving as a GSR, and the rest are active in our home group. I also had the pleasure of connecting with many AA's from the entire Northeast Region, and in Area 45. The lunch of Area 45 attendees filled two large tables, thanks to our Ad Hoc NERAASA Scholarship Committee. I want to thank all of the people who are serving on that committee, congratulate all the scholarship winners for 2023, and encourage all of you to join the committee and help award all of the 2024 scholarships. If not serving on the committee, make sure to apply as soon as applications open.

For the remainder of my term as chair of this committee, I intend to apply what I learned at NERAASA, and continue to serve beside our chair and treasurer as needed.

Thank you all for your service and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin S.
B&F Committee Chair

Convention – 57th Annual

Verbal Report

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

Since our last Assembly John M and I were able to get a few more volunteers from the convention to help us during our meeting last month we worked on finalizing the AA informational presentation. We have been visiting libraries and police departments leaving information for them. Surprisingly, many libraries do not have big books. I am trying to get a booth at the EMS convention in Philly Nov 2...I am visiting various meeting with letters and literature for people to take to their drs. It's helping me spread the word, get out of myself and meet more people, I am grateful for that.

The committee recently purchased 2 dozen big books for a fellow AA member to distribute to local hospitals.

If your town or neighborhood is having an event, festival or something similar, please let me know. I would set up a table with literature. It's a great way to talk with people in various communities and let them know how AA works and what they can do if they know someone who needs help.

Thank you for allowing me to be in service,
Michelle C

DCM/GSR Orientation

12 new GSRs live plus 1 new DCM plus a cast of thousands online.

Respectively submitted,
Rich H
Area 45, Panel 70 Delegate

Grapevine - Vacant

JalCon – Vacant
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 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. Special thanks to our Co-Chair, Kelly S, BTG Coordinator, Scott P, Treasurer, Marlene W., And secretary, Pat G - we couldn't do this without your efforts.

We would like to thank District 18 for co-hosting our recent application workshops. It was extremely successful taking in 7 county applications, 2 Federal, and 1 State application. Thank you! We look forward to visiting District 26 , 16/17, & 19 over the next few months. Any DCM interested in co-hosting an event please find me. Our goal is to visit every district.

We are happy to report that requirements have changed for state facilities. We are no longer required to be vaccinated to apply. State facilities are now open to anyone interested. We have also made contact and are in the process of starting up AA meetings at Camden county jail, Cape May county jail, and Burlington county jail. Meetings have resumed at Salem county jail too. See the chair for applications or more information.

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, and pick up our BTG flyer for the home group. We are moving into our next phase, where we approach the facilities. If you have a relationship with a facility that may find this service useful, please see Scott P.

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

Addresses to Send AA Contributions

General Service Office
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Area 45 General Services
P.O. Box 3724
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Central Jersey intergroup
P.O. Box 4096
Trenton, NJ 08610

South Jersey Intergroup
P.O. Box 2514 Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Cape Atlantic Intergroup
P.O. Box 905
Pleasantville, NJ 08232

To listen click HERE
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 Spring issue emailed to you, and if you have not yet seen it, it is also available on our Area website area45snjaa.org. The theme for the Spring Newsletter is Into Action. I am especially thankful to Laura F. and Derik W. for their thoughtful contributions about what being active in AA means to them, to Bob W. for a wonderful recovery poem, to our Area 45 Registrar George H. for his perspectives, and to our Archivist Roy C. for his contribution highlighting both his activities as well as some AA history. I want to also express my gratitude to our Area Chair Joe E. for always being available for guidance and support as well as our Area 45 Treasurer Phil K. for offering to provide information for a new Gratitude section of the Newsletter so that we could include the names of groups in Area 45 who contributed 7th Tradition money to Area 45 and also Literatures in Prisons. Thank you also to all the DCMs and committees who sent along flyers to their meetings and events.

Although it may seem premature, I have been thinking about the fact that there are only two more Newsletters to go before the end of this Panel. That being said, our spirit of rotation invites me both to start considering what AA job I might be able to do moving forward while also looking out to encourage the next possible Newsletter chair to start learning the ropes in the hope they make themselves available for this job next Panel. This committee was a perfect fit for me. I had limited time availability and so I kept it a one-person operation and therefore never needed to have meetings, I’ve always loved putting together flyers and PowerPoint docs and was astounded to find that Microsoft Publisher software was very Straightforward and user-friendly, I also have an idea about how Aree 45 is run (although I am far from expert), and I love coming up with service related themes and reaching out to my fellows in Area 45 to provide the content. Please start thinking now about jobs that may be a good fit for you in the near future and if Newsletter interests you, I’m happy to start training someone to take on the job.

Moving forward, wheels are in motion for topics for and contributions to the Summer 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.

Policy
Verbal Report

Registration

In Person 64
Virtual 17
Total 81 + 20 visitors during the Delegate report back.

Virtual Tech
No Report
Website
We had some technical problems with contribution forms for 7th Tradition and LiPS. The issue has been resolved. If you receive any type of error on the website, please send me an email so I can get it taken care of. Webadmin@snjaa.org.

- Worked with Scott P. (BTG) on new forms for volunteers to help people leaving correctional and treatment facilities get the help they need. 23 submissions so far. (Great job Scott!) Ken T.’s (Delegate) report for the 73rd GSC “Picnic Table Slides” is on the home page.
- Roy C. (Archives) has put a presentation on the website also. He is working on getting some additional historical information to share.
- The Spring 4th Dimension newsletter is now published. Yay Kelly!
- Reminder to send any flyers to webadmin@snjaa.org
- You can submit your own events including attachments. They automatically go into draft mode. I will edit if necessary and then publish. Josh P. is an expert….
- Content: Looking to add additional content relative to Area. Please send ideas and/or links of interest.

Respectively submitted,
Pam

Young People
Verbal Report

Ad Hoc NERAASA Scholarship Committee
NERAASA was held on February 24th-27th in Albany. We had 32 people applied for the Reimbursement for funds to go to 2023 NERAASA. All were notified that the money was available if they were going. We ultimately reimbursed 22 people. We had an amazing time and learned a lot about what is happening in AA.

We will be opening up applications for up to 100 people to go before the Fall Assembly. We are asking anyone who wants to serve on the AD HOC committee please reach out to me at krywals2410@gmail.com. NERAASA 2024 will be held on February 22nd-25th at Hershey Lodge and registration is open. You can reserve your room by calling the lodge at 717-533-3311 and ask for the room block NERAASA 2024. You must also remember to register for NERAASA separately at www.neraasa.org. There you can sign up for the event and the meals. We look forward to seeing everyone there next year.

Kerry
Ad Hoc NERAASA Scholarship Committee Chair

Ad Hoc Virtual District 42
Hello, my name is Lauren.

Since the Winter Assembly we have:
- Contacted over 30+ online groups by personally sitting in & then discussing the District.
- Held multiple Town Hall meetings to start the organization process. The one fol-
Some groups are nearly ready to vote & agree to the district. Some are a few organizational steps behind, such as being in the process of registering their groups with GSO.

Respectfully,

Lauren
Co-Chair Ad Hoc Virtual District 42

Area Panel Reports

Registrar
No Report

Secretary
Good morning, my name is Jean and I am an alcoholic. I want to thank Section III for hosting our Assembly today.

I want to apologize for the error on the Summer Assembly flyer which was on the Registration Table. The flyer said ‘Spring’ when it should have said ‘Summer’. The final flyer will be included with the Spring Assembly Minutes distribution.

14 MailChimp emails were sent out since the Winter Assembly. Unfortunately the Secretary MailChimp account is inaccessibly and a detailed report of emails is unavailable.

I hope you all signed.

I have been involved with the Ad hoc Virtual District, have continued to attend the MD Area 29’s Accessibilities meetings/presentations, the PI CPC National meetings, NERAASA (Accessibilities Roundtables) and the 2023 Area Convention. These are all great learning experiences which enrich my service experiences and help keep me sober!

I will be working with Wendy with the MailChimp Unsubscribed Cleanup (103 emails). I plan to attend the AA Technology Conference in September, Unity Picnic sponsored by District 25, 22-23 & CJI on July 30 and as much other events I can fit it.

I appreciate all of your support as I continue to struggle with the effects of long COVID. I started PT last week and I am starting to feel better, however I have a long way to go.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean

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. 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. I'm grateful to share the news that Area 45 finances are healthy. Contributions during the first three months of 2023 were about $11,900, compared with about $10,900 during the same three months of last year. So, contributions this year are about 9% more than last year and about 6% more than we forecast during the budget preparation process.
In my experience, Area’s expenses are greater during the first quarter of the year than the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of the year. Last year, contributions exceeded expenses during all four quarters, although the first quarter was the closest to being balanced, for the reason I just provided - we have the greatest expenses in the first quarter.

The approved 2023-2024 budget expressly and purposefully intends for expenses to be greater than contributions. Group and individual contributions in accordance with our 7th Tradition are intended to be used, the money is intended to be spent, to help the next sick and suffering alcoholic. To lift a sentence from our Budget & Finance Committee Chair’s budget notes “The goal is to spend down idle funds not being used for our Primary Purpose and move toward a prudent reserve amount of only 6-12 months of operating funds”.

With that in mind, I encourage you to consider the following to be a success: During the first quarter of 2023, Area 45 expenses were about $23,000, which is about $11,100 more than we took in. What was different during the first quarter of this year compared to last year? Well, #1 I sent GSO $5,000 for our support of the General Service Conference ON TIME (instead of in May, like last year); #2, we reimbursed 22 attendees of NERAASA $250 each as part of our scholarship program, so that comes to $5,500.

The approved budget laid out a path that would result in about $21,000 less in the Area 45 operating account on December 31, compared to January 1. Do I think that we'll close out this year with $21,000 less than we started the year with? Honestly, no. Do I think that Area will be "in the red" during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of this year? Honestly, no. Do I think that it’s a worthwhile pursuit to carefully and purposefully spend 7th Tradition funds in accordance with our approved budget, thereby reducing the amount of money sitting idle in our operating account? Yes I do. Am I available to answer your questions about Area finances? Honestly, no.

Currently, we have an 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 the latest information.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to speaking with everyone today.
hoped those who attended as part of Area 45 left there as fired up about ser-
vice and continuing the conversation of what's spiritually best for Alcoholics
Anonymous. And I’m happy to report that during the NERAASA business
meeting, I put Area 45's intention to bid on the 2026 NERAASA.
From there, I had the opportunity to attend NERD weekend in Wilmington
Delaware and had a blast doing a skit with the Area 45. I also felt grateful
to be able to spend time speaking with our Immediate Past Trustees. They
were a wealth of information about the service structure and various projects
AAWS & the GV has been working on.
Between travels, I spent time getting hotel quotes to hold NERAASA 2026.
And was grateful that I could get an initial contract from the DoubleTree in
Cherry Hill. I prepared a presentation for Ken to bring to the Conference
from that contract. I want to thank the past Delegates and the panel for their
feedback on the hotel contracts and the presentation. Unfortunately, we did
not win the bid for NERAASA 2026, which will be held in Maine. But we
learned a lot about the process and will ask Area 45 if we can try again for
2027.
Another project I got to work on was putting together a pre-mini-conference
survey of questions for our GSRs to take back to their groups so they could
have an informed discussion at the mini-conference. Since this was the first
year we implemented the pre-survey questionnaire, I was grateful to those
who took the time to respond, and we received over 100 responses. I also
wanted to thank all the members and GSRs who took the time to attend the
Day of Sharing. So, please thank your groups for taking the time to fill it out.
Again, we can learn and grow from this to see how it can be done even bet-
ter next year.
In love and service,
Wendy M.
A45/P72/AD
Delegate
Verbal Report

Motion(s):

Wendy presented the following:

**Motion 1:** 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:**

Phil K presented the following:

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.

**Passed**

Closed the Assembly meeting with the Responsibility Pledge at 2:10 pm
Area 45 Spring Committee Meeting

The Committee Meeting opened at 2:11 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

During the Committee Meeting we set 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:
Presented by Phil K, Treasurer

An amendment to the approved 2023-2024 Area 45 budget is proposed, specifically an increase (from $0 to $800) for the line item "Northeast Regional Forum" (NERF) under the Event Expenses category.

Background:
NERF is a biennial event, taking place in odd-numbered years. During the preparation of the 2021-2022 Area 45 budget, no money was allocated for NERF 2021 because the event was cancelled due to COVID. During the preparation of the 2023-2024 Area 45 budget, the line item for NERF 2023 remained at $0, which was an oversight. Details for NERF 2023 had not been made available when the Budget & Finance Committee was preparing the current budget, however in retrospect it was clearly likely that NERF 2023 would return. This motion will fund the lodging, meals, and transportation expenses for our current Delegate and current Alternate Delegate.

Passed

Motion 2:
Presented by Josh P, Corrections Chairperson:

Increase Corrections Committee budget from $500 to $2,000.00.

Background:
The Corrections budget was influenced by COVID. Now that the Committee is back up and running strong with Corrections and Bridging-the-Gap workshops and travel expenses have increased significantly.

Motion 3:
Presented by John H, Audio Chairperson:

Increase the Audio budget to purchase a new P.A. system (Fender Passport P.A.) by $1,500 dollars.

Background:
Present P.A. is very old. Functions are starting to break down. The new Fender Passport Venue P.A. Will be 600 watts eliminating some of the challenges we have with the outdated system. Bluetooth and instrument ready. Better recording. This is an overall upgrade.

Motion 4:
Presented by Mikey A, Young People Chairperson:

Motion: To add PayPal as a way to accept contributions on the Area 45 website.

Background:
Area 45 only allows payments through a credit card system on their website or checks sent to the Treasurer. Although, when you visit other Area, Integroups, and GSO’s websites, they all have a secondary option of PayPal to accept contributions.

The reason why the motion is for PayPal specifically, it is the system that is accepted worldwide. With the start of Area 45 online district, many online groups have chosen PayPal to collect 7th Tradition. They are not going the traditional route of opening a bank account.

There is no start-up fee for a PayPal account, and since Area 45 is a non-profit organization, the fees are discounted. So each transaction would be charged 1.99% + an additional $0.49.

The meeting closed at 2:32 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.
District 24 Annual Picnic

When: Saturday September 9, 2023

Where: Rosedale Park - Picnic Area
424 Federal City Road
Pennington NJ

Time: 12pm-5pm

SPEAKER MEETING: 3pm

Joe E- AREA 45 Chairperson
Pam K -Al Anon Speaker

This is a free event, but we are accepting contributions if you can.

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February 22nd-25th, 2024
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Hershey, PA 17033

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Join the 2024 Convention Committee!!

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58th AREA 45 GENERAL SERVICE CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE
449 Club, 6 Pemberton Street, Pemberton 08068

May 7th, 2023 (1st Sunday due to Mother’s Day)
June 11th, 2023
July 9th, 2023
August 13th, 2023
September 10th, 2023
October 8th, 2023
November 5th, 2023
December 10th, 2023
January 14th, 2024
February 11th, 2024
March 3rd, 2024 (1st Sunday due to Convention date - Pocket stuff)

You can also join us via Zoom:
Meeting ID: 85018660818
Password: SNA/A/45

BTG is looking for volunteers!

Bridging the Gap is a 12 Step commitment designed to help the individual make the transition from the treatment or correction facility to Alcoholics Anonymous. The temporary contact would be responsible to meet/take the new member to 6 meetings to help them learn about our fellowship.

What Bridging the Gap suggests of the temporary contact:

- AA’s who participate should be at least 1 year of continuous sobriety.
- AA’s are asked to meet/take the individual to a minimum of 6 meetings.
- AA’s should share experiences with sponsorship, a home group, and the 12 steps.
- An AA’s commitment to the BTG program is a minimum of 1 year.
- Bridging the Gap volunteers are encouraged to attend workshops for questions, training and ongoing support.

If you would like to help... 

Grab a pamphlet and fill out the back form. Take a pie and send it via email. Please include your home group.

Contact Scott P., Area 45 Bridging the Gap Coordinator
Email: Bridgingthegap@snaa.org
Our group is planning a party to celebrate its anniversary. Can we use Seventh Tradition funds to pay for the decorations and food?

Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine and La Viña?

For answers to these and more, click HERE.
Area 45 Southern New Jersey
Hybrid FALL Assembly
Sunday
November 12, 2023
The Gibson House
535 E. Main St.
Evesham, NJ 08053

Nominations
Panel F4 Elections

Click this link to virtual connection
Meeting ID: 868 1264 9287

8:30 am Open/Registration
8:45 am DCM/GSR Orientation
10:00 am Area Elections
followed by the Area Assembly
then Committee Meeting

Provided virtually
ASL upon request, email Secretary@snjaa.org by 11/5/23

18th Annual District 14
Picnic 2023
Parvins State Park
Thudnergust Pavilions
Sunday August 27, 2023
11 AM – 6 PM
Rain or Shine Event!

Suggested Ticket Donation
$8.00 in advance or At the door
Children Under 12 Free With Adult
Food served 12 PM – 3 PM
50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, Horseshoes, Badminton,
Sports, Arts & Crafts...
AA & Al-Anon speakers @ 3 PM
SIGN UP SHEETS for Foods &
Service from Committee!
(BYOC) Bring Your Own
Chairs and Sports Equipment

“We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny…”

Family friendly - load the car!

Contacts –
Paula (609) 364-9133
Marcy (856) 776-3149
Click HERE (scroll down for answers)

Match the Word to the Step

These words are unique to each step. Can you match them?

Came  Step 8
Powerless  Step 3
Decision  Step 1
Moral  Step 5
Nature  Step 10
Defects  Step 7
Shortcomings  Step 11
Harmed  Step 4
Injure  Step 6
Promptly  Step 9
Praying  Step 2
Principles  Step 12

Steps wordle CHALLENGE!

WORDLE #1

WORDLE #2

WORDLE #3

WORDLE #4

IT’S A WRAP