



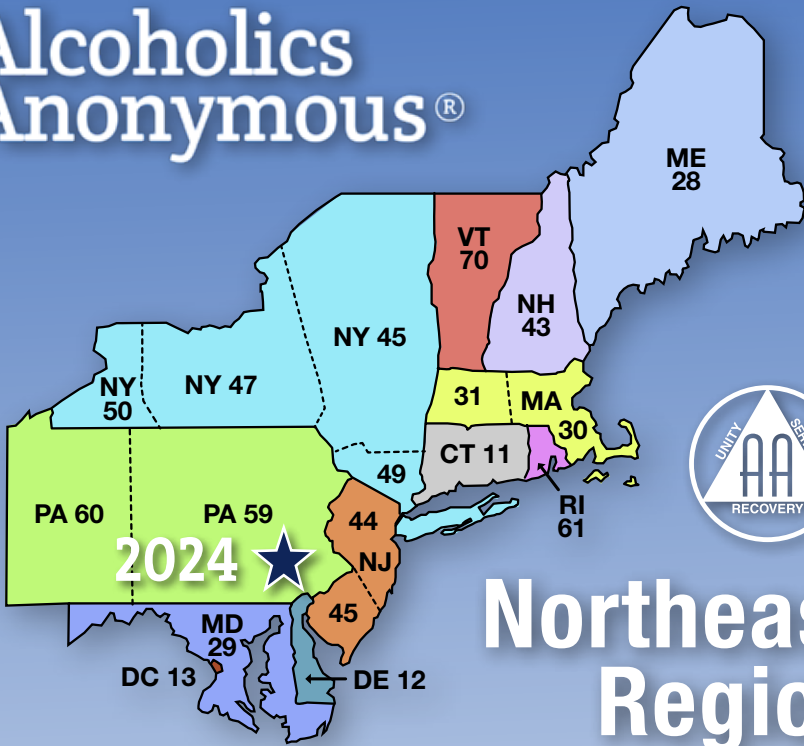
Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly

**NERAASA**

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## Northeast Region

### NorthEast Regional A.A. Service Assembly

The purpose of **NERAASA** is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members, Intergroup and Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference-related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity, and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.



# Hershey Lodge Convention Center

## Hospitality:

Hershey Kisses Tower  
Rooms 5828 and 5829

Hershey Kisses Tower, Level 1

TWR 1 ..... Tower Suite 1

TWR 2 ..... Tower Suite 2

TWR 3 ..... Tower Suite 3

TWR 4 ..... Tower Suite 4

GAH..... Great American Hall

GAH R..... Great American Hall Red

GAH W..... Great American Hall White

GAH B..... Great American Hall Blue

CT..... Cocoa Terrace

CBR..... Cocoa Boardroom

CS 1..... Cocoa Suite 1

CS 2..... Cocoa Suite 2

CS 3..... Cocoa Suite 3

CS 4..... Cocoa Suite 4

CS 5..... Cocoa Suite 5

CS 6..... Cocoa Suite 6

EDCR ..... Exhibit Desk & Coat Room

**(Registration)**



MAG A..... Magnolia A

MAG B..... Magnolia B

MAG C..... Magnolia C

MAG D..... Magnolia D

WR A ..... Wild Rose A

WR B ..... Wild Rose B

CRYS..... Crystal A

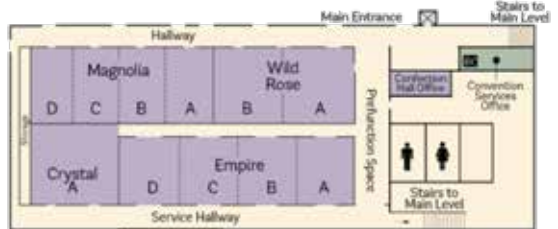
EMP A ..... Empire A

EMP B ..... Empire B

EMP C ..... Empire C

EMP D ..... Empire D

## Confection Hall Level



# Agenda

| Day   | Start    | End      | Event   | Location          |
|-------|----------|----------|---|-------------------|
| Thur. | 6:30 pm  | 9:00 pm  | Registration  | EDCR              |
| Thur. | 7:30 pm  | 9:00 pm  | Red Ball Meeting<br>Victoria B., Area 59  | CT & CS 1         |
| Fri.  | 6:00 am  | 11:59 pm | Al-Anon Meeting Space   | CS 2              |
| Fri.  | 12:00 pm | 1:00 pm  | 1728 Meeting<br>Jim M., Area 43 (Moderator)<br>Francis G., Past Northeast Regional Trustee (Speaker)<br>Chris B., Area 59 (Timer)               | MP (A+B)          |
| Fri.  | 1:00 pm  | 9:00 pm  | Registration  | EDCR              |
| Fri.  | 1:15 pm  | 2:15 pm  | Past Delegates Roundtable   | EMP (A+B)         |
| Fri.  | 2:30 pm  | 3:30 pm  | <i>"Do You Think You're Different?"</i><br>Writing Workshop<br>Vera F., Non-Trustee Director<br>Eric O., Area 49                                | CBR               |
| Fri.  | 3:30 pm  | 4:15 pm  | NERAASA First Timers Red Ball Meeting<br>Roy C., Area 45; Jeff P., Area 30  | EMP (A+B)         |
| Fri.  | 4:30 pm  | 5:45 pm  | Panel 1 ( <i>See page 5</i> )   | EMP (A+B)         |
| Fri.  | 5:45 pm  | 7:00 pm  | Dinner Buffet   | GAH (B)           |
| Fri.  | 7:00 pm  | 7:15 pm  | Welcome<br>Caroline N., Area 59, Panel 71 Delegate<br>Steve O., Area 59, Panel 63 Delegate  | GAH (R+W)         |
| Fri.  | 7:15 pm  | 8:30 pm  | Panel 2 ( <i>See page 5</i> )   | GAH (R+W)         |
| Fri.  | 8:45 pm  | 10:00 pm | Roundtables   | <i>See Page 8</i> |
| Fri.  | 10:15 pm | 11:15 pm | After-hours Roundtables   | <i>See Page 8</i> |
| Fri.  | 10:15 pm | 11:15 pm | Grapevine / La Viña Writing Workshop<br>Chris C., Publisher, A.A. Grapevine<br>Josee G., Area 43<br>Michelle M., Area 48<br>Jessica T., Area 59 | TWR 3             |
| Fri.  | 11:30 pm | 12:30 am | Night Owl A.A. Meeting<br>Caitlin F., Area 44   | EMP A             |
| Sat.  | 6:00 am  | 11:59 pm | Al-Anon Meeting Space   | CS 2              |
| Sat.  | 7:00 am  | 8:00 am  | Sunrise Serenity A.A. Meeting<br>Elizabeth F., Area 28  | CT                |
| Sat.  | 7:00 am  | 8:30 am  | Breakfast   | GAH (B)           |
| Sat.  | 8:00 am  | 5:00 pm  | Registration  | EDCR              |
| Sat.  | 8:30 am  | 9:45 am  | Panel 3 ( <i>See page 6</i> )   | GAH (R+W)         |
| Sat.  | 10:00 am | 11:15 am | Panel 4 ( <i>See page 7</i> )   | GAH (R+W)         |

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|------|----------|----------|--|---|
| Sat. | 11:30 am | 12:30 pm | Northeast Regional Trustee Report<br>Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee<br>Pam A., Area 60 (Timer)   | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sat. | 12:30 pm | 1:45 pm  | Lunch  | GAH (B)                                 |
| Sat. | 2:00 pm  | 3:15 pm  | Panel 5 ( <i>See page 7</i> )  | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sat. | 3:30 pm  | 5:00 pm  | NERAASA Business Meeting (all are welcome)<br>Steve O., Area 59, Panel 63 Delegate (Chair)<br>Jon A., Area 60 (Timer)  | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sat. | 5:30 pm  | 7:00 pm  | Banquet Dinner   | GAH (B)                                 |
| Sat. | 7:00 pm  | 7:15 pm  | Flag Ceremony<br>Ken T., Northeast Regional Trustee  | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sat. | 7:15 pm  | 8:30 pm  | A.A. Speaker Meeting<br>Caroline N., Area 59, Panel 71 Delegate (Chair)<br>Chris C., Publisher, A.A. Grapevine (Speaker)<br>Michael W., Area 61 (Speaker)<br>Carolyn R., Area 59 (Speaker) | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sat. | 8:45 pm  | 10:00 pm | Roundtables  | <i>See Page 8</i>                       |
| Sat. | 10:00 pm | 12:00 am | Chocolate and Hot Cocoa Social<br>(Hospitality)  | Hershey Kisses Tower<br>Rooms 5828+5829 |
| Sat. | 10:15 pm | 11:15 pm | After-hours Roundtables  | <i>See Page 8</i>                       |
| Sat. | 11:30 pm | 12:30 am | Night Owl A.A. Meeting<br>Aim C., Area 29 (Chair)  | EMP A                                   |
| Sun. | 6:00 am  | 12:00 pm | Al-Anon Meeting Space  | CS 2                                    |
| Sun. | 7:00 am  | 8:00 am  | Sunrise Serenity A.A. Meeting<br>Raj B., Area 49   | CBR                                     |
| Sun. | 7:00 am  | 8:30 am  | Breakfast  | GAH (B)                                 |
| Sun. | 8:30 am  | 9:45 am  | Panel 6 ( <i>See page 7</i> )  | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sun. | 9:45 am  | 11:00 am | Roundtable Report-backs<br>Dawn I., Area 45 (Moderator)<br>Diane C., Area 59 (Timer)   | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sun. | 11:00 am | 11:30 am | First-year Delegate Highlights<br>Paola A., Area 49 (Moderator)<br>Shira F., Area 48 (Timer)   | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sun. | 11:30 am | 11:50 am | Past Trustee Remarks / Ask-It Basket<br>Alyssa F., Area 45 (Moderator)<br>Donna D., Area 44 (Timer)  | GAH (R+W)                               |
| Sun. | 11:50 am | 12:00 pm | Closing Remarks<br>Steve O., Area 59, Panel 63 Delegate  | GAH (R+W)                               |

## Panel Discussions

### Panel 1, Friday 4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Theme: *Participation of Online Groups*

Step 12, Tradition 5, Concept 4

Moderator: Nora J, Member, District 47, Area 59 Timer: Vo N., Hybrid Chair, Area 48

**Topic 1:** Discuss the history of online groups, including their designation in 1997 as “International Correspondence Meetings” through a Conference Advisory Action, which was then superseded by the 2021 Conference Advisory Action that recognized online groups as part of the service structure.

Presenter: Michael W., CPC/PI Chair, Area 61

**Topic 2:** What have we learned from the proliferation of online groups during the COVID-19 pandemic? Has the need for online groups decreased since the end of the pandemic was declared in May 2023?

Presenter: Skylar A., DCM, District 5, Area 70

**Topic 3:** What more could the General Service Board’s Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure be learning from the Fellowship and what comes next?

Presenter: Maysha Z., DCM, District 18, Area 11

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### Panel 2, Friday 7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Theme: *Is our literature still relevant today?*

Step 1, Tradition 1, Concept 2

Moderator: Saadi H., Queens County Registrar, District 305; 2024 Convention Chair, Area 49

Timer: Tom F., GSR, District 620, Area 49

**Topic 1:** Has the process of inviting submissions from the Fellowship in the form of “calls for stories” while pamphlets and the Big Book are being revised, been effective over the decades?

Presenter: Jamie R., Alternate Chair, Area 28

**Topic 2:** What kinds of new literature or communications are needed and what current ones are obsolete?

Presenter: Vanessa R., Treatment Chair, Area 50

**Topic 3:** With broader demographic shifts and changing language in the world today, should we degenderize A.A. literature?

Presenter: Alberto B., DCM, District 25, Area 45

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### Panel 3, Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Theme: *Money and Spirituality*

Step 12, Tradition 7, Concept 7

Moderator: Kat G., DCM, District 2/4, Area 61 Timer: Jeff S., DCM Chair, Area 50

**Topic 1:** Should financial resources and the capacity of trustees, directors, Appointed Committee Members, and staff be considered when Conference committees make recommendations that become Conference Advisory Actions? How do we help the General Service Board and General Service Office prioritize among the many projects we have asked them to take on?

Presenter: Brian W., DCM, District 3, Area 31

**Topic 2:** The Power of the Purse: How much financial information and transparency from the General Service Board do groups desire or require to exercise that power?

Presenter: Christine P., Secretary, District 12, Area 43

**Topic 3:** How does the principle of corporate poverty apply, when membership has plateaued yet the annual operating budget of the General Service Board increases each year?

Presenter: Lyn S., DCM, District 20, Area 13

## Panel Discussions

### **Panel 4, Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Theme: *The Words of Our Founders***

Step 12, Tradition 2, Concept 2

Moderator: Chiara G., Chair, Area 12 Timer: Matt F., Service Sponsorship Chair, Area 49

**Topic 1:** Revising our literature to remain relevant: *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*

Presenter: Kelly M., Treasurer, District 17; Member, Finance Committee, Area 48

**Topic 2:** Retaining the original writing to preserve history: *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*

Presenter: Brandi T., AGSR, District 36, Accessibilities Chair, Area 29

**Topic 3:** When changes to original texts are proposed, should there be a threshold for review (group, district, area) and how would the changes be formatted on the page (e.g. footnotes for text being updated)?

Presenter: Justin K., Manhattan DCMC, Area 49

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### **Panel 5, Saturday 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Theme: *Are we communicating effectively within A.A.?***

Steps 5/12, Traditions 2/11, Concept 1

Moderator: Kesi L., Chair, Area 13 Timer: Jim P., Treasurer, Area 5

**Topic 1:** What is each member's personal responsibility to share information, ask questions, get involved, and talk with people of differing perspectives and opinions? Are members accountable if they are not aware of proposed changes on the Conference agenda?

Presenter: Adam G., Tech Coordinator, Area 60

**Topic 2:** Discuss the Fellowship's need for transparency and accessibility of information from the bottom of the triangle upward.

Presenter: Andrew D. ADCM, District 66, Area 59

**Topic 3:** How might newer communication tools (e.g. YouTube, social media, pamphlets) help us not only carry the message, but also facilitate greater dialogue in the General Service Conference structure?

Presenter: Liza C., CPC Chair, Area 47

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### **Panel 6, Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Theme: *Safety in A.A., Belonging in A.A.***

Step 12, Traditions 1/3, Concept 9

Moderator: Meredith G., Grapevine Representative, District 20, Area 11

Timer: Matthew R., Alternate Delegate, Area 61

**Topic 1:** How do we cultivate compassion, empathy, trust, and respect to create a welcoming environment?

Presenter: Virginia M., Chair, Area 30

**Topic 2:** How were the September 2021 changes to the Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare (SMF-209) service material politicized, and did attempts at inclusivity inadvertently lead to polarization within A.A.?

Presenter: Jenna E.M. W., DCM, District 5, Area 12; DEYPAA Chair

**Topic 3:** Does a sense of belonging lead to the feeling of greater safety within A.A.?

Presenter: Laverne S., DCM, District 22, Area 44

## Roundtables

| Topic  | Moderator ....  | Mod's Area, Panel      | Location | Fri./Sat. |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Accessibilities, Special Needs, Remote Communities | Grace F. ....   | Area 43, Panel 72      | CS 1     | 8:45 pm   |
| Archives   | Denise M. ....  | Area 50, Panel 72      | TWR 3    | 8:45 pm   |
| Area Chairpersons                                  | J. Gary L. .... | Area 59, Panel 55      | WR B     | 8:45 pm   |
| Corrections  | Kurt W. ....    | Area 29, Panel 72      | EMP C    | 8:45 pm   |
| CPC/PI   | Todd D. ....    | Area 47, Panel 71      | EMP D    | 8:45 pm   |
| DCM  | Matt K. ....    | Area 11, Panel 71      | GAH B    | 8:45 pm   |
| Delegates  | Ken T. ....     | Area 30, Panel 63      | MAG B    | 8:45 pm   |
| Grapevine/LaViña                                   | Tammie E. ....  | Area 48, Panel 72      | CT       | 8:45 pm   |
| GSR  | Billy N. ....   | Area 19, Panel 49      | GAH RW   | 8:45 pm   |
| Intergroup/Central Offices                         | Pat F. ....     | Area 59, Panel 65      | MAG C    | 8:45 pm   |
| Literature   | Woody R. ....   | Area 7, Panel 50       | MAG A    | 8:45 pm   |
| Newsletters  | Cynthia T. .... | Area 29, Panel 70      | TWR 1    | 8:45 pm   |
| Past Delegates ( <i>Friday only</i> )              | John W. ....    | Area 49, Panel 67      | EMP AB   | 1:15 pm   |
| Registrars   | Veronica E. ... | Area 12, Panel 64      | CS 5     | 8:45 pm   |
| Secretaries  | Linda K. ....   | Area 44, Panel 63      | EMP A    | 8:45 pm   |
| Treasurers   | Peter B. ....   | Area 28, Panel 72      | EMP B    | 8:45 pm   |
| Treatment/Bridging the Gap                         | Joe O. ....     | Area 45, Panel 52      | MAG D    | 8:45 pm   |
| Website/Technology                                 | Hugh H. ....    | Area 59, Panel 61      | TWR 2    | 8:45 pm   |
| Young People ( <i>After-hours</i> )                | Emily D. ....   | Area 11, CSCYPAA Chair | EMP A    | 10:15 pm  |
| Español ( <i>After-hours</i> )                     | Evelyn D. ....  | Area 59                | EMP B    | 10:15 pm  |

### Hospitality:

Hershey Kisses Tower  
Rooms 5828 and 5829

#### HOURS:

Friday 4:00 pm ..... midnight  
Saturday 7:00 am ..... midnight  
Sunday 7:00 am ..... 9:00 am

