

STATEN ISLAND AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 2, 2021

Attendance for Steering Committee:

Chairperson: Thomas

Vice Chair: Jimmy

Secretary: Julia

Treasurer: Dana

RCM: Ray

PR Chair: Walter

Technology Chair: Jesse C

H&I Chair: Jessica

E&A Chair: Absent

Homebound Chair: Vacant

Policy Chair: Vacant

Literature Management: Vacant

Speaker Exchange: Vacant

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SIASC Minutes for February 2021

*7:00 PM: Opened with a moment of silence, The Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and Purpose of Area Statement.

*7:04 PM: Roll call for sub-committee attendance taken.

Sub-Committee Attendance:

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*7:05 PM: First roll call for GSR's taken. 9 GSR's present.

*7:10 PM: Read January 2021 minutes. No corrections. The Technology Chair motioned to accept the minutes, Men Working it Out seconded. Motion passed.

*7:13: New GSR's recognized.

Marc Postal: Y We Recover

Pat: The Real Deal

Ellen: Time to Live & Give

Khadijeh: Not Just for Women Only

*7:14 PM: Sub-committee reports (please see attachments)

*PR Report given. No questions asked. Technology Chair made a motion to accept. Y We Recover seconded. Accepted.

*H&I report given. No questions asked. Steps To Freedom made a motion to accept, Time To Live & Give seconded. Accepted.

*Technology Report given

Q: Chair asked if there's any way that the Technology Committee checks if there are groups that no longer meeting still on the website.

A: Technology Chair replied that it's word of mouth right now.

Vice Chair made a motion to accept, Time to Live & Give seconded. Accepted.

*RCM Report given

Q: Saturday Surrender asked why their meeting is not on the regional meeting list, but on the area website; and if they are still covered by insurance.

A: Vice Chair said insurance is covered as long as you're on the Staten Island Area meeting list. Region will then see our list.

Q: Technology Chair asked until we get the BMLT up and running on our Staten Island Area website, do we submit list changes to Maureen from region?

A: RCM replied yes.

Saturday Surrender made a motion to accept, Vice Chair seconded. Accepted.

*Treasurer Report given by Vice Chair

Chair added that following March Steering Committee there we will be conducting our annual ad-hoc committee created to reexamine prudent reserve & operating expenses for the year.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked for clarity on the prudent reserve figures (for 2 months) & operating expense figures.

A: Vice Chair replied that it's 3 months (as per policy) of prudent reserve, not 2 as mistakenly stated in the Treasurer's Report, and contains revolving expenses of sub-committees.

Q: Time to Live & Give asked if the \$2000 E&A set-aside is included in that prudent reserve figure.

A: Vice Chair replied that as per policy, the E&A set-aside is kept separate.

Q: PR Chair asked if the Treasurer lists each groups donations on her report because he had donated under Clean Machine and didn't hear it mentioned on the report. But that could be because he made a mistake.

A: Vice Chair suggested he check with the Treasurer, but also look to see if its listed in his Venmo transactions.

Q: The Real Deal asked if groups should be making donations in the groups name or can it be done personal.

A: Chair said groups and individuals are both allowed to donate.

Time to Live & Give stated that isn't the service structure, as per The Guide To Local Services, explain that the individuals donate to the group and then the group decides what to do with those donations.

Chair explained that although that service structure hasn't changed, you can't stop individuals from donating on any structure level they want.

H&I Chair made a motion to accept, Saturday Surrender seconded. Accepted.

*Merchandise Report

No questions asked. Saturday Surrender made a motion to accept, Saturday Morning Wakeup seconded. Accepted.

*7:37 PM: 2nd roll call taken, 11 GSR's now present.

*7:38 PM: Sub-committee reports continued (please see attachments)

*7:51 PM: No old business.

*7:50 PM: New business, nominations/elections, open forum:

PR Chair, Homebound Chair, Treasurer, Literature Management, Speaker Exchange, Policy

Chair are still vacant positions that need to be filled. No nominations made.

Vice Chair mentioned that the Chair, Vice Chair and H&I Chair commitments are all open in June so spread the word.

Get Real on the Terrace needs support. Saturday Morning Wakeup needs support. Not Just for Women Only needs support. Also, beginning March 4th they are changing their meeting ID and password.

Chair added to spread the word WE NEED GSR'S TO ATTEND AREA!

*8:00 PM Saturday Surrender motioned to close, Technology Chair seconded, Chair closed the meeting with The Serenity Prayer.

GROUP NAME	GSR NAME (1st role call)	GSR NAME (2nd role call)
Alive @ 6 in St George	Absent	Absent
Back to Basics	Absent	Absent
By the Book	Absent	Absent
Carrying the Message	Absent	Absent
Clean Machine	Absent	Absent
Clean on the Bay	Absent	Absent
Clean Times	Luke	-----
Easy as 1, 2, 3	Absent	Absent
Eltingville at 8	Absent	Absent
Freedom on Friday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Get Real on the Terrace	Absent	Absent
Listen to Learn	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Men Working it Out	Greg	-----
Sanity on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Not Just for Women Only	Khadijeh	-----
Principles on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Port of Recovery	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Recovery by the Water	Absent	Absent
Recovery on the Boulevard	Mike Loud	-----
Recovery Room	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Sanity on Sunday	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
Saturday Morning Wakeup	Absent	Tommy R

GROUP NAME	GSR NAME (1st role call)	GSR NAME (2nd role call)
Saturday Surrender	James	-----
Spiritual Kindergarten	Absent	Absent
Steps to Freedom	John	-----
Step Up to Learn	Absent	Absent
Step Up to the Deck	Absent	Absent
Sunday at 2:30	Absent	Cody
The Journey	Temporarily Closed	Temporarily Closed
The Message is Hope	Absent	Absent
The Real Deal	Pat	-----
Time to Live and Give	Ellen	-----
Together on Sunday	Absent	Absent
Victory at the Shack	Absent	Absent
Who, What, Why	Absent	Absent
Y We Recover	Marc Postal	-----

February 2021 Announcements

- *Get Real on the Terrace needs support.
- *Saturday Morning Wakeup needs support (in-person mtg).
- *Not Just For Women Only needs support. Also, beginning March 4th they are changing their meeting ID and password. Please pass the attached flyer around to help spread the word.
- *Currently vacant positions in Area: Treasurer, Public Relations Chair, Policy Chair, Homebound Chair, Literature Management, Speaker Exchange
- *The following area commitments that will be vacant in June: Chair, Vice Chair, H&I Chair
- *Spread the word WE NEED GSR'S TO ATTEND AREA!

Anniversaries:

- *February 18, 2021
Monica R 28 years, Pretty Joe 18 years @ Not Just For Women Only
- *February 22, 2021
Julia 2 years @ Time To Live & Give
- *February 26, 2021
Jonathan C 4 years, Ellen P 20 years @ The Real Deal
- *February 26, 2021
Dana 19 years, Cody 1st Miracle year @ Steps to Freedom
- *March 8, 2021
Stephanie 2 years @ Clean Machine
- *March 18, 2021
Pinky 31 years @ Not Just For Women Only
- *March 26, 2021
Towayne 2 years @ The Real Deal
- *April 19, 2021
Don S 3 years @ Clean Machine

For more anniversaries keep coming!



Not Just For Women Only

group of narcotics anonymous

Will be using a **NEW Zoom ID**
beginning March 4th!

Zoom ID: 988 208 3991, PW: 297053

PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!



H&I Subcommittee Report

- We are currently doing 2/13 of our presentations LIVE!!! And 4/13 of our presentations via Zoom and 3/13 via phone conference calls.
- We are continuing the dialogue with the facilities about bringing our commitments back in live/in person.
- Our panel leaders are continuing to do their best to ensure that any patients/residents leaving any facilities have the web address for SI Area to access our virtual meeting list or, if at all possible, a printed copy of the list.
- Panel leaders are continuing to reach out to facilities to make sure they have literature.
- We did our best with elections. We ran through our open commitments and made adjustments where needed. Our main concern being all commitments are covered and at the present time they are. We will revisit when we have elections in June.

Treasurer Report- February 9, 2021

Bank Balance as of 2/9/21 \$9457.48 (Note Insurance checks not cashed)

Checks written to:

1. \$100 to GNYRSC- donation
2. \$139 to American Self Storage
3. \$29.98 to Jessie Zoom

Prudent Reserve (as per Ad-hoc Committee created last year) \$5,350 (2 months of expenses)

E&A set aside: \$2,000 (for free picnic)

Operating Expenses: \$1,201.90 *(This is the balance after you deduct money set aside for prudent reserve, E&A, all checks written out that have yet to clear and also includes incoming monies not yet reflected in bank balance).*

We now have a Venmo account and you may now send contributions via Venmo @NAtreasurer. You can also use the Venmo account to pay for literature purchases.

Donations

Jesse- \$15 (via Venmo)

Steps to Freedom- \$103.75

Anonymous- \$20 (via Venmo)

The Message is Hope: \$27.00 (via Venmo)

Clean Times: \$210 (via Venmo- for January)

Total: \$375.75

Literature Orders

Steps to Freedom- \$171.00

Saturday Morning Wake Up- \$18

Total: \$189

Total for donations and literature for February: \$ 564.75

I am going to continue serving the AREA as treasurer until someone steps up or at the very least the pandemic ends.

Please e-mail me at SIANAtreasurer1953@gmail.com with any questions.

In loving service,

Dana S.

RCM REPORT TO AREA FEBRUARY 9, 2021

REGIONAL ELECTIONS: BOB W VOTED IN AS PR CHAIR, RITCHIE VOTED IN AS H&I CHAIR, WAYNE T VOTED IN AS BOD MEMBER

VACANT POSITIONS AS REGION:

ASSISTANT TREASURER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, HELPLINE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIR

RSO REPORT: THE FIRST EDITION OF THE GNYRSO SALES OFFICE NEWSLETTER IS ATTACHED

DUE TO OUR MEETING SITUATION DUE TO THE PANDEMIC THERE HAVE BEEN QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR INSURANCE. I HAVE ATTACHED A MEMO FROM THE RSO TREASURER EXPLAINING THE INSURANCE SITUATION

UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS:

2 DAY SPEAKER JAM FEBRUARY 13 AND 14 "ALL KINDS OF RELATIONSHIPS" VIA ZOOM, FLYER ATTACHED

REGIONAL CONCERNS: REGIONAL MEETING: MARCH 13, 2021

REGIONAL DELEGATE REPORT: RD Team Proposal for GNYRSC Service-Learning Workgroup Workshops
The new RD team has discussed ways to foster unity within the GNYRSC and energize the fellowship's service efforts. One idea is to facilitate service workshops. Accordingly, the RD Team would like to gauge the interest of the GNYRSC Areas in having the RD Team (in coordination with the RSC Admin Committee and RSC Standing Committees) assist facilitating a group of representatives from each Area in putting on one to two hour learning workshops with service or sub-committee themes on a monthly or bi-monthly basis to share best practices and the joys of NA service. **As a first step, we propose that each RCM discuss the idea with their Area's trusted servants to see if there is interest in putting on such service workshops.** We have set out below a list of potential topics to consider. GSRs could be asked to prioritize the topics set out below by ranking them by number to give us a sense of what the fellowship may be interested in workshopping. Area trusted servants could also suggest topics that are not on the below list. Once RCMs have had a chance to discuss the idea with their Areas and provide feedback, we can plan next steps. List of Potential Topics - Group Service Positions (face to face meetings) - Virtual Meetings best practices - Model Group Policy - Hospital and Institutions a new way to carry the message - Public Relations our members views on dealing with public professionals - Area Trusted Servants - moving out to serve at Regional positions such as Chair, Treasurer, Committees such as H&I, Policy, Public Relations, Helpline, Convention Events & Activities etc. - The feeling of belonging - Understanding NA Service - Fulfilling our Vision - Traditions, traditions, traditions: is it really necessary - Electing our best members rather than our friends - Group unity our first tradition - The meaning of the NA symbol - Supporting our Regional Service Office and its functions - I'd like to do more in service who do I talk to? - Meeting list and the importance of groups being updated - Events & activities "let's put on clean events for us all to enjoy and fellowship - How to organize a poster drive including creating the words and design of a GNYRSCNA poster

TREASURERS REPORT:

Treasury - Opening Balance: \$14,970.90 - Checks written: \$9,131.10 - Donations: \$9,283.57 - Closing Balance: \$16,392.65 - Prudent Reserve: \$6,350 – 2000.00 reserved for AV Equipment- Over Reserve: \$8,042.65 - \$1000 for NAWS (ALREADY INCLUDED IN CHECKS WRITTEN)

MEETING LISTS: Areas are asked to review their unpublished meetings and republish those meetings that are temporarily closed to the TC format code.

HELPLINE: 2932 CALLS IN 2020

END OF REPORT RAY A

Impossible Dream Publications

GNYRSO

SALES OFFICE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first edition of the RSO (Regional Service Office) newsletter! With this newsletter our goal is to communicate items of interest to the fellowship such as new literature and merchandise, events, etc. As some of you might know, our mission, as described in our by-laws is to "distribute periodicals, materials, and literature written or prepared by and for the Fellowship". The RSO is a non-profit corporation (who's members are the Regional committee members) and provide tax free financial advantages for the Region in the case of conventions and other fundraising activities.

While the RSO is a physical office at 154 Christopher St in New York City, during the pandemic we are closed for in store purchases. However, orders are being fulfilled which were placed on the website (<https://newyorkna.org>) or through area literature representatives.

We are planning to publish periodically and your feedback is welcome!

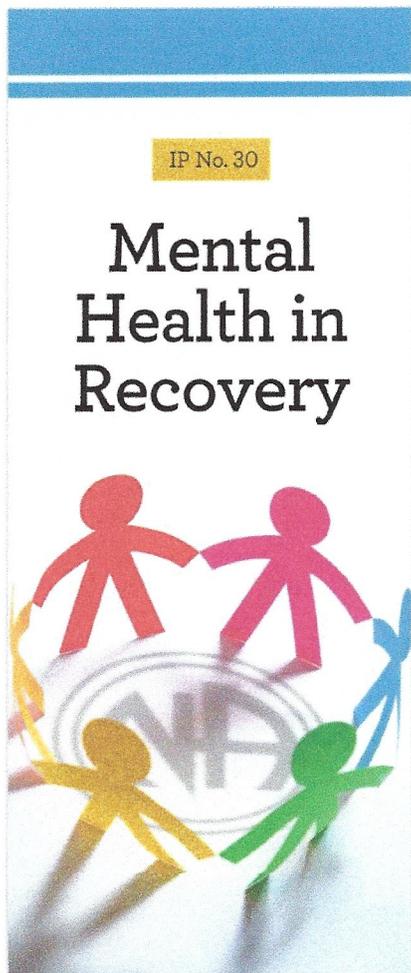
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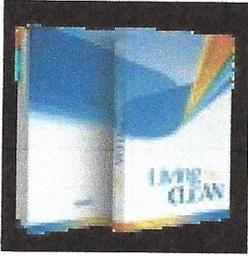
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Mental Health In Recovery

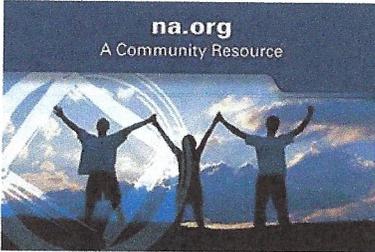
The Eighth Tradition in NA aptly illustrates that our focus is sharing a message of recovery from addiction. Addicts who have thoughts or concerns about their mental health may want to seek professional help. Some members have experienced that professional help aids them in facing a crisis outside of their recovery in NA; others may find that long-term therapy and medications are warranted. There are many additional options available to us; we research what we think may be best and discuss them with our sponsors and appropriate healthcare professionals. Our shared experience is captured well in Chapter Four of Living Clean: "When we use the tools available to us calling our sponsor and seeking the experience, strength, and hope of others, allowing our support group to support us, and turning to In Times of Illness and other NA literature—we are able to make decisions we can be comfortable with, and take action to do the next right thing." We are free to pursue our recovery from addiction in NA.



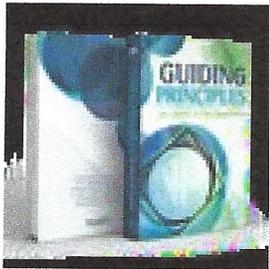
GNYRSO STORE ITEMS



Living Clean
The Journey Continues



NA
A Community Resource
A Helpful Tool For Professionals



Guiding Principles
Traditions Workbook



Laser Etched Coins



Public Relations Handbook

See more Items and prices at: newyorkna.org

Save The Date



All Kinds Of Relationships



Unity & RSO Joint 2 Day Valentines Speaker Jam.

February 13th & 14th 2021



Noon to 8 pm



Impossible Dream II

Do to the Corona Virus we are still on hold for our next Regional Convention.

It is our hope that this horrible pandemic which has taken so many lives

Will soon come to an end so we can get back to some sense of normalcy.

We thank you for your patients and we employ you to be safe, stay safe, wash your hands and wear your face mask at all times, .

Truly Yours In Service.

January 9, 2021

To: RCM's GNYRSC,

From: GNYRSO – Eddie W. – Treasurer

At the Request of the Heart of Long Island Area I have been in touch with our insurance agents to confirm that we are receiving the best deal possible for our insurance coverage.

They advised that a very limited number of Insurance Companies are even willing to write the liability coverage we need for our meetings. The Insurance Agency checked with a number of Insurer's and they have been unable to find one who is willing to write our coverage for less than we are currently paying. Please see the reply from our Insurance Agent following:

“In a few cases we have been able to write accounts with Harleysville, however their pricing is the same or higher than Philadelphia Insurance.”

In addition, due to the fact that we have had our policy for quite some time and have a very low claim rate we are afforded a much lower premium, per group, than other Regions. Please find a direct statement from our Insurance Agency:

“If you break down the cost per each group, it is less expensive than what they charge for Northern California Regional. There the groups are charged around \$25-\$30.”

I have attached a memo I distributed to all RCM's in July 2020 advising the Area's about what was planned for the 2020/2021 Insurance.

I trust the concerns raised by the HOLI Area have been answered in this memo.

[July 2020 Memo to RCM's:](#)

[TO: All RCM's](#)

[From: GNYRSO BOD](#)

[July 7, 2020](#)

[RE: Insurance coverage 2020-2021](#)

[Due to the current conditions caused by the Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) we will be using the same Meeting count from 2019 -2020 as the basis for the 2020-2021 Insurance Policy.](#)

There have been a number of questions from groups and Area's as to why we continue to pay the insurance costs when so many meetings are not meeting physically. Should we not pay the premium on the current policy it will be cancelled and leave all meetings without liability coverage. Many have also asked why, when we return to normal, can't we just apply for a new policy? While this could be done our current policy is very favorably priced for the coverage received. The current annual cost per group is \$ 18.60, which equates to under \$.40 per week. It would not be possible to receive this rate on a new policy, as all insurance rates on new policies will increase dramatically due to the current environment.

Our insurance broker has advised us that there is no coverage for Covis-19. In addition they have also advised us that meetings held in the open are covered (parks, athletic fields, etc.). These meetings require an insurance certificate so please apply to the GNYRSO for one. Please note that if there are any types of sports they are not covered. The policy is intended to cover meetings only. You will also need to check the CDC guidelines in order to know what is required by each city and state.

Many of our venues also require that the insurance certificate be renewed each year. Please check with your meeting place and if required apply to the GNYRSO for a new certificate. There is a form on our WEB site that can be completed and sent to RSO@newyorkna.org or Insurance@newyorkna.org.

The Unity Committee & GNYRSO

PRESENTS

All Kinds of Relationships

A 2-DAY SPEAKER JAM - FUNDRAISER

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND

SAT, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

"RELATIONSHIPS CAN BE..."

- 12pm - Accepting Each Other As We Are
- 1pm - Learning To Love Me
- 2pm - Dealing With Regrets
- 3pm - The Courage To Trust
- 4pm - Is Getting Intimate Important To You?
- 5pm - Integrity & Intimacy
- 6pm - Letting Go Is Hard But Staying Is Damaging
- 7pm - Relationships Can Be A Painful Area

SUN, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

"WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?"

- 12pm - A Message Of Hope
- 1pm - The Best Version Of Us
- 2pm - Fantasy Vs Reality
- 3pm - Loving Her, Thinking Of Him**
- 4pm - Loving You, Losing Me
- 5pm - Love Under New Management
- 6pm - Freedom Through Forgiveness
- 7pm - What's Love Got To Do With It?



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