

SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK

SENY

AREA 49 PANEL 71

SERVICE SPONSORSHIP
WORKSHOP

2021 - 2022

THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

I Am Responsible . . .

When Anyone, Anywhere,

Reaches Out For Help, I Want

The Hand of A.A. Always To Be There.

And For That : I Am Responsible.

THE A.A. FELLOWSHIP : THE HOME GROUP

Each Group is Autonomous, we do not govern.
Individual A.A.s have the privilege of voting on issues that affect the Fellowship
as a whole during their Home Group's business meetings.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

The vital link between the home group and A.A. as a whole.
The G.S.R. carries the informed group conscience to the
District and to Area 49 Assemblies.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each D.C.M. represents certain Groups with a District and
votes on their behalf at Area 49 Committee Meetings.

SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK (SENY) AREA 49 ASSEMBLIES

There are 93 Areas in the U.S. and Canada.

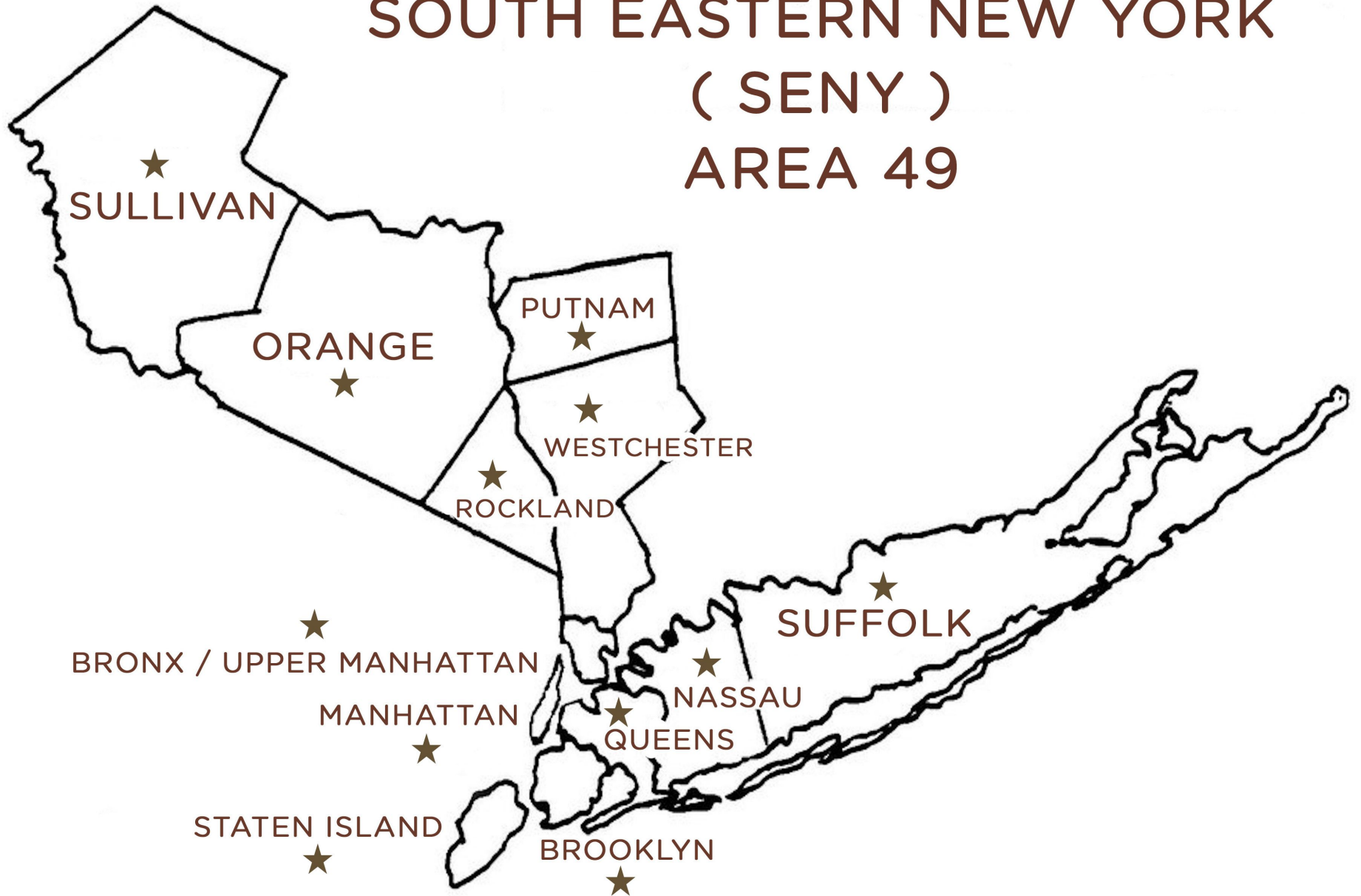
DELEGATE : AREA 49

Area 49 is represented by our Delegate at the
annual Conference.
The Delegate serves on one of the Standing
Conference committees.

GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK (SENY) AREA 49



★ HISPANIC DISTRICTS / DISTRITOS HISPANOS
(NON - GEOGRAPHIC)

THE GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR)

PREAMBLE

We are the General Service Representatives.
We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups
with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God
as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience.
As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups
in order that they can reach an informed group conscience.
In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain
the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance
to listen while others share, the courage to speak up
when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is
right for our group and A.A. as a whole.

WHY IT IS SUGGESTED YOU HAVE A SERVICE SPONSOR

A service sponsor is a person who takes on the role of guide to the person new to service, sharing experience, strength and hope in service. It is a long-term relationship, usually initiated at the request of the member to be so sponsored. The relationship is one which can provide the experience of a shared journey in carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic.

A good overview on service sponsorship may be found in the pamphlet, "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship", pages 25- 27. There it is suggested that : "A service sponsor is usually someone who is knowledgeable in AA history and has a strong background in the service structure."

In selecting a service sponsor . . . try to find someone whose service attitudes, experience and style you admire. It is always helpful to remember that we have three legacies, and that recovery through the Twelve Steps and unity through the Twelve Traditions are equal sides to the AA triangle.

·Service in conformity with the Twelve Concepts should always be seen as closely related to recovery and unity. So, one question to ask in selecting a service sponsor is whether you admire the recovery and adherence to the Traditions shown by the prospective sponsor.

The same attitudes necessary for a GSR should be present in a prospective service sponsor : courage, self-humor, and emotional maturity. A service sponsor should be as kind, non-judgmental and willing to share as a recovery sponsor would be with a newcomer."

Service Handbook and Articles of Association and By-Laws South Eastern New York (SENY)
Area Committee and Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous (Area 49)
Eleventh Revision, January 2013, Updated to 2019

HOW TO MAKE A GSR REPORT

It's important to get your group used to hearing a GSR report. For a start, we suggest that you make District and Group Event announcements at your meetings

when there is a call for AA related announcements.

During the Group's regular business meeting, break down the information into short bullet points.

If an informed group conscience is needed so that you can vote on behalf of your group, then you will need to give more in-depth information.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE CHECKLIST QUESTIONS

1. Does your group have a GSR? What function does that service position provide for the group?
2. Why does a non-existent or inactive GSR deactivate the check-and-balance system for the group self-honesty?
3. Explain why the GSR position is a two-way link.
4. Is the GSR the service sponsor to the homegroup?
What service meetings do GSRs attend?
5. Describe how a GSR is elected. What are some of the necessary qualities? How long do they serve?
6. Why should a GSR be familiar with the Self Support Pamphlet and other General Service Office literature?

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IMPORTANT LINKS

* CLICKABLE *

[SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK \(SENY \) WEBSITE](#)

[SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK \(SENY \) EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

[SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK \(SENY \) ARCHIVES + ADDITIONAL RESOURCES](#)

[G.S.R. GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE : YOUR GROUP'S LINK TO A.A. AS A WHOLE](#)

[GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE KIT FROM THE GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE](#)

[SENY GSR/DCM ORIENTATION PACKET](#)

[SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK \(SENY \) SERVICE HANDBOOK](#)

[A.A. SERVICE MANUAL / TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICES](#)

DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
to keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives
and the lives of those to come.

Declaration of the 35th Anniversary International Convention
1970 Miami Florida