



THE MESSENGER

General Service Committee of Eastern Massachusetts —Area 30
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**“Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity, and Service – Foundation For our Future”
(65th Annual General Service Conference Theme)**

NERAASA 2016

February 26-28, 2016 was spent at NERAASA (Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) in Springfield, MA (Area 31). NERASSA is an assembly held once a year for GSR's, DCM's, Area Committee Officers and Members, District Committee Members and Central Office/Intergroup Representatives to discuss the General Service Conference and receive information affecting our Region and AA as a whole. Next year, NERAASA will be hosted by our Area 30 February 24-26, 2017 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel. Some of the attendees experiences are below:

A good NERAASA. Information was great. It was my first time. A fun time with people from PA, plus other states. All good. Michael – District 17

Registrar Workshop was amazing. We were able to look at FNV and show features in this program. There were a lot of conversations about technology and updated FNV. This year's NERAASA was the best ever. The panels were amazing. Virginia M. – Registrar

For me, one of the best times I had was going out to dinner with about 30 others from the Area. It was a lot of laughs. Kevin D. – Alt. Chair

Lots of Fun and Good Eats! Lots of Love and Service. Anthony C. – Quincy Thursday O.D. 10 AM

I attended NERAASA for the third time and brought with me a new GSR (who was only able to attend due to winning a stipend from Area). The trip was so much fun to watch a new person get excited about service. As with recovery, my enthusiasm for service is ignited by passing it on to a newcomer. Becky S. – District 3 DCM

I attended the roundtables for secretaries from Areas in our region. Hearing our shares was a great Tradition Four experience. We described how we perform many of the same duties but do them differently and according to customs inherent in longstanding AA groups. One example of similar but different practice is producing minutes. The Area 30 digital voice recording captures the meeting to assist in writing the minutes based on written reports. The recordings are not kept after minutes are distributed. Other areas do not use recordings and the submitted reports become the Area newsletter. Other Areas archive the recordings or they destroy the recordings. In most of the Areas, the reports are due in final form 1 week before the meeting. Barbara – Area 30 Secretary

I attended my very first NERAASA. Wow, information overload. I attended many panels and one roundtable. I was amazed at the energy in the rooms. I had a chance to get to know some of our local trusted servants a bit better. Unity, Recovery and Service in action. The joy is certainly in the journey – Suzanne S. – Messenger Chair

This was my 4th and final year attending the chairs roundtable. You might think I would be getting bored by now. Not at all. I heard so many new ideas ... it was great. There were a lot of new faces. I LOVE the "Spirit of Rotation. Jean K. – Area " Chair

I always try to take away something from a meeting and this is the message I got this weekend – Heard at Trustee's Report: "If I don't have the correct information, I make poor decisions." Anne G. – Alt. Grapevine Chair

NERAASA is invaluable for those interested in any level of service. It's also a good way to meet people from all over the Northeast Region. Michelle B – DCM District 9

What was common to all of us was the feeling that we had a really good insight and deeper familiarity with our Districts, DCMS, and Area. We felt we had our fingers on the pulse of our Area therefor the service work it performs. We shared love and respect for our Areas and gratitude for the opportunity to serve in these positions. - Anonymous



AREA 30 COMMITTEE MEETINGS - ALL ARE WELCOME

Area 30 General Service Committee 4th Wednesday, 8:00PM Grace Vision Church, 80 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown

Archives Committee 3rd Thursday, 7:30PM Grace Vision Church, 80 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown

Cooperation with Professional Communities (CPC) Committee 2nd Thursday, 7:00PM Boston Central Service, 12 Channel St., 6th Fl., Boston

***Joint Correctional Facilities Committee** 4th Thursday, 7:00PM Boston Central Service, 12 Channel St., 6th Fl., Boston

Grapevine Committee 4th Sunday, 1:00PM Boston Central Service, 12 Channel St., 6th Fl., Boston

Literature Committee 1st Monday, 7:30PM Carter Methodist Church, 800 Highland Ave., Needham

***Joint Public Information Committee** 1st Thursday, 7:00PM Boston Central Service, 12 Channel St., 6th Fl., Boston

Special Needs Committee 4th Wednesday, 7:00PM Grace Vision Church, 80 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown

***Joint Treatment Facilities Committee** 3rd Friday, 7:00PM St. Paul's Church, 59 Court St., Dedham

***Joint Committees:** In spirit of cooperation, the Boston Central Service Committee (Intergroup) and the Eastern Massachusetts General Service Committee work together to support these committees whose purposes are to carry the message of experience, strength, and hope to those who may be interested in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Please note that the church at 80 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown, formerly known as St. John's, is now called Grace Vision.

Road Shows

05/15/2016

Belmont Eye Opener

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT

The Area 30 Committee meets on the 4th Wed. of the month from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The upcoming meetings will be:

04/27/2016

05/25/2016

06/22/2016

Personal Stories

We would love it if for the next issue of the Messenger we could get a couple of short personal stories to print. We would love to change the content of The Messenger up a little.

If you are willing to share your story, please contact Suzanne at ssscanlon@gmail.com

**NEXT AREA ASSEMBLY
Post-Conference Assembly
May 22, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Location to be announced
See Area 30 Calendar at
<http://www.aaemass.org>**

NERAASA 2017 PLANNING MEETING

04/14/2016 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Sheraton Framingham Hotel
1457 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA**

MASSACHUSETTS STATE CONVENTION PLANNING MEETING

05/31/2016 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center – 1457 Worcester Rd. - Framingham

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GROUP AND DISTRICT NEWS WELCOME**

The Messenger will consider submissions by any member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Please email articles or event news to messenger@aaemass.org. Include name, phone number, email, city/town, and home group name. Mail to P.O. Box 51411, Boston, MA 02205-1411.

MESSENGER COMMITTEE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Area 30 Messenger will strive to provide up-to-date and accurate information from the Conference committees, Area Committee, and other service committees in a pleasant and simple manner and will keep you informed of matters affecting A.A. as a whole. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of this committee or of A.A. as a whole. Hopefully, this newsletter will provide stimulus for two-way communication between A.A. groups and the Area Assembly in Eastern Massachusetts.

Useful links

Area 30 General Service Committee: www.aaemass.org

Boston Central Service (Intergroup): www.aaboston.org

General Service Office/AAWS: www.aa.org

A.A. Grapevine: www.aagrapevine.org

ICYPAA – Boston Bid icypaaboston.org

NECYPAA - www.necypaa.org

MSCYPAA - www.msccypaa.org

YPAA Committee Meetings

Boston Bid for I.C.Y.P.A.A. (International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Bid Meetings

April 10, 2016 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

April 17, 2016 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 1, 2016 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

May 15, 2016 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

All Boston Bid for I.C.Y.P.A.A. Committee meetings are held at Central Service Office - See icypaaboston.org

N.E.C.Y.P.A.A. Host Committee Meeting

Eastern Mass. N.E.C.Y.P.A.A. (New England Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) See www.necypaa.org for more information.

M.S.C.Y.P.A.A Committee Meetings

April 17, 2016 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m

May 15, 2016 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m

UPCOMING YP EVENTS

April 6 640PM NHSCYPAA Pasta Dinner Meeting St . John's Church 101 Chapel St, Portsmouth, NH 03801

April 9 4PM Greater Lowell Bid for MSCYPAA Committee Meeting Lowell House 555 Merrimack Street Lowell

April 16 9PM Boston Bid for ICYPAA and NECYPAA Host Present Monster Mini-Golf 10 Newbury St, Danvers, Massachusetts 01923

April 22-24 NHSCYPAA Ashworth by the Sea 295 Ocean Boulevard Hampton, NH 03842

May 7th 11AM (10AM registration) Boston Bid for ICYPAA 2nd Annual Service Round-up East Boston High School, 86 White St. East Boston

DISTRICT NEWS

District 3 – Traditions Workshop on 04/17/2016 at American Legion, Depot Street, Mattapoisett.

District 5 – Annual Spring Fling – A workshop – 04/16/2016 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Fun, food and fellowship. Duxbury Senior Center, 5 Mayflower Street, Duxbury.

District 6 – Alkathon Committee meeting the second Sunday every month. All GSR and interested AA's welcome.

District 7 – Foundations X – "Strengthening Your Foundation" Workshop – Saturday, April 9, 2016 – 381 Country Way, Scituate at First Trinitarian Church 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Come for food, fellowship and ways to "sure up" your sobriety foundation and learn more about service in AA.

District 17 – We are doing flyers to get new GSR's. We are hoping to get more GSR's involved.

District 18 & 19 – Had our annual Oldtimer's/Longtimer's meeting. Approximately 300 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed. Interesting, we let people vote to see if we should call it an Oldtimer's meeting or a Longtimer's meeting. Oldtimer's won!! We will also be having a Round Up on May 7 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Topsfield. More information coming. See aaemass.org for updated calendar information.

District 23 – We are having a Roundup on 04/16/2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Marian High School, 272 Union Street, Framingham, MA

District 24 – We will be having a Round Up in May or June – Great food and fellowship – see aaemassd24.org for details

District 25 – Round Up "Recovery, Unity and Service" – Friday, April 29, 2016 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – St. Anne's Parish Hall, Route 9, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury.

Spanish District – Group Nueva Vida Anniversary – 65 London Street, East Boston 6:00 p.m. – 12 p.m. contact Alfonso E. (617) 861-1897

April 30 9:00am - 4:00pm 18th Annual Eastern Mass Women's Round-up North Quincy High School, 316 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA Contact: www.easternmasswomensroundup.org

CIRCLES OF LOVE & SERVICE— CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Correctional Facilities Committee (Corrections) - We're continuing to provide inmates and meetings at correctional facilities with A.A. approved literature and connect inmates with outside A.A. contacts as they near their release. Please join us every 4th Thursday at Central Service! Corrections Chair, Email cf@aaemass.org

MA State A.A. Convention - The 52nd Annual Mass. State AA Convention planning committee meeting will meet next on May 31, 2016 at 7:30p.m. 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA. Email mastateconvention@aaemass.org

Special Needs - The Special Needs Committee meets every fourth Sunday of the month at 7:00PM before the Area meeting and is always looking for new participation! If you have any questions, please contact us! Email specialneeds@aaemass.org

Joint Treatment Facilities Committee -The committee continues to get requests from facilities for commitments. Email treatment@aaemass.org

Cooperation with the Professional Community - We have lots of commitments and are always looking for additional volunteers. Commitments include Boston University School of Public Health and The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Conference, and more. Email us at cpc@aaemass.org if interested or have questions.

Service Seminar - Help us outreach! We are actively seeking Districts/Groups that would love Service Seminar to come out and outreach AA's General Service structure. We are also available to help facilitate group consciences and inventories. Contact us at serviceseminar@aaemass.org

Website Committee – The Website Committee is an opportunity to help carry the message online. Please email us at website@aaemass.org

Literature Committee – We have had a few new members attend our committee meeting. Our Committee has many interesting items on its agenda for discussion and would love your input. Please join us the first Monday of the month at Carter Methodist Church in Needham. Please email us at literature@aaemass.org.

The Messenger - We are always looking for interesting items to add to the Messenger. This is your newsletter. Let's make it the best newsletter out there. If you have any announcements or articles you would like to place in future issues of The Messenger. Please email me at messenger@aaemass.org

Registrar – Group Information Sheets were passed out to each District. There are currently 2,557 total groups in Area 30. Email us at registrar@aaemass.org