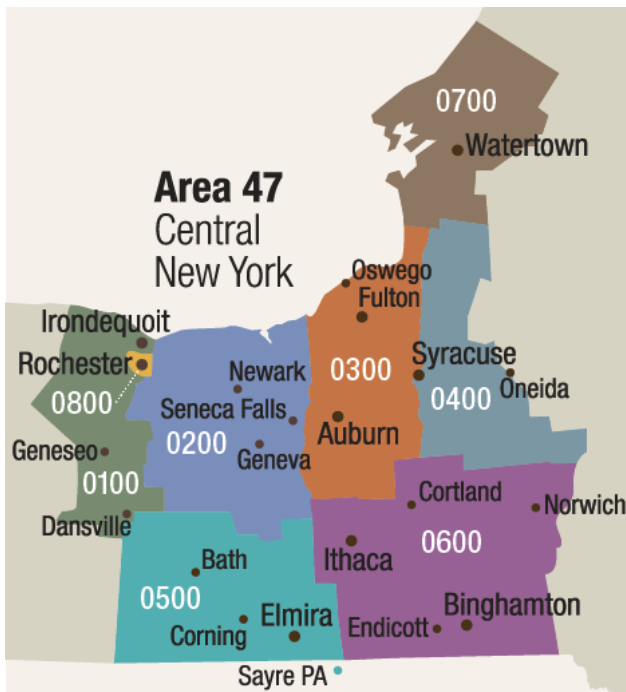


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Is your meeting represented?

Each April AA as a whole comes together for the General Service Conference. The thousands of groups in Canada and the U.S. send their consciences in the heart and mind of their Area Delegates — who received the input from each group's General Service Representative (G.S.R.). When it comes to our literature, finances, and service, is your group part of the whole? If not, your group may consider electing a G.S.R. to join us in the fellowship of the spirit at Rochester District 0800s meeting on zoom. The future of our fellowship needs *you!*

Rochester Districts Meeting

Every 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30pm

via Zoom

Meeting ID: 890 7180 8836

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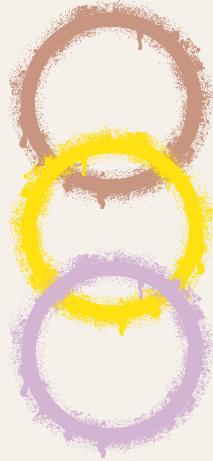
Please visit www.aacny.org for updated information.



WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A GSR?

by Eli F. - *GSR for The Great Fact*

I was first approached to serve as a GSR at the end of a long group conscience one evening. Admittedly, I was hesitant to jump into the position, knowing only that it required travel and attendance at a 4 hour business meeting. With encouragement, I accepted the position and buckled up for my introductory role in general service. At my first meeting, I was lost. I didn't know what was happening and I found the structure to be confusing and unlike any AA function I've ever attended. Where were the greeters? The readings? The discussion of



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spirituality? What I quickly learned was that I was trusted to simply listen, take notes, and vote as a trusted servant of AA, reporting back to my group on the business of AA's future. I've met members of the AA service community from all over the state and felt a stronger sense of connection to the foundation of my spiritual program as a whole. I feel like even more of a reliable member of this program. Just like working a program of recovery, service positions provide spiritual growth, as long as you put in the work!

If your group needs a GSR, please join us on Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Pass It On: Leadership in A.A.

by Bill W.

excerpt from the Grapevine, 1958



Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: "Our leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example." In effect we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss us."

Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its services. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source.