

## Alt-DCMC Report March 2023

Good evening everyone,

I attended NERAASA from Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I attended the DCM workshops. Many areas don't have the save service structure as Suffolk County General Services so there was no DCMC (District Committee Member Chair) meetings. I met many people and saw past delegates such as Vera, Jane, Tom, many others and I met new delegates like Marcheta B the new delegate for Area 44 New Jersey and I have the opportunity to chair for and welcome our own Area 49 delegate Joann M.

I would like to say that if I had to sum up the weekend the theme of "One AA, One Fellowship" was the theme that ran through the entire weekend at the DCM round tables. Not Hispanic Groups, Special interest Groups, Virtual Groups and Districts, etc. but one AA. There's huge efforts to incorporate the Hispanic districts and AA's who are hearing impaired and use the American Sign Language to communicate. The sentiment is that those individuals should have the same AA literature, service manuals, pamphlets available the same as other AA's. There may have been other ideas/thoughts/topics but that is the idea that most touched me when I realized how fortunate I am to hear and see and that all of AA literature and resources are available to me, whereas the resources and literature is limited to AA's who are hearing impaired and of course AA's who need AA books, pamphlets and resources in Spanish.

The other topic of discussion was the GSR Preamble and whether to include it in the GSR Pamphlet (what I really found interesting is that there is more than 1 GSR Preamble this is the version that I heard:

### **What is the GSR Preamble?**

#### **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.

Please join us on the bus tomorrow morning to attend the Delegate's Day of Sharing. I've riding the bus alone with Kimberly. As an alcoholic I love isolation but not on a 50 passenger luxury Hampton Jitney. I just feels as if other people should be on the bus. It's like driving to a meeting alone. So please join me and save on gas as for Me, I'm just too tired to drive after a very demanding work schedule this week. The bus schedule is attached to is on the AA website and on page 2 of my report. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

## Suffolk General Service Bus Schedule to the Assemblies

### The bus schedule is as follows:

- 5:45am Pickup Riverhead Staples 1087 Old Country Road Riverhead,
- 6:15am Pickup Exit 63 Park and Ride North Ocean Avenue Farmingville, NY
- 6:30am Pickup Exit 56 Park and Ride 2199 Joshuas Path Hauppauge, NY
- 6:45am Pickup Exit 49 Park and Ride Walt Whitman Road / Route 110 Huntington, NY
- 7:15am Pickup Blue Bay Diner 5850 Francis Lewis Blvd Flushing, NY
- 8:30am Drop-off – Destination Westchester Community College 75 Grasslands Road Valhalla, NY**
- 3:15pm Pickup - Leave Westchester Community College 75 Grasslands Road Valhalla, NY**
- 4:30pm Drop-off Blue Bay Diner 5850 Francis Lewis Blvd Flushing, NY
- 5:00pm Drop-off Exit 49 Park and Ride Walt Whitman Road / Route 110 Huntington, NY
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