

## **Meeting Minutes November 20, 2017**

District 6 Service meeting in new Space at Wmass Hospital

- Sonja DCM
- Ray Co DCM
- Delegate Mike

Brian - Tues Westfield 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary went well will participate in the alkathon.

Erica - WIP City nooner, group inventory with Sally

Tom – GSR Somersville Sunday night group all is well

Sue – Women’s Tues and Wed doing well numbers are up. Anniversary 29<sup>th</sup> went well

Rick -Suffield men’s Tues 8-9:30. Closed topic discussion men’s. Attendance down slightly the last few weeks. The reason is unknown; hopeful it will pick up.

Tom – Road to recovery every Sunday Wmass hospital going well

Ray Co DCM - Thurs men’s big book looking for GSR

## **MIKE Alternate Delegate area 31**

Mike become the Delegate after year end 2017.

Mass state convention around 835 attendees, more than last year. Next Year will be on veteran’s day weekend.

Mass state convention planning, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> last Tues of January @ 7:30 Sheraton Framingham. Great Experience with planning and service all are welocme. If interested the meeting spot for carpool is at the end of 291, roughly around 6:15. Email Altdelegate@area31aa.org for more information.

Next big event in Feb 23 – 25 Cromwell CT **NERASSA**. GSR’s are recommended to go especially for the roundtable of GSR’s. Costs can come out of the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition money.

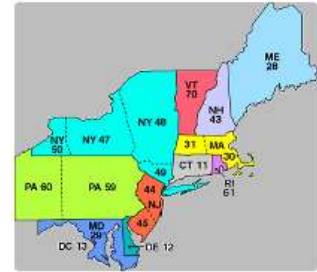
# NERAASA

## What is NERAASA?

NERAASA is the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA). See right for Delegate Area map.

## What is the Purpose of NERAASA?

The purpose of NERAASA is for General Service Representatives (GSR's), District Committee Members (DCM's), Area Officers, Area Committee Members, District Committee Members, and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the areas of the Northeast Region.



## What happens at NERAASA?

NERAASA is comprised of a weekend of Panel Presentations, Floor Discussions on Issues Affecting A.A. Today, Northeast Regional Trustee's Report, Saturday Dinner followed by an A.A. Speaker Meeting. In addition, there are several Round Table Sharing Sessions throughout the weekend for the following representatives; District Committee Members, General Service Representatives, A.A. Literature, Archives, Cooperation With The Professional Community, Public Information, Treatment Facilities, Correctional Facilities, Grapevine, Area / District Chairpersons, Central Office/Intergroup, Area Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Area / District Registrars

## When and where is NERAASA held?

NERAASA is scheduled for the last full weekend of February each year and is held in a different Delegate Area of the North East Region.

## What about the next NERAASA?

NERAASA 2018 Information:

Hosted by Area 11 (Connecticut)  
February 23 – 25, 2018  
Radisson Hotel Cromwell, CT

Visit [NERAASA 2018](#) to get information about online registration.

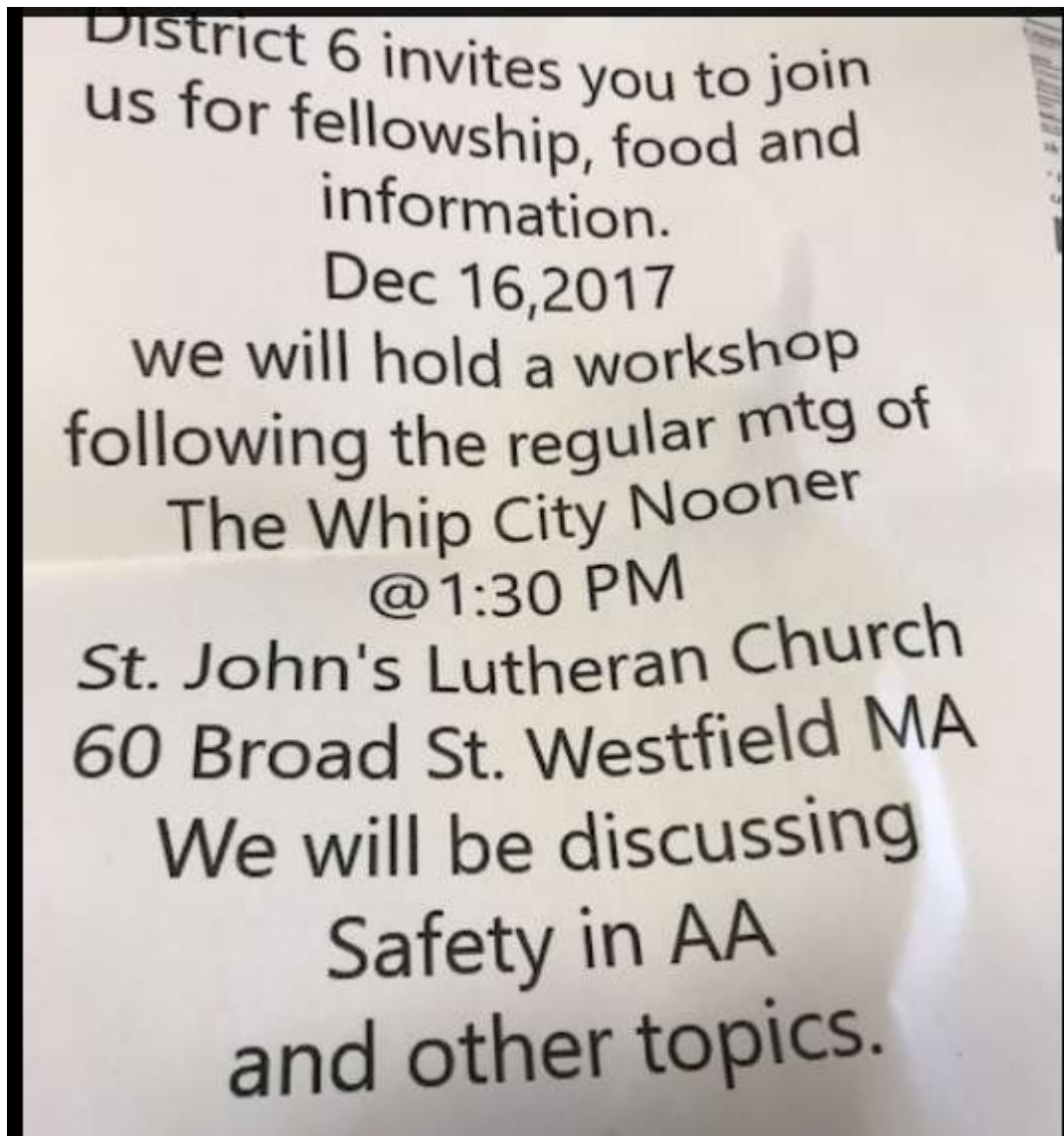
GSR position is critical as part of AA's 3<sup>rd</sup> leg of service triangle. Communicate to prospective GSR's that not to be fearful of position. It's OK to be wrong and service will enhance your sobriety.

28 items proposed at upcoming conference proposed from GSR's.

GSR presentation in 2 parts encouraged for the workshop by alt delegate

Slight shortfall for the area vs. budget Make sure home group are contributing to the pie chart. Contributing every month is better than quarterly.

Workshop December 16<sup>th</sup>.



Safety will be one topic

Other ideas for topics, Accessibilities committee, are we welcoming? Deaf community and Spanish community, cart services etc....

Where and when should have translator, services listed.

Rick read concept 9 this month.

Brian will read next month.

Service manual meeting will be starting chaired by Mark. Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. Last wed of the month at 7:30 Pleasant St in Holyoke.

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the Month Pleasant St in Holyoke concepts meeting.

Next meeting Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Monday 7:30 at Wmass Hospital. Group members are happy with the new space.