

Area Highlights

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Area 47 Central New York has 650 registered active groups, including 14 in Pennsylvania and 27 in correctional facilities. Our largest metropolitan areas are Rochester, Syracuse and Binghamton. We have area assemblies each month, except for May, when a weekend service convention is held that includes the delegates report back on the conference. The March and April assemblies are tasked with reviewing the conference agenda items and arriving at an informed area conscience. The assemblies are held at different locations and the maximum drive time to one could be as much as three hours. The average number of voting members present at assemblies over the last six years has remained stable at 60. However, many more attend the delegates report back and the area convention. Increasing general service participation and retention is a standing goal in the districts and assembly. Group contributions to area have increased by nearly 10% in the last five years. 65% of the monthly area minutes are now distributed by email resulting in significant savings in printing and mailing cost. The Website committee extensively revised its operational manual so that an incoming committee chairperson, or other trusted servant, can now maintain the website with a minimal amount of pre-training. The treatment committee established the enlistment of temporary contacts, on the website, for the service program Bridging the Gap Between Treatment and A.A. Also, we are preserving our past as the Archives committee continues to digitize, in a word searchable format, numerous past years of area assembly meeting minutes. This August it will be our turn, in the rotation, to host the 38th annual New York State Informational Workshop. At this low-cost weekend event the service committee chairs from all four New York State areas present at panels to share our experiences on the most effective ways to do our 12th Step Work. A GSO staff member joins us and is the speaker at the Saturday evening meeting. The dress code is sandals and shorts.