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DECEMBER 2001

HOLIDAY ALKATHON MEETINGS

At The Nassau Intergroup Office

DEC 24 5PM - DEC 25@11PM DEC 31 5PM - JAN 1@11PM

Speakers / Refreshments / Fellowship

Meetings Every Hour! Your Support Is Needed!

Donations Of Time And Food Will Be Greatly Appreciated

SPEAKER EXCHANGE – Saturday, December 15th 1st Pres. Ch. 1st & Main St, Mineola Beg.9:00AM

Calendar of Events

Dec	8	1PM	Corrections Correspondence	Dec	20	<u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>
Dec	9	9AM	UNITY BREAKFAST	Dec	24-25	Holiday Alkathon (See Above)
Dec	11	8PM	Dinner Dance Committee	Dec	27 7:30	PM Steering Committee
Dec	12	8PM	Share-a-Day XXIV Committee	Dec	31-Jan 01	Holiday Alkathon SeeAbove)
Dec	13	7PM	CPC/PI Meetings	Jan	2 8	PM Institutions Committee
Dec	15	9AM	Speaker Exchange Meeting			Simpson Methodist Church
Dec	17	7PM	GS Reps Orientation			Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Dec	17	7:30PM	GS Reps Meeting	Jan	3 7:30F	PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
Dec	19	8PM	Website Committee	Jan	3 8	PM Intergroup Reps Meeting

NEW MEETINGS

Baldwin: Womens Topic Meeting:

Wednesdays 7:30 - 9:00 pm Topic meetings, Bethleham Lutheran Church 1375 No. Grand Ave., No. Baldwin

East Rockaway: The Way: Big Book Study

Friday @ 11:00 am Big Book Study meeting, Church of the Nazarene, Ocean Ave. & Garfield Pl

Levittown: Women Discussion: Sunday 3pm CD meeting Pres.Ch. 474 Wantagh Ave.

Mineola: Brothers and Sisters of Sobriety

Monday @ 5:30 pm Open Discussion 33 Willis Avenue (downstairs)

Rockville Centre: Big Book Study

Tuesdays 4:30 pm located @ Rvc Medical Bldg. (bsmt.) suite H-6 (Confide Inc. Agency)

MEETING CHANGES

Amityville: Massapequa At Amityville Bottom

Line Group has moved from Brunswick Hall @ 80 Louden Ave. to the Brunswick Hospital Grounds (still on Louden Ave.,) but opposite the Physical Therapy Bldg. The last Tues. is an Anniversary meeting.

Baldwin: Sober Living Group:

The Thurs. 8:00pm Closed meeting will be an Open meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Bethpage: New Life:

Has added a 3:00pm Sunday meeting. The 1st & 2nd Sunday is a Step meeting, the 3rd Sunday is a Big Book meeting, and the 4th Sunday is a Tradition meeting. In addition they have deleted the Saturday 8:30 p.m. Closed meeting.

Franklin Square:W.Hempstead/Franklin Square Joy of Living Group:

The Thursday 7:45 p.m. CD meeting will now be a Step meeting except for the last Thursday of the month, which will be Anniversary night if there are celebrants.

Hicksville: Our Own Group:

Have changed their meeting place from Grumman Northrup Aerospace Plant #5 Cafeteria to Our Lady of Mercy Convent 500 So. Oyster Bay Rd.

Melville: High Noon Group has relocated to 315 Route 110 suite 203.

Rosedale: Circle of Serenity has changed its Saturday 7:30 p.m. Beg. Meeting to an Open Disc.

North Woodmere: Gratitude Group: have

changed their Thursday 7:30 p.m. CD meeting to a Big Book Study meeting.

DELETIONS

Rockville Centre: Eve of Sobriety:

Have deleted their Friday night meetings.

Sea Cliff: Alive Again Group:

Have deleted their Friday 6:45 p.m. Beginners meeting. The last Friday is Anniversary night.

Valley Stream: Valley Stream Group:

Olivet Baptist Church, have deleted their Sat. eve. 7:30 p.m. 4th Step Workshop, Clsd. Disc. and Step meeting. The Beginners meeting starts @ 7:30 p.m. The last Saturday of the month is Anniversary night.

Valley Stream: Basic Foundation Group:

Have cancelled their Monday 9:30 p.m. CD meeting at 511 Plug Pl.

THE NIGHTBOOK

Nassau Intergroup and I would like to give thanks and gratitude to the following groups of people who took the NightBook commitment for the month of November

- Glen Cove Group
- EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS Also a reminder to all groups to update their
- 12 step list; this will help keep us up to date. Gordon T. Nightbook Chairperson

The 4th EDITION of the Big Book is here.

Please call ahead if you need to buy in quantity; this way arrangements can be made, so that the books/ literature will be available for you when you come into the office.

ALKATHON ALERT: THANKS TO KEVIN, ALL THE GROUPS THAT TOOK COMMITMENTS, ALL THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED, AND ALL WHO ATTENDED THE MEETINGS. A.A. WORKS

INSTITUTION COMMITTEE

The Institution Committee (H&I) is always looking for people to do service in the jails, institutions, rehabs, detoxes, and hospitals during the Holidays.

Stan A. IIC Chairperson

The Numbers Speak for Themselves

(December)

Total Number of groups in Nassau County 250 Plus

- Total Number of Reps at the last IntergroupRep's Meeting27
- Total Number of Groups supporting Institutions Committee work: 11
- Total Number of Groups supporting Nightbookover past year:36
- Total Number of Groups providing 12th Steplists over past year:59
- Total Number of Groups attending last Speaker Exchange meeting 79
- Total Number of Groups that kept their speaking commitments: ??

If you've been thinking that someone else is doing the work of AA in Nassau County, you might want to take another look at the numbers above. For example, although there are over 250 groups in the meeting list, only 55 of those groups (about one fifth) have updated their 12th Step lists over the past year. Who will carry the message if we don't? Mike F., Keep It Simple Group

GROUP ANNIVERSARY

GARDEN CITY GROUP

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14TH, 2001 7:00 P.M. - food and goodies 8:00 P.M. - awesome speaker 9:00 P.M. - 12:00 mid. D.J. & Fun

Dinner Dance will be held

ENTER the Theme contest for 2002 Share-A- Day. Winner receives the New 4th Edition Big Book, and a copy of the Archives Book. All entries must be in by January 3,2002

Old-Timers Open Meetings

The following groups are hosting an "Old Timers" Night with an open meeting, this is a great opportunity to come out and support the "backbone" of our fellowship, where you can "Learn to Listen and Listen to Learn", pass the word at your home group and have the experience, strength and hope of two speakers with 25 years or more of sobriety.

- Dec. 5 Lawrence-Cedarhurst @ 8:30pm
- Dec. 12 Long Beach Serenity PM @ 7pm
- Dec. 13 Bethpage (Lost and Found) 7:30pm
- Dec. 20 Amityville County Line @ 8pm
- Dec. 22 Little Neck/Douglaston @ 9pm

If you are an Old Timer and would like to speak please contact me.

Yours Gratefully in Service, Tony T.

Twelve Step List

For the past 3-4 months I've let all AA members know how important keeping an updating 12 Step List is. The day volunteers who answer the phones at the Intergroup Office and the people doing the Nightbook, it brings together the sober people in AA and the people who have a problem with alcoholism and want to know how AA works. Remember to keep it, we have to give it away, and by putting our names on these lists we show that we are ready to help a person who wants what we have, and how to go about starting on their quest for sobriety. So please find out when your group last updated their 12 Step Lists; it is of most importance that we do this. If your group does not know when this was last done, contact me by leaving a message at the Office or call me by phone. URGENT!!!!! LETS GET GOING Yours in Sobriety,

Larry S.

The Institution Committee (H&I) is always looking for people to do service in the jails, institutions, rehabs, detoxes, and hospitals during the Holidays.

From the very *first* days of AA, recovering alcoholics have visited institutions and brought the AA message of hope to the sick and suffering. For 6 months, Bill went looking in Towns Hospital. He and Dr. Bob found AA Number Three in the hospital in Akron. The Intergroup Institutions Committee (IIC) presently brings AA meetings to over 25 hospitals, detox facilities, rehabs, and the jail every day of the week. Various positions for chairpersons and/or co-chairperson are still available. Contact your institutions Rep or Intergroup Rep for an up-to-date list. You need no "hospital" experience, only one-year sobriety to be a chair/co-chair and 3 months to speak. Or just show up at the Institutions Committee meeting which is held the first Wednesday of each month at the County Line Group meeting place at 8 PM (Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville).

PHONE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Nassau County Intergroup is in desperate need of telephone volunteers to answer the phones at our office in 4 hour shifts.

Please give of your time to help another sick and suffering alcoholic to a better way of life. <u>Remember</u>, "Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety."

Please select a 4 hour shift that is best for you.

Please contact: Joe M.

Very soon the Holiday season will be upon us, and it is very important for all to stay close to the Fellowship. One of the best ways is to get involved with the Holiday Alkathon at the Intergroup office during Christmas, and New Years. Also try to do a little more service in your Home Groups. The Institution Committee (H&I) is always looking for people to do service in the jails, institutions, rehabs, detoxes, and hospitals during the Holidays. It is very rewarding to go to these facilities and share at meetings with people who cannot get to regular meetings. You will feel so much better when you help another recovering alcoholic, especially during the Holiday season. Another way is to put your name and telephone number on the 12 Step List at Intergroup. You can always call me at home, or call the Intergroup office at (516) 292-0206. Ask for Joe M. or anyone else would be happy to help you..

Best wishes for a happy healthy Sober Holiday season! Tom S. Nassau Intergroup