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## May 2008



...our personal adventures before and after make clear three pertinent ideas:

- (a) That we were alcoholic and could not manage our own lives.
- (b) That probably no human power could have relieved our alcoholism.
- (c) That God could and would if He were sought.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

<u>May</u>			<u>June</u>		
May 1	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation	Jun 4	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee
	8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting			Simpson Methodist Church
		Garden City Community Church			Locust and Sunset, Amityville
		Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd	Jun 5	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
May 3	12:00 pm	SENY Intergroup Liaison Meeting		8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting
May 7	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee			Garden City Community Church
		Simpson Methodist Church			Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
		Locust and Sunset, Amityville	Jun 10	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
May 8	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting	Jun 12	7:00 am	Special Needs Committee
May 10	10:00 am	Finance/Treasurer Workshop	Jun 14	6:00 pm	Big Meeting
May 14	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee			Garden City Community Church
May 21	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee			Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
May 22		<b>Newsletter DeadLine</b>	Jun 14	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
May 29	7:30 pm	Steering committee	Jun 16	7:30 pm	GSR Orientation
				8:00 pm	GSR Meeting
			Jun 18	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
			Jun 19		<b>Newsletter DeadLine</b>
			Jun 21	7:30 am	Speaker Exchange Meeting
					Garden City Community Church
					Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
			Jun 26	7:30 pm	Steering committee

# **WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS**

## **MEETING CHANGES**

**Bellmore: Pace Group** has changed its Fri 8pm meeting to a CD with 4<sup>th</sup> Fri - Ann.

**Bellmore: There Is A Light Group** has changed Sun 8:30pm mtg to a CD with 1<sup>st</sup> Sun BB & last Open/Ann.

**Brookville: Brookville/Muttontown Group** has added to Tue 7:45pm Step mtg with last Tue - Trad.

**Farmingdale: Afternoon Group** has changed its name to **Afternoon Alcohol Only Group** and added a Wed 1:00pm C mtg with 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed - Step & 4<sup>th</sup> -Trad.

**Farmingdale: Sunday at the Park** last Sun now OD.

**Hicksville: Levittown Group** has added a Thu 6:30 Step mtg.

**Manhasset: Albertson/Searingtown Afternoon Discussion Group** has added an 11:00am Emotional Sobriety Meeting and a 12:15 B

**Mineola: Gratitude Group** has a new location: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 132 Jefferson Ave/Willis Ave, 11501.

**Plainview: Easy Does It** has moved to **Hicksville** 130 W Old Country Rd, 11801 with last Sun - Ann.

**Rosedale: Circle of Serenity's** - Sat Open meeting runs from 7:30-9pm. St. Pius School basement, 148-10 249th St.

**Syosset: Deliverance Group** has changed its Fri 8pm CD to a 7:45 B.

**Valley Stream: Look To This Day Group** 7:30 OD is now a Step with 1<sup>st</sup> Thu - Trad.

## **NEW MEETINGS**

**Manhasset: The 11<sup>th</sup> Step Meditation Group** meets Tue at 10:00am. Children welcome. Shelter Rock Church, 626 Plandome Road, 11030.

**Manhasset: The Searingtown Serenity Group** meets Wed at 7:30 for Step meeting. St. Ignatius Retreat House (lower floor, rear). Searingtown Rd, 11030.

## **DELETIONS**

**Hicksville: Primary Purpose Group** -no longer meets.

**Hicksville: Step by Step** - no longer meets.

**Locust Valley: Sound Sobriety** - no longer meets.

**North Woodmere: Gratitude Group** - Thu 7:30pm CD no longer meets.

**Oceanside: The New Young People's Meeting** - no longer meets.

**Oyster Bay: Starting Again** - no longer meets.

## **AA Finance/Treasurer Workshop**

**May 10, 2008 10am-1pm**

**At Nassau Intergroup**

**361 Hempstead Tpke**

**West Hempstead,**

**New York 11552**

## **From the CHAIR**

Dear Friends:

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful start to Spring. I can't help but think how truly Blessed we are to have been chosen to experience a new way of living through Alcoholics Anonymous. I am so grateful for the peace I have found deep down within my soul. That black, empty hole has been filled.

Each day we commit ourselves to recovery, we find a little more peace. Each conversation we have with our Higher Power brings us a little more security. Each time we turn our full attention to another person's needs, we feel our own burdens lightened.

Peace comes in stages. As we continue to accept our powerlessness, the depth of our peace increases. Turning more often to a power greater than ourselves eases our resistance to whatever condition prevails. Forgiving ourselves and others, daily, heightens our appreciation of all life and enhances our humility. Therein lies true peace.

I would like to thank our Share-A-Day Chairperson and the entire Share-A-Day committee for a wonderful event on Saturday, April 26th. You all did a fantastic job!

Please look out for the following upcoming events: May 10<sup>th</sup>, Treasurer's Workshop and July 20<sup>th</sup>, Intergroup Picnic at Eisenhower Park.

Happy Anniversary to all of our May celebrants!

Blessed to Serve,  
Intergroup Chairperson  
chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Special Needs**

Anyone interested in helping physically challenged alcoholics or, other alcoholics with special needs.

The Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of March, June, September, and December.

Please contact:

specialneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org

## Corrections Correspondence

Volunteers are needed to help those who need to have a PEN-PAL connection with AA's outside of correctional facilities. If interested please call 292-3045 and leave your information. All mailings are handled through a PO Box.

## Nightbook

The hotline is still a very vital part of passing the message. We are fortunate to have an active area, 24 hour hotline. If your group wants to cover the hotline for a week from 5 pm to 9 am. Give us a call at intergroup. We also will be adding a form on line for groups to fill out with volunteer information that can be printed out and passed around the group. The numbers then can be called in or brought in. The briefcases can be picked up at the office in West Hempstead.

### ***Thanks to the following groups for April:***

Roslyn Group  
Malverne-Sobriety Without End  
Merrick/Bellmore Group  
Port Washington Group

### ***Correction from last issue:***

Thanks to the  
Rockville Centre Group

Yours in Love and Service,  
nightbook@nassauny(dot)org

## Phone Volunteers

If you have at least 6 months of Sobriety and are interested in answering phones at Nassau Intergroup, please contact the office coordinator at (516) 292-3045

## Literature

Coming Soon To Nassau Intergroup On CD's:

***Emotional Sobriety, Volume 1:*** There are many paths to emotional sobriety. In this collection of Grapevine stories, sober women and men describe their personal experiences as they practice the principles of AA in all aspects of their lives. Many discover that happiness is a by-product of giving without demand for return. Others embrace the present with gratitude and claim moments of real peace ? "a quiet place in bright sunshine," as Bill W. put it in the essay that gave impetus to the book Emotional Sobriety and these CDs. We invite you to join the journey

***Emotional Sobriety, Volume 2:*** We invite you to continue the journey experienced by listening to Emotional Sobriety, Volume 1 and listen to how more AAs embrace the present with gratitude and claim moments of real peace - "a quiet place in bright sunshine," as Bill W. put it in the essay that gave impetus to the book Emotional Sobriety and these CDs. We invite you to join the journey.

Please have the correct amount, since the Phone reps do not carry change.

## From the Treasurer

Just a few reminders, first, the AA Finance/Treasurer Workshop will be held at the Intergroup office on Saturday, May 10 from 10am to 1pm. We'll have several experienced speakers covering a wide range of topics including the practice of Tradition Seven, the management of group funds, the establishing of group bank accounts and making contributions to support the AA service structure. Any member, not just treasurers, interested in group service may find it interesting. Light refreshment will be served. If you are reading this after the fact, my thanks to the members who will have participated, particularly to the members of Nassau General Service Districts 201 and 202.

As always, the groups in Nassau County have been generously supporting the efforts of the volunteers here at Intergroup. We thank you for this, and welcome any questions about exactly what we are doing with that support to carry AA's message to the drunk who still suffers. If your group has contributed but has not received an acknowledgment letter, please contact me. Most correspondence goes to the group's meeting place.

Finally, with elections for offices coming up this fall, it's time to start thinking about the possibilities of service with Intergroup. Five officers will be elected, and many members of the Steering Committee (the standing committee chairs) will also rotate out at the end of the year. If anyone thinks he or she might be interested in taking my place as treasurer, please feel free to get in touch to find out more about just what's involved in this service position.

Hope this is helpful. Feel free to get back to me with any questions.

In service,  
Treasurer  
treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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**Save the Date !**

**July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**INTERGROUP PICNIC**

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## General Service News

How many of us remember those days of drinking ourselves into oblivion behind closed doors, shades pulled down and sitting in darkness? Or being at functions saying to ourselves, just one, or maybe two will help relax me. Except that one became many until something we did or said embarrassed our co-workers, bosses, friends or family, and we couldn't recall what we did or who we offended. Yet all it took was the first drink. How many folks knew that April was Alcohol Awareness Month?

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> marked the opening dinner of Alcoholics Anonymous' 58<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. That's the week long business meeting in New York City where Conference members from the United States and Canada convene to discuss Conference agenda items and such. Did your group respond to our SENY Delegate's questionnaire? We heard GSRs share their group's opinions at the Pre-Conference Assembly last month. Interestingly some groups didn't support the question about creating an AA poster for use in school guidance counselor offices citing that this was promotion and not attraction, a breach of Tradition 11. Other groups felt this poster would be a valuable public information tool and therefore fully supported it. And remember the "Letter to a Woman Alcoholic" pamphlet that was dropped last year? Well there's a possibility that it may return. Anyway, information such as this helped our SENY Delegate get a sense of what our area's conscience is based on those particular questions which he pulled from the final Conference agenda. So if your group didn't participate, then your group lost its chance to have a say on what the future holds for AA. That is why it is so important for your group to elect a General Service Rep to carry your group's conscience to our General Service district, county and area meetings and assemblies. We will hear our delegate's report back at the SENY Post-Conference Assembly on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> in "Da Bronx". Anyone is welcome to come to our events, though we hope to see your group's GSR.

Friendly reminder about the Nassau County Big Meeting: it will be held on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in Gardner Hall at The Garden City Community Church, 245 Stewart Ave (at Whitehall Blvd), Garden City, NY 11563 from 6 pm – 10 pm. Light refreshments will be served. The planning committee has invited a number of old-timer's with 35 or more years to share their experience, strength and hope on what it was like back in the day here in Nassau. This is an Open AA meeting and we hope you will join us for this momentous occasion. So save the date, hey, why not bring a date, and please don't be late!

Together We Can,  
DCMC Nassau,  
nassau@aaseny(dot)org

## **NASSAU COUNTY BIG MEETING**

COMMEMORATING EARLY BEGINNINGS  
OF A.A. IN NASSAU

HOSTED BY

NASSAU GENERAL SERVICE GROUP

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008

7 P.M. – 10 P.M.

GARDNER HALL,

GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

845 STEWART AVENUE

(AT WHITEHALL BLVD)

GARDEN CITY, NY 11530

COME JOIN US &

LISTEN TO SOME OLD-TIMER'S

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## **I AM RESPONSIBLE**

When anyone,  
anywhere,  
reaches out for HELP,  
I want the hand of A.A.  
always to be there.

And for that:

I am responsible.

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