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“As we go through the day we pause,
when agitated or doubtful,
and ask for the
right thought or action.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 87

Calendar of Events

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

May

May 5	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
May 6	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
May 11	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
May 12	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
May 19	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee
May 20		Newsletter DeadLine
May 27	7:30 pm	Steering Committee



June

Jun 2	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Jun 3	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Jun 8	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Jun 10	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Jun 16	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee
Jun 17		Newsletter DeadLine
Jun 19	7:30 am	Speaker Exchange Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Jun 21	7:00 pm	General Service Rep's Orientation
	7:30 pm	General Service Rep's Meeting
Jun 24	7:30 pm	Steering Committee

We List Only AA Meetings

MEETING CHANGES

Cold Spring Harbor: Cold Spring Harbor Group no longer meets for their Tue 8:30 BB

Garden City: Easy Does It Group has changed the location of their Sat meetings to Adelphi University, Alumni House, 154 Cambridge Ave

Lawrence: Tell It Like It Is has changed the time to their Tue 7:30 C to 6:30 and Thu 7:30 O to a 6:30 C

Oyster Bay: Oyster Bay/Sagamore has changed the times of their Sun 7:30 O and 7:30 S to a 8:30S and a 8:30 O and their Wed 7:30 CD and their 7:30 B to a 8:30 CD and a 8:30 B

Port Washington: Mackey Ave Grp as of 4/7 the Wed & Fri meetings will be held at a new location St. Stephen's Episcopal Ch., 9 Carlton Ave, Port Washington

NEW MEETINGS

Hicksville: Monday Night Big Book now meets on Mon at 7:30 for a BB meeting at United Meth Ch, 130 W Old Country Rd, Hicksville

Long Beach: Sunset Meeting at the Beach will meet from 6/15 to 9/15 on Sat at 7:00 pm for a CD Washington Ave on the beach/ bring a chair

Lynbrook: Spiritual Progress now meets on Mon at 7:30 for a Womans BB at Cong Beth David, 188 Vincent Ave, Lynbrook

Roosevelt: Women Caring for Women now meets at 27A Washington Pl on Sat at 1:00pm

Wantagh: Lufberry Second Chance has added a 6:30 S from the 1st Thu of Jun till the last Thu of Aug

Deletions

New Hyde Park: New Hyde Park Grp has canceled their Tue 9:00pm BB

LIVE AND LET LIVE

From the Chair

Thanks to our Share A Day Chair, all the volunteers who helped to make this day possible, the various Speakers, the people who attended, and "The Groups." A truly great day for service, meetings, information, and fellowship. Thank you all.

Nassau General Service will be holding a Tri-County Workshop "Spirituality through Service" Sunday June 6th 12pm-5pm at St William the Abbot Church Cafeteria Jackson Ave. (So of Sunrise), Seaford

See you at the Picnic - Sunday July 18th.

In service,
NIAA Chairperson
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May AA History

May 1935 Bill meets Dr. Bob on Mother's Day in Akron.

May 1938 Alcoholic Foundation, later the A.A. General Service Board, established.

May 1938 Work on the Big Book begins.

May 1985 *Pass It On* published.

The Baldwin Group

65th Group Anniversary

JUNE 12th
6:30pm-11:00pm

717 St. Luke's Place
Baldwin

FOOD, SPEAKER, MUSIC, DANCING
COME JOIN THE FUN!

****SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES****

Volunteer!

The Nassau County Intergroup is an entirely volunteer organization - there are no paid employees. As a result, volunteers are always needed!

Requirements are six months of sobriety and four hours at least once a month.

A great way to place step twelve into action!

For further information, contact the Intergroup Office.

Service Volunteers Needed

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN INTERGROUP REP TO VOLUNTEER

Cooperation with Professional Community - Meets with Professionals explaining AA

Corrections - Help Inmates connect with Local AA Meetings upon their release

Meeting List - Update the printed meeting list of all Nassau County AA Meetings

Newsletter - Gathering NIG information, articles, and group information for publication

Public Information - Meets with various schools, institutions, and Fairs explaining AA.

Special Needs - Provides and facilitate meeting information for those with special needs

Web Site - Collect information for posting, and the maintaining of website

12th Step List - Updates and maintains file of 12th Step Phone Lists

PLEASE CALL 516-292-3045

Share A Day

Share A Day has come and gone. To all who attended thank you. Without all of you, the efforts of the committee would not have mattered. It went better than well; it was great! Thank you, Jay, Rob, Rob Jr, Victor, Dyanne & Carl, Jessica, Vicky, Susan and May. Also thanks to Renee, and the hospitality crew; Deb our program chair; as well as the groups that volunteered to take the 28 different workshops. Thanks to Carole O, the old timers panel chair, and the panel, John D (49 years), Janet McG (31 years), Paul R (29 years), and Claudia C-H (26 years). Thanks go to our Nassau Intergroup chair; Tommy J, the Intergroup office co-chair; and Lisa, our past literature chair. To the Al-Anon committees, especially Kehava, and Ann – thank you. Thanks also to Dave N, the Archives chair; the LICYPAA crew; and our current DCMC, Kevin McH; also many thanks to Jack and to Dr. Bob's traveling Sideshow; our keynote speaker, Ray – great job! Special thanks go to

Carl, our day care provider; Tara, our ASL interpreter; and Debbie G, our translator; and to all who read during the main events. Thank you to Bill C, our first Vice-Chair, for talking me off the ledge; and thank you to Cathy R, for catching me – you did well! Special thanks go to all who pitched in during the day. I wish to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to serve as you Share-A-Day chair. The lessons I have learned are invaluable. I hope to carry them as I serve our fellowship as I embark on my new journey as Nassau Intergroup second Vice-Chair.

In Love and Service,
Share-A-Day Chair

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Night Book

Over twenty years ago I can remember calling the hot line in the middle of the night because I needed someone who would listen. AA was there and provided me with the glimmer of hope that I needed to go on. It has always been this way as long as I can remember, the hot line has answered calls for help and information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and for that I will always be grateful.

My questions then to all of you reading this are as follows...when was the last time you or your group took the night book? When was the last time you were down at the Intergroup office?. Are you involved doing service? If not, then why not? On two weekends this month we had problems getting volunteers to answer the phones during the day and we need your help. This past weekend I had the honor of filling in on the phones and got the call from a young man who asked where he could sign up for AA. I spoke with him for a few minutes, provided him with meeting information local to his home and wished him well. When we hung up I said a prayer for him hoping that he makes it, remembering that I once stood at that very same turning point. This is what it's all about, providing this vital link to the alcoholic that still suffers, I pray to God we always can.

I'd like to thank the following groups for taking the Night Book this month:

Franklin Square Gift of Serenity
Rockville Centre AM Group
Oceanside Stepping Stones Group
Seaford Gratitude Group

Yours in Love and Service,
NightBook Chair

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From the First Vice Chair— Tradition Five

AA's Traditions represent the experience, strength and hope of the "children of chaos" based in the trial and error of the formative years of the Fellowship, codified and documented by Bill W., first in a series of articles in the AA Grapevine in the 1940's, and later in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. The non-binding principles reflected in our Traditions are guides to harmonious and effective group life disregarded at a group's own peril. Tradition Five, in the long form, "Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers," tells us all we need to know about why we are here. We of AA have become privy to an answer to the age old problem of alcoholism. Passing that answer on to fellow sufferers is the reason for being for any collective calling itself an AA group. Doing so as individual members, we find as Bill W. did close to 75 years ago, is also the only way we can keep this precious gift. In this context, Bill talks about the "compulsions of self-preservation, duty and love." In his "Big Book" story, Dr. Bob too talks about his reasons for "passing it on" including a sense of duty, a way of paying his debt to those who helped save him, and as a way of taking out some insurance against a slip. In order not to lose our way, we are admonished to keep to what we know. We are neither physicians nor ministers, social workers nor counselors. We are not experts in finance nor are we experts of any other kind. We are simply drunks who have found a way out. It is that way out that we share.

Hope this is helpful.

In service,
First Vice Chair
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General Service

Wed - May 3rd 7:00pm

Unity Breakfast planning meeting at Intergroup office

Wed - May 3rd 8:00pm

Big Meeting planning meeting at Intergroup office

Sat - May 22nd 10 AM - 3 PM

Post-conference Assembly at PS 41 at 116 West 11 St, NY, NY 10011, Bus at Hillside Ave Stop and Shop New Hyde Park

Sun - May 23rd 1-3 PM

2011 NERAASA planning meeting at 199 Lincoln Ave Bronx

Tue - Jun 1st 7:30 - 9:30 PM

SENY committee meeting at Church of the Holy Family Bronx

Sun - Jun 6th 12-5 PM

Tri-County Workshop Spirituality through Service at William the Abbott Cafeteria in Seafood NY

Jul 1st - 5th

AA International Convention San Antonio Texas

Aug 6th - 8th

New York State Informational Workshop

Hosted by SENY at Graymoor retreat house in Garrison NY

Aug 26th - 29th

52nd ICYPAA Marriott Marquis Hotel, Times Square, NY, New York

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