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This newsletter has been published every month since that time.

Calendar of Events

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD
AT THE INTERGROUP OFFICE
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

February

- Feb 2 8:00 pm Institutions Committee
Simpson Methodist Church
Locust & Sunset, Amityville
- Feb 3 7:30 pm Intergroup Rep's Orientation
8:00 pm Intergroup Rep's Meeting
Garden City Community Church
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
- Feb 8 7:00 pm PI/CPC Committee
- Feb 9 8:00 pm Share-A-Day Planning Cmt
- Feb 16 7:30 pm Web Site Committee
- Feb 18 **Newsletter Deadline**
- Feb 21 7:00 pm General Service Orientation
7:30 pm General Service Cmt Mtg
- Feb 24 7:30 pm Steering Committee

March

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- Mar 9 8:00 pm Share-A-Day Planning Cmt
- Mar 10 7:00 pm Special Needs Committee
- Mar 16 7:30 pm Web Site Committee
- Mar 19 7:30 am Speakers Exchange Meeting
Garden City Community Church
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
- Mar 24 **Newsletter Deadline**
- Mar 31 7:30 pm Steering Committee

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SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

Please Call 516-292-3045

WE ONLY LIST AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Bethpage: New Life has changed their Wed 7:30 O to a 7:30 BB OD

Franklin Square: Gift of Serenity Group now meets at Wesley Methodist Church, 619 Fenworth (off Dogwood) and has changed their Mon 7:30 S to Tues 7:30 S

Garden City: Easy Does it Group has moved to Hy Weinberg Center, 158 Cambridge Ave, RM 131 & 132

Garden City: Attitude Adjustment Group meets at 12 noon Mon to Fri. No children

Levittown: Caring and Sharing has moved to St Martin of Tours, 40 Seaman Ave, (Central Ave. & Seaman Ave.) Bethpage

Long Beach: Sunday Morning Meeting has moved to Temple Israel, 70 E Park Ave. Enter on Riverside

Sea Cliff: Sleepless in Sea Cliff address: The St. Boniface Martyr School, 12 Main Ave, 3rd floor. No handicap access

Sea Cliff: Sober Start address: The St. Boniface Martyr School, 12 Main Ave, 3rd floor. No handicap access

Westbury: Hand & Hand has changed their Mon 7:30 B to a 7:00 B and omitted their 8:30 BB

NEW MEETINGS

East Meadow: Clean And Sober now meets at United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave on Fri 8:00 CD Men's meeting

Glen Cove: Serenity Together now meets at First Presbyterian Church, 7 North Lane (North School/ Lanes- front left door) Mon 12:00 noon S, last Mon Trad, Tue 12:00 noon CD, Wed 12:00 noon R, Thu 12:00 noon BB, Fri 12:00 noon B

Long Beach: Sobriety After Work now meets at Temple Israel, 305 Riverside Blvd on Wed 4:30 CD

Seaford: Primary Purpose of Seaford now meets at St Michael and All Angels Church, 2197 Jackson Ave (north of Merrick Rd, next to KFC) on Sat 7:00 Open BB

West Hills: Sobriety First now meets at United Methodist Church, West Hills Rd on Thurs 6:00 C 1st week S

DELETIONS

Glen Cove: Sound Living Step Group

Long Beach: Keep the Faith

Manhasset: Are You A Real Alcoholic?

Sea Cliff: Mon Nite Millennium Step Group

AA HISTORY

February 1938 - John Rockefeller gives A.A. \$5,000, but refuses to give more saving the fellowship from professionalism.

February 1940 - First World Service Office established, Vesey Street, New York City.

February 1940 - First AA clubhouse "24th Street Clubhouse" opened New York City.

February 1940 - Bill W meets Fr Dowl- ing.

February 1954 - Bill W declines offer of an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Yale.

Step 2

CAME TO BELIEVE THAT A POWER

GREATER THAN OURSELVES COULD

RESTORE US TO SANITY.

Faith & Hope. "Lack of power that was our dilemma. We had to find a power by which we could live, and it had to be a POWER GREATER THAN OURSELVES."

From The Chair -

ABOUT OUR STANDING COMMITTEES

Nassau Intergroup serves the fellowship in the county in many ways, each presenting its own unique opportunities to get involved in service. One way to understand these chances to get involved in 12th Step work is to consider our Standing Committees. The Standing Committees are listed in our by-laws (Article VII, Sec. 1) and include: 12th Step List Accessibility Special Needs, Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Corrections, Finance, Institutions (aka, Hospitals and Institutions, H&I), Literature, Meeting List, Newsletter, Night Book, Office Management, Public Information (PI), Secretaries Program Chairs List, Share-a-Day, Speakers Exchange and Website. Most work in tandem with the others (a good example of this is the close workings of CPC with PI) while a few are largely committees of one or just a few often working on projects on their own. Each committee has its own special area of activity. Some, like CPC and PI, speak to the public about AA, while most others have limited if any public contact and work largely within the Fellowship. Most Standing Committees need support, and cannot function well if no one shows up to help. Check inside the front of the meeting list for when some of these committees meet, or watch the calendar of events in our monthly newsletter for the most current meeting schedules as some may have changed since the meeting list's printing. Service with one of our committees is a great way to test the waters of service beyond the home group. E-contact information for each Standing Committee is listed in the monthly newsletter, and phone numbers often accompany their newsletter articles. You may also leave messages for any of them through the office during business hours, 516-292-3045. Find out more about what our Standing Committees do.

Looking ahead in other matters, Nassau Intergroup will participate at the upcoming Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA), hosted by SENY, Area 49, our local General Service Area, in Tarrytown, NY the end of this month. NERAASA presents an interesting and valuable chance to both learn about service and to share what we have learned. It should also be an opportunity to find out about some of the issues coming up at the 61st General Service Conference (April 30-May 7) which may have impact on Intergroups like ours. We will have members in attendance. Watch for their reports back next month. Hope this is helpful.

NIAA Chairperson
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From the First Vice Chair -

GROUP INVENTORY

"Well here I am again trying to write an article. I have been known to run off at the mouth at a meeting for ever yet I find it hard to write a few simple sentences. "LaRaine, Regina, and myself are about to do a group inventory. The importance of a group inventory is to keep your group healthy. You do not need to be having issue with your group. You can also see how well the group is progressing. So my feeling is that if a group takes time and does a group inventory you may find that your group will be healthy and you may find that those small issues will be few and far between. So if you would like to do a group inventory NIG would be more than happy to lend a hand.

Yours in service,
First Vice Chair
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From the Special Needs Chair- SPECIAL NEEDS

Using information issued by the AREA 49, SENY (www.aaseny.org) Accessibility/Special Needs (ASN) Committee, we at Nassau Intergroup through our Special Needs Committee seek to continue carrying the message to everyone who reaches out for help. SENY states that their ASN Committee seeks to be a focal place for the alcoholic with special needs or other A.A. Members who reach out for help, while acting as a clearing house for information to share the accumulated experience and knowledge in the Special Needs arena.

SENY currently defines AAs with special needs as persons who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or hard of hearing, wheelchair users, home-bound or chronically ill, developmentally disabled, or sober over sixty. The purpose as stated by SENY is to "Explore, develop, and offer alternatives so the AA message (Steps, Traditions, and Concepts) is accessible to everyone who reaches out for it. Help all AA members better understand how to carry the message to those members with special needs. The respect for the dignity of others is the foundation for all our efforts to carry the message to the alcoholic with special needs with the emphasis on identification."

I ask you to take out insurance for yourself. AA begins in the Home Group, and we all should look around, and be aware of those who might have developed trouble getting to meetings. We could make a simple phone call to find out if they are OK.

The Special Needs Committee will meet Thursday, Feb. 10th at 7pm at the Intergroup Office. Please come, or call the office 292-3045.

Service Helps Sobriety,
Special Needs Chair
specialneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org

From the DCMC -

GETTING 2011 STARTED AT NGS

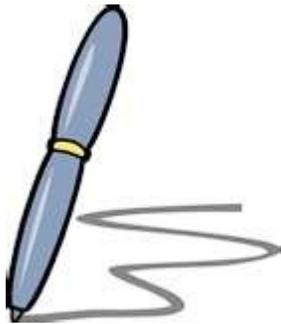
It's a new year, therefore, we are welcoming new faces at Nassau General Service! Some are returning to represent their homegroups; while others are first-time General Service Representatives, and still others have stepped up to the position of District Committee Members. Welcome to NGS and thank you to all for your dedication to our Fellowship. Among the names you will hear this year are our new Gazette Co-Editors Joan H and Paul S; already busy working on the January/February issue. District Committee Members will soon be rolling up their sleeves too; Peter C, District 208/209, Donna P, District 212, Ira B, District 201, Sal C, District 202, and John H, District 207/210. Working together, we will be hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 9th at St Paul the Apostle in Glen Head, participating in the Tri-County Workshop along with Queens and Suffolk Counties, and celebrating another Unity Breakfast in December. Did you know we have approximately 50 groups in Nassau County without of voice in AA? Is your homegroup one of these groups? If so, why not come hang out with us on the third Monday sometime and let your group know a little about who we are and what we do? We meet at 7:30 at the Nassau InterGroup Office in February, April, June, August, October, and December. We'll have a chair and cup of coffee waiting for you.

Peace

District Committee Member Chair NGS

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BACK TO BASICS WORKSHOP



When: February 26th
12-5 pm

Where: Baldwin Group
St Lukes Church
717 St Lukes Pl, Baldwin

Tradition 2

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Group decisions are just that, group decisions. After a discussion of all aspects of a given situation, including the minority opinion, the group votes on the issue and an agreement is reached with the majority vote. This vote is called a "group conscience."

Each group is a fellowship of equals. No matter what an individual member's background, education, or professional expertise, no member has authority "over" the group. In this way, the fellowship reaches out to all who would seek its comfort and provides the atmosphere of a sense of "belonging" to all members.

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