

# NEWSLETTER

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## **JULY 2022**

#### A.A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The July Reps. meeting will be on 7/7/22 at 7:30 PM. The Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID: 554 670 5146 Passcode: 870607. There is a New Reps.

  Orientation Meeting beforehand at 7:00 pm same Meeting ID and Passcode.
- For upcoming A.A. events see pages 6 & 7.
- Traditions workshops will be every second Saturday of the month at 10 AM. Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID: 554 670 5146 Passcode: 870607
- There are service opportunities with the Nightbook/Daybook (see flyer below).
- The office is open with restricted access, please call ahead (516-292-3045) to verify if someone is available. Masks and social distancing is required.
- ESCYPAA VIII Committee Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 8:15pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 658 749 0274 Passcode: ESCYPAA8
- In keeping with the procedure described in our current bylaws, we are publishing our existing bylaws and the proposed changes online. For a simplified summary of the editorial and substantive changes being proposed, please refer to <a href="this-one-pager">this one-pager</a>. The proposed changes were developed by an *ad hoc* committee in 2020, and were discussed at length at the monthly reps meetings in 2021. We will vote on whether to adopt the revised bylaws at the August 4, 2022 Intergroup Reps' meeting.

"Each day my friend's simple talk in our kitchen multiplies itself in a widening circle of peace on earth and good will to men."

> Reprinted from the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, p.16, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Drunks are calling... Let's ensure the hand of A.A. is there to answer their calls.

The A.A. hotline, both the daytime phones and the Nightbook, is in dire need of phone volunteers.

Reach out to
Regina at phonereps@nassaunyaa.org or
Luisa at nightbook@nassaunyaa.org
for opportunities
to do service.

#### Calendar Of Events:

### July 2022

## 7/6/22:

- Institutions Committee Meeting 7:30pm

#### 7/7/22

- New Representatives Orientation 7:00pm - Nassau Intergroup Representatives Meeting 7:30pm

#### 7/9/22:

- Traditions Workshop 10:00am

#### 7/18/22:

- NSGS 12 Concepts Workshop

#### 7/20/22:

- Tech. Committee Meeting

#### 7/21/22:

- Financial Review Committee Meeting

#### 7/28/22

- Steering Committee Meeting (by invitation) 7:30pm

#### 7/29/22:

- NYS Informational Workshop

August 2022

- NY State Informational Workshop

#### 8/3/22:

- Institutions Committee
Meeting 7:30pm

#### 8/4/22:

- New Representatives Orientation 7:00pm - Nassau Intergroup Representatives Meeting 7:30pm

#### 8/13/22:

- Traditions Workshop 10:00am

#### 8/17/22:

- Tech. Committee Meeting

#### 3/21/22:

- SENY Intergroup Liason Meeting

#### 8/25/22

- Steering Committee Meeting (by invitation) 7:30pm

For detailed information regarding each meeting, please refer to the Nassau Intergroup Calendar of Events website, which can be found here.

### **CHAIR'S CORNER**

#### AA Needs You to Take the Leap

by Jim M., Intergroup Chair

Every two years, we elect new leadership for Nassau Intergroup. This is always a "leap of faith" in two distinct ways -- as an organization, and for the individuals who stand for office.

As an organization, we made decisions a few years back to clean up some financial wreckage regarding our non-profit status with the IRS and our role as a vendor (literature sales) in New York State. The mistakes of our past came at a dear price -- over \$30,000 all together -- and while we believed we were doing the right thing in regard to our past, we had our share of doubts about the future. By paying these penalties, we diminished our financial security. We would need to rely on the AA groups and members of Nassau County to re-fill our prudent reserve.

It was a leap of faith that landed us on solid ground: not only were we financial stable again soon after, but we've also found ourselves recently discussing how to put <u>surplus</u> funds to use in carrying the AA message! AA support, in the form of dollars, have flowed in just as we had hoped.

There was another leap at the organizational level that Intergroup's leadership had to acknowledge: if we established ourselves as a bona-fide, non-profit organization, would we be able to maintain that status? The road ahead would involve meeting deadlines, filing returns, collecting

and remitting sales tax, and keeping pristine records. To do these things consistently, we would need two things: (1) clear policies and procedures to guide our operations, and (2) a steady stream of reliable people to continue the work we'd set in motion.

The first need was met with the adoption of our Fiscal Management Workbook this past winter. But what about that second need -- the need for a steady stream of trusted servants? Would AA members step up? Would our fellowship accept the serious responsibility of acting like grown-ups and operating our local service center according to local, state and federal laws? Our current slate of trusted servants has been faithful in discharging these duties, but the time is nearing for us to rotate from our positions. So in September, we'll invite members to stand for the following positions: chair, 1st vice chair, 2nd vice chair, treasurer, and secretary.

Which brings us to the biggest leap of faith: the individual decision to stand for office. It's a daunting thing to commit to two years of service, to agree to attend the Steering Committee meeting and the Reps meeting each month. To take on a service position that will require humility, love, and a willingness to learn. A spirit of "self-sacrifice and unselfish, constructive action" is needed, along with a willingness to participate by playing a "small part of a great whole."

Many of us were once consumed by selfishness and self-centeredness,

unable to see beyond our own desires for pleasure or reward. Thankfully, many of us have been set free of such misery, and been given the opportunity to contribute without thought of return. If you're one of these folks, please contact me to discuss how a Higher Power might put you to use serving the AA groups and members of Nassau County.

Join us on the broad highway, as we rocket into the fourth dimension!

Jim M.

Chair

Intergroup Association of Nassau, Inc. <a href="mailto:chair@nassauny-aa.org">chair@nassauny-aa.org</a>

Monthly Intergroup Reps meeting -First Thursday of the month, 7:30pm

https://zoom.us/j/5546705146

Meeting ID: 554 670 5146

Passcode: 870607

# CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to get in touch with the Nassau Intergroup Chair please send an email to chair@nassauny-aa.org

#### DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIR'S DESK

What is the role of a GSR from the home group to the county? And the role of the GSR in AA's service structure? An active GSR is perhaps the most important role in AA. If your group doesn't have a GSR already, consider bringing it up at your next business meeting. An active GSR is the link between an informed group conscience and AA as a whole. It is through the GSR that each

group has a voice and a vote in larger AA matters. This connection helps keep AA unified both in a practical sense and spiritually. Active GSR's return to their homegroups with the results of problems and solutions that could affect the unity, health, and growth of AA. We would not last long as a fellowship if it weren't for the service of GSRs.

Nassau General Service Group has our elections in October. In the love of Spirit of Rotation. In October we will be electing DCMC, 1st Alternate, 2nd Alternate, Treasurer, Recording Secretary & Technical Communication Officer. See below the requirements to stand to be elected.

NGSG Officer Responsibilities, Guidelines, and Suggested Qualifications\*

	DCMC (District Committee Member Chair)	First Alternate DCMC	Second Alternate DCMC	Treasurer	Secretary	Technology & Communications Officer
Continuous Sobriety	5 years	5 years	5 years	3 years	3 years	3 years
Previous Service	GSR, DCM/Alternate DCM	GSR, DCM/Alternate DCM	GSR, DCM/Alternate DCM	GSR, Treasurer In Group, District	GSR, Secretary In Group, District	GSR
Skills & Abilities	Communication     Leadership     Meeting planning     Management skills	Communication     Leadership     Meeting planning     Management skills	Communication     Leadership     Meeting planning     Management skills	Finances, banking, bookkeeping     Understanding of 7th Tradition     Ability to use Excel or similar program     Prepare reports	Experience with document production     Ability to prepare meeting minutes     Knowledge of group email distribution	Ability to use Excel or similar program t manage membershil data     Technical skills necessary to assist with virtual events
General Responsibilities	officers and members • Delegation of responsibilities as necessary • Appoints and oversees NSSG Committee chairs • Prepares meeting agendas • Right of Decision between meetings	Provides leadership and support to standing committees     Takes on DCMC responsibilities if DCMC unable to serve     DCM of inentation and support	Provides leadership to ad hoc chairs and committees (Unity Breakfast, Big Meeting, USTS)     GSR orientation and support	deposits Picks up mail Sends thank-you letters for contributions Prepares Treasurer & Contributions Reports, Year-end report & budget for the following year	Records minutes at country meetings & officer meetings     Sends meeting     Sends meeting motices, agends, & reports to members by email	Enrolls news DCMs GSRs, Alternate; & Committee Chair, & NG5G, SENY, & GSO databases     Provides NG5G     officers with update: to membership lists
At NGSG Meetings	Chairs meetings     Votes only in case of a tie     Instructs members in procedure & Concepts     Encourages participation	Chairs in absence of DCMC     Reports on assigned committees & responsibilities	Chairs in absence of DCMC & 1st Alternate     Reports on assigned committees & responsibilities	Collects 7th     Tradition     contributions &     reports on total	<ul> <li>Keeps minutes, including names of those making &amp; seconding motions</li> </ul>	Enrolls & Introduce new members     Requests & assists members to update the database
Agenda	Prepares agenda	Contributes to agenda	Contributes to agenda	Contributes to agenda	Contributes to agenda	Contributes to agenda
Reports at meetings & in writing	Reports on Important A.A. matters Seeks guidance from members Reports on county Issues	Collects reports from assigned committees & sends to members one week before meeting.	<ul> <li>Collects reports from assigned committees &amp; sends to members one week before meeting.</li> </ul>	Prepares Financial Report & Contributions Report & sends to members     Reviews reimbursement forms	Prepares Minutes of each meeting & sends to members after DCMC review	Introduces new members     Reports on membership
SENY Committees - member	Area Committee     Service Participation Committee	Area Committee     Service Participation Committee	Area Committee     Service Participation Committee			Registration Committee
Attendance is supported by NGSG at:	Assemblies     Area Committee     Officer Meetings     Area Convention     NERAASA     SENY Service     Participation     Committee     Nassau District     events     NERF, NYSIW	Assemblies     Area Committee     Officer Meetings     Area Convention     NERAASA     SENY Service     Participation     Committee     Nassau District     events     NERF, NYSIW	Assemblies     Area Committee     Officer Meetings     Area Convention     NERAASA     SENY Service     Participation     Committee     Nassau District     events     NERF, NYSIW	Assemblies     Officer Meetings     NERF, NERAASA (once)	Assemblies     Officer Meetings     NERF, NERAASA (once)	Assemblies     Officer Meetings     NYSIW     NERF, NERAASA (once)

Marty K NGSG DCMC dcmc@aanassaugs-ny.org

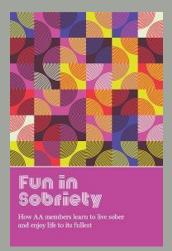


# CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to get in touch with the DCMC please send an email to dcmc@aanassaugs-ny.org.

### LITERATURE CHAIR'S CORNER

#### ANNOUNCING A NEW BOOK FROM GRAPEVINE!



Fun in Sobriety features 50-plus inspiring stories by members of Alcoholics Anonymous about the many ways they've learned to have a good time after putting down the drink.

Chapters include travel, outdoor activities, arts & hobbies, social entertainment, fun-filled AA activities and sober events. The stories were previously published in Grapevine, the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Fun in Sobriety is full of passion and humor; this book shows how, by working the program and developing a sober network, life can begin to take on new, exciting adventures.

There continues to be a shortage of literature at World Services which is causing a backorder of supplies. So, if there is any need for literature, please phone ahead to assure we have what you need in stock!

Any literature requests can be obtained via email at

<u>literature@nassauny-aa.org</u> made for someone to

or in person at the office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.. Just please phone ahead at 516-292-3040 to

assure someone is at the office as there are some days where volunteers are answering the phones virtually. If you have a special literature request, arrangements can be meet you at the office.

Karen -Literature Chair

# CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to get in touch with the Literature Chair please send

an email to <a href="mailto:literature@nassauny-aa.org">literature@nassauny-aa.org</a>

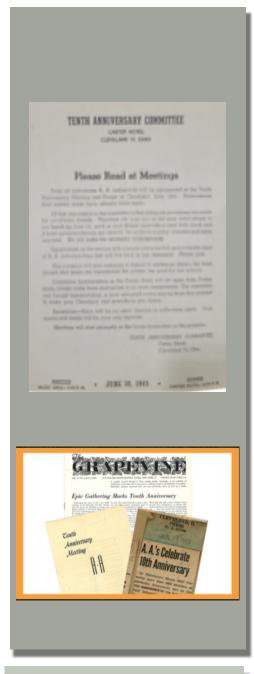
#### **ARCHIVES CHAIR'S CORNER**

Every 5 years since 1950 July brings the International AA convention, held either in the USA or Canada. Covid 19 put the hammer down in 2020 on the one that was planned for Detroit. Everything was canceled except for some minimal virtual activities. I've been so fortunate to have been to 7 of these amazing events, beginning in 1985 at AA"s 50th Birthday in Montreal. At the last one I attended in 2015, I had the privilege of escorting Liz B. to Atlanta along with my good friend Denis O.

legacy is part of Nassau's AA history. The same applies to my friend Denis who did more service inside and beyond AA than most will ever do. In 2025 if you have the opportunity to go to Vancouver for AA's 90th birthday, do it. I have a friend from Ireland I get to see every Convention. When he returns home, he begins saving for the next 5 years. It's way more expensive for Europeans to attend. You can begin saving too. 2025 is only 3 years away.! AA is worth the investment.

They are both gone now, but the memories remain. Liz and I share a common anniversary 7/11. She left her physical body at 100, and just shy by 2 months of 70 years of sobriety. Her

Marie S Archives



# CONTACT

If you would like to get in touch with the Archives
Chair please send

an email to archives@nassauny-aa.org

#### A LETTER FROM YPAA...

#### Hello All!

I'd like to start off by saying thank you for your ongoing support as we "youngins" are doing our best to organize and curate an event that has historically saved thousands of lives. ESCYPAA Host is certainly grateful for you!

Here are some more events that the committee has in store and their descriptions....

#### ESCYPAA VIII Campout:

Wildwood State Park in Wading River, NY September 9-11 TICKET SALES HAVE BEGUN! Campout Registration is only \$40. How to Register:

https://escypaa8.org/campout



Registration includes campsite and 6 meals! That's right we feed you breakfast, lunch and dinner! Schedule includes:

- · AA Meetings
- Yoga
- "Drop the Rock" workshop w/Cathy
- Beach
- Campfire
- · Outdoor Games
- Nature Walk
- \*Daily Meals Included

ESCYPAA VIII Field Day: (July 30, Rockville Centre, NY 10a-4p)

Join ESCYPAA VIII Host for some old school elementary school fun with a twist!

Teams of 4 will battle it out on the field with activities as classic as the 3-legged race, tug of war and

relay race to the not so traditional cornhole and life size pong.

Tickets are \$25 per player which includes a custom ESCYPAA Field Day shirt with your chosen team name on it. This event will also include a Potluck so please bring a dish to share. We will have a double speaker meeting at 3pm in the air conditioned room at the park. Grab your buddies and form a team. Teams can register at <a href="https://escypaa8.org/field-day">https://escypaa8.org/field-day</a>

See below for the flyers to each event.

With Love and Service, Kayla G. -Outreach Chair ESCYPAA 8 Host

 $\underline{outreach.escypaa8@gmail.com}$ 

REGISTRATION







#### A.A. EVENTS

## Nassau General Services is National A.A. Technology Workshop 2022 proud to present: ~A Workshop~

"OUR TWELVE CONCEPTS for WORLD SERVICE:" **AA'S Spiritual Principles of Recovery** 







\*\*\*\* Suggest to have your service manual. It's open for all A.A. membe The workshop will be a Virtual Workshop. 7:30pm-9:00pm EST\*\*\*\*\* 922 8787 8377 Passcode 12345

January 17 Concepts 1 & 2 March 21 Concepts 3 & 4 May 16 Concepts 5 & 6 July 18 Concepts 7 & 8 September 19 Concepts 9 & 10 November 21 Concepts 11 & 12



### September 9th - 11th, 2022

Seattle (Tukwila), WA and online

#### In-Person Location:

Hotel Interurban

223 Andover Park East, Tukwila, WA 98188 Room Rate: Two Queens \$139/night - One King \$129/night Use Group Code NAATW when booking

#### Registration:

In-Person - \$75; Online - \$25

For more info and to register visit NAATW.org

# nassa<mark>u</mark> intergroup **Honthly Traditions Workshop**



### The SECOND SUNDAY of each month

10am-11am

**Zoom Meeting ID: 554-670-5146 Passcode: 870607** 

## Alcoholics Anonymous





#### What Is the NYSIW?

The New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW) is for any AA member who would like te general service in New York State. It is a terrific way to meet other AA members and share expreaching out the hand of AA to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

This event draws AA members from Central New York (CNY Area 47), Hudson Mohawk Berkshire (HMB Area 48), Southeastern New York (SENY Area 49), and Western New York (WNY Area 50).

Area SENY 49 will be hosting this year VIRTUALLY on July 29th and 30th to give members fro all areas the opportunity to attend. Spanish translation offered and ASL available upon prior request via ema NYSIW@asseny.org

#### Nassau County Intergroup "Live" Speaker Exchange

Speaker Exchange is where groups meet to exchange incoming/outgoing speaking commitments.

WHEN: Every 3 months (March/June/Sept/Dec) on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 7:00 AM



June 18th September 17th December 17th



WHERE: Bellmore Presbyterian Church 2740 Martin Ave. Bellmore NY ("Rambo Hall")

Contact: Nassauexchange@gmail.com for more info.

#### Looking for a "Virtual" Speaker Exchange?

(to book online/hybrid speakers) WHEN: First Saturday every month at 9am (EXCEPT HOLIDAY WEEKENDS, when it's the SECOND Saturday) WHERE: Zoom!

To receive log-in, you MUST REGISTER your group by emailing secretary@queensaa.org





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INSPIRED BY YPAA - FUTURE LEADERS OF AA WITH AL-ANON

WWW.UNITYANDSERVICECONFERENCE.ORG

#### NASSAU INTERGROUP - EMAIL ADDRESSES

#### **OFFICERS**

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Nassau General Service District Committee Member Chair (DCMC) dcmc@aanassaugs-ny.org

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

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Share-a-Day (SAD) shareaday@nassauny-aa.org

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Accessibilities accessibilities@nassauny-aa.org

12th Step List 12thstep@nassauny-aa.org

Website webcommittee@nassauny-aa.org

## Meeting List Changes:

Many meetings have reopened Please check the meeting guide and/or meeting app.

If your group needs changes made, send in a meeting change form and send it to the webmaster email address:

webmaster@nassauny-aa.org.

The Nassau Intergroup meeting finder can be found here or you can download the meeting guide app here. These will reflect the most accurate information. Please help to keep the meeting lists current and correct by submitting a "Meeting List Changes Form" whenever your meeting details change. That form can be found here.

#### Our Purpose

As we say in our meeting books (and more formally in our ByLaws):

#### Declaration of Purpose:

Nassau InterGroup of Alcoholics Anonymous is an all volunteer organization formed by the AA groups in Nassau County to serve all groups and meetings in Nassau county.

In order to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still sick and suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the fellowship, Nassau InterGroup, in accordance with AA's 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of World Service, has as its primary purpose:

- to have all telephone inquiries answered by a recovering alcoholic. The Nassau InterGroup HotLine number will be listed in the Nassau telephone directory. Meeting information and 12 step referrals will be made from all Nassau area groups that have provided up-to-date information.
- publish and distribute at regular intervals up-to-date directories of group meetings in Nassau county.
- · publish and distribute a monthly newsletter.
- · provide for quarterly group exchange meetings at which groups may exchange meetings with other groups.
- · provide for monthly institutions committee meetings at which groups may arrange to participate in "inside" meetings.
- · conduct monthly business meetings to address any group concerns and Intergroup business.

Yours in love and service, Nassau InterGroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

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