

**May 2007**

**“Our Primary Purpose...**

**...is to stay sober**

**and help other alcoholics**

**to achieve sobriety”**

*-- From “The A.A. Preamble”*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

<u>May</u>			<u>June</u>		
May 2	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville	Jun 1 - 3		North East Regional Forum
May 3	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation	Jun 6	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville
	8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting	Jun 7	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
		<b>Deadline for next meeting list !</b>		8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting
May 5	12:00 noon	SENY Intergroup Liaison Mtg SENY Office 199 Lincoln Ave Bronx, NY 10454			<b>New meeting list should be available</b>
May 9	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Planning Meeting	Jun 12	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
May 10	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting	Jun 17	1:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
May 16	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee	Jun 16	8:00 am	<b>Speaker's Exchange Meeting</b> Ethical Humanist Society 38 Old Country Rd, Garden City
May 20	1:00 pm	Special Needs Committee	Jun 18		Nassau General Service Committee
May 24		<b>Newsletter DeadLine</b>		7:00 pm	GSR Orientation
May 31	7:30 pm	Steering committee		7:30 pm	GSR Meeting
		<b>Nassau GSR'S will not meet in May</b>	Jun 20	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
			Jun 21		<b>Newsletter DeadLine</b>
			Jun 28	7:30 pm	Steering committee

# **WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS**

## **MEETING CHANGES**

**Baldwin:** **Baldwin Group** 7:30pm Wed Step meeting is a Traditions meeting on the last Wed. The 7:30pm Sat Closed Discussion meeting is Open/Anniversary on the last Sat; 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, 717 St. Lukes Pl

**Baldwin:** **Over 40 Closed Discussion Group** has moved to Baldwin from Oceanside and is still at 8:30pm on Thu, with the last Thu of the month for anniversaries. Handicapped-accessible. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1375 N Grand Ave

**Baldwin:** **The Women's Topic Meeting Group** on Wed nights no longer meets.

**Bellmore:** **There Is A Light Group** the second Sun of the month is no longer an Open Discussion meeting; East Bay Reform Temple, 2569 Merrick Rd

**East Meadow:** **East Meadow Group** Tue 8:00pm meeting is now a Closed Discussion meeting, and the last Tue is an Open/Anniversary meeting; Thu 6:45pm meeting is an Open Big Book Study meeting and the 8:00pm is a Beginner's meeting (non-smoking); Christ the King Episcopal Church, 5th/DeWolfe Pl

**Farmingdale:** **Farmingdale Group** 7:30pm meeting on Fri is now a Beginner's meeting. 407 Main St

**Glen Oaks:** **Glen Oaks Group** no longer holds a Thu evening meeting; St Paul's Church, 262-22 Union Tpke

**Hicksville:** **Serenity Group's** Wed Step meeting is now held at 7:30pm; United Methodist Church, 130 W Old Country Rd

**Levittown:** **Levittown Growth Group** that met at 7:30pm on Fri is now called Farmingdale Growth Group and meets at 7:30pm (Closed Discussion, Open Ended) on Wed; St Kilian Roman Catholic Church, 485 Conklin St, Farmingdale

**Manhasset:** **Manhasset Group** Mon 7:30pm Closed Discussion meeting is now a Beginner's meeting; Congregational Church, 1845 Northern Blvd

**Oceanside:** See Baldwin **Over 40 CD Group** entry above.

**Westbury:** **The Right Place Group's** Mon 7:30pm meeting is now a Big Book meeting, with the last Mon of the month an Anniversary meeting. No meetings on holidays. Handicapped accessible. The Leeds Place, 999 Brush Hollow Rd.

**West Hempstead:** **Came to Believe Group** is moving from St Thomas RC Chapel at Nassau Blvd/Hempstead Ave. Meeting details are otherwise unchanged: 8:00pm Closed Discussion meeting on Fri, etc. New location: St. Thomas Rectory Meeting Room (basement), 24 Westminster Rd./Hempstead Tpke.

**Williston Park:** **Solution Group** Closed Discussion meeting on Wed moves from 8:30pm to 9:00pm; St Aiden RC Church, 505 Willis Ave

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## **NEW MEETINGS**

**Farmingdale:** **Sunday at the Park** holds a Closed meeting on Sun at 9:30am. Allen Town Community Park, 45 Motor Ave

**Garden City:** **Dartmouth Street Group** has added a 7:30pm Step meeting on Thu. Other group meetings are unchanged. 35 Dartmouth St./New Hyde Park Rd.

**Lynbrook:** **Primary Purpose Group** has added a Step meeting at 7:00pm on Thu; Lynbrook Baptist Church, 225 Earle Ave

**Manhasset:** **Early Cup of Sobriety Group** has added a Beginner's meeting at 7:00am on Thu; Shelter Rock Church, Plandome Rd

**Massapequa:** **A Step Forward** meets Thu at 7:30pm (Closed Discussion meeting). St Rose of Lima RC Church, Father Graham Center, 4704 Merrick Rd

**Massapequa:** **Sobriety in the Park Group** meets at 7:00pm on Tue (Closed Discussion meeting). Marjorie Post Park, Unqua Road.

**Port Washington:** **Manorhaven Gratitude Group** meets at 7pm on Sun (Step meeting). Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 42 Manorhaven Blvd.

**Rockville Centre:** **Encouragement Group** has added a Tue Men's Topic Meeting at 6:00pm. Church of the Ascension, 71 N Village Ave

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## **PHONE VOLUNTEERS:**

**Anyone with 6 months sobriety, who is interested in answering the phones,**

**CONTACT: the Office Coordinator  
(516) 292-3045**

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## *From the Chair:*

*Dear Friends,*

May is the month we celebrate an amazing group of people – Mothers. Mothers build people. They are constantly giving selflessly day after day, performing a task that requires everything of them.

Before coming into Alcoholics Anonymous, I was far from being a good Mom. I thought if I could just make sure my daughter was fed, clothed, and left with someone I knew, I would be called a good Mom. I had no idea that I was so far away from the mark. I had to earn the right to be called Mom.... I really had no clue. Alcoholics Anonymous, and the wonderful women in AA, not only taught me, but showed me how to first be a woman for myself and then how to be a mother to the child who really had been the mother to me for many years. Today I am not only a sober woman, but I am a mother and a friend to not only my daughter, but to many others in and out of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In celebration of Mother's Day, I would like to honor the Woman in you, the Mother in you, which gives unconditionally to those in your life. Thank you for being patient with me and for not giving up on me when I needed you the most. But most of all I thank you for holding me close to your bosom and reminding me of how proud you are of the woman that I've become, because of the unconditional love of Alcoholics Anonymous.

By the way, in case you didn't know, Bill and Bob met for the first time on Mother's Day in 1935. They spent many hours together in a small room at the home of Henrietta Seiberling, a gatehouse on the Seiberling Estate, in Akron, Ohio. Thank God!

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating in the month of May!

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

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## **NIGHTBOOK**

The hotline is covered until mid-August; so if your group wants to sign up, now is the time. You can call Intergroup and leave me a message with group name and contact #. We need 12th Step work as much as Bill W. did back when.

Thanks to the following groups for service in April

- ✓ *Sobriety w/o End* - Malverne
- ✓ *Stepping Stones* - Oceanside
- ✓ *The Baldwin Group*
- ✓ *Serenity Group* - Seaford

Love & service,  
Nightbook Chair  
nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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### **From the Treasurer: 'Insurance'**

Consistent with trends in the rest of our society, individual AA groups are finding themselves being asked by their landlords to pay larger rents, to assume new levels of responsibility for the use of meeting space, and to carry liability insurance.

AA groups are usually informally organized entities, often with limited financial resources. Group leadership is ever changing and holds no real authority. Group membership also often changes dramatically over time. As such, these new demands can pose a real problem. The proliferation of groups/meetings at a time when the growth in overall AA membership has remained relatively flat has tended to stretch group resources.

Given the autonomous relationship among all levels of AA (no element has control, authority, or responsibility for any other element under Traditions 4 & 7), local service committees (intergroup & General Service) are usually unwilling/unable to add local groups to their insurance policies or to otherwise shelter or materially support local groups/meetings.

AA groups can get insurance, and local service committees may be able to point groups to insurance brokers or carriers offering affordable policies, this without endorsing those services (Tradition 6). The Group Services Desk at GSO may also be a resource: (212) 870.3400, groupservices@aa(dot)org, or PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

As an alternative to getting group insurance, in some cases a landlord may allow the group to pay a fee to be added to the landlord's policy, to be listed as an "also insured." This may be the least expensive option in some cases.

In some situations the demands of a landlord and the limits on a group's resources may simply preclude a group using a given meeting place. One possible answer to the questions arising out of limited group resources in the face of greater demands for rent or insurance might be for smaller groups to join together into larger, and therefore better supported groups.

I hope this is helpful.

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

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## **SHARE-A-DAY 2007**

It's Sunday April 22, 2007. I arrived home from JFK airport about an hour ago. I picked up my daughter Mary. She is visiting from Texas for a week. We just finished eating dinner. I have gratitude for these things in my life today, thanks to AA.

Yesterday at this time we were just finishing cleaning up at Share-a-Day 2007. It was a great day. Over two hundred and fifty people coming together for a day of fellowship, meetings, and a meal. A lot like the day I am having today with my family, at home.

It took a lot of hard work from a lot of good people. I need to thank those people for making Share-a-Day possible. All the groups that donated money, all the committee members that devoted many hours of service, all the volunteers who showed up that day to help, all the group reps who spoke at the meetings, all who came to share a day, they are the ones that deserve the credit for such a successful day.

**"Together we can"** has taken on a new meaning for me since yesterday. Thank you all

Your AA Brother  
2007 Share-a-Day Chair  
shareaday@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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The Hempstead Group

### **58<sup>th</sup> Group Anniversary**

Fellowship – Food – Fun

Time: 5:30pm to 11:00pm

Place: S. Andrew's Church

54 Nassau Blvd., West Hempstead, NY 11552

Date: May 12, 2007

**Food from 5:30pm on...**

**Speaker at 7pm**

**Raffles & Door Prizes**

**DJ – Music and Dancing**

PS – No children under 13 admitted  
No cameras, please!

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### **The Baldwin Groups'**

#### **62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**

**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 7-11pm**  
**717 St Luke's Place, Baldwin (off Grand Ave)**

**Food -Speaker- Dancing**

**Come join us in celebrating our group's birthday!!**

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## A message from Ed, the Literature guy:

*Available now at Nassau Intergroup:*

*Fourth Edition Big Book on CD,  
Including Fourth Edition Stories*

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*Twelve and Twelve on CD,  
comes with a table of contents booklet*

*The office is open 9:00am to 4:30pm  
for the sale of books,  
and the phone reps do not carry change.*

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### **12 Step Lists**

*I AM RESPONSIBLE*

*WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE,  
REACHES OUT FOR HELP,  
I WANT THE HAND OF  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
TO BE THERE.*

*And FOR THAT*

*I AM RESPONSIBLE.*

For alcoholics who have lost their families, their friends, and everything that has meaning in life, to alcohol, those words are truly a blessing. Can it be true? Do people really want to help? It is hard to believe.

Yet, that is exactly what I found when I came into Alcoholics Anonymous. At first, I was suspicious. Why would anyone want to help someone like me? What's in it for them? Then it was explained to me that in order for them to stay sober, they had to help others.

To be able to help another human being, to help them get on their feet, to give them another chance at life, is beyond my wildest dreams.

For the AA group, this is their primary purpose – to help each other stay sober and to help the newcomer. Most groups do a splendid job of helping the newcomer who walks into their meeting. But what of the person who is still out there? What about the man or woman who calls the hotline and is looking for help? Do we, as a group, do all we can to help these people? Is our 12<sup>th</sup> Step list current? Does our group even have a 12<sup>th</sup> Step List? What is a 12<sup>th</sup> Step List?

When someone calls the hotline, it is answered by a volunteer. During the daytime, the phones are manned by volunteers at our Intergroup Office. At night, the hotline is switched over to a member of a group that has taken the night book commitment. The volunteer needs to keep the line “open”, and therefore can not spend too much time with the person who calls. This is where the 12<sup>th</sup> Step list comes in to play.

The volunteer will ask the caller what area they live in. Then they will look in the night book and find a group in that area that has a 12<sup>th</sup> Step List. The volunteer will call someone on the list and ask them if they could speak with the caller. If the person says yes, the volunteer will give them the caller's number. Generally, the caller needs someone to talk with about their drinking. This is where we can get the opportunity to tell the caller about Alcoholics Anonymous. We can tell them how much it has helped us and we can tell them about the meetings in our area. Perhaps, we can offer to meet them at the meeting, if we feel comfortable doing so. The person may want to meet at their home. If so, it is recommended that we take another member with us on a “12<sup>th</sup> Step call”.

That, briefly, is the general idea of what the 12<sup>th</sup> Step list is for. As you can see, it is very important. We need to make sure that our group has a current list with Nassau Intergroup and we, as a group, need to take the night book commitment from time to time. If you've never done this service, it is a great way to help the newcomer. In the next couple of newsletters, we will be writing more about the night book, and about volunteering at the office. We are even considering offering a workshop on these subjects. I hope you find the articles interesting, and I hope you will encourage your group to send us a current list.

With Gratitude,

12th Step List Chair

12thstep@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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### **Help a Homebound Alcoholic**

Any Female AA interested in bringing a meeting to a homebound female alcoholic, contact the Special Needs Chairperson: specneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org.

Also a member from Long Beach, who is homebound, needs help getting to meetings or having a meeting brought to him.

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