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A DECLARATION OF UNITY

THIS WE OWE TO A.A.'S FUTURE:

TO PLACE OUR COMMON WELFARE FIRST;

TO KEEP OUR FELLOWSHIP UNITED.

FOR ON A.A. UNITY DEPEND OUR LIVES;

AND THE LIVES OF THOSE TO COME.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

March			April		
Mar 5	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville	Apr 2	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Mar 6	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd	Apr 3	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Mar 11	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting	Apr 8	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
Mar 12	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee	Apr 9	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
Mar 13	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee	Apr 16	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Mar 15	8:00 am	Speakers Exchange Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd	Apr 17		Newsletter DeadLine
Mar 19	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee	Apr 21	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	GSR Orientation GSR Meeting
Mar 20		Newsletter DeadLine			Nassau Intergroup Office 361 Hempstead Tpke, W Hemp
Mar 27	7:30 pm	Steering committee	Apr 24	7:30 pm	Steering committee
			Apr 26		Share-A-Day XXXI St Joseph's Church 1346 Broadway, Hewlett

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Bellmore: Pace Group has changed Fri 8pm meeting to a CD with 4th week Anniversary.

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

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 the last Sun Anniversary.

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

NEW MEETINGS

Manhasset: The 11th Step Meditation Group meets at 10:00am, Tuesdays. Children welcome. Shelter Rock Church, 626 Plandome Road, 11030.

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

DELETIONS

Hicksville: The Primary Purpose Group's 8:15pm Beginner's meeting on Fridays no longer meets. Parkway Community Church, 95 Stewart Ave.

Locust Valley: Sound Sobriety – no longer meeting

North Woodmere: Gratitude Group's Thursday Closed Discussion at 7:30pm no longer meets. N Woodmere Park / Branch Blvd. (Admin Bldg).

PHONE VOLUNTEERS:

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

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

Nightbook

The Night book is doing well...except I would like for the groups to call in if they're due for a week of hotline work. I don't have a full list of the various groups phone numbers. I only have contact numbers for about 80 groups in Nassau and 1/3 appear to be outdated. So as the 2 years fly past of this commitment the contact #'s have to be updated. Please call the Intergroup Office and let us know when your group is available in doing this very rewarding Service. Thanks to the following groups for their service in February

Levittown - No Frills Group

Farmingdale - Sunday At the Park

Lawrence Cedarhurst Group

Merrick - Sobriety With Hope

Yours in Love and Service,

nightbook@nassauny(dot)org

From the Chair

Dear Friends:

I hope you are all weathering winter well. Just hold on, it's almost over! Before you know it, the days will be getting longer; the sun will be shining brighter; and you might even get the urge to get involved in service (if you're not already).

Last month I had the privilege to attend the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERASSA), which was held February 22-24, in West Atlantic City, NJ. The purpose of NERASSA is for GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members and Intergroup Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference-related issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity, and service common to the areas of the Region. There were a total of 906 registered members who came together to listen to various presentations, hear views from other members while having the opportunity to express their own opinions and/or concerns.

There were panel discussions about Communication & Participation, Our 7th Tradition, Love and Tolerance, Anonymity, Newcomers, 12 Step Calls, AA Today and Tomorrow and Being a Trusted Servant. Some of the points I took away from the conference were (1) to revive the Birthday plan to help support GSO (send \$1 for every year of sobriety); (2) service helps keep the fellowship united; (3) educate your group about service and where donations go; (4) what is our primary purpose and how we can keep it from being diluted; (5) practicing love & tolerance; (6) gratitude for the diversity in AA; (7) how new technology has been incorporated in sharing the message of AA and how we can't forget about those who do not have access to it and so much more. There was a business meeting with over 250 people in attendance. Very interesting! In the evening's there were roundtable meetings on various topics (and of course I attended the ones about Intergroup).

The reality is that we all struggle with many of the same issues in AA and if we all focus on what the primary purpose of Alcoholic Anonymous is, AA should live forever!

Thank you for allowing me to attend this conference and trusting me to bring back information to all of you. If you have any questions regarding NERASSA, please feel free to leave a message for me at (516) 292-3045.

Happy Anniversary to all March celebrants.

Blessed to Serve,

Intergroup Chairperson

chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

AA Finance/Treasurer Workshop
10 May 2008, 10am-1pm
at Nassau Intergroup

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL NEEDS

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

The Committee meets the 2nd 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 A.A.'s outside of correctional facilities. If interested please call 292-3045 and leave your information. All mailings are handled through a PO Box.

PUBLIC INFORMATION/CPC

Needs assistants to help bring the message to the public. There many speaking commitments to be filled *as well as behind the scenes work to be done. The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday 7pm of every Month.*

SHARE-A-DAY 2008

As I write it's snowing outside. I have already shoveled my driveway twice. Even so, spring is almost here. Share-a-Day is less than eight weeks away. It seems like we just started planning at our kick off meeting in September of 2007.

Our February committee meeting went well. We settled a lot. We would still love to see you at our next Share-a-Day committee meeting; there is always a job in AA for someone who wants to stay sober. If you can't make the committee meetings, just show up at Share-a-Day on Saturday, April 26, 2008, it will be great.

We have a winner for our Share-a-Day theme contest. Congratulations to the winner.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13th, 2008 at 8:00 pm at the Nassau Intergroup office. All are welcome. See you there.

Your AA Brother,
2008 Share-a-Day Chair
shareaday@nassauny(dot)org

Literature

These are some of the CD's from Grapevine we have for sale at Nassau Intergroup---

Powers of Example: AAs talk about practicing the principles in everyday life. Includes: "So You Think You're Different," "Inclusive not Exclusive," "A God of My Understanding," and more.

Attitude Adjustment: A collection of stories about changing in sobriety. Includes: "And Then There Is Self-Pity" and "Anger! ... A Symptom of Wrong Thinking".

A Lifetime of AA: A special collection of old-timers' stories including "Consider The Old-Timers; They Have No Problems -- or Have They?"

The Best of Bill: This new audio book contains five of Bill W.'s most powerful Grapevine articles sharing his thoughts on faith, fear, honesty, humility, and love. The essays contained in this audio book discuss the spiritual principles that have helped millions of people recover from alcoholism and enriched the lives of countless others around the world.

Literature is for sale 7 days a week from 9:30am to 4:30 pm-- Please have the correct amount, since Phone Reps do not carry change

******AA Grapevine******

Ways to Order:

- ✓ www.aagrapevine.org
- ✓ 1-800-631-6025
- ✓ The AA Grapevine
PO Box 1980
Marion, OH 43306-8080

From the Treasurer:

Treasurer Reports & Records 2

A few months back we started to talk about treasurer reports and records, largely from the point of view of the treasurer. This month we'll return to that topic, but from the point of view of the group member looking at the reports.

What to look for? To start, does the opening balance this month match the closing balance from last month? If not, ask why? Usually such a shift reflects a corrected balance for the last month.

Any unusual income or expense items? In most groups things are pretty routine. There may be a jump in expenses however in a month in which new literature is bought or in which contributions are made to the service structure (usually Intergroup and General Service).

Anything else unusual may be questioned, not because we mistrust our treasurer, but because we are involved with our group and want to understand so as to better participate in helping reach the informed group conscience on money matters. Usually the treasurer can quickly and easily detail any line clearing up any questions. Sometimes too you may have fairly caught an error. (Yes, we treasurers sometimes do make mistakes!)

If there is a bank account, the entire group does not need to review the statements, but at least one trusted servant other than the treasurer should. You should be able to reconcile the treasurer's report to any bank statement. (For the period being considered, add to the bank's closing balance any deposits made but not reflected and subtract any expenses not listed. The resulting figure should match the treasurer's closing balance for the same period.) Again, this does not reflect any fundamental mistrust, but is in support and appreciation for the work of the treasurer.

The business meeting should be willing to take the time to allow careful consideration of the treasurer's report. This process need not take too much time once the group gets to understand the style of the treasurer's report.

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

In service,
Treasurer
[treasurer@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org)

General Service News

In January two trusted servants and I were invited by members of the Gift of Serenity Group, Franklin Square to conduct their group inventory. They had 19 home group members in attendance. In fact by the time you read this, the New Hyde Park Group will have undergone theirs, and in early April the County Seat Group, Mineola will undergo one too. As we know Tradition Two reminds us to trust in a loving God as he may express himself through the group conscience no matter what situation a group is facing. A group inventory offers a means for members to come together and talk about group concerns or issues, if any.

It's an opportunity for each individual to share how he or she feels about their group, whether it has problems or not. The gratitude and love members have for their home group is evident. If your group would like to hold a group inventory please let me know, my contact information is listed below. Our friends from Nassau Inter-Group (NIAA) are also available to facilitate group inventories so feel free to contact NIAA Chair. Either way, no matter which service group you invite in, we are willing to be of service.

The Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA) 2008 came and went and I thank Nassau General Service Group (NGSG) for the opportunity to attend. This is a worthwhile event that any interested A.A. member can attend. Expect little sleep and lots of information to absorb when you're at this event. The program offers a lot such as panel presentations on Conference workshop topics, late night service committee roundtables, banquet speaker meeting, fellowshiping, and so on. In attendance were members from NIAA whom you will be hearing or reading their reports and experiences about NERAASA. I do hope NIAA sends members to future NERAASA events. My detailed report on NERAASA will be given at our April 21st NGSG meeting.

Nassau County's Big Meeting returns commemorating the beginnings of Alcoholics Anonymous in Nassau. The first Big Meeting was held in the Tilles Center, Old Westbury in the early 1980's, sometime around A.A.'s birthday and sources say The Garden City Group is the oldest group in the county. The NIAA Treasurer has invited Districts 201 and 202 to participate in the Treasurer's/A.A. Finance Workshop on Saturday, May 10th. Finally, District 208 is planning a "Night at the Movies" sometime in June. So please look for updates and flyers on these events.

Together We Can,
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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.