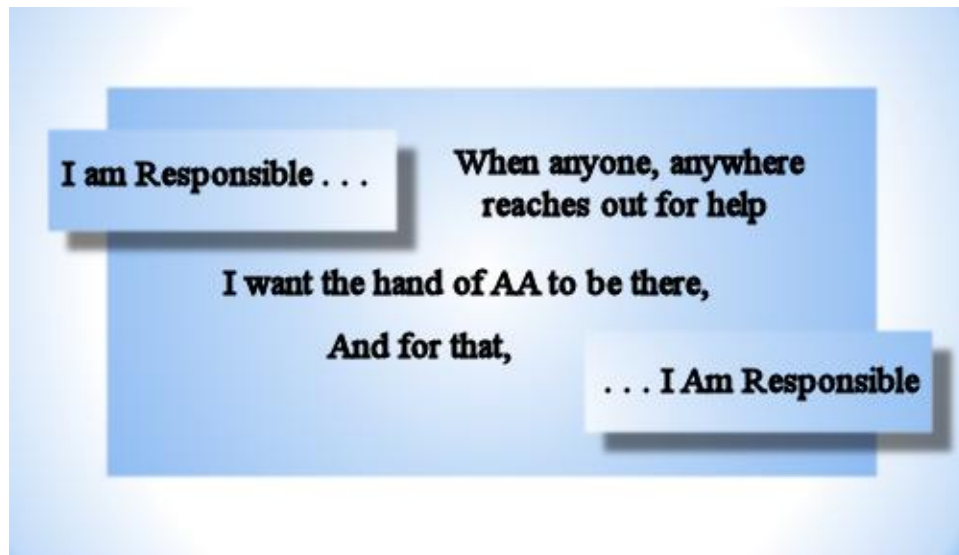


August 2008



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

August			September		
Aug 6	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville	Sep 3	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Aug 7	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd	Sep 4	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Aug 9	12:00 pm	Intergroup Liaison Meeting Suffolk Intergroup Office 113-8 Bay Ave, Patchogue	Sep 9	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
Aug 12	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting	Sep 11	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Aug 18	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	General Service Rep's Orientation General Service Rep's Meeting Nassau Intergroup Office 361 Hempstead Tpke, W Hemp	Sep 17	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Aug 20	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee	Sep 18		Newsletter DeadLine
Aug 21		Newsletter DeadLine	Sep 20	7:30 am	Speaker Exchange Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Aug 28	7:30 pm	Steering committee	Sep 25	7:30 pm	Steering committee

No GSR Meeting in September

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Douglaston: Fresh Start Group has added a Sun 7:15pm BB mtg

Farmingdale: Afternoon Group has changed its name to **Afternoon/Alcohol Only** also meets Wed 1:00pm for a Closed mtg, with 3rd week Step, and 4th week Tradition

Farmingdale: Sunday at the Park Group last Sun is now an OD mtg

Hicksville: Easy Does It- (Correction from meeting list) meets at Holy Trinity Epis Ch, 130 Jerusalem Ave (Corner of Jerusalem & Old Country Rd), also Sun 6:15pm BB and 7:30 O mtgs are consolidated into one mtg 7:00pm Sun BB/S/Ann

Hicksville: Levittown Group has added a Thu 6:30pm Step mtg

Little Neck: Little Neck/Douglaston Group now meets at Community Ch of Douglaston, 39-50 Douglaston Pkwy

Manhasset: Manhasset Group has added a Tue 7:30 pm woman's CD and a Wed 7:30 pm BB

Mineola: Gratitude Group has a new location: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 132 Jefferson Ave/Willis Ave, 11501

Syosset: Deliverance Group has changed Fri 8:00pm CD to Fri 7:45pm B

Westbury: The Right Place Grp Mon 7:30pm BB now meets on Tue at 7:15pm; last Tue Ann

NEW MEETINGS

Bellmore: Only Booze meets at 7:30pm CD Bellmore Pres Ch, Rambo Hall, Bellmore Ave and Martin Ave

Manhasset: The 11th Step Meditation Group meets at 10:00am, Tue Children welcome, Shelter Rock Church, 626 Plandome Rd

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

DELETIONS

Hicksville: Primary Purpose Group: no longer meets

Hicksville: Step by Step Group: no longer meets

Locust Valley: Sound Sobriety: no longer meets

Oceanside: New Young People's Meeting: no longer meets

Oyster Bay: Starting Again: no longer meets

Rosedale: Circle of Serenity: no longer meets

PHONE VOLUNTEERS:

If you have at least 6 months of Sobriety and are interested in answering phones at Nassau Intergroup,

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

From the Chair

Dear Friends:

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and living each day to the fullest. I'd like to thank those of you who joined us for our annual Intergroup Picnic on Sunday, July 20th. We had a wonderful time. Thanks to Peter, Ron, Bill, Brenda, The Cascades for the wonderful music, and all those who pitched in to lend a helping hand (or two) to make this event a success. Where would WE be without each other?? I thank God for the WE, in our first step...it's no longer about ME!

I was recently thinking about Sponsorship and how grateful I am to have been blessed, along my journey, with wonderful woman who were generous enough to reveal the secrets of living happy, joyous and free...one day at a time! They have shown me how to find my own voice, especially when I never had one.

Over the years I have been given the gift of being a Sponsor and giving back what was so freely given to me. Helping women in the process of self-examination that the Steps require; encouraging them to engage in fellowship activities and service work; always reminding them to apply the Twelve Step principles in their lives; and most importantly being an example of the power of Alcoholics Anonymous and how it continues to work in my life on a daily basis and how it can work in their lives too.

If you don't have a Sponsor, please make sure you get one. In our AA literature there is a pamphlet entitled "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship". It will tell you what a Sponsor is and what a Sponsor is not. Don't leave the meeting without one!

On another note, the nominating committee is currently putting together a slate of new officers for the 2009-2011 Steering Committee term (job descriptions will be available in our September Newsletter). If you know of anyone interested in the Secretary position, please leave a message for me at the Intergroup office.

Enjoy the rest of your summer; and congratulations to all our August Celebrants.

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

*8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed,
and became willing to make amends to them all.*

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.

NIGHT BOOK

The hotline is going well. I hope to get more groups to sign up for Aug/Sep. I am counting on you guys to call me...because I just had a granddaughter and am very busy. Just another miracle happening in my life that I can be there for and not at the corner bar talking about it!!

The next sick and suffering alcoholic needs you! The hotline gets forwarded to your house from 5pm-9am. [Or your cell phone] and you are supplied with everything you need. Meeting list, 12th step contact list, and other 12 step program information, detoxes, etc. All you're really doing is giving out info. There are hundreds of groups in Nassau County, only 20% take the commitment annually. If every group took the night book, you would have a five year wait to sign up .I know it happens even on group level...but it's ok to sign up every three years if you want to do it like that...we have choices!

Thanks to the following groups for taking the hotline in July:

- Floral Park/Bellrose Group**
- Lynbrook Primary Purpose Group**
- E Meadow It Can Be Done/E Meadow Group**
- Point Lookout Serenity by the Sea-PM**

Yours in love and service,
NightBook Chair
nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

12 Step Contact List

Is YOUR GROUP ON THIS LIST???

Time to update your groups 12 step contact list!!

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| Levittown | Nassau Afternoon Discussion |
| Levittown | Friday One o'clock Sobriety |
| Levittown | Promise Group |
| Levittown | There Is a Solution Group |
| Levittown | Thurs. am Discussion Group |
| Levittown | Turnpike Group |
| Levittown | Women's Closed Discussion |
| Levittown | Women's Discussion Group |

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| Long Beach | Big Book Study Group |
| Long Beach | High Noon/West End Group |
| Long Beach | Keep The Faith Group |
| Long Beach | New Beginning Group |
| Long Beach | Sunday Morning Meeting |
| Long Beach | The Step Meeting |
| Malverne | Gratitude Group |
| Malverne | Higher Ground Group |
| Malverne | One Day at A Time Group |
| Malverne | Sobriety Without End Group |
| Manhasset | Early Cup of Sobriety Group |
| Manhasset | Manhasset Group |
| Manhasset | North Shore Group |
| Manhasset | Saturday Afternoon Group |
| Massapequa Park | Discussion Group |
| Massapequa Park | How It Works Group |
| Massapequa Park | Massapequa Sobriety |
| Massapequa Park | New Beginning Group |
| Melville | Sweet Air Group |

Many groups do not have an up-to-date 12 step list. If your group is listed above please update your 12 step list. You may pick up a form from the Intergroup office or download the 12 step form via www.nassauny-aa.org.

12-Step List Chair,
12step@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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- 1st Vice Chr.....vicechairs@nassauny-aa(dot)org
- 2nd Vice Chr.....vicechairs@nassauny-aa(dot)org
- Secretary.....secretary@nassauny-aa(dot)org
- Treasurer.....treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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 - Corrections.....corrections@nassauny-aaa(dot)org
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 - Institutions.....institutions@nassauny-aa(dot)org
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 - Night Book.....nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org
 - Office Manager.....officemanager@nassauny-a.org
 - Program Chair Sec.....seclist@nassauny-aa(dot)org
 - Public Information....publicInfo@nassuny-aa(dot)org
 - Share-A-Day.....shareaday@nassauny-aa(dot)org
 - Speakers Exchange.....
.....speakersexchange@nassauny-aa(dot)org
 - Special Needs.....specneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org
 - Web Site.....webcommittee@nassauny-aa(dot)org
 - 12th Step List.....12thstep@nassauny-aa(dot)org
 - Nassau DCMC.....nassau@aaseny(dot)org
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From the Treasurer:

Contributions 2

March of last year we considered some of the thinking which might go into a group's discussion of its need for a prudent reserve. Then in April we looked at the long form of Tradition Seven which suggests we should "view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose." This led to a discussion on contributions to the AA service structure.

Related to a consideration of contributions, recently I've been asked several times about limits on the size of contributions which may be accepted by an AA entity. (AA entities include home groups, intergroups, General Service committees at various levels, other service committees, the AA Grapevine, and the General Service Board (GSB)/AAWS/GSO. The Grapevine however does not accept contributions. By charter, it is supported solely by the sale of subscriptions and related items.)

In 2007 the General Service Conference set the limit on contributions the GSB would accept from individual AA's to \$3,000 per year including bequests in members' wills which may be accepted once but not in perpetuity. (The prior limit of \$2,000 had been set in 1999.) This limit is binding however only on the GSB. Functioning autonomously, other AA entities may set their own limit if any. As a practical matter, it probably will not often come up that a contribution in excess of \$3,000 is offered, so the question remains largely moot. If confronted with the matter, some might decide to follow the Conference's lead with a limit of \$3,000 or less, less perhaps since the scale of need in AA beyond the GSB is considerably less. (The GSB represents a multi-million dollar operation with world-wide responsibilities.) For Nassau Intergroup the question has not recently come up although we do regularly receive some significantly sized contributions from groups, and occasionally a large posthumous gift.

In other matters, only a few months away are Intergroup's biennial election of officers to serve 2009-2010. Anyone interested in considering the treasurer's job should feel free to ask me about it. (I'll post some details of the treasurer's job in my article next month.) You don't have to be an accountant or bookkeeper. I'm not. I also remain available to come to your group if there is any AA finance/treasurer topic on which I can provide information.

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

General Service News

Taking personal inventory as an A.A. member is important and necessary. Groups' taking a periodic inventory to look at how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose is equally important. On Monday, August 18th, Nassau General Service Group (NGSG) Meeting we will undergo our first county inventory. We will assess where NGSG is with respect to fulfilling its primary purpose as a General Service entity; what we are doing well and what could be improved. Where there are weaknesses we will certainly strive to find solutions, and where there are strengths we will continue to build on them. Our friends from Nassau Intergroup have been invited to facilitate this inventory. (A group inventory is not a general sharing or discussion session. It is however, an opportunity for each participating member to talk freely for a specified time about any issues, good or bad, that they may have regarding their group. Detailed information can be found in the A.A. Group pamphlet.) I encourage all General Service Representatives (GSR's), District Committee Members (DCM's) and alternates to attend our August 18th meeting and participate in this county inventory.

Last month the Unity Breakfast Planning Committee met. The event will be Sunday, December 14th from 9:30am to 1:30pm at the Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant in Franklin Square. Theme for this year's breakfast is "Our Commitment to Carry A.A.'s Message - Enthusiasm and Gratitude in Action". Due to rising catering costs, tickets are \$20.00 each and seating is limited. Tickets will be distributed to GSR's on August 18th. We will also make them available to Intergroup Representatives at their September meeting for those groups who don't have a GSR. If you have any questions, contact, the Unity Breakfast Chair care of [nassau@aaseny\(dot\)org](mailto:nassau@aaseny(dot)org). The next Unity Breakfast Planning Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11th at the Intergroup Office, 7 pm.

On Saturday, September 13th, we are hosting the South Eastern New York (SENY) Election Assembly in Garden City to elect our 2009/2010 SENY officers through the Third Legacy Procedure as outlined in *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2007-2008 Edition, pages S20 and S21. It's important for your group's GSR and district's DCM to attend this assembly and cast their vote. Alternates are asked to attend too, especially if your principal cannot make it. Volunteers to help out on the day are welcome. Our next Election Assembly Planning Meeting will also be on Monday, August 11th at the Intergroup Office, 8 pm.

Together We Can,
DCMC Nassau,
[nassau@aaseny\(dot\)org](mailto:nassau@aaseny(dot)org)