

February 2009

BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

February

Feb 4	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Feb 5	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Feb 7	12:00 n	SENY InterGroup Liaison Meeting
Feb 10	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Feb 11	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
Feb 16	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	General Service Rep's Orientation General Service Rep's Meeting
Feb 18	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Feb 19		Newsletter DeadLine
Feb 22	6:00 pm	EACYPAA Planning Meeting
Feb 26	7:30 pm	Steering Committee

March

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Mar 12	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Mar 18	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Mar 19		Newsletter DeadLine
Mar 26	7:30 pm	Steering Committee
Mar 28	7:30 am	Speaker Exchange Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

East Hills: Roslyn Group has moved to the Roslyn Community Center, 53 Orchard St, Roslyn Heights 11577

Freeport: The Freeport Group has changed their name to Freeport 1 and their Tue 9:00 pm C, and Thu 7:30 S, 9:00 pm O, no longer meet. The Tue 7:30 pm B time now is 7:45 pm.

Garden City: Garden City Group Tue 8:45 S and Fri 8:45 O are changed to 6:15 start times. Last Fri they will have an 8:45 pm O

Hicksville: First Things First changed the Step meeting from the last Sun to the first Sun

Hicksville: Levittown Group has canceled the Thu 6:30 S and changed the time of the Thu O meeting from 8:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Long Beach: Big Book Study Group Wed BB meeting is now an hour

Long Beach: High Noon/West End has changed the Thu 7:15 S to a BB/S, please BYOBB

Sea Cliff: Monday Nite Millennium Group now meets in the elementary school

New Meetings

Albertson/Searington: Afternoon Discussion Group has added an 11:00 am CD and a 12:15n B

East Rockaway: Solution Group now meets on Wed at 12:00n for a DC at the Hewlett/East Rockaway Jewish Cntr, 295 Main St

Hicksville: The Way Out Group now meets on Fri at 8:00 pm, St Stephen's Church

Lynbrook: Young People BB Study now meets on Tue at 7:30 pm, Congregation Beth David, 188 Vincent Ave

DELETIONS

Baldwin: Just Booze Group: Mon 7:00 B meeting no longer meets

North Woodmere: Steps by the Book: no longer meets

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Please make sure your group has an up to date 12 step contact list. This list is used to carry the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Please take the time to pass the form on the back page of this newsletter around at your home group to be filled out.

Return to: Nassau Intergroup 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead, NY 11552

From the Chair

Dear Friends:

Since taking over as Chairman of Nassau Intergroup on January 1st, I have been failing miserably at informing and encouraging members of A.A. of the need to help fill the various service positions available at Nassau Intergroup. These committees NEED our "WE" HELP; Special Needs, C.P.C., P.I, Corrections Correspondence, the Financial Review, Website, Mailer. Other committees also need our help, but it is the committees that deal with the public, which concerns me the most. It is most important that Nassau Intergroup does not FAIL in "Carrying the Message."

I am not concerned with my own failure, yet rather the effect on alcoholics that desperately NEED OUR HELP to understand and/or survive the disease of alcoholism.

Intergroup Chairperson
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From the First Vice Chair

SERVICE AND RECOVERY

I've sometimes heard service beyond the home group derided as getting involved in "AA politics." Such an attitude seems to fail to appreciate the history, nature and import of AA service.

Bill W. notes that, "an AA service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer. . . ." AA's rich service history starts with Bill reaching out to Bob. It continues with the start of home groups, publication of the "Big Book" and other early public information efforts, establishment of the first AA service office in Newark, NJ, and development of intergroups and the General Service Conference itself. (See, The AA Service Manual, pp. S1-S12 for Bill's full quote, and for more details on much of this history.)

These several milestones in AA history and the men and women who helped them happen served to create the AA you and I know today. My participation in the continuing rolling out of AA history is a privilege, and a debt I owe to

my own continuing recovery and to the drunk who still suffers.

Selfishly, I know that much of the growth I have enjoyed in recovery has come through opportunities service has given me to "practice these principles," first in the forgiving context of my day to day AA dealings, and then, having hopefully learned from my inevitable mistakes, in all my affairs.

Dr. Bob, in his last message, reminds us that, "Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words 'love' and 'service.'" He goes on to say that, "None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to do numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf." (From Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers, pp. 337-338.)

Questions or comments are best directed to me at the phone number or e-mail address below rather than through the office.

In service,

First Vice Chair

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****SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES****

Night Book

Thanks to all groups that are consistent. You know what month you are due to serve and contact me. I hope to reach out to groups that are not as connected this year. We can save a life literally as was my experience. I want to thank the groups for service in January:

The Baldwin Group

Glen Head Group

Westbury Advent Group

Farmingdale-Sunday in the Park Group

Cold Spring Harbor Group

Yours in love and service,

NightBook Chair

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Phone Volunteers

If you have at least 6 months of sobriety and are interested in answering phones at Nassau Intergroup, please contact the office manager at (516) 292-3045

General Service

I wanted to welcome all those who will be doing service in AA for the next two years of their commitments. As Nassau General Service Group District Committee Chair, I will be looking for all your groups new GSRs and their Alternates, new DCM's and their Alternates to attend the first County Meeting which will be held on Feb.16, 2009. We have Orientation at 7PM for anyone new and they will get their SENY Handbooks. They will also need to Register with the GSO in New York City, SENY Area 49, and also with the County Nassau General Service Group. We Attend 5 SENY Area Assemblies a Year on (Sat. or Sun.), 6 County and whatever District and Workshops are going on in your Home group's District. We also try to make Area Conventions, and Informational Workshop which are held on weekends and involve traveling. Lastly we hold a Unity Breakfast every year on the 2nd Sun. in Dec. Welcome to the Beginning of your road to Happy Destiny!

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