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June 2009

Happy 74th Birthday AA



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

June

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| Jun 3 | 8:00 pm | Institutions Committee
Simpson Methodist Church
Locust & Sunset, Amityville |
| Jun 4 | 7:30 pm
8:00 pm | InterGroup Rep's Orientation
InterGroup Rep's Meeting
Garden City Community Church
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd |
| Jun 9 | 7:00 pm | PI/CPC Committee |
| Jun 11 | 7:00 pm | Special Needs Committee |
| Jun 15 | 7:00 pm
7:30 pm | General Service Rep's Orientation
General Service Rep's Meeting |
| Jun 17 | 7:30 pm | Web Site Committee |
| Jun 20 | 7:30 am | Speaker Exchange
Garden City Community Church
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd |
| Jun 23 | | Newsletter DeadLine |
| Jun 30 | 7:30 pm | Steering Committee |

July

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| Jul 1 | 8:00pm | Institutions Committee
Simpson Methodist Church
Locust & Sunset, Amityville |
| Jul 2 | 7:30 pm
8:00 pm | InterGroup Rep's Orientation
InterGroup Rep's Meeting
Garden City Community Church
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd |
| Jul 14 | 7:00 pm | PI/CPC Committee |
| Jul 15 | 7:30 pm | Web Site Committee |
| Jul 19 | 9:00 am | Annual Picnic
Eisenhower Park
Hempstead Tpke, East Meadow |
| Jul 23 | | Newsletter DeadLine |
| Jul 30 | 7:30 pm | Steering Committee |

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Cold Spring Harbor: Discussion has changed their Tue 8:30 O to a 8:30 BB

Elmont: Road to Recovery Group has a new location, 510 Hempstead Tpke, Suite 202, W Hempstead

Malverne: Gratitude Group no longer meets for their 7:30 S meeting

Mineola: Gratitude Group no longer meets on Mon for their 7:30 B meeting

Oceanside: Keep it Simple Group has changed their 9:00 pm CD to a 9:00 pm S

Syosset: Deliverance Group has changed the time of their Fri B meeting from 7:45 pm to 7:30 pm

Westbury: Hand In Hand Group has changed the times of their Mon 7:15 B to a 6:30 B and changed the time of their 8:30 C to a 7:45 CD

NEW MEETINGS

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

Syosset: Berry Hill Group has added a Sun 9:15 am Woman's CD

Deletions

North Woodmere: Steps by the Book Tue 7:30 BB no longer meets

TEMPORARY LOCATION CHANGE

Point Lookout: Serenity by the Sea/PM will be meeting temporarily at Congregation Beth Sholom, 315 Roosevelt Blvd (E Park Ave/ Roosevelt) from June 10th till July 13th

Thought to Consider . . .

ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS.
IS YOURS WORTH CATCHING?

From the Chair

What is A.A.'s Singleness of Purpose

I hope all are feeling less stressed because of the Steps and Traditions. When I was beginning in AA, I remember my sponsor passing along this very important piece of advice when I came to a "fork in the road", or when I seemed to be questioning something in my daily struggles, whether they be alcohol related, or not. "What are my intentions?" Asking this question often, has helped me as Chairperson to try to do what is right for A.A. more than what is best suited for my WANTS. I am glad for the input of others, who came before, and those who are here now, as I keep in mind "to do no harm for the future".

Remembering Dr. Bob's words, I, do not want to screw this up, and I hope you feel and believe the same way also. If you believe I am not acting in A.A.'s best interest, please tell me or one of the other officers. A.A. and Nassau Intergroup must survive in spite of my wants.

Intergroup Chairperson
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PROGRESSIVE GRATITUDE

Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward.

AS BILL SEES IT, p. 29

I am very grateful that my Higher Power has given me a second chance to live a worthwhile life. Through Alcoholics Anonymous, I have been restored to sanity. The promises are being fulfilled in my life. I am grateful to be free from the slavery of alcohol. I am grateful for peace of mind and the opportunity to grow, but my gratitude should go forward rather than backward. I cannot stay sober on yesterday's meetings or past Twelfth-Step calls; I need to put my gratitude into action today. Our co-founder said our gratitude can best be shown by carrying the message to others. Without action, my gratitude is just a pleasant emotion. I need to put it into action by working Step Twelve, by carrying the message and practicing the principles in all my affairs. I am grateful for the chance to carry the message today!

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****SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES****

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

Night Book

The hotline is going well as usual, thanks to all. I still am asking for "new blood" to make a commitment to the hotline. It involves answering the phone for 1 night in your home or cell.

We have to remember "Freely ye have Received-Freely Give".

Thanks to the following groups for the month of May:

Oceanside-One Day at a Time
Oyster Bay/Sagamore
Albertson/Searington
Levittown-Beginners Gift
East Norwich

Yours in love and service,
NightBook Chair

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From the First Vice Chair On Anonymity 2

Last month we looked at the development of the principle of anonymity. Anonymity serves both the individual member and the program, the member by providing cover from the fear of outside criticism for being an alcoholic—particularly important in early recovery or for those whose livelihood might be threatened if it became commonly known they have suffered from alcoholism—and the program by asserting its "principles before personalities." On the personal level, my anonymity is mine to maintain or break. I alone decide if and when I give it up. This should be respected by other AA's, even posthumously. (That another member uses his or her full name in meetings does not give me license to do the same for them.) While my anonymity is my own, in deference to the program, I do not break my anonymity in public forums—press, radio, film, television

and the internet, but also open meetings. Here I am reminded that my recovery is owed, not to my good efforts although my willingness and work play a part, but to the grace of a power greater than myself in support of the wisdom and inspiration of AA principles. This helps keep me humble. Generally, I break my anonymity to share the good news of my recovery with those close to me, or to help another alcoholic. What about anonymity in public forums? Our program's public information efforts demand members be prepared to stand up to articulate and reflect our program of recovery. We cannot rely on friends of AA alone to carry our message. Some criticize these efforts as publicity, but most understand it to be a necessary public sharing of information about AA. After all, while we are individually anonymous, the fellowship and program cannot be a secret if the alcoholic who still suffers is to find it. AA's commonly speak about AA in public while avoiding full personal identification. We do this before school groups and with professionals and professional groups, those third parties who will often be the first to meet the drunk in trouble such as physicians, lawyers, judges and other criminal justice professionals, clergy, teachers, social workers and alike. This public speaking is best undertaken with the support of a local service committee with experience in the practice. Intergroup has several such committees.

This is my understanding and experience of the principle of anonymity.

In service,
First Vice Chair

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SAVE THE DATE!!

Nassau Intergroup PICNIC
SUNDAY JULY 19th, 2009
Eisenhower Park Field 6A
East Meadow

General Service

Our June General Service County meeting is June 15 orientation at 7 PM for new GSRs to register and the meeting will start at 7:30. We are going to be selling Unity Breakfast tickets this month at our meeting if you do not have a GSR that goes to our meeting you may want to send an alternate. The Unity Breakfast is Sunday, December 13 at the Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant in Franklin Square at 9:30 AM. We will also be selling tickets at the July Intergroup Reps meeting. There will be a limit of one table per group if you want tickets and are not buying the table right away, price per ticket to be announced at the General Service meeting and at the next Intergroup Reps Meeting after the Committee sets the price on June 3rd committee meeting. The Big Meeting Chair is holding off until Sept. to hold our Big Meeting in Nassau. Our Treasurer will give a report changes we voted on at our last meeting on our new budget and our SENY Area 49 Delegate Richard S. will give his post Conference report at our meeting. Also our I will be attending the Northeast Regional Forum for the weekend of June 26-28, This is where our General service office comes out of it New York office and lets the northeast region area understand what they do, if you have never been to the GSO in Manhattan, then this is a good opportunity to see how AA works World-wide.

Calendar of General Service Events

Fri June 26 - 28 Northeast Regional Forum
Somerset NJ

Fri July 24 - 26 New York State Convention
Grand Island NY

Fri Aug 14 - 16 New York State Informational
Workshop Painted Post NY

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Trad 6: *An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.*

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From the Literature Chair

The price of World Services books will be going up as of July 1, 2009. I have been trying to "stock up" so I can pass the savings on to you. I will keep you posted as to when and what books will be increased.

New World Services CDs in stock:

"Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age" - a Brief History of A.A.

10 disc set: Duration: 11 hours 3 min: \$10.00

"A Brief Guide to A.A."

2 disc set: Duration: 1 hour and 34 min:\$3.00

"Bill Discusses the Twelve Traditions"

Duration: 1 hour 5 min: \$6.00

By popular demand we will continue selling

"Living Sober" on CD.

4 disc set: \$10.00

Many of you have requested the pocket "12 & 12."

That is now in stock! \$4.50

Yours in service,
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