

August 2010

THE “BIG” MEETING

AUGUST 14, 2010

(RAIN DATE AUGUST 21, 2010)

7:00-8:30PM

RIVERSIDE BLVD. AND THE BEACH
LONG BEACH, NY

Calendar of Events

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

<u>August</u>			<u>September</u>		
Aug 4	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville	Sep 1	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Aug 5	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation	Sep 2	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
	8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd		8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Aug 10	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee	Sep 8	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
Aug 14		The “Big” Meeting Riverside Blvd & the Beach, Long Beach	Sep 9	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Aug 16	7:00 pm	General Service Rep's Orientation	Sep 14	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
	7:30 pm	General Service Rep's Meeting	Sep 15	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee
Aug 18	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee	Sep 18	7:30 am	Speaker Exchange Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Aug 19		Newsletter DeadLine	Sep 24		Newsletter DeadLine
Aug 26	7:30 pm	Steering Committee	Sep 30	7:30 pm	Steering Committee

MISSING FROM MEETING BOOK

West Hempstead

Decision Group: St. Andrew's Church,
54 Nassau Blvd .(north of Hempstead Tpke.)
Tues 7:00 S, Thurs 7:00 B
(Last Thursday Anniversary Meeting)

Reflect This: 311 Hempstead Tpke
Tues 10:30 AM C, Thurs 10:30 AM C

Road To Recovery: West Nassau Counseling Ctr
510 Hempstead Tpke,
Wed 7:15 B, Sat 10:00 AM Topic MTG

Weekend Early Birds: Trinity Lutheran Church
260 Chestnut St.
Sun 7:00 AM C, Wed 7:00 B, BB, S
Last Wed Open Anniv, Sat 7:00 AM C,
Meets All Holidays 7:00 AM

Westbury

Westbury Advent Group: Church of the Advent
Winthrop Hall, Advent Avenue
Sun 8:00 O, Thurs 7:15 B, 8:30 BB

Big Book At Steeple On The Parkway:
United Methodist Church
1 BLK South of N. State Pkwy, Mon 7:30 BB

But Do It Group:
United Methodist Church Westbury
265 Asbury Ave 1 BLK S of N. State
Sat 9:00 AM S

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS MEETING CHANGES

Hicksville: Ever Vigilant has changed the Tues 7:30 PM C, 1st Tues BB, 3rd Tues Living Sober

Oyster Bay: Oyster Bay/Sagamore has changed the times of their Sun 8:15 O and 8:15 S to a 8:00 S and a 8:00 O, last Sun Anniv, and their Wed 8:15 CD and their 8:15 B to a 8:00 CD and a 8:00 B

Rockville Centre: AM Group Thurs 6:15 AM changed to OD

Rockville Centre: Serenity, Courage, & Wisdom has changed their name to Serenity at Noon

More will be revealed

NEW MEETINGS

Locust Valley: Choices now meets on Mon 6:30AM R, Thurs 6:30AM S, and on Sat 7:00AM BB/R at Reformed Church, 115 Ryefield Rd

Long Beach: Sunset Meeting at the Beach will meet from 6/15 to 9/15 on Sat at 7pm for a CD Washington Ave on the beach/ bring a chair

Massapequa: Extravagant Promises will meet on Mon.7:30AM CD, Wed 7:30AM CD, and Fri. 7:30 AM CD, S at Massapequa Reformed Ch., 302 Ocean Ave.

Roosevelt: Women Caring for Women REACT Center 27A Washington Pl. now meets on Sat for a 1:00pm W

TRADITION EIGHT

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words "Freely ye have received, freely give." We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world's best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: Our single purpose has been defeated.

Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid twelfth-stepper. Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When an A.A. talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer, it can have a very bad effect on him, too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a very few AA's have ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee.

Despite this certainty, it is nevertheless true that few subjects have been the cause of more contention within our Fellowship than professionalism. Caretakers who swept floors, cooks who fried hamburgers, secretaries in offices, authors writing books--all these we have seen hotly assailed because they were, as their critics angrily remarked, "making money out of A.A." Ignoring the fact that these labors were not Twelfth Step jobs at all, the critics attacked as A.A. professionals these workers of ours who were often doing thankless tasks that no one else could or would do. Even greater furors were provoked when A.A. members began to run rest homes and farms for alcoholics, when some hired out to corporations as personnel men in charge of the alcoholic wards, when others entered the field of alcohol education. In all these instances, and more, it was claimed that A.A. knowledge and experience were being sold for money, hence these people, too, were professionals. -- Providence Point

AA HISTORY

- ⇒ Aug 8, 1879 – Dr. Bob born in St. Johnsbury, VT.
 - ⇒ Aug 15, 1890 – E. M. Jellinek is born, author of “The Disease Concept of Alcoholism” and the “Jellinek Curve”.
 - ⇒ Aug 11, 1938 – Akron & NY members begin writing stories for Big Book.
 - ⇒ Aug 16, 1939 – Dr. Bob and Sister Ignatia admit 1st alcoholic to St Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio.
 - ⇒ Aug 19, 1941 – 1st AA Meeting in Colorado is held in Denver.
 - ⇒ Aug 26, 1941 – Bill writes Dr Bob to tell him Works Publishing has been incorporated.
 - ⇒ Aug 1, 1943 – Washington Times-Herald (DC) reports on AA clubhouse, to protect anonymity withholds address.
 - ⇒ Aug 9, 1943 – LA groups announce 1000 members in 11 groups.
 - ⇒ Aug 25, 1943 – AA group donates Big Book to public library in Quincy, MA.
 - ⇒ Aug 3, 1954 – Brinkley S. gets sober at Towns Hospital after 50th detox.
 - ⇒ Aug 28, 1954 – “24 Hours a Day” is published by Richmond, VA.
 - ⇒ Aug 18, 1988 – 1st Canadian National AA Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Other significant events in August which we do not have a specific date:**
- ⇒ Aug 1934- Rowland H. and Cebra persuade court to parole Ebby T. to them.
 - ⇒ August 1934- Ebbie T. sobers up in the Oxford Group.
 - ⇒ Aug 1939 - Dr. Bob wrote & may have signed article for Faith magazine.
 - ⇒ August 1941- 1st meeting in Orange County, California held in Anaheim.
 - ⇒ August 1945- *The Grapevine* carried Bill W's first article (titled Modesty One Plank for Good Public Relations) setting the groundwork for his 5-year campaign for the Traditions.

FROM THE CHAIR

WOW it's HOT!! It's time for a refreshing meeting. Coming August 14th 7-8PM to Riverside Blvd. on the beach in Long Beach, N.Y. is the Big Meeting, a two Speaker Open Meeting which honors A.A

I would like to thank Jay-Picnic Chair, along with Brian-Music, Ron, Christina, Peter, Dyanne, Carol, Mark, and all who helped make this a wonderful event. The time spent talking with old friends, and meeting new ones is priceless. The great entertainment and the wonderful weather made this a perfect one day vacation. Thanks to all who attended and made this a special day.

We still need help. VOLUNTEERS, for Special Needs, Public Information, Web Site, and all the other various services Committees, which Nassau Intergroup has set up, providing help and hope for all who seek recovery through A.A. in Nassau County.- George P., Chair.

Stay Safe and Sober,
NIAA Chairperson
chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

FROM THE VICE CHAIR SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL

The First International Convention celebrating AA's 15th anniversary was held in Cleveland, Ohio in 1950. Highlights included Dr. Bob's last appearance and message before the fellowship, and "the confirmation of our Twelve Traditions by the Convention as the permanent platform of unity and function on which our fellowship would henceforth stand." (AA Comes of Age, p. 213) An estimated 3,000 members were in attendance.

AA's 75th anniversary International Convention was held July 1-4, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas. GSO estimated 53,000 members, family and friends attended making it the largest such gathering to date. While no noteworthy resolutions were passed, the event was nevertheless a remarkable and historic affirmation of the AA program, message and fellowship.

For those who couldn't be in San Antonio, I hope some of you availed yourselves of the online access to the opening flag ceremony, a particularly moving celebration when we consider the state of the world today. Other convention events included marathon AA meetings, an Old timers meeting (members with 40+ years in recovery including the most senior with 63 years), hospitality suites, dances, and a great range of topic meetings throughout. The positive energy on the streets and in the rooms was compelling.

We would like to give our thanks to the GSO staffers and others who made our 13th International Convention possible. The next International will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, 2015. Start saving your pennies.

Closer to home, the annual Nassau Intergroup Picnic was held on July 18. We would like to give our thanks to the members who worked hard before, during and after the picnic to make it enjoyable for the rest of us. It is always important when attending such an event to remember that we are in public, and as such, may be seen as representing AA as a whole. What impression of our fellowship do we give?

Next month I will be reminding members of the challenge I put to the local fellowship back in November to confirm each group's wheelchair accessibility. We didn't get much info back in response to that, in fact, we didn't get any. I'm targeting the October Reps meeting (October 7, the deadline for getting new info in for the next printing of our meeting list) to finalize that project. Please be thoughtful of your fellow alcoholic who may have mobility limitations, and respond to the survey when it again comes around.

In service,
First Vice Chair
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Aug General Service News

Aug 6-8, New York State Informational Workshop at Graymoor
Aug 14, 7:00 PM, Big Meeting at Long Beach & Riverside Blvd.
Aug 16, 7:00 PM, GSR Orientation at Intergroup Office
Aug 16, 7:30 PM, GSR Meeting at Intergroup Office
Aug 26-29, ICYPAA International Conference of Young People in AA

Marriot Marquis-Times Square 1535 Broadway, NY,NY

Sep General Service News

Sep 25, SENY Assembly Elections
Saunders Trades & Technical HS
183 Palmer Rd. Yonkers, NY 10701

DCMC NGSG,
nassau@aaseny(dot)org

Service Volunteers Needed

The Nassau County Intergroup is an entirely volunteer organization - there are no paid employees. As a result, volunteers are always needed! Requirements are six months of sobriety and four hours at least once a month. A great way to place Step Twelve into action! For further information, contact the Intergroup Office.

Cooperation with Professional Community - Meets with Professionals explaining A.A.

Meeting List - Update the printed meeting list of all Nassau County A.A. Meetings.

Public Information - Meets with various schools, institutions, and Fairs explaining A.A.

Special Needs - Provides and facilitate meeting information for those with special needs.

Web Site - Collect information for posting, and the maintaining of website.

12th Step List - Updates and maintains file of 12th Step Phone Lists.

Nassau Intergroup Secretary- Records minutes at Reps Meetings and Steering Committee Meetings.

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I'M AN ALCOHOLIC

And my name is Jimmy. I'm 61 years old and have not had an alcoholic drink since Sep of 97. At a recent Big Book meeting, we read the words "after a few years with an alcoholic, a wife gets worn out, resentful, and uncommunicative." These words caused me to reflect on my once married life that I treasured so. We were married in 85 and I got sober 12 years later, and only because of my wife's ultimatum. Booze had defined my life for over 30 years. But am I an alcoholic? No way! Well, long story short, I put the cork in the jug, and after 2 years or so, stopped going to meetings, stopped calling my sponsor, stopped acting sober. Complacency set in, resentments stayed with me like an unwanted house guest. Control issues abounded. Then something happened. The woman, whom I adored and treated like a princess, had had enough. She left me, our daughter, her family and friends. This was 4 years ago. I may never know what finally made her decide to leave, but I am sure that 21 years of living with an alcoholic, active & recovering took its toll. I have made my amends with her, and took responsibility for my part in the demise of our marriage, which despite my alcoholism, was a good one. This brought me back to meetings 4 years ago, and this time I'm doing it for myself. Adversity has been my constant companion since she left. I miss that life terribly. I'm hurting emotionally and financially, but I don't drink, and I go to meetings regularly. And, with the grace of God I know that I cannot and will not drink. The fellowship of A.A. has taught me that there is nothing worth drinking over, ever! I know that I will never be able to drink successfully. I am a very grateful alcoholic despite these rough times, and am extremely grounded in my sobriety. God bless you all.

Member of the Elmont Belmont Give it a Try is my home group.

Nightbook

On the road again....

This past week I had the great pleasure of visiting East Dorset, Vermont, and the home of one of our founders, Bill Wilson. While there I met Tim, a volunteer from Ohio who selflessly donates his time to welcome fellow alcoholics, provide background history of Bill W and generally provides information about the roots of our wonderful program. Love and Service first and foremost....I was so greatly impressed with this young man whom when we asked to use the bathroom said to us "you don't have to ask....you are home." May God bless you and all you do Tim. Thank you for welcome smile and the time you and everyone devote to preserve the very roots and history of our program.

I am so truly blessed to have been able to stand in the very room where Bill was born and to visit the home where he lived as a young man.

On our way out of East Dorset, we stopped at the cemetery where Bill and Lois are buried. Never have I felt more grateful and closer to God, my higher power, then when I stood at their grave site and offered up my 20 year coin.

I thank you for all you have given me dear Lord. Unity, Service and Recovery is how I can give back maybe a small piece of what I have been blessed with.

I know I can never repay the debt that I owe.

I would like to invite all of you reading this to call and volunteer to help out and take the Night book. Please get your group involved, as we are all responsible when anyone anywhere reaches out for help. I always want the hand of AA to be there.....how about you?

Yours in Love and Service,
NightBook Chair
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