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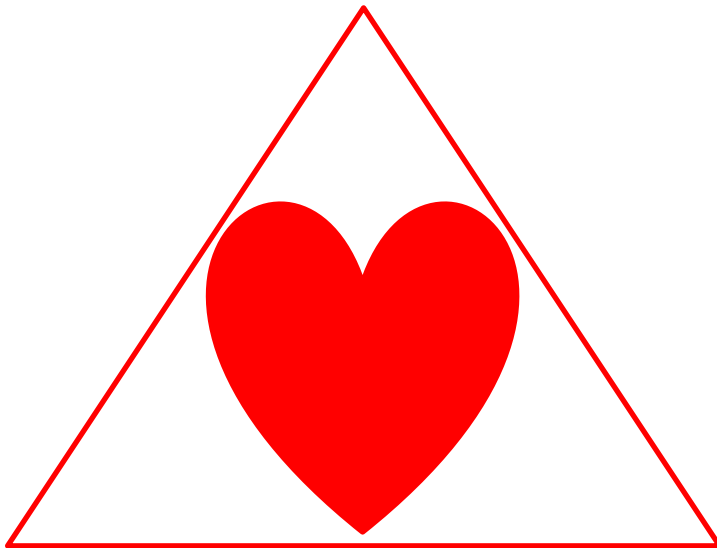
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WORLD WIDE WEB EDITION

FEBRUARY 2013



“Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words “love” and “service.” We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let’s bear those two things in mind.”

[From Dr Bob’s last message.]

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All meetings held at Nassau Intergroup unless otherwise noted.)

February 2013

- 2/6 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 2/7 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 2/7 7:30 Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 2/10 Nassau General Service Group Unity Breakfast
- 2/12 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 2/13 8 PM Share-a-Day Planning Meeting
- 2/18 7 PM New GSR/DCM Orientation
- 2/18 7:30 PM GSR/DCM Meeting
- 2/20 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 2/21 7 PM Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 2/21 Newsletter Deadline**
- 2/28 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

March 2013

- 3/6 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 3/7 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 3/7 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 3/9 11 AM SENY Intergroup Liaison Meeting
- 3/12 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 3/13 8 PM Share-a-Day Planning Meeting
- 3/16 7:30-10:00 AM Speaker’s Exchange
(Nassau Community College, Cluster F, Room 127)
- 3/16 Dinner & Comedy Night, Ariana Waterfall Restaurant
- 3/20 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 3/21 7 PM Special Needs Committee Meeting
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STEP 2—Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

AA HISTORY

February 1938—John Rockefeller gives AA \$5,000 but refuses to give more saving the fellowship from professionalism.

February 1940—First World Service Office established, Vesey Street, New York City.

February 1940—First AA Clubhouse opened on 24th Street, New York City.

February 1940—Bill W., meets Father Dowling.

February 1954—Bill W., declines offer of an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Yale.

NASSAU INTERGROUP - FEBRUARY MEETING LIST CHANGES

DELETIONS:

Freeport 11520

Freeport II Group, Monday 8 PM Open Discussion.

Oceanside 11512

One Day At A Time Group, Monday 8 PM Step.

Rockville Centre 11570

Encouragement Group, Monday 7:30 PM Step; Thursday 7:30 PM Closed Discussion.

MEETING CHANGES:

Amityville 11701

Open Door Group, Tuesday 10 AM Closed is now Closed Topic; Thursday 10 AM Closed is now 10 AM Beginners; Friday 10 AM Closed Discussion is now Closed Discussion Literature.

Freeport 11520

Day Enders Group, last Wednesday, 4:30 PM Tradition; last Friday, 4:30 PM Open Anniversary.

Garden City 11530

Easy Does It Group, Saturday 7 PM Step & 7 PM Young People's now 7 PM Alternating Closed Discussion/Step.

Garden City Group, 7:30 PM Friday Open Big Book Study is now 7:30 PM Sunday Open Big Book Study.

Huntington 11743

Huntington Group, Sunday 6:45 PM* & 8 PM Closed now 6:15 PM Closed Discussion & 7:30 PM Closed; Wednesday 7 PM Open, 8:15 PM Beginners & 8:15 Step now 7:15 Open, 8:30 Beginners & 8:30 Step.

Oceanside 11512

One Day At A Time Group, Sunday 7 PM *Closed is now 7:30 PM *Open Discussion. (*Sunday – Anniversary as needed.)

NEW MEETING:

Garden City 11530

Open Hearts Group, Thursday 8 PM, 11th Step Meditation, Ethical Humanist Society, 38 Old County Road, Garden City.

TEMPORARILY CLOSED MEETINGS:

Roosevelt 11575

Sunday Sunrise Group and **Women Caring for Women Group** who meet at the React Center, 27A Washington Place are temporarily closed until further notice due to fire damage at the center.

MEETING CHANGES DUE TO HURRICANE SANDY

Island Park 11558

No groups meeting.

Long Beach 11561

High Noon/West End Group: New location: Long Beach Catholic Regional School, 735 West Broadway, Long Beach (over gym). No Beginners meeting.

New Beginnings Group: Two new locations- Saint Mary of the Isle, 315 East Walnut Street, Long Beach (near Park Avenue; enter behind church on Walnut Street and Monroe Boulevard) Long Beach; Sunday 7:30 PM Big Book only; and People's Church of Long Beach, 111 Delaware Avenue; Friday 7:30 PM Beginners only.

Serenity by the Sea/AM Group: New location: Saint John's Lutheran Church, 75 East Olive Street, Long Beach (home of the Early Risers Group).

The Step Meeting: People's Church of Long Beach, 111 Delaware Avenue, Long Beach (not previously listed as not meeting or displaced, but resumed regular meetings 01/08/2013.)

Young by the Beach Group: New location: Saint John's Lutheran Church, 75 East Olive Street, Long Beach (home of the Early Risers Group).

Massapequa 11758

Sobriety in the Park Group: Not meeting.

NB: Information is subject to change and is correct to the best of our knowledge. All other groups/meetings are meeting as usually scheduled as far as we know.

Sobriety Is a Tall Tale

The Baldwin Group would like to invite all to our 9 PM Wednesday Big Book Meeting after celebrating our first year of this new edition.

We experience the lives and stories in the back of the book. It is an intimate gathering chock full of spirituality. Our format is simple: We take turns reading each story in a round robin then share afterwards about whatever moves us. We talk about the problems, the solution, how to achieve sobriety and how to hold on to it. Truly this meeting is about connection. This is an Open Meeting so all are welcome.

Come as you are and bring a friend. There's plenty of room, plenty of coffee and an abundance of gratitude. So hope to see you at Saint Luke's Place in Baldwin any Wednesday at 9 PM.

Member of the Baldwin Group, Baldwin

DINNER & COMEDY NIGHT



Nassau Intergroup presents its
2nd Dinner & Comedy Night
Saturday, March 16th

Ariana Waterfall Restaurant
79 Hempstead Turnpike
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Event includes: appetizers, dinner,
and dessert followed by a
comedy show and dancing.

Tickets are \$65.00 per person.

Contact Nassau Intergroup's
2nd Vice Chair (516) 292-3045 or
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From the Nassau Intergroup Chair

Having survived my first reps meeting as your new Chair I would like to thank you all for your patience and support. I also would like to welcome the new members to the steering committee who filled the following service commitments:

Exchange Meeting
12 Step Contact List
Night Book Coordinator

Welcome aboard. We can always use new people to help with the work that we do at Nassau Intergroup. So if you would like to help please contact me at the office or by email.

The rewards of doing service are too many to mention. I cannot tell you how many people who have come up to me at our meetings and thanked me for doing any number of the things I have done in service.

Also, Nassau received a further contribution to support groups affected by Hurricane Sandy from members in North Carolina which was greatly appreciated.

So 'til next month....

Yours in Service
Intergroup Chair
(516) 292-3045 or chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

Where is the "Home Group?"

Recently, I joined the Special Needs Committee. The first order of business for me was reaching out to those members with Special Needs who can no longer attend AA meetings for whatever the reason. Why does this happen?

For me, it was first my dear friend Phyllis K. Phyllis was in her 70s when she went on dialysis. This left her too weak to travel alone. With a kind offer to give her a lift to a meeting, she was able to continue attending meetings and stay happy, joyous and free. Then my Aunt Rita, also an AA

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"chauffeurs" on her dance card.***

member, advanced in years and became frail. She was not able to take public transportation anymore and required rides to meetings. By the grace of God (and a good cell phone) she was able to remain active in AA and make meetings daily. Rita had several different "chauffeurs" on her dance card.

I ask you AA, do you have someone in your home group who mysteriously disappeared? Don't assume they moved away or lost interest. Give them a call. They probably are advancing into the "Golden Years" and may need a little more help than before. It could be as easy as offering a ride. I always say service keeps me sober. Let's try to identify our MMIA (Members Missing in Action) and give them a lift.

Yours in Service
Member of the Special Needs Committee &
Hand in Hand Group, Westbury

Who Am I?

Convinced future AA co-founder, Bill W., that alcoholism is a disease. Affectionately known as "the little doctor who loved drunks."

Leadership in AAs: Ever a Vital Need

(Excerpts from Bill W.'s article in the April 1959 Grapevine. See Concept IX, page 38 of "Twelve Concepts for World Service" for the full article)

Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: "Our leaders do not drive by mandate: they lead by example." In effect, we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss us." . . .

Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its service. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions.

Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source. . . .

Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism. This is an acid test. There are always the constructive critics, our friends indeed. We ought never fail to give them a careful hearing. We should be willing to let them modify our opinions or change them completely. Often, too, we shall have to disagree and then stand fast without losing their friendship.

TRADITION 2—

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants.

Financial Review

The Nassau Intergroup Financial Review Committee is charged with developing a budget proposal each year, with reviewing Intergroup's financial situation, records and practices, and, implicit in that, with making suggestions to Intergroup on best financial practices.

As to the budget, since we really didn't have a fully functioning committee, our work ran late in 2012 (the budget really should have been settled by the December Reps meeting), but we finally were able to make a budget suggestion which was presented to the Reps at last month's meeting. (Since we finished 2012 largely on budget, the 2012 budget numbers were suggested for 2013.) At this month's meeting the 2013 budget will likely be settled.

Assuming the budget is accepted without change, we will still need to come up with some potential economies within discretionary spending for this year since we've needed to tap the Reserve Fund more than once over the past few years.

For the Finance Committee, tasks ahead include completing an inventory of Intergroup's on hand literature, and moving forward with a review of back financial records. Other matters may also be on the committee's to do list.

That being said, the Finance Committee needs a few volunteers to be able to do the work at hand. The committee meets every other month at Intergroup and/or over the phone or by email to do its work. Interested members should contact me through the office (516-292-3045) or at the e-mail address below.

Financial Review Chair
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From the DCMC Nassau

Nassau General Service Group GSR Meetings for 2013 are: February 18th, April 15th, June 17th, August 19th, October 21st and December 16th. Each meeting is 7:30-9 PM. New GSR Orientation at 7 PM; Traditions and Concepts Meeting 7-7:30 PM. Nassau General Service also schedules educational events and roundtable discussions on alternate months, including:

March 18th - SENY Anonymity Project
May 20th - Understanding AA Literature & Resource Workshop for GSRs as Group Sponsors
July 15th - AA Concepts Workshop

These service events will be held at the Nassau Intergroup Office.

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Answer to "Who Am I?" William Duncan Silkworth MD, (1873-1951).
Director of Charles B. Towns Hospital for Drug and Alcohol Addictions
in New York City. Specialist in the treatment of alcoholism.

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CONCEPT 2— The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

63rd General Service Conference Hospitality

Each year local AA members have helped to provide a "New York Experience" for guests of the members of the General Service Conference. The effort involves planning an itinerary of activities for the guests, and recruiting volunteers to help show them around.

Although hospitality volunteers do so at their own expense, we always have a lot of fun and it's a great support to the Conference having the delegates know their loved ones are being shown around while they work.

Find out more about hospitality for this year's Conference or about helping out.

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