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WORLD WIDE WEB EDITION

APRIL 2013

APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

“I am responsible...
when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April 2013

- 4/3 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 4/4 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 4/4 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 4/6 XXXVI Nassau Intergroup Share-a-Day
(St. Joseph's School, 1346 Broadway, Hewlett)
- 4/9 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 4/10 8 PM Share-a-Day Planning Meeting
- 4/15 7 PM New GSR Orientation, Traditions 3&4/Concepts 3&4
- 4/15 7:30 PM GSR/DCM Meeting
- 4/17 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 4/18 7 PM Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 4/18 Newsletter Deadline**
- 4/25 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

May 2013

- 5/1 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 5/2 Meeting List Deadline**
- 5/2 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 5/2 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 5/8 8 PM Share-a-Day Planning Meeting
- 5/14 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 5/15 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 5/16 7 PM Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 5/23 Newsletter Deadline**
- 5/30 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

STEP 4 – Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

AA HISTORY

April 1, 1939 – *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the “Big Book”, published.

April 1960 – Bill W., declines cover story for *Time* magazine.

April 1973 – President Richard Nixon receives one millionth copy of the “Big Book”.

NASSAU INTERGROUP - MARCH MEETING LIST CHANGES

DELETIONS:

Freeport 11520

Freeport II Group, Monday 8 PM Open Discussion.

Oceanside 11512

Keep It Simple Group, Tuesday 9 PM Closed Discussion (Candle Light).

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 now Closed Topic; Thursday 10 AM Closed is now 10 AM Beginners.

Bethpage 11714

Caring & Sharing Group, Wednesday 7:30 PM Closed now #Closed (#1st Wednesday Step/Last Wednesday Beginners).

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 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 PM Step now 7:15 PM Open, 8:30 PM Beginners & 8:30 PM Step.

Lawrence 11559

Lawrence/Cedarhurst Group Anniversaries now last Monday 7:30 PM.

Lynbrook 11563

Primary Purpose Group, Added 8:15 PM Anniversary last Tuesday; Added Thursday 7 PM Big Book (# Last Thursday Tradition)

Manhasset, 11030

Manhasset Group, 7:30 PM Closed Discussion now 7:30 PM Open Meeting.

Mineola 11501

County Seat Group, 7:30 AM Closed Discussion now 7:30 AM# Beginners (#Living Sober); 1:15 PM #Beginners now 1:15 PM Closed Discussion. (No change to other meetings/times as listed.)

Oceanside 11512

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

Port Washington 11050

Port Washington Group, Tuesday 9:00 PM Closed Discussion now 8:45 PM Open Discussion; Thursday 9:00 PM Beginners now 8:45 PM Beginners.

NEW GROUPS:

Farmingdale 11735

I Am Responsible Group, Tuesday, 7:30 PM Big Book & Thursday 7:30 PM Beginners, Crossroads Church, 610 Carmans Road, Farmingdale.

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** which

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).

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.

Special Needs Questionnaire

The Special Needs Committee focuses on our primary purpose, to stay sober and to help others recover from alcoholism, but with an interest in those of us who may have difficulty getting to a regular meeting. There is a real need for us to make AA available to those who are physically disabled, have long term illnesses, are homebound, seniors, hearing impaired or sight impaired.

I have been told to make a gratitude list many times, usually when I am overly upset about something that is just not that big. Eventually, I get down to gratitude for my health. I do remember a few years ago going to meetings on crutches and in a wheelchair after a skiing accident. Only recently did I realize that I could get into my home group, Bayville Triangle, because there is a wheelchair accessible entrance on the side.

“The committee is looking to recognize AA member needs....”

Your Intergroup Representative will bring back a questionnaire to your group aimed at finding out what special needs your group can accommodate. The committee is looking to recognize AA member needs in Nassau County, and identify available solutions. Our Twelve Concepts tell us that the strength in AA is at the group level. Please help us to be available anytime an AA member reaches out for help.

Come join us at our Special Needs Committee meetings. We meet the third Thursday of every month from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM at the Intergroup office. You can reach me at: [specneeds@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:specneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org) or call (516) 292-3045 and leave a message.

Service is Accessible
June C.

NI Special Needs Chair
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GIGO

Of the numerous services provided by Nassau Intergroup, the one that is utilized by more people than any other is our meeting list. These lists are essential to all of us, from the old timer with 40 years to the person looking to find their very first meeting.

We print and circulate 40,000 copies of this list every year here in Nassau County and the surrounding counties. In addition, we maintain two lists on our web site. There is one in the familiar layout of our printed meeting list, as well as a "searchable" version. Our on-line lists are visited almost 3,000 times every week.

In the searchable edition, you can search for a particular type of meeting, a meeting between certain hours on individual day(s) of the week, or even meetings within 5, 10 or 20 miles of a specific town or zip. This customized list can then be printed out so you can always have a list of your favorite meetings in your pocket.

So what does GIGO have to do with this? In the early days of the computer era (way back in the dim ages of the early 60's), this expression gained special meaning. GIGO – Garbage In, Garbage Out. If you enter bad or incorrect data, you get inaccurate results. In order to get good information out of a system, good information has to be input.

These meeting lists are only useful when the information is accurate and up-to-date. We have all experienced the frustration of getting to a meeting that started an hour earlier than we expected, or headed out to a meeting only to find that it is no longer there. This is an inconvenience to us as experienced members, think what this would tell a person heading to their 1st or 2nd meeting and finding that it wasn't there.

This is where you came in. With nearly 300 groups, hosting approximately 700 meetings every week, it is impossible for one person, or even a committee to verify all of this information. WE rely on YOU to provide us with the current and accurate information on the location and times of the meetings of your home group.

Any changes/corrections or additions to your meetings information needs to be submitted on one of our "Group Meeting Change Forms ". These are available in the office or on-line. Please be sure to fill them out completely and legibly. Once submitted to the office, changes will be reflected in the on-line lists, shortly and in the next printing of the list.

New groups are listed on-line right away, but must have been meeting for six months since the submission of the form to be included in the printed edition.

With your help, we can be assured of providing an accurate and up-to-date meeting list for everybody that might find a need for it.

Cory B.
NI Meeting List Chair
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From the Chair

Hi folks:

Well, we just held our first Exchange Meeting for this year. After a few bumps in the road, we finally got the doors open. Two people got there just as we were setting up, so we put them to work. Our thanks to Erin S., and Steve F., for coordinating the Exchange. Thanks also to Richard B., our Second Vice Chair, for his help. The Exchange went well. We still ask groups to respect the scheduled 7:30 AM start time.

Liz P., our Twelfth Step List Chair, was at the Exchange to reach out to groups that we do not see at the Reps meeting to get updated lists. We also gave out Johnny Cadillac's (Night Book Chair) phone number to try to get more groups to take the Night Book.

Speaking of the Night Book, we were very close to not having the phones answered some nights last month. Our thanks to the groups that stepped up to take the phones at the March Reps meeting. To me it hurts my heart that we have to beg groups every month to take the Night Book, and that it's the same few groups that do step up. So if your group has not taken the Night Book in a while, please consider stepping up by contacting Johnny.

Yours in Service
Jack K.
Intergroup Chair
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Who Am I?

Known as the Angel of Hope, this non-alcoholic and friend of AA assisted Doctor Bob in the treatment of alcoholics at Saint Thomas Hospital, Akron, OH. Introduced giving medallions to alcoholics to mark milestones of their sobriety.

[Answer on page 4.]

**NASSAU INTERGROUP
XXXVI SHARE-A-DAY**

"A GREAT PARADOX"

**SATURDAY-APRIL 6, 2013
8:00 AM-4:30 PM**

**ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
1346 BROADWAY
HEWLETT, NY 11557**

The Bedevilmments

We were having trouble with personal relationships, we couldn't control our emotional natures, we were a prey to misery and depression, we couldn't make a living, we had a feeling of uselessness, we were full of fear, we were unhappy, we couldn't be of real help to people

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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. Please contact us.

Bill C., Baldwin Group &
Denis O'B., Sobriety Without End Group
Conference Hospitality Coordinators
panel55@aaseny(dot)org

Nassau General Service Group of AA have a new mailing address. Our thanks for your continued support.

Nassau General Service Group
PO Box 7
Garden City, NY 11530

TRADITION 4— Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

L I C Y P A A

"Long Island Committee of Young People in AA"

We meet every second Monday
of the month in the back at the
South Oaks Chapel

400 Sunrise Highway, Amityville, NY 11701
8:15 PM

LICYPAA needs your support in our:

*** Big Book Drive***

The Outreach Support Drive

Membership Drive!!!

Young People's Plus Special Event
Fellowship Meeting
Belmont State Park, May 19th, 10 AM !!!

Answer to "Who Am I?"

Sister Mary Ignatia Gavin
Sisters of Charity of Saint Augustine
January 2, 1889 – April 1, 1966

From your Newsletter Editor

Kia ora! April showers, brings May flowers. OK, I'm hoping it won't rain too much this month even if it is good for the garden, but if you're inside staying dry, why not write or type an article for the newsletter? Even when the weather is warm and you're out and about, please think about contributing an article to our newsletter. It could be about your home group, or your journey in sobriety. So what are you waiting for, get those creative seeds of wisdom growing and with a bit of luck a great article will blossom.

Submit via email or by regular mail to the intergroup office "Attn: Newsletter Editor!"

Service in Action
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CONCEPT 4— Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.