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WORLD WIDE WEB EDITION

SEPTEMBER 2013

“LOVE & SERVICE – THE BIG MEETING”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

1-4 PM

SAINT JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1670 ROUTE 25A

COLD SPRING HARBOR, NY 11724

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

September 2013

- 9/4 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 9/5 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 9/5 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 9/10 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 9/11 7 PM XXXVII Share-a-Day Kick-off Planning Meeting
- 9/14 1-4 PM “Love & Service - The Big Meeting”**
(Saint John’s Episcopal Church, Cold Spring Harbor, NY)
- 9/16 7-9 PM GSR Workshop
- 9/18 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 9/19 Newsletter Deadline**
- 9/21 7:00-10 AM Speaker’s Exchange Meeting**
(Nassau Community College, Cluster F, Room 127)
- 9/26 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

October 2013

- 10/2 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 10/3 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 10/3 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 10/8 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 10/16 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 10/21 7 PM New GSR Orientation
- 10/21 7:30 PM GSR/DCM Meeting
- 10/24 Newsletter Deadline**
- 10/31 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

STEP 9—Made direct amends to such people where possible,
except when to do so would injure them or others.

AA History

September 21, 1938 — Bill W. and Hank P. form Works Publishing Inc.

September 1939—*Liberty* article on AA appears.

September 1946— Bill W. and Dr. Bob both publicly endorsed National Committee for Education in Alcoholism founded by Marty M.

September 1948— Dr. Bob writes article for Grapevine on AA, *Fundamentals - In Retrospect*

September 1949— First issue of Grapevine published in "pocketbook" size.

NASSAU INTERGROUP - MEETING LIST CHANGES

DELETIONS:

Manhasset 11030

Sober Spirits Group Wednesday 5:30 PM Meditation.

MEETING CHANGES:

East Rockaway 11518

East Rockaway Group, Added Thursday 6:15 PM **Big Book. (**Does not meet on major holidays.)

Long Beach 11561

High Noon/West End Group: 7:15 PM Thursday *Big Book, Saturday 10 AM Beginner's & 10 AM Closed now meets at Long Beach Ice Arena, 150 West Bay Drive. (*Big Book Study – BYO Big Book; Last Thursday Anniversary.)

Manhasset 11030

Sober Spirits Group has changed their name to **Sober Spirits – Good Morning God Group**. Monday 5:30 PM Big Book now Monday 5:30 PM Closed Discussion; Tuesday 5:30 PM Closed Discussion now Tuesday 5:30 PM Meditation. Group now meets at Temple Judea, 333 Seeringtown Road.

North Bellmore 11710

Miracles Group added Wednesday 8 PM Open Discussion Topic meeting.

TEMPORARY MEETING CHANGES 08/29/13:

Long Beach 11561

New Beginnings Group: 7:30 PM Friday Beginner's & 7:30 PM Sunday *Big Book now located at Long Beach Ice Arena, 150 West Bay Drive. (*4th Sunday Anniversary.)

Serenity by the Sea/AM Group: New location: Saint John's Lutheran Church, 75 East Olive Street.

Point Lookout 11569

Serenity By The Sea/PM Group: Temporary location: Point Lookout Community Church, 60 Freeport Avenue. Monday 7 PM Beginner's & 8:30 PM Step; Wednesday 7 PM Open & 8:30 PM Big Book.

Rockville Centre 11570

Rockville AM Group are temporarily moving to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1375 Grand Avenue, Baldwin effective Monday, September 23 until Friday, October 25. Currently listed Monday- Friday meeting times remain the same. Entrance to basement classroom via parking lot on Wesley Street.

Roosevelt 11575

Sunday Sunrise Group 8:30 AM Closed Discussion and **Women Caring for Women** 1 PM Women's Meeting are meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Roosevelt, 30 Union Place/Whitehouse Avenue.

NB: Information is subject to change, and is correct to the best of our knowledge as of the time of publication.

AA Literature

AA World Services publishes many books and pamphlets, plus guidelines and other assorted AA tools to help alcoholics in recovery. Many are familiar with "The Big Book"(B1), a guide to the AA recovery program including personal stories of struggle and finding hope and sobriety, and "*The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*"(B2) commonly called "The Step Book" where Bill W. discusses the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* of AA recovery. Three of which you might also be familiar are *Living Sober* (B7), examples of how AA members throughout the world live and stay sober; *Daily Reflections*(B12), a reading for each day of the week containing favorite quotations from AA literature, and *As Bill Sees It* (B5), a daily source of Bill's writings of comfort and inspiration.

Some helpful pamphlets are *Frequently Asked Questions on AA* (P2), *Questions and Answers on Sponsorship* (P15), and *The AA Member Medications and Other Drugs* (P11), a report from a group of doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous where AA members share their experience with medications and other drugs. In the coming months I hope to provide information on several more books and pamphlets. To find out more on literature go to AA World Services Inc. www.aa.org or AA Grapevine literature at: www.aagrapevine.org.

In Service
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INTERGROUP OFFICE OPEN FOR SERVICE
7 DAYS WEEKLY, BETWEEN 9AM-5PM
CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM AVAILABILITY

TRADITION 9—AA as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Safe Haven

One important thing AA offers newcomers is a sense of safety, safety not only in the cover anonymity offers as we begin to come to terms with the damage our drinking has done, begin to clean house and begin to seek emotional and spiritual growth, but also in the feeling of community and shelter our home groups can offer.

The newly sober are vulnerable in many ways. We are just beginning to learn to trust, to be more open and honest. We are unsure and unpracticed having stunted our emotional growth through our drinking years. In many ways, we are adults with all that means but facing the challenges of adolescence for the first time. We have some growing to do, and there will be some trial and error.

Recognizing the vulnerability of our newer members, more grounded and secure members may accept an obligation to assure AA is a safe haven for the newcomer. This seems as much in the spirit of "pass it on" as is sharing our experience, strength and hope on Step work. How then can I help assure that safe haven for the AA novice? Several things come to mind.

***Confidences need to be kept,
gossip avoided.***

As individuals and as a group, we set a tone. (This is the "power of example.") To start, we respect the principle of anonymity. Confidences need to be kept, gossip avoided. We can talk collectively about what respecting anonymity means, perhaps through Tradition 11 and 12 meetings and discussions.

We can encourage the use of sponsorship, that tested program of encouragement, support and guidance so beneficial to all of us. We can also support group membership by making our groups inviting, and by encouraging newcomers to join. For new group members, a job may be a helpful tether, coffee maker, greeter or some other small responsibility perhaps.

We don't talk about it much, but there are also among us those who will prey on beginners or other vulnerable members in one way or another. We should be willing to buffer their involvement with the vulnerable, or even to intervene more assertively as individual members and as a group should we note something untoward happening. A senior group member may need to prompt the group to acknowledge a problem and to take action. Where something extreme may be occurring, groups especially need to come together to resolve an approach. (We can use our business meetings to this end.) In some instances, we may need to be willing to bar predators from our groups, or even, in rare cases, to engage the police. In a very real way, lives are at stake along with the integrity of AA.

Am I helping to watch out for the welfare of newer and other vulnerable members, to assure my home group is a safe haven?

Bill C., Baldwin Group

AA GRAPEVINE HIGHLIGHTS:

September's Issue - "Keeping AA Safe"

AA Grapevine Celebrates the 25th Anniversary of:
Language of the Heart

New item: *One on One – AA Sponsorship in Action*



Love & Service – The Big Meeting

Come enjoy a beautiful afternoon of fellowship, speakers, sobriety countdown on Saturday, September 14th at the Big Meeting starting at 1:00 PM.

Saint John's Episcopal Church
Route 25A
Cold Spring Harbor

Bring lawn chairs for the ice cream social on the terrace.

Open meeting, everyone welcome!

Sponsored by Nassau Intergroup and Nassau General Service Group. For more information about the Big Meeting please call me.

Pauline T.
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Who Am I?

My story is on page 182 of the "Big Book."
I was AA #3, the "Man on the Bed."

[Answer on page 4.]

What is the "Open Forum?"

Most months at the Intergroup Reps meeting we offer an "Open Forum," a chance for those in attendance to pitch to the meeting a question or concern from their group for shared experience.

The forum isn't however the place to put matters before the Reps for decision. That is saved for the meeting's regular agenda of business.

Some topics discussed in recent Open Forums include challenges in home group business meetings with overly dominant members, issues with disruptive or even threatening members, lack of participation in group responsibilities, and problems with new church pastors.

Have something in your group you'd like to share? Bring it to the next Open Forum.

**A.L.I.S.O.N. Welcome s You to Their Annual
Fall Workshop**

**"CELEBRATING OURSELVES -
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT"**

Saturday – October 5, 2013
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Garden City Community Church
245 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, NY 11550

Featuring:
Family Meetings
Joint Al-Anon & AA Open Discussion Meetings

Morning: Speaking the Language of Recovery

Afternoon: Sobriety, Serenity & Spirituality

All-day program with other topics.
Al-Anon & AA Open Meetings

Hospitality Café
Celebrating Our Common Bonds
See You There!

Service Haiku

Secrets to Service
Willingness, Gratitude, Trust
Service not Secrets

Anonymous

CONCEPT 9—Good service leadership at all levels is
indispensable for our future functioning and safety.
Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the
founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Answer to "Who Am I?"

Bill D. (died September 17, 1954)

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From your Newsletter Editor

Kia ora! I'm pleased to say I've received emails from members suggesting newsletter articles. One member had concerns about profanity in meetings; another would like to see occasional AA Grapevine updates, a current intergroup rep would like to contribute a monthly column geared to the newcomer. It's all good

If you have a group anniversary or an AA event you'd like listed in your newsletter let me know. Submit via email or by regular mail to the intergroup office "Attn: Newsletter Editor!"

Service in Action
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LICYPAA

What is **LICYPAA** (Long Island Committee of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous)? **LICYPAA** has been established to unite all young AA's of Long Island in the tradition of the founders, and bring the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic. Upcoming **LICYPAA** events:

Campout

September 6th, 7th & 8th
Wildwood State Park
More info to follow on
web: www.licypaa.org



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