

February 2008

PATIENCE

TOLERANCE

UNDERSTANDING

LOVE

HONESTY OPENMINDENESS WILLINGNESS

UNITY, SERVICE, RECOVERY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

February				March			
Feb	6	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville	Mar	5	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Feb	7	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd	Mar	6	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Feb	12	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting	Mar	11	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
Feb	13	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee	Mar	13	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Feb	18	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	GSR Orientation GSR Meeting - Nassau Intergroup Office 361 Hempstead Tpke, W Hemp	Mar	12	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
Feb	20	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee	Mar	15	8:00 am	Speakers Exchange Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Feb	21		Newsletter DeadLine	Mar	20	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Feb	28	7:30 pm	Steering committee	Mar	20		Newsletter DeadLine
				Mar	27	7:30 pm	Steering committee

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Hicksville: **Levittown Group** – has added a Thu 6:30S mtg.

Mineola: **Gratitude Group** has a new location: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 132 Jefferson Ave/Willis Ave 11501.

Plainview: **Easy Does It** has moved to **Hicksville** 130 W Old Country Rd11801 with the last Sun. Anniversary.

Rosedale: **Circle of Serenity's** Saturday Open meeting runs from 7:30-9pm. St. Pius School basement, 148-10 249th St.

NEW MEETINGS

Manhasset: **The 11th Step Meditation Group** meets at 10:00am, Tuesdays. Children welcome. Shelter Rock Church, 626 Plandome Road. 11030.

Manhasset: **The Searingtown Serenity Group** meets at 7:30pm, Wednesdays. Step meeting. St. Ignatius Retreat House (lower floor, rear). Searingtown Rd. 11030.

DELETIONS

Hicksville: **The Primary Purpose Group's** 8:15pm Beginner's meeting on Fridays no longer meets. Parkway Community Church, 95 Stewart Ave.

Locust Valley: **Sound Sobriety** – no longer meeting

North Woodmere: **Gratitude Group's** Thursday Closed Discussion at 7:30pm no longer meets. N Woodmere Park / Branch Blvd. (Admin Bldg).

PHONE VOLUNTEERS:

Anyone with 6 months sobriety,
who is interested in answering the phones,

CONTACT: the Office Coordinator:
(516) 292-3045

Nightbook

The Night book is doing well...except I would like for the groups to call in if they're due for a week of hotline work. I don't have a full list of the various groups phone numbers. I only have contact numbers for about 80 groups in Nassau and 1/3 appear to be outdated. So as the 2 years fly past of this commitment the contact #'s have to be updated. Please call the Intergroup Office and let us know when your group is available in doing this very rewarding Service. Thanks to the following groups for their service in January:

ValleyStream - Olivet Group
The Hempstead Group
Westbury – Advent Group
Lynbrook - Primary Purpose

Correction to January:

Franklin Square - Gift of Serenity, not Decision Group

Yours in Love and Service,
[nightbook@nassauny\(dot\)org](mailto:nightbook@nassauny(dot)org)

From the Chair

Dear Friends:

I hope you are all having a sober and peaceful start to the New Year. As we settle into the winter months, remember that one of the best ways to enhance your sobriety and keep your enthusiasm alive is by getting involved in service (which is the spiritual principal behind the Twelfth Step)...giving back what was so freely given to you.

The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.110, speaks about the joy of doing Twelve Step Work ..*“To watch the eyes of men and women open with wonder as they move from darkness into light, to see lives quickly fill with new purpose and meaning, to see whole families reassembled, to see the alcoholic outcast received back into his community in full citizenship, and above all to watch these people awaken to the presence of a loving God in their lives – these things are the substance of what we receive as we carry A.A.’s message to the next alcoholic”.* WOW! How AWESOME is this????

It's as simple as taking a commitment in your Home Group; joining a service committee at the intergroup office; volunteering to answer the phones; signing up to take the Night Book; sharing your experience strength and hope at a meeting; and most importantly helping a newcomer. If you're looking for ways to get involved, all you have to have is the *willingness*. Nassau Intergroup still has two open positions on our Steering Committee. We are in need of a Secretary and Newsletter Editor. For more information about these openings, kindly call the office at (516) 292-3045. We need your help! Remember two important jewels: (1) The first step begins with “We” to remind us that we can't do this alone; and (2) You can't keep what you have unless you give it away!

Happy anniversary to our February celebrants.

Blessed to Serve,

Intergroup Chairperson

[chair@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Special Needs

Anyone interested in helping physically challenged alcoholics or, other alcoholics with special needs.

The Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of March, June, September, and December.

Please contact:

[specialneeds@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:specialneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org)

PUBLIC INFORMATION/CPC

Needs assistants to help bring the message to the public. There many speaking commitments to be filled *as well as behind the scenes work to be done.* *The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday 7pm of every Month.*

Share-A-Day 2008

First things first, a happy and a healthy NEW YEAR to all. As this new year begins, I am grateful and as always hopeful. Sobriety has given me these and more. Fellowship and Service is the key. Share-A-Day will be held on Saturday April 26, 2008 at St Joseph's R.C. Church 1366 Broadway, in Hewlett. The Share-a-Day planning is going well. With less than three months to go, we need your help at Nassau Intergroup. Be a part of. Please come and see us at our next Share-a-Day Committee meeting, we need your help. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 13th, 2008 at 8:00pm at the Nassau Intergroup office. See you there.

Your AA Brother,
2008 Share-a-Day Chair
shareaday@nassauny(dot)org

From the Treasurer: Financial Review

To assure the integrity of the handling of Nassau InterGroup funds, to help in the development of fiscal policy, and to support the continuing confidence members and groups can have in those activities, InterGroup's by-laws (Article VIII, Section 3) call for the establishment and operation of a Financial Review Committee.

The committee is composed of a chairperson (who also serves as a Steering Committee member), a past InterGroup treasurer if possible, and at least one current InterGroup Rep, two if a past treasurer is not available. The current treasurer serves as a non-voting committee member *ex officio*. It is the treasurer's role to provide financial documentation (bank records, bills and receipts), to be available to answer any questions committee members may have about those records or how InterGroup's financial group conscience (fiscal policy) was applied to any distribution of funds, and to be available as a consultant for policy development.

Financial Review meets at least bi-monthly to look over InterGroup's financial records and general operating budget. It also serves to present an annual financial summary for the past year, and to help set up the budget for the following year. This process provides for an independent review of InterGroup's financial management, and can help InterGroup develop fiscal policy. An example of the latter function would be the committee's suggestions concerning InterGroup's reserve fund.

Hope this is helpful. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

In service,
Treasurer
treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org

General Service News

We are very fortunate here in Nassau County. There are two distinct autonomous Alcoholics Anonymous service groups carrying A.A.'s message in ways that groups or individual members cannot. They are Nassau Inter-Group of A.A. (NIAA) and Nassau General Service Group (NGSG) of A.A. Many of us understand the vital role Intergroups / central offices offer, for they are the front line of A.A. Among the many functions NIAA provides includes publishing the local meeting list, forming service committees, maintaining a 24 hour hot line, etc. NGSg strives to support and complement groups' service to the rest of our Fellowship to the General Service Conference of A.A. At the group level this can only be achieved with the active participation of the General Service Representative (GSR). A groups' voice and conscience can only be carried by its GSR, for without this vital link a group is NOT connected to A.A. as a whole.

People sometimes confuse NGSg with NIAA, but as I mentioned earlier, we are two distinct autonomous service groups. On occasion we join forces. A good example of this spirit of cooperation was the joint library project placing 165 Big Books and 12&12 books into Nassau County libraries. It is very encouraging to see some NIAA service committee chairs going beyond county lines, participating with our Area service committees and events bringing their own experiences, trials and tribulations or seeking team support and encouragement. No matter what level of service an individual is involved in, rest assured there is a vast wealth of service experience available.

Finally, there is room on the Suffolk bus to the February 9th SENY assembly departing LIE Exit 49 Park & Ride north service road at 8:15am. Hope to see as many GSRs, DCMs or interested members join us.

This year NGSg will host three major events:

- (1) a celebration marking the early beginnings of A.A. in Nassau County - date/location TBA,
- (2) September 13th - SENY Election Assembly
- (3) Sunday December 14th - Unity Breakfast

Together We Can,
DCMC Nassau,
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I AM RESPONSIBLE

When anyone,
anywhere,
reaches out for HELP,
I want the hand of A.A.
always to be there.

And for that:

I am responsible.