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### <u>March 2010</u>

## Speaker Exchange

### March 20th

7:30am - 10:00am

# Garden City Community Church 245 Stewart Ave, Garden City, NY

Church is located in a residential area <u>Please</u> be mindful of the neighbors. **Do not congregate outside.** 

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

		<u>March</u>				<u>April</u>	
Mar 3	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee	Apr	1	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation	
		Simpson Methodist Church			8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting	
		Locust & Sunset, Amityville				Garden City Community Church	
Mar 4	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation				Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd	
	8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting	Apr	7	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee	
		Garden City Community Church				Simpson Methodist Church	
		Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd				Locust & Sunset, Amityville	
Mar 9	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee	Apr	13	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee	
Mar 10	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee	Apr	14	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee	
Mar 11	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee	Apr	19	7:00 pm	General Service Rep's	
Mar 17	•			Orientation			
Mar 18		ewsletter DeadLine			7:30 pm	General Service Rep's Meeting	
Mar 20	7:30 am	Speaker Exchange Garden City Community Church	Apr	21	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee	
		Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd	Apr		. N	ewsletter DeadLine	
Mar 25	7:30 pm	Steering Committee	Apr	24	8:00 am	Share-A-Day XXXIII	
Mar 26 – 28 SENY Convention			-			St Joseph's Church	
Westchester Marriott						1346 Broadway, Hewlett	
		670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown, NY	Apr	29	7:30 pm	Steering Committee	

#### We LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

#### **MEETING CHANGES**

<u>Cold Spring Harbor:</u> Cold Spring Harbor Group no longer meets for their Tue 8:30 BB

<u>Lawrence</u>: Tell It Like It Is has changed the time to their Tue 7:30 C to 6:30 and Thu 7:30 O to a 6:30 C

<u>Levittown</u>: Caring and Sharing has changed the location of their Wed 7:30 C to Bethpage Saint Martin of Tours Church, Central Ave, Bethpage. Their Sat 7:30 O still meets at Good Sheppard Luth Church in Levittown

<u>Manhasset</u>: Early Cup of Sobriety has added a Tue 7:00am Round Robin C meeting. Also changed the format of their Mon 7:00am S to a BB and their Wed 7:00am CD to a S

Oyster Bay: Oyster Bay/Sagamore has changed the times of their Sun 7:30 O and 7:30 S to a 8:30S and a 8:30 O and their Wed 7:30 CD and their 7:30 B to a 8:30 CD and a 8:30 B

W Hempstead: Decision Group has canceled their Tue 8:15

#### **New Meetings**

<u>Hicksville</u>: **Monday Night Big Book** now meets on Mon at 7:30 for a BB meeting at United Meth Ch, 130 W Old Country Rd, Hicksville

**Locust Valley: Choices** now meets for a Mon 6:30 am, a Thu 6:30am S, and a Sat 7:00am BB

Long Beach: Primary Purpose Group now meets for a 6:00 B at St James Epis, 230 W Penn St/Magnolia, Long Beach

Long Beach: Women of All Ages now meet for a Tue 6:00 Woman's Topic Meeting at St John's Luth, 75 E Olive & Riverside Blvd

**Lynbrook: Spiritual Progress** now meets on Mon at 7:30 for a Womans BB at Cong Beth David, 188 Vincent Ave, Lynbrook

#### **Deletions**

<u>Levittown</u>: Bills Boys Staying Sober has canceled their Mon 8:00 S

<u>Valley Stream</u>: We Can Do It Group has canceled their Wed 1:00 CD

#### From the Chair

Thanks to Teri for being the NightBook coordinator. It was a very difficult assignment, and I'm **Glad**, we, Nassau Intergroup, **Had** someone as dedicated, and capable to provide this time consuming, and most necessary service. In fact this is our foundation an Answering Service. Again THANK YOU for your service, many times above and beyond.

In service,
NIAA Chairperson
chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

#### Big Book Quote

"Both you and the new man must walk day by day in the path of spiritual progress. If you persist, remarkable things will happen."

> ~Alcoholics Anonymous, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Working With Others, pg. 100~

### THE PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP OF LYNBROOK

IS HOSTING AN AA HISTORY PRESENTATION

WITH BAREFOOT BILL FROM WEST MILFORD, NJ

SATURDAY MARCH 13<sup>™</sup>, 2010 FROM 1:00PM - 5:00PM

LYNBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH 225 EARLE AVE LYNBROOK, NY 11563

THERE WILL BE PICTURES OF THE WASHINGTONIANS, FRANK BUCHMAN, ROWLAND HAZARD, CEBRA GRAVES, EBBY T, BILL & LOIS W, BILL W'S PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS, LOIS W'S PARENTS, DR BOB & FAMILY, ALL THE NY/NJ PLACES, CHARLIE TOWNS & DR SILKWORTH, HANK P, WHEN THE EARLY LITERATURE WAS PUBLISHED, THE ROCKEFELLER DINNER, GRAVESITES, ETC.

IT'S VERY EXCITING, COMBINING THE STORIES WITH THE IMAGES!

#### \*\*SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES\*\*

#### Volunteer!

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.

#### 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.

# Service Volunteers Needed YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE AN INTERGROUP REP TO VOLUNTEER

**Archives** - Collects and catalogs information pertaining to Nassau Intergroup's History

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

**Corrections** - Help Inmates connect with Local A.A. Meetings upon their release

Financial Review - Review finances, help prepare budget, and audit the various funds

**Institutions** - Provides speakers and literature for those in hospitals and institutions

**Literature** - Responsible for ordering literature and maintaining adequate inventory

**Mailer** - Responsible for mailing of Newsletter, and other pertinent information to groups

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

**Newsletter** - Gathering NIG information, articles, and group information for publication

**Night Book** - Coordinates the various A.A. groups for maintaining the nightly phone line

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

**Share-A-Day** - Day long event with workshops, keynote speaker, and OldTimers Panel

**Speakers Exchange** - Setup, and orderly exchange of outside speaker commitments

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

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

12<sup>th</sup> Step List - Updates and maintains file of 12th Step Phone Lists

PLEASE CALL 516-292-3045

#### **Night Book**

This will be my last article as I've moved over to let someone that has been wanting to take on this commitment for awhile; unbeknownst to me, but not God. That's the way He works! No Coincidences! I'm not going to lie I loved this commitment and it loved me back. That's how service works. You get it back tenfold. Actually a little story, I gather pennies that I come across because I like that they say "In God We Trust"-well that day in the office when I was training Herb I got it back tenfold literally, I found a dime! So that's how it works. Been a Pleasure.....and Trust God

Thanks to the following groups for February:

**Baldwin Group** 

Long Beach-Early Risers Group Levittown-No Frills Group West Hempstead-Reflect This Group

Yours in Love and Service, NightBook Chair nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

#### March AA History

March 1941---Jack Alexander article published in the Saturday Evening Post.

**March 1978---**Grapevine circulation reaches 100,000.

March 3, 1960---Fr Dowling dies.

March 4, 1891---Lois W was born in Brooklyn



Father Edward Dowling, SJ, the Roman Catholic priest who worked closely with Bill and Dr Bob in formulating the Steps and the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. Father Dowling was Bill's friend and Spiritual Advisor.

# From the First Vice Chair— Service Animals at Meetings

We're all familiar with service animals, usually midsize dogs bearing perhaps a harness or identifying jacket. Seeing-eye dogs come quickly to mind. But service animals come in all shapes and sizes, with or without identifying equipment, may not be dogs at all, and help individuals with a range of disabilities, not just visual problems. In an FAQ on service animals, the US Justice Department notes, "The ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] defines a service animal as any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability." Service animals are not pets, and must be allowed in all places of "public accommodation" without question beyond "is this a service animal?" Users of service animals are not required to carry confirming documentation, nor are they required to explain their disability. Additional information on the ADA is available from the USDOJ at: http://www.ada.gov/, or by phone, 800-514-0301 (voice), 800-514-0383 (TTY). Service animals should be welcomed into AA meetings. An unfortunate exception to this is if the meeting is held in a place of worship (places of worship are exempt from compliance with the ADA) and the church or other facility has a "no animals" policy. In the spirit of trying to make AA accessible to all who suffer, a meeting in a place of worship with a no animals policy might inquire of the facility if it is willing to make an exception for service animals. Hopefully, they will if the situation is explained. If not, making clear it's the facility's call, not the meetings, members might make some one-on-one time available to the new person outside the meeting space. Providing member phone numbers might be helpful too if the meeting legitimately cannot welcome a service animal. The meeting might also have available a list of other local meetings where service animals are welcome. Remember how tough it was to go to your first meeting, and imagine being turned away. I'm reminded, "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible."

In service, First Vice Chair 1stvice@nassauny-aa(dot)org

#### <u>General Service</u>

There will be a Tri-County workshop planning committee meeting during the lunch break Saturday of the SENY Convention at the hotel restaurant. Anyone is welcome to come and participate! The date is Sun, June 6 and to be at District 212 of Nassau by Suffolk, Nassau and Queens County General Services. April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Intergroup office is the Unity breakfast committee's first meeting! After the April 19 Nassau General Service Group's County meeting, we will be distributing a flyer with the details for this year's Unity Breakfast on Dec 12 and at our June Meeting we will be selling groups tickets for it in advance. Please come prepared to get

tickets in June for December breakfast! If your group does not have a GSR to represent your group, then your group does not have a voice in AA as a whole and cannot bring that group's concerns to your Delegate who represents our area at the General Service Conference held every year in April and to be held this year in Rye, NY. On Thu Apr 15, 2010 - Sat, Apr 24 2010. Check <a href="www.aaseny.org">www.aaseny.org</a> for details about the Delegates questionnaire which is now available on the website to prepare all GSRs for: The Delegate's Day of Sharing March 20 at PS 41-116 West 11<sup>th</sup> St, Manhattan NY 10011. I hope everyone is registered for the 43<sup>rd</sup> SENY Convention Fri March 26<sup>th</sup> thru Sun March 28. We will all be there and I hope you come and participate in the Alkathon during the convention. Meetings start Friday at 10 PM; the last meeting is Sunday at 8 AM.

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