

Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise note

MAY

May 2	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
May 3	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Deadline for next Meeting List
May 8	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
May 9	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
May 14	8:15 pm	LICYPAA Committee South Oaks Chapel 400 Sunrise Hgwy, Amityville
May 16	7:30 p	Web Site Committee
May 21		Newsletter Deadline
May 31	7:30 pm	Steering Committee

JUNE

Jun 6	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Jun 7	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting
Jun 11	8:15 pm	LICYPAA Committee South Oaks Chapel 400 Sunrise Hgwy, Amityville
Jun 12	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Jun 14	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Jun 16	7:30 am	Speakers Exchange Meeting Nassau Community College 1 Education Dr, Cluster F
Jun 18	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	New GSR Orientation Nassau General Service Meeting
Jun 20	7:30 p	Web Site Committee
Jun 21		Newsletter Deadline
Jun 28	7:30 p	Steering Committee

WE ONLY LIST AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Baldwin: **Over 40 Discussion Group** has changed their name to **Over the Hill Group**

Bellmore: **There Is A Light** has changed the Sun 7:00 S to 6:30

East Meadow: **Clean and Sober** has changed their name to **Clean and Sober Men's Meeting**

Malverne: **Gratitude Group** has changed the Tue 7:00 S to 7:30 with last Tue a Trad

Manhasset: **Good Morning God Group** has changed the Thu 10:00am C to 10:30am

Manhasset: **Solid as a Rock**, effective May 5th, is moving to the Unitarian Universalist Church, 48 Shelter Rock Road and changed the 1:00 CD to a 10:30 am CD

Sea Cliff: **Sleepless in Sea Cliff** had changed the Sat 6:30 am *Daily Reflections* to a CD

Seaford: **Time Group** has changed their Sun 7:00 S to 4:00 with the last Sun a Trad

Syosset: **Berry Hill Discussion Group** has changed the Tue 6:30am from a CD to a Step, and the Fri 6:30am to a BB

West Hempstead: **Decision Group** has changed their Tue 7:00 S to a BB with the 1st Tue a Trad, & 2nd a Step

West Hempstead: **Road to Recovery** has moved to Ascension Lutheran Church, 145 Franklin Ave, Franklin Square

NEW MEETINGS

Baldwin: **Baldwin Group** now meets at 30 Hempstead Ave., Room H6 in basement and has added Thu 10:00 am CD and Wed 9:00 BB

East Meadow: **The East Meadow Group** has added a Sun CD at 7:00 am through Apr 1st

East Norwich: **East Norwich Group** has added Tue 7:30 1st week S, 2nd week BB, 3rd and 4th week CD Last Tue Ann

Glen Cove: **Into Action Group** meets at St Paul's Epis Ch, 28 Highland Rd on Sat for a 7:30 O

Glen Cove: **No Excuses Group** meets at Trinity Luth Ch, 74 Forest Ave on Mon for a 7:30 CD with the last Mon an Open

Island Park: **Women's Serenity Group** has added Mon 10:30 am *Daily Reflections*

Long Beach: **High Noon/West End Group** has added 7:15 Last Thu Ann

Long Beach: **Young By The Beach** meets at St Ignatius Martyr, 721 W Broadway on Sat 6:15 YPBC, 7:30 O

Lynbrook: **Primary Purpose** has added 7:00 Last Thu Trad and 8:15 Last Thu Ann

Malverne: **Gratitude Group** has added a Tue 7:30 S Last Tue Tradition and designated the last Thu 7:30 CD for

Anniversaries

Manhasset: **Albertson/Searingtown Afternoon Discussion** has added Mon 10:30 am Chairman's Choice

Melville: **Sweet Air Group** has added a Mon 8:00 YP, Thu 6:30 BB and 6:30 CD

Merrick: **Merrick Bellmore Group** has added a Fri 6:45 BB

New Hyde Park: **Conscious Contact** meets at Christ Luth Ch, 300 Hillside Ave S on Wed 8:00 for a CD 11th Step Meditation

North Bellmore: **Miracles** starting Nov 4th has an 8:30 am BB CD

Port Washington: **Mackey Ave Group** has added Fri 7:30 BB

Rockville Centre: **Veterans In Recovery** meets at 30 Hempstead Ave, Suite H6 on Sun 7:30

Rockville Centre: **Serenity Now** meets at 30 Hempstead Ave., Suite H6 in basement on Thu 10:00 am CD

West Hempstead: **Here & Now Group** now meets at Project Outreach, 600 Hempstead Tpke. on Thurs 12 Noon B

Williston Park: **Solution Group** has added a Fri 7:30 C Women's meeting

DELETIONS

Baldwin: **Sober On Sunday Group** Sun 7:45 CD

Garden City: **Garden City Group** Tue 7:30 Women's Step

Massapequa Park: **Lost Weekend Group** Sun 7:30 S

Port Washington: **Mackey Ave Group** Mon 7:30 S

Sea Cliff: **Alive Again Group** Tues 6:45 BB

From The Corrections Chair - Corrections Connection 2012

On Friday April 20th, we held the Corrections Connection Workshop at Sing Sing State Prison. This was a huge success mainly due to the hard work and effort of the SENY volunteers. Special thanks to those from our area including Derrick H, for his part on carrying the message and Francine W, who really did her homework on the history of AA in prisons. A "Big-Up" to Paulette F of Roosevelt We Care who absolutely flawed the room with her experience, strength and hope. Thanks to the Suffolk and Manhattan crews for their hard work in organizing the event. When all said and done, the connections were made, and a good time was had by all.

On top of that, we all got to come home when it was over.

Corrections Chairperson,
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From the Chair -

On Anonymity, Part 2

Keeping in mind the consideration by the General Service Conference last month of the possible rewording of Tradition 11 and the possible use of Facebook as a Public Information tool, this is the second part of an article I offered on the topic of anonymity in May and June of 2009.

Last month we looked at the development of the principle of anonymity. Anonymity serves both the individual member and the program, the member by providing cover from the fear of outside criticism for being an alcoholic—particularly important in early recovery or for those whose livelihood might be threatened if it became commonly known they have suffered from alcoholism—and the program by asserting its “principles before personalities.”

On the personal level, my anonymity is mine to maintain or break. I alone decide if and when I give it up. This should be respected by other AA’s, even posthumously. (That another member uses his or her full name in meetings does not give me license to do the same for them.) While my anonymity is my own, in deference to the program, I do not break my anonymity in public forums—press, radio, film, television and the internet, but also open meetings. Here I am reminded that my recovery is owed, not to my good efforts although my willingness and work play a part, but to the grace of a power greater than myself in support of the wisdom and inspiration of AA principles. This helps keep me humble. Generally, I break my anonymity to share the good news of my recovery with those close to me, or to help another alcoholic.

What about anonymity in public forums? Our program’s public information efforts demand members be prepared to stand up to articulate and reflect our program of recovery. We cannot rely on friends of AA alone to carry our message. Some criticize these efforts as publicity, but most understand it to be a necessary public sharing of information about AA. After all, while we are individually anonymous, the fellowship and program cannot be a secret if the alcoholic who still suffers is to find it. AA’s commonly speak about AA in public while avoiding full personal identification. We do this before school groups and with professionals and professional groups, those third parties who will often be the first to meet the drunk in trouble such as physicians, lawyers, judges and other criminal justice professionals, clergy, teachers, social workers and alike. This public speaking is best undertaken with the support of a local service committee with experience in the practice. Intergroup has several such committees.

This is my understanding and experience of the

principle of anonymity. Hope this is helpful.

In other matters, in April we enjoyed the 35th Nassau County Share-A-Day at the home of the Cedarhurst-Hewlett Group. Our thanks to Jay and the Share-A-Day Committee for all their hard work. Few appreciate all that goes into bringing about an event like these both before, during and after.

Chair

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From the First Vice Chair -

Share-A-Day

I would like to thank all those who attended this year’s Share-A-Day. We could not have asked for a better day. I would like to thank Jay and the entire committee for the work they did.

Having worked on a number of Share-A-Days I can appreciate the work that goes in to this event.

I attended the AI-Anon board and quarterly meetings in April. They welcomed us with open arms. AI-Anon will be holding a workshop in October; we will be helping out in a couple of the workshops. I will be looking for speakers for these workshops, so if you would like to help please contact me.

Yours In Service,

1st Vice Chair

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From the Nassau DCMC

A.A. Considers Changes

Recently, AA’s annual General Service Conference (GSC) met to consider issues affecting AA as a whole. The GSC and the rest of AA’s General Service structure was established to succeed AA’s founders (Bill W & Dr Bob) in making decisions affecting AA as a whole and as the guardian of our Traditions. Your group’s conscience on those issues was communicated if your group has a General Service Representative (GSR).

This year’s conference theme is “Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age”. Among the items on the agenda were:

- Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven.
- Consider a suggestion that AA establish a presence on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about AA to the public; this presence would serve as an informational resource only, with no interpersonal communication capabilities.
- Discuss progress report ... on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that

includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

- Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2013 and later.
- Discuss a request to add text from the dust jacket of the Third Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, to the dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book.
- Consider a request to add the AA Preamble to the front inside pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.

Your GSR will learn the results of the GSC's actions on June 9*, and report to you at a future group business meeting. That's the essence of how AA's "not-a-government" works: ideas are proposed by our groups, considered at the district and area assemblies, decided collectively through our trusted servants, and then communicated to all involved. Individual groups (through their GSRs) propose changes and elect Delegates to the GSC, as well as district, county, and area trusted servants. By electing and supporting an active GSR, your group is connected to AA as whole and contributes to our collective success.

(* On June 9, our Delegate reports on the results of this year's GSC to our GSRs and district, county, and area trusted servants. This SENY Post-Conference Assembly is at George Fischer Middle School, 281 Fair St, Carmel, NY 10512. All AA members are welcome to attend!)

In Nassau County, our general service organization exists to attract, educate, and support our GSRs in learning and performing their responsibilities to their groups and to AA as a whole. Our focus in Nassau General Service (NGS) is on communication, education, and support for those who carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We contribute to the activities of our local service committees and Nassau Intergroup, who help carry AA's message directly to those in need. We also partner with Nassau Intergroup to celebrate service and attract service participation in our county.

Your group can elect a GSR at any time. NGS invites Nassau County GSRs -- and any other interested members -- to attend our next meeting on June 18 (7 pm orientation; 7:30 pm meeting), our next GSR Roundtable on May 21 (7pm), or one of our educational workshops throughout the year.

To learn more about General Service in Nassau County or in A.A. as a whole, please visit www.aaseny.org, or contact me. To learn more about service in AA and our General Service structure, please visit the online *AA Service Manual Combines with Twelve Concepts for World Service* by Bill W → http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/en_bm-31.pdf

In Love And Service,
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The Baldwin Group

Celebrates It's

67th Anniversary!

JUNE 16th

6:30pm- 11pm

**717 St. Luke's Place,
Baldwin**

**Food and speakers will
be followed by music,
dancing, and raffles.**

Come and join the fun!

IN MEMORIUM

**Elly R- Sober Date- Sept 18, 1996
Home Groups: Bayville Triangle Group,
Oyster Bay/ Sagamore Group
She will always be remembered & missed.**

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