

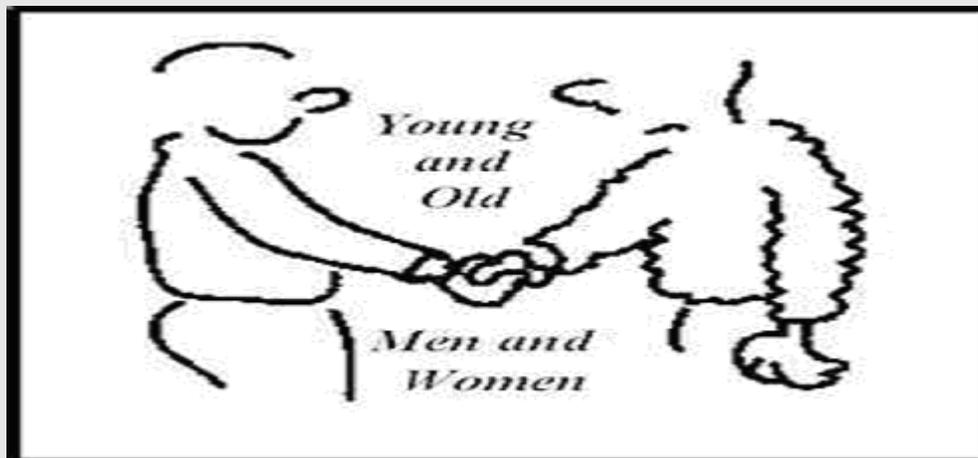
# Newsletter

## Nassau Intergroup

of Alcoholics Anonymous

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# AUGUST 2012



## Calendar of Events

**All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted**

### AUGUST

Aug 1	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Aug 2	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting
Aug 13	8:15 pm	LICYPAA Committee South Oaks Chapel 400 Sunrise Hgwy, Amityville
Aug 14	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Aug 15	7:30 p	Web Site Committee
Aug 20	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	New GSR Orientation Nassau General Service Meeting
Aug 23		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
Aug 30	7:30 p	Steering Committee

### SEPTEMBER

Sep 5	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Sep 6	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting
Sep 10	8:15 pm	LICYPAA Committee South Oaks Chapel 400 Sunrise Hgwy, Amityville
Sep 11	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Sep 13	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Sep 15	7:30 am	<b>Speakers Exchange Meeting</b> <b>Nassau Community College</b> <b>1 Education Dr, Cluster F</b>
Sep 19	7:30 p	Web Site Committee
Sep 20		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
Sep 27	7:30 p	Steering Commit

# We Only List AA Meetings

## MEETING CHANGES

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

**Douglaston:** Fresh Start has changed the Wed 8:30 OD to a C

## NEW MEETINGS

**Garden City:** Joy of Good Living meets at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Central Nassau, 233 Stewart Ave on Thu for a 7:30 OB

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

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

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

## DELETIONS

**Douglaston:** Fresh Start Wed 7:15 B

**Seaford:** Primary Purpose

**Syosset:** Deliverance Group Fri 7:30 CD

## TRADITION 8

**Alcoholics Anonymous  
should remain forever  
nonprofessional,  
but our service centers  
may employ  
special workers.**

## From the Chair - Elections

Per our By-Laws (Article IV), Nassau Intergroup (NI) holds elections for its five officers in the fall of every even numbered year. That's this coming 4 October. Each group will have a vote to help select NI's leadership for the following two years, if they have a Representative in attendance.

A Nominating Committee is appointed to encourage the standing of a panel of candidates for each office: chair, first and second vice chairs, recording secretary and treasurer. This is not to close out or control the nominations which will be open to the eligible and interested from September to October, but to assure at least one qualified candidate stands for each office. Multiple candidates for each office will be preferred.

While any AA member is eligible to stand for office and no prior history with Intergroup is required or expected (nominations for non-NI involved members must come through the Nominating Committee), it would probably be good for interested candidates to have some service experience along with the availability to make the minimal time commitment involved. (Officers attend at least two meetings each month, the Representatives meeting and the Steering Committee meeting - first and last Thursdays of each month respectively - and sometimes more in support of the Standing Committees or special projects.)

Candidates for office should also understand something about the jobs involved, and the fact that accepting office involves a possible degree of exposure as an AA member insofar as NI is a registered corporation in the State of NY, or as signers on our bank accounts and related documents. The chair has additional exposure as the signer of all contracts (including insurance policies), informational tax returns and related filings, and all formal correspondence where first name last initial generally will not suffice. Check out the NI job descriptions too.

At the election meeting, candidates will be invited to offer a brief service qualification or resume (what I have done in AA service) to give the voting members a better basis for decision. The elections will then take place by written ballot following what is known as the "Third Legacy Procedure," outlined in *The AA Service Manual* (pp. S21-S22).

Interested members should ask for copies of the By-Laws' Article IV, the NI job descriptions, and a description of the election procedure. Copies will also be available at the Reps meetings leading up to the elections.

In other matters, our annual picnic was held in Eisenhower Park on 15 July. Our thanks to Brian O'K and the Picnic Committee for their hard work on our behalf. As always, while enjoying the benefits, we tend to take such quiet service for granted.

Hope this is helpful.

Chair  
chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

## From the First Vice Chair - Al-Anon Beach Bash

On Saturday, July 14th, 2012 my friend Paulette and I had the honor and the privilege to represent Nassau Intergroup (NIG) at the Westchester County Al-Anon Beach Bash. This is the 2nd year that I helped at this event. There must have been at least 30 people there from all over Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn, and of course Westchester. There were also a few people that just happened to be at the beach that day.

Paulette did a great job as the only copy of the Big Book that people will ever see. She had the group hanging on to every word.

I also want to thank Brian & Jay for the great job they did at the picnic. And thanks to all the groups that took part in the Nassau Intergroup Picnic. I'm also working with Steve from Nassau General Service (NGS) on a workshop that you will hear more about as we get closer to the date

Yours in Service,,  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
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## From the DCMC - Where's the Coffee?

For many of us coffee is part of our meeting routine, and therefore, in our program of growth & sobriety. But unless we have the 'coffee commitment' we don't usually worry about whether the coffee will be there or not, what brand it is, or such. We take our coffee with gratitude that it's been made available.

We don't go to AA meetings for the coffee. But that coffee is one small reminder that AA provides a comfortable place for us, has been there for us, and will continue to be there for us. We especially want to make sure that AA will be here to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We try to do whatever we can to make AA a comfortable place to consider, start, or continue a recovery from alcohol.

So much gets done in AA, all in the name of "service".

Who made the coffee? Who brought the cookies? Who set up the chairs? Who wrote the 'Big Book', the pamphlets, these articles? Who publishes the Nassau County Meeting List? Who writes 'The Grapevine'? Who welcomes the newcomer? Who stays sober through service? We, the members of AA, do through our Groups, Districts, Nassau General Service, Nassau Intergroup, SENY (AA's Area 49), and AA as a whole.

**Here are some upcoming events for  
General Service:**

**September 17 ==> GSR Roundtable, 7-9 pm,  
Nassau Intergroup Office**

**September 24 ==> "GSR 101" Workshop, 7-9 pm,  
Nassau Intergroup Office**

In Love And Service,  
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## The Night Book

As Intergroup Representative for my home group "Stepping Stones" in Oceanside, I attend our Nassau Intergroup Rep's meetings. There I hear Herb make his plea for groups to volunteer to take The Night Book which is our 24 hour hotline. Miracles occur when we do service. I wanted to share my experience on this subject. In June of 1992 the local Intergroup Hotline was turned over to my home phone number at five o'clock in the evening and was mine until nine o'clock the next morning. It was an exciting night, as you might imagine a Friday night in New York would be.

Lots of people called for meeting information and rides and some people were in difficult situations. I prayed my referrals were helpful. I remember a woman who sounded like she was going to drink. I hooked her up with a volunteer from the Twelve Step List. After she called back at around five am to say thank you I was hoping to catch a nap.

However, the phone rang again and to my surprise it was my son, Allan, calling from Williamsport, PA to tell me his wife Diane was in labor and they were headed to the hospital. I can't put into words how excited I was to hear the news. I can tell you that the people who called the hotline after that, no matter what mood they were in, were happy for me.

My son called me again about eight am and I heard those words, "Hi Grandpa" for the first time. We were blessed with a beautiful girl, Holly Beth, and it was duly noted in the Night Book Log of Nassau Intergroup. After turning the phones back over to Intergroup my wife Donna and I went to Williamsport to see our new family member. It was love at first sight and a special sober memory.

I was the alternate volunteer that Friday night and at the last minute was informed the person was unable to fulfill the commitment and asked if I could take it. We are responsible and say yes. That's what I was taught in AA. Not only was I able to share my excitement with people that called the Hot Line that night, I was able to share my experience with every member of AA who reads 'The Grapevine'. You see, I have been reading 'The Grapevine' for more than 22 years. There was a request for articles about special sober memories and my letter was published.

Sobriety is a miracle we all share. There are miracles waiting for us in service to AA. We should never be unemployed when it comes to AA service. Go get your miracles and share them with us. God Bless.

Allan R, Intergroup Rep  
Stepping Stones

## The 12<sup>th</sup> Step

On Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1993 after 20 years of drinking, I came to AA because I had had enough! Nov. 1998, I relapsed until Dec.2002; at that point I was convinced. In AA we tell our stories to show the program works for anyone who has a desire to stop drinking! As a member of The New Hyde Park Group of AA in Nassau County they told me I had to Suit-up and Show-up. This meant at someone's Anniversary we wore a suit to support the fact that a person became a productive member of society.

Through many personal and health difficulties I have stayed sober with God and AA. On Oct 6<sup>th</sup> the New Hyde Park Group will be hosting an event which is what we believe to be what the 12<sup>th</sup> Step is meant to be! There will be six speakers talking about their particular service work and then signing others to do that same work at Institutions, Corrections, and even having our Nassau Intergroup Night Book Chair. Which we think is what Bill and Bob had in mind when they visited the 3<sup>rd</sup> alcoholic in the hospital. We are having a dance afterwards. All AA's are welcome. Please sign up for a commitment. Thank You.

Kevin McH, Intergroup Rep  
New Hyde Park Group

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