

June 2007

HAPPY 72ND BIRTHDAY, AA! JUNE 10, 1935-2007

Speakers Exchange Meeting

JUNE 16, 8:00AM

ETHICAL HUMANIST SOCIETY

38 OLD COUNTRY ROAD, GARDEN CITY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

June				July			
Jun	7	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation	Jul	5	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
		8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting			8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting
			New meeting books available	Jul	10	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
Jun	12	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting	Jul	15	9:00 am	Nassau InterGroup Picnic
Jun	16	8:00 am	Speakers Exchange Meeting				Eisenhower Park
			Ethical Humanist Society				Field 6A, Cedars & South Maples
			38 Old Country Rd, Garden City				Look for the "Easy Does It" Banner
Jun	17	1:00 pm	Special Needs Committee				Hempstead Tpke, E Meadow
Jun	18		Nassau General Service Committee	Jul	15	1:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
		7:00 pm	GSR Orientation	Jul	18	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
		7:30 pm	GSR Meeting	Jul	19		Newsletter DeadLine
Jun	20	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee	Jul	26	7:30 pm	Steering committee
Jun	21		Newsletter DeadLine				Nassau GSRs will not meet in July
Jun	28	7:30 pm	Steering committee				

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Bethpage: New Life Group's Tue 7:30pm meeting is now a Closed Discussion. St Paul's Luth Ch, 449 Stewart Ave
West Hempstead: Came to Believe Group's 8:00pm Closed Discussion meeting on Fri meets at St Thomas Rectory Meeting Room (basement), 24 Westminster Rd./Hempstead Tpke.

NEW MEETINGS

Massapequa: A Step Forward meets Thu at 7:30pm (Closed Discussion meeting). St Rose of Lima RC Church, Father Graham Center, 4704 Merrick Rd

Massapequa: Sobriety in the Park Group meets at 7:00pm on Tue (Closed Discussion meeting). Marjorie Post Park, Unqua Road.

North Woodmere: Gratitude Group has added a Closed Discussion meeting on Thu at 7pm. N Woodmere Park, Branch Blvd (Admin Bldg).

NIGHTBOOK

Happy Spring!! I am enjoying this weather finally. Back in the day I was sitting in some smelly, dark bar! Drinking till I fell down and passed out and missed the whole day. Today I am free, thanks to AA. I know when I give back, I wind up getting it back again tenfold. You people and God keep raising me up! Thank you. The Hotline is filled until August, so call the office if you want to take a week in advance. Thanks to the following groups for taking the Hotline in May:

- ✓ *Oyster Bay/Sagamore* – Oyster Bay
- ✓ *Gratitude Group* - Seaford
- ✓ *Triangle Group* - Bayville
- ✓ *Massapequa at Amityville Bottom Line*–Amityville

Love & service,
Nightbook Chair

nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

PHONE VOLUNTEERS:

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

CONTACT: the Office Coordinator
(516) 292-3045

Nassau Intergroup Picnic on July 15

Spring is in full swing. The sunny daffodils have died off, calling in hotter days, reminding us that summer is almost here. And with anticipation we are looking forward to our July 15th Nassau Intergroup picnic.

Last year was a lot of fun -- my family and I joined Richie and his friends from the South 9th Street group. We all played wonderful arcade games that looked like something out of 1950s Coney Island. My son Vinny nudged himself into a game of bocce ball while I hit a few over the volleyball net – meanwhile, hamburgers, hot dogs, and Italian sausages were grilling. All were sharing food, fellowship, and recovery. The planning for this year's event has already begun.

In Service,
2007 Picnic Chairperson
picnic@nassauny-aa(dot)org

From the Chair:

Dear Friends,

Since we are celebrating the 72nd Birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous, June 10th, I thought it would be appropriate to share with you this synopsis, which was taken from *The Best of Bill*, pgs 84-85, titled "About Bill W."

Bill W was born in East Dorset, Vermont, on Nov. 26, 1895. With Dr Bob S. of Akron, Ohio, he co-founded Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. Hospitalized for alcoholism, he experienced a profound spiritual transformation that changed his life and inspired many of the principles of the AA movement.

Bill W recognized that the recurring desire to drink disappears when one alcoholic works with another. This understanding became a basic principle of the new society. In addition, Bill promoted the idea that alcoholism is an illness, which can be arrested but not cured. Influenced by this AA concept, the American Medical Association later redefined alcoholism as a disease, not a failure of will.

AA's basic text, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, was written largely by Bill W in association with other early AAs. Since its first publication in 1939, the Big Book, as it's called, has sold more than 22 million copies and has been translated into more than 40 languages. Its revolutionary 12-Step program of recovery is the model for many other recovery programs.

In the 12 Traditions, first developed and presented in the pages of the *Grapevine*, Bill created a lasting blueprint for AA unity, incorporating the unique principles of anonymity, self-support, membership, and non-affiliation.

In addition to his many writings, Bill devoted himself to developing an enduring service structure for Alcoholics Anonymous. In June 1999, Time magazine named Bill W as one of the hundred most influential people of the 20th Century. He passed away on January 24, 1971.

I am so grateful to be an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating in this beautiful month of June!

Blessed to Serve,
Intergroup Chairperson
chair@nassauny(dot)org

From Ed, the Literature Guy

Available now at Nassau Intergroup: *In Our Own Words*, a new collection of personal stories from *The Grapevine* that focuses on the difficulties faced by alcoholics who are young in years and the sober joys that await them.

General Service News

June 10th marks the 72nd birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous. On behalf of Nassau General Service Group (NGSG), we salute AA, and thank you for saving so many, many lives through our Three Legacies – Recovery, Unity, and Service.

Our SENY Delegate will be visiting the county on Monday, June 18, to report back on the 57th Annual General Service Conference. Here's a little something – good news for Intergroups and Central Offices – the practice of allowing volume discounts on literature orders will continue. Also, a request to incorporate shipping charges into literature pricing was rejected; therefore, prior practice will continue. Further news – any eligible Class B (Alcoholic) Trustee and Class A (Non Alcoholic) Trustee may be selected to serve as Chairperson of the General Service Board of AA for a four-year period. Not so good news – AA lost copyright protection of the original 1962 version of the 12 Concepts for World Service, written by Bill W. The copyright expired on December 31, 1990. Many will recall AA lost the copyright on the First Edition Big Book and Second Edition Big Book because they were not renewed in time.

If your group does not have a General Service Rep (GSR), your group may be isolated from the rest of the fellowship. And if you didn't like some of the decisions made at this year's Conference, then make sure your group has a GSR to voice your group's opinions at future district, county, or area meetings.

Planning has begun on our 23rd Annual Unity Breakfast. We hope to issue tickets to GSRs at our June 18th NGSG meeting. Please ensure your GSR attends this meeting and collects breakfast tickets. For further information, contact our Unity Breakfast Chair at [dcm213@aaseny\(dot\)org](mailto:dcm213@aaseny(dot)org).

Later this year (Saturday, September 8th), NGSG will host a Service Workshop. Watch this space for regular updates. We guarantee there will be something for everyone. And besides, a little information doesn't hurt anyone, especially when we talk about AA service.

Together We Can,
DCMC Nassau
[nassau@aaseny\(dot\)org](mailto:nassau@aaseny(dot)org)

The Baldwin Groups'

62nd Anniversary

Saturday, June 23rd, from 7-11pm
717 St Luke's Place, Baldwin (off Grand Ave)

Food -Speaker- Dancing

Come join us in celebrating our group's birthday!!

From the Treasurer:

Resources for Group Treasurers and other Officers'

AA service literature is full of useful information. The following are highly recommended.

The AA Group ... Where It All Begins (P-16)

AA Guidelines: Finance (MG-15)

Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix (F-3)

The AA Group Treasurer (F-96)

All are available by e-mail on request to me, or for download from <http://www.aa.org>.

Also of use are discussions on treasurer and self-support-related questions found on our area's (SENY's) Bulletin Board at <http://www.aaseny.org> (button on the right). You may view any of the topics without signing up. You can post your own specific questions if you register.

Another great resource for any home group treasurer will be other local AA members with some experience of the job. Look to past and current home group officers, nearby groups, and local service committees such as Intergroup and General Service: district, county ([nassau@aaseny\(dot\)org](mailto:nassau@aaseny(dot)org)), and area (SENY, [treasurer@aaseny\(dot\)org](mailto:treasurer@aaseny(dot)org)). Most should be happy to share information and experience. It may also be useful to get a service sponsor, a member with service experience to whom you can pitch questions on a regular basis.

I hope this is helpful.

If your group has been contributing to support Intergroup, thanks so much. You should receive fairly prompt acknowledgment of your contributions in the mail. If this hasn't happened, I may not have a proper mailing address. Please let me know. As always, it helps if you include your NIG number (to the right of your group's name in our meeting list) with your contribution.

Thanks to the members of the newly reconstituted Financial Review Committee for your willingness to serve. We should have a report back this month from their first meeting on a question on our prudent reserve. Hope your group has a Rep. It will give you a voice in our discussions and decisions when we consider that report and other matters.

Please let me know where I may be of service. This includes visiting your group to provide information on any of the finance-related topics that arise at our monthly Intergroup meetings.

In service,
Treasurer
[treasurer@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org)

Book Review: *Emotional Sobriety*

Emotional Sobriety: The New Frontier (Selected Stories from the AA Grapevine). This is a provocative set of stories from AA members depicting their struggles to change their alcoholic personalities and achieve a measure of emotional sobriety that goes beyond attending meetings and not taking that first drink.

If you are looking to achieve more balance and real maturity in your journey in sobriety, this is a "must read", or, in the words of one of my fellow members, a "dynamite book".

2007 Share-A-Day Contributions

We would like to thank the following groups for their generous donations to our 2007 Share-A-Day:

Albertson-Searingtown Discussion group
Bayville Triangle group - Bayville
New Life - Bethpage
Brookville Muttontown
Cedarhurst/Hewlett
Stepping Stones - East Rockaway
The Winner's Circle - Elmont
Sunday at The Park Group - Farmingdale
Floral Park Bellrose
Gift Of Serenity
22 de Noviembre - Freeport
The Garden City Group
Back Door Group - Garden City
Glen Head Group
Millenium Group - Sea Cliff
Hempstead Group - Hempstead
St Joe's Afternoon Group - Hewlett
Back To Basics - Hicksville
Easy Does It - Plainview
Grupo Alegria De Vivir - Hempstead
Plainview Refections
Live At Five - Mineola
Serenity By The Sea AM
Early Risers LB
No Frills - Levittown
Beginner's Gift - Levittown
Sobriety Without End - Malverne
Lost Weekend Group
Sobriety With Hope
Merrick-Bellmore Recovery Group
New Cassel
The New Hyde Park Group

North Bellmore Group
New Hope Group - New Hyde Park
One Day At A Time - Oceanside
Oyster Bay Sagamore Group
Serenity by the Sea/PM - Point Lookout
Rockville Centre Discussion Group
Rockville Centre Encouragement Group
The Rockville Centre Group
Rockville Centre We Can Do It
Serenity, Courage & Wisdom
AM Group – Rockville Centre
Seaford Gratitude Group
Seaford Time Group
Seaford Serenity
Friday Nite Live
Early Birds - West Hempstead
Williston Park Solution Group
Woodmere Graveyard
Elmont Road to Recovery
Nassau Intergroup - Inst Committee
Rita K
T.G.I.F.
The Westbury Group
Solo Por Hoy
Nuevo Auanecer
Nuevo Durecooin
Lost Weekend - Lindenhurst
Intergroupo Nassau - Freeport
Jaywalkers
Pathways
Seniors for Sobriety - Merrick

Help a Homebound Alcoholic

Any Female AA interested in bringing a meeting to a homebound female alcoholic, contact the Special Needs Chairperson: [specneeds@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:specneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org).

Also a member from Long Beach, who is homebound, needs help getting to meetings or having a meeting brought to him.

Free Monthly Grapevine E-Newsletter

The AA Grapevine, the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, now offers a free monthly e-newsletter delivered to your email inbox.

The newsletter includes links to audio, bonus articles, the i-Say forum, cartoon caption contest, and more. Sign up at www.aagrapevine.org.
