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August 2007

REMEMBER...

ALCOHOLISM
TAKES NO VACATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

August			September		
Aug 1	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville	Sep 5	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Aug 2	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation	Sep 6	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
	8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting		8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting
Aug 11	12:00 n	SENY Intergroup Liaison 199 Lincoln Ave Bronx, NY 10454	Sep 8	9:00 am	Service Workshop
			Sep 11	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
			Sep 15	8:00 am	Speaker's Exchange Meeting tba
Aug 14	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting	Sep 16	1:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Aug 15	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee	Sep 19	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Aug 19	1:00 pm	Special Needs Committee	Sep 20		Newsletter DeadLine
Aug 20		Nassau General Service Committee	Sep 27	7:30 pm	Steering committee
	7:00 pm	GSR Orientation			Nassau GSRs will not meet in September
	7:30 pm	GSR Meeting			
Aug 23		Newsletter DeadLine			
Aug 30	7:30 pm	Steering committee			

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Bellerose: See Floral Park entry below.

Bethpage: New Life Group's Tue 7:30pm meeting is now a Closed Discussion. St Paul's Luth Ch, 449 Stewart Ave

Floral Park: Floral Park/Bellerose Group has moved to a new location, Holy Spirit RC Ch (basement), Jericho Tpke and S 5th St, New Hyde Park. No changes to days and times of meetings. Parking lot is at S 5th and First Ave.

New Hyde Park: See Floral Park entry above.

Sea Cliff: Sober Start Group's Tue 6:30am Topic meeting has been changed to a "Living Sober" Beginner's meeting. All other group details unchanged.

Syosset: Syosset Midnight Group has changed its name to **Syosset Friday Night Group**. It now meets at 10:30pm (Open Discussion meeting; lasts 1 ½ hours max). In good weather, the group meets outside under the stars. St Edward's Ch, 205 Jackson 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).

Oceanside: The New Young People's Meeting meets Thu at 7:30pm (Beginner's). 1st United Meth Ch, 2837 Davison St.

Seaford: Seaford at Wantagh Group has added a Sun Step meeting at 7:30pm. Other group details unchanged.

NIGHTBOOK

Thank you to the following groups for taking the nightbook in the month of July:

- ✓ *The Instrument Group*
- ✓ *The East Rockaway Group*
- ✓ *The Levittown Group*
- ✓ *Reflections Group* – Plainview

Yours in 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

From the Chair

Dear Friends:

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and living each day to the fullest. I'd like to thank those of you who joined us at our annual Intergroup Picnic on Sunday, July 15th. We had a wonderful time. I would especially like to thank Peter for stepping up to the plate and volunteering to be the chairperson for this event. Despite Peter's unfamiliarity with running the picnic, he asked a lot of questions and followed direction from those who chaired the event before him and everything fell into place.

This is exactly what AA teaches us to do...to ask questions, follow direction, and allow God to do the rest. Try it and see what happens! I promise you that it will be so much better than you could ever imagine (whatever "it" is for you).

If you are looking for a service commitment, kindly contact me through the Intergroup office. We are in need of help with updating our **12-Step Lists**, which are used when someone calls the office looking for help during the day and in our nightbooks; our **PI/CPC** committee is always looking for volunteers to speak at schools or to be a representative at an information table during an event; and let's not forget our **Special Needs** committee who is available for our fellow AA's who might be homebound or have a special need. Remember, AA is a "we" program. We need each other.

Lastly, but surely not least, I would like to acknowledge the passing of a dear friend to many and a true example of the power of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, Jill G, from the Glen Head/Sea Cliff area. Thank you, Jill, for touching so many lives with your positive attitude and desire for life even through the tough times. You will surely be missed.

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

From the Picnic Chairperson

Once again our Annual Picnic was a great success. AAs, their families, and friends from Nassau and surrounding counties joined the fun and fellowship on a fine summer day at Eisenhower Park. No one seemed to notice or care that the set-up crew was running late, the coffee wasn't ready, and there was no power for the band. We all took it all in stride, intuitively handling situations that would have baffled us.

While George and Ron set up beverages, Brenda and Bill set-up the volleyball net. My son, Vincenzo, put

out the “butt cans” and Molly blew up the colorful balloons. Luckily, we found power (other than our “Higher Power” that we had already found) and made coffee just in time, because we came to find out that the coffee and music couldn’t operate on the same outlet without tripping the breaker. When Tom arrived to set up the band tent, we simply unplugged the coffee (thankfully, it was already done) and Frank, the sound engineer, tested the equipment. Meanwhile, under Dean’s coordination the softball game was on its way. The smell of BBQ was in the air – yummy – and the cold drinks were flowing. Then Tom and his volunteer band played their own mega-hits, including their 1963 hit “Rhythm and Rain”, which blew us away and energized the atmosphere. It even got better when our special guest Ron sang his hits from the '50s. Also, thanks to Jeff and Jack for entertaining the crowd as well.

Cleanup was a snap. While Cynthia took care of the coffee pots, Peter from Baldwin came over and picked up any overlooked litter. In fact, the Parks Department commented that the grounds were left better than ever. Although, as we were loading the trucks at the end, Ron said to George that the tables seemed much heavier now than at 7:00 am when we picked them up.

Thanks to all who came to celebrate and those who came to serve. A special thank you to Sammy (last year’s picnic chairperson). I understand you were on line in the middle of the night to make sure to get the park permit.

In love and service,
Picnic Chairperson
picnic@nassauny-aa(dot)org

From the 12th Step Lists Chairperson

My name is Tony V and I'm a happy and grateful recovering alcoholic. I just want to share that I'm happy to be your new acting chair for the 12th Step Lists. I'll be updating you in the next issue on current events, but in the meantime please remember to update the 12th Step List for your group. Please stop by the Intergroup office to pick up forms.

From the Treasurer: 'Self-Support'

In the end, it’s all about self-support. Since we rarely see this in its entirety, the long-form of Tradition 7 is worth quoting in full:

The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond

prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority. (From, *The AA Service Manual*, pp. S13-S14.)

This really says it all. Tradition 7 seeks to protect us from excess and from dependence. Put another way, it suggests prudence and self-reliance. Important in this are open and transparent financial management practices subject to the will of the group as expressed in the group conscience.

Hopefully you can see echoes of the articles we’ve been running since February—a recap of that month’s treasurer’s workshop—in these words from Tradition 7. I’m gratified that several of you have let me know you’ve found this stuff useful. (The only item we have not covered is taxes, since most groups will never handle the level of funds where accounting to the IRS and State will be required.)

Please let me know if I may be of any direct assistance with any finance-related group questions. Also a reminder, groups contributing to Nassau Intergroup should be receiving fairly prompt acknowledgments. If not, I may not have your group correctly identified (try to include your group’s NIG#, found in small print to the right of your group’s listing in the meeting list, on all contributions) or may have an incorrect return address. (I use the address your group has listed with us for mailings unless you have expressly told me otherwise.)

Hope this is helpful.

Feel free to contact me with questions.

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

From the Nassau AA Website

The Nassau AA website at <http://nassauny-aa.org> provides a wealth of information to AA members and the general public in an easily accessible place. Resources accessible to AA members include:

- Meeting List – organized by town, the posted meeting list is updated frequently and includes changes that have not yet made it to the printed meeting list.
- Forms – Administrative forms such as 12th step list and meeting list change requests are available in PDF format for easy printing.
- Special Events – Usually posted as the general distribution flyer, they can be easily printed for presentation to the group.

- Newsletter – The current newsletter is posted coincident with the arrival of the printed version, and is in PDF format so that it can be easily printed directly from the website.
- Intergroup Meetings – Speaker exchange and Rep meeting times and dates are posted, as well as the meetings of the various Intergroup special committees.
- Intergroup Contacts – Contact links are provided to the various Intergroup officers and committee chairs.
- Other AA Resources – Links to other AA websites are provided.

The website committee is open to new membership. Involvement in the committee does not require knowledge of website building. We welcome contributions regarding design, content, and philosophy. The only requirements for membership are a desire to pitch in, and AA membership. We meet every month on the third Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Intergroup office.

Website Committee
webteam@nassauny-aa(dot)org

From Ed, the Literature Guy

We have a small selection of Large Print books for sale at Nassau Intergroup, including *The Big Book*, *The 12 & 12*, *Daily Reflections*, and a few others.

Please have the exact amount ready when you purchase books, since the phone reps do not carry change for literature sales.

Nassau Intergroup does not take phone orders. The office is open 9am-4:30pm for the sale of books.

General Service News

By the time most of you read this, the **NY State Informational Workshop** will have passed. I'm sure those who were sent by NGSG and Intergroup will have plenty to share about at their respective service meetings. This really is a worthwhile event for any AA member to participate in, to share experiences with service committees, or for those showing an interest and willingness to learn a new service commitment beyond the home group.

With September just around the corner, we hope members will come and join NGSG and SENY for the **“Communication and Participation – the Key to Unity and Self-Support”** workshop set for Saturday, September 8th, at the Intergroup office from 9am-1pm. Jump-start your day, or stop by after your early morning meeting and join us for coffee, bagels, and constructive discussion! PS: Controversy not included, though when has that stopped any of us?

Unity Breakfast tickets are still available and even though it's not until Sunday, December 9th, why not consider buying your ticket now?

Experience has shown many of us wait until the last minute to purchase a breakfast ticket, only to learn the event is sold out. Invite your sponsor, sponsee, family, or friends to join you and your home group for a morning of good food, friendship, fellowshiping, and cheer. For tickets check with your GSR, or contact our UB Chair, dcm213@aaseny(dot)org.

Finally, on behalf of NGSG members, thanks and gratitude to the groups who generously send us contributions.

Together We Can,
DCMC Nassau,
nassau@aaseny(dot)org

In Memoriam

We lost a "giant" in AA Bobby M helped thousands of people in AA and the Nassau County Correctional Facility for over 25 years. He started the DART program at the jail in East Meadow. He helped open many "sober" houses. I would say he didn't "do" 12th Step work, he lived it. He was a very giving person who would go the extra mile. Everyone I talked with in the past week about Bobby has a story about how he helped them. How he was their "hero", and we all need a hero when we're down and out. On this incredible journey with its heroes and giants I learn something from them all, and it all comes down to giving "freely of what you find" and "you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny." Thank You, Bobby, your legacy will live on.

Teri Q

Service Opportunities:

Help a Homebound Alcoholic

Homebound Alcoholic: Any Female AA interested in bringing a meeting to a homebound female alcoholic, contact Special Needs Chairperson: specialneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org.

Handicapped Alcoholic: A woman in a nursing home in Freeport, would appreciate calls, visits, or being taken to meetings.

Literature Donations to Institutions

If your group would like to contribute literature to an institution, please contact the Nassau Intergroup Institutions Chairperson at institutions@nassauny-aa(dot)org or call Nassau Intergroup for assistance and to ensure that donations are coordinated.

Sober In The Sun

The 5th Annual AA Picnic in Sea Cliff

Tappen Beach Park, Sea Cliff
Sunday, Sept. 9...Noon to 6pm
Fun, Food, Sports, Live Music
and

Speakers at 1pm, 3pm, and 5pm!

Food and Drink for a day of fun in the sun
BBQ cooking available
Kids welcome
Playground
Plenty of free parking