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### February 2010

# Our Third Legacy, Service

offers us the opportunity to implement <u>our primary goal</u> "to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers".

Most important – it is a **proven fact** –

that those who participate in service have a significantly better chance of remaining sober, than those who do not.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

February			<u>March</u>			
Feb 3	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee	Mar :	3	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee
	•	Simpson Methodist Church			•	Simpson Methodist Church
		Locust & Sunset, Amityville				Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Feb 4	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation	Mar 4	4	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
	8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting			8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting
		Garden City Community Church				Garden City Community Church
		Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd				Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Feb 9	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee	Mar	9	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Feb 10	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee	Mar 1	0	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
Feb 15	7:00 pm	General Service Rep's Orientation	Mar 1	1	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
	8:00 pm	General Service Rep's Meeting	Mar 1	7	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee
Feb 17	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee	Mar 1	8	Ne	ewsletter DeadLine
Feb 18	Newsletter DeadLine		Mar 2	0	7:30 am	Speaker Exchange
Feb 25	7:30 pm	Steering Committee				Garden City Community Church
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			Mar 2		7:30 pm	Steering Committee
			Mar 26 – 28 SENY Convention			

#### WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

#### MEETING CHANGES

<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

Manhasset: 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

#### **New Meetings**

<u>Amityville</u>: Doing it Young Group now meets for a Mon 7:00 O at South Oaks Hosp/Chapel 400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville

<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

<u>Long Beach</u>: 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

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

#### **Deletions**

**Syosset**: **Berry Hill Group** no longer meets for their Sun. 9:15AM woman's CD

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

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience

#### From the Chair

## Why Service??

I do it for four reasons:

- 1. Sense of duty.
- 2. It is a pleasure
- 3. Because in doing so I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me.
- 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip.

"Doctor Bob's Nightmare," Alcoholics Anonymous, pp. 181-2.

Please consider some of the service opportunities available at Nassau Intergroup. There is a list on the second page of this Newsletter.

Please give me a call or send me an email.

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

#### **February AA History**

**February 1938**—John Rockefeller gives A.A. \$5,000, but refuses to give more saving the fellowship from professionalism.

**February 1940**—First World Service Office established, Vesey Street, New York City.

**February 1940**—First A.A. clubhouse, 24<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse, opened, New York City.

February 1940—Bill W. meets Fr. Dowling.

**February 1954**—Bill W. declines offer of an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Yale.

ANNIVERSARY OF

LONG BEACH EARLY RISERS

FEB 20<sup>TH</sup> 6-11P/ AT MALLOY (ENTER POINT LOOKOUT, NY

SPEAKER-FOOD-DJ-DANCING

#### \*\*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**

I wish all you lovers a Happy Valentine's Day!! We also love A.A. and have to put work into it, like any good relationship. I need you people that I haven't heard from to step up and call the office to sign up for a week. Usually groups sign up for a week once a year. There are groups out there that haven't signed up in years.

Just call Intergroup and they will put you in touch with me.

Thanks to the following groups for January:
Long Beach- Serenity by the Sea {AM}
Group
Glen Head Group
Cold Spring Harbor Group
Westbury Advent Group

Merrick Sobriety with Hope Group Yours in Love and Service,

NightBook Chair nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

### Fellowship, Sponsoring and the Twelfth Step

What do they have in common? Answering the phone for the night book! My sponsor, my sponsees, my grand-sponsees and my support system of friends were all invited over to my house to answer the night book phone. We had a pajama party. Some women slept over, some stopped in to visit, some called to say hello. All had a successful night of sobriety and service. We never have to do anything alone again and we can have fun doing it.

Donna C.

# DECISION GROUP ANNIVERSARY PARTY

SATURDAY, FEB. 13, 2010 7:00pm – 10:30pm

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH 54 NASSAU BLVD WEST HEMPSTEAD, NY

SPEAKER, FOOD, MUSIC, RAFFLES

#### From the First Vice Chair— Corrections

Under the heading of "Corrections," AA provides several services for alcoholics who become caught up with the criminal justice system. Some of these services reach out directly to incarcerated alcoholics while others reach out to third parties such as attorneys, judges and corrections officers who may have first contact with an incarcerated alcoholic.

One service is to bring AA meetings into jails and prisons. In Nassau, you may find out more about that activity from our "Institutions" committee. (Although Institutions doesn't actually coordinate bringing meetings into the county jail in East Meadow, it can direct you to those who do.)

Another service is to provide information about AA to criminal justice and allied professionals. These informational presentations tell them what AA does and does not do and how to make contact with us.

Another leg of Corrections-related service involves the "Bridging the Gap/Pre-Release Program" which seeks to arrange a 12-Step type service for inmates anticipating release who would like some help connecting with AA in the community to which they will be returning. Intergroup periodically receives requests for this service from people leaving prison returning to Nassau.

Finally, there is the "Corrections Correspondence Service" (CCS) which sets up a correspondence-based relationship between local AAs and inmates interested in corresponding about AA. Members interested in this service can use the Intergroup mailing address to receive their correspondence, an arrangement which would need to be set up in advance.

Since Nassau is presently without a Corrections chair, members interested in any of these service activities may contact me for more information.

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

#### **General Service**

**Tue, Feb 9** 7:30pm SENY Committee Meeting Church of the Holy Family

**Sat, Feb 6** 1:00pm SENY Office Planning Meeting New York State Informational Workshop hosted by SENY

**Feb 25-28** NERASSA (Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly) Niagara Falls

**Sat, Mar 20** Delegates Day of Sharing PS 41 West 11 Street NYC

**Fri, Mar 26-28** SENY Convention Tarrytown Marriot **Sat, Apr 10** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm SENY Pre-Conference Assembly Immanuel Union Church Staten Island

Thu, Apr 15 - Sat, Apr 24 2010 General Service Conference Rye, NY

**July 1-5, 2010** International Convention San Antonio Texas

**Aug 6-8** at Graymoor New York State Informational Workshop Hosted by SENY

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