

Newsletter

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of Alcoholics Anonymous

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SEPTEMBER 2011

Calendar of Events

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1	7:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting
Sep 7	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Sep 8	8:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Sep 12	8:00 pm	Newsletter Committee
Sep 12	8:15 pm	LICYPAA Committee South Oaks Chapel 400 Sunrise Hgwy, Amityville
Sep 13	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Sep 15		Newsletter Deadline
Sep 18	7:30 am	Speakers Exchange Meeting Garden City Community Church 245 Stewart Ave, Garden City
Sep 21	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee
Sep 29	7:30 pm	Steering Committee

OCTOBER

Oct 5	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Oct 6	7:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting
Oct 10	8:00 pm	Newsletter Committee
Oct 11	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Oct 12	8:15 pm	LICYPAA Committee South Oaks Chapel 400 Sunrise Hgwy, Amityville
Oct 17	7:00 pm	Nassau GSR Orientation
	7:30 pm	Nassau General Service Meeting
Oct 19	7:30 pm	Web Site Committee
Oct 20		Newsletter Deadline
Oct 27	7:30 pm	Steering Committee



We Only List
AA Meetings

MEETING CHANGES

Hicksville: Monday Nite BB has changed their Mon 7:30 BB to an OBB

Lynbrook: Primary Purpose has changed the Thu 7:00 S to a BB, the Sun 7:00 B O to a Sat 7:00 B O and dropped the Tue 8:00 BB

Massapequa: Extravagant Promises has moved the Sun 7:30 to Mon at 7:30

Massapequa Park: Massapequa Sobriety has added a Thu 1:00 S; last Thu - Trad

Rockville Centre: RVC AM Group has changed the Tue 6:15 am C to a S, last Tue – Trad

Seaford: Primary Purpose of Seaford meeting incorrectly listed for Sun; actually meets on Sat at 7:00

Seaford: Seaford at Wantagh has changed their Wed 7:30 BB to 7:30 CD 2nd Wed BB, last Wed - Ann

NEW MEETINGS

Elmont: Grupo Volviendo Al Hogar meets at Belmont Race Track, Gate #6, Cottage 28B on Sun 7:00 CD

Elmont: Grupo Volviendo A Vivir meets at Belmont Race Track, Gate #6, Cottage 28B on Mon 7:00 OD

Great Neck: 11th Step Meditation Group meets at Global Harmony House, 46 S Middle Neck Rd on Sun 4:00 OD

Hempstead: Take Three Steps meets at the Salvation Army Bldg, 194 Front St on Thu 6:00 B Men's, S, O

Huntington Station: Sobriety First meets at United Methodist Church, West Hills Rd on Thu 6:00 C 1st week S

Long Beach: Sobriety After Work meets at Temple Israel, 305 Riverside Blvd on Wed 4:30 CD

Long Beach: Sunday Morning Meeting now meets at Temple Israel of Long Beach, 305 Riverside Blvd

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

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

Manhasset: Good Morning God meets at St Ignatius Retreat House (rear), 251 Seasingtown Rd on Thu 10:30am C

Manhasset: Sober Spirits meets at St Ignatius Retreat House (rear), 251 Seasingtown Rd on Mon 5:30 "Daily Reflections", Wed 5:30 Meditation, Thu 5:30 S, Fri 5:30 BB

Rosedale: Sunrise Beginners meets at Throop Memorial Presbyterian Church, 140-17 243rd St, Rosedale on Sat 9 am B

Syosset: Deliverance Group has added a Fri 7:30 CD

DELETIONS

Lynbrook: Primary Purpose has dropped the Tue 8:00 BB

Seaford: Gratitude Group has dropped their Wed 8:30 C

Westbury: New Cassel We Care Too has dropped their Tue 7:30 B

From The Chair -

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
AA SERVICE STRUCTURE

Covering for the treasurer these past few weeks and following some of the discussion at recent Repts meetings, I'm reminded it's been a while since we've talked about contributions to the service structure. The following was published in this newsletter in April 2007.

The long form of Tradition Seven suggests we should "view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose." A bloated group treasury is often an invitation to controversy and disunity.

Once a group has established any reserve needs, it may consider what to do with excess funds. The usual course is to pass any excess along the AA service chain, from the home group to AA service groups. Locally that chain includes Nassau Intergroup and Nassau General Service (district and county). Beyond these local service groups is your General Service area (SENY, Area 49) and your General Service Office (AAWS). [You may also wish to support other AA service groups such as LICYPAA.] While each AA group is free to determine how often and how much if anything it may wish to give to any AA service entity, some suggested distribution schemes are offered in the

pamphlet, *Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix*. The group must break up and specifically direct its contributions if it wishes to see them go to more than one service entity. Also, even very small and infrequent contributions make a meaningful addition spiritually linking your group to the broader AA service structure and purpose.

Additionally, it may help groups deciding how to deal with excess moneys to look at how the various service entities use the funds they receive. For Nassau Intergroup, the monthly treasurer's report details our use of contributed funds.

For contributions to Intergroup, you may include any general contribution together with any earmarked contribution in the same check or money order. Include a note letting us know how to distribute the funds (i.e., general, Institutions, SAD, other). Make all checks/MOs to Nassau Intergroup, and please include your group Intergroup number (you'll find that next to your group's listing in our meeting list, e.g., B01N is the Baldwin Group). As mentioned above, we do not pass along contributions beyond Intergroup. If you want money to go to GSO for instance, you must make a separate, direct, contribution yourself.

Hope this is helpful.

NIAA Chairperson,
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From the Twelve Step Chair - My First Informational Workshop

I had the privilege of attending the NYS Informational Workshop of Alcoholic Anonymous in Latham, NY on August 19, 20 and 21, 2011. I had no idea what I was in for and what an honor! To hear so many alcoholics sharing and passing on their experience through service at the county, district and area levels of Alcoholics Anonymous. Alcoholics throughout New York State, some seasoned, some like myself, starting on the road of service at the next level, all with the same purpose and goal, to ensure that AA is always available for present and future generations of still sick and suffering alcoholics, for those who are now discovering the solution for alcoholism through AA and for those who have yet to be born with this disease called Alcoholism.

I met and heard AA members speak who are

involved with: Archives (to ensure that the history of AA is preserved); *Grapevine* (to ensure that those who cannot attend meetings can stay sober by "reading a meeting"); Corrections and Treatment Facilities (the process involved in getting meetings to these facilities, working with administrators and law enforcement personnel, and finally bringing meetings to those alcoholics); CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) (informing and educating doctors, nurses, psychiatrist, school administrators, teachers, social worker and many other professionals about AA); and, Public Information (PI) (letting everyone else know that AA is in available to help). To me, the highlight of the event was listening to EACYPAA (Eastern Area Convention of Young People in AA) speak of their involvement at the group, county, district and area level of AA. WHAT A GIFT OF HOPE!

Never did I think when I walked into my first AA meeting, a broken woman, that I would become part of a fellowship of people joined together with one common purpose, to free themselves from such a devastating disease, alcoholism, affecting body, mind and spirit, and to find a solution keeping me sober again, in body, mind and spirit "one day at a time". AA has given me a life and friendships beyond my wildest dreams. It is my privilege and obligation to pass on what was given to me with open arms.

Twelve Step Chair,
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From the Editor -

32ND NYS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

The New York State Informational Workshop (NYSIW) is an annual event with participation of AA members from the four General Service areas in NY State and beyond. They include:

- Central New York (CNY) - Area 47
- Hudson/Mohawk/Berkshire (HMB) - Area 48
- South Eastern New York (SENY) - Area 49
- Western New York (WNY) - Area 50

Any AA member is welcome and encouraged to participate in this weekend event where information and ideas are shared involving the

- **Public Information (PI),**
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC),**
- **Corrections (CF),**
- **Treatment Facilities (TF)**
- and other AA general service committees.

This event rotates throughout the four general

service areas in New York and is generally held in the summer. In SENY the NYSIW Chair is appointed by the SENY Chair. He/she is tasked with forming a NYSIW Planning Committee comprising of secretary, treasurer/registrar, hospitality, program, publicity and registration.

The workshop was hosted by Hudson-Mohawk-Berkshire (HMB), Area 48 at Carondelet Hospitality Center Latham, NY.

I had a great time at this workshop. It was educational and allowed me to experience what AA is planning as a whole. All of the topics that were discussed (mainly PI/CPC and Corrections) allowed me to advance in my sobriety and my program.

Some of the workshops I attended were:

AA/ Anonymity/ Websites/ Social networking/ Tweeting: Topics discussed were Facebook: Some questions asked were: Does facebook have a place in AA? Would you want to see a Facebook link on an AA website? Also topics about email and Anonymity.

Corrections/Bridging the Gap, Treatment Facilities/Bridging the Gap: Topics discussed were about speaking in jails and the security measures that are taken. Also, was talked about sex offenders institutions. Is it safe for us to go into a sex offender institution? We're there to send a message to whoever wants to hear it.

Cooperation with Professional Community: Topics discussed were what AA is and what AA isn't. Closed circuit TV. CPC gives BB out to Dr's Heath fairs in schools. Talked about students who become doctors. And also discussed a pamphlet describing service commitments and what they are.

Public Information: Topics discussed were: Putting *Grapevines* in waiting rooms of facilities. Also talked about being anonymous when doing PI/ CPC work. Also talked about work in HS in Manhattan. Attraction-vs-promotion. We don't advertise. AA is anonymous it's not a secret. Or goal is to share accurate information about AA.

"Ask it Basket", and AA Traditions in Service: These were the closing meetings and briefly reviewed the whole event. This was also a review of some PI/CPC work that is currently going on in SENY.

I would like to thank Nassau County for allowing me to attend on their behalf.

In Love and Service,
Newsletter Chair and Editor,
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From the DCMC -

NASSAU COUNTY'S BIG MEETING & UNITY BREAKFAST ANNOUNCED

Nassau County's annual *Big Meeting* is October 15th, 2011, at the Garden City Community Church (245 Stewart Avenue), from 2 pm to 4 pm. This event is co-sponsored by Nassau General Service and Nassau Intergroup in celebration of sobriety and service. Coffee, simple refreshments and fellowship will be available!

The 27th Annual Nassau County Unity Breakfast will be on December 11th, 2011, at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant in Franklin Square. This annual celebration of service is sponsored by Nassau County General Service. Event and ticket information is available through your group's General Service Representative (GSR). We'll tell you more in the October issue, but we hope you'll mark your calendar now and plan to join us in December.

In love & service,
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