

# Newsletter

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## APRIL 2012

### Nassau Intergroup Presents

### SHARE A DAY XXXV

**Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012**

**Place: St. Joseph's School, 1346 Broadway, Hewlett**

**Time: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

**Details Inside**

### Calendar of Events

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

#### APRIL

Apr 4	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
Apr 5	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting
Apr 9	8:15 pm	LICYPAA Committee South Oaks Chapel 400 Sunrise Hgwy, Amityville
Apr 10	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
Apr 11	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
Apr 14	7:30 am	<b>Share-A-Day XXXV</b> St Joseph's Church 1346 Broadway, Hewlett
Apr 16	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	New GSR Orientation Nassau General Service Meeting
Apr 18	7:30 p	Web Site Committee
Apr 19		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
Apr 26	7:30 p	Steering Committee

#### MAY

May 2	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust & Sunset, Amityville
May 3	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting
		<b>Deadline for next Meeting List</b>
May 8	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee
May 9	8:00 pm	Share-A-Day Committee
May 14	8:15 pm	LICYPAA Committee South Oaks Chapel 400 Sunrise Hgwy, Amityville
May 16	7:30 p	Web Site Committee
May 21		<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
May 31	7:30 pm	Steering Committee



## **WE ONLY LIST** **AA MEETINGS**

### **MEETING CHANGES**

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

**Bellmore:** **There Is A Light** has changed the Sun 7:00 S to 6:30

**East Meadow:** **Clean and Sober** has changed their name to **Clean and Sober Men's Meeting**

**Malverne:** **Gratitude Group** has changed the Tue 7:00 S to 7:30 with last Tue a Trad

**Manhasset:** **Good Morning God Group** has changed the Thu 10:00am C to 10:30am

**Manhasset:** **Solid as a Rock**, effective May 5<sup>th</sup>, is moving to the Unitarian Universalist Church, 48 Shelter Rock Road and changed the 1:00 CD to a 10:30 am CD

**Sea Cliff:** **Sleepless in Sea Cliff** had changed the Sat 6:30 am *Daily Reflections* to a CD

**Seaford:** **Time Group** has changed their Sun 7:00 S to 4:00 with the last Sun a Trad

**West Hempstead:** **Decision Group** has changed their Tue 7:00 S to a BB with the 1<sup>st</sup> Tue a Trad, & 2<sup>nd</sup> a Step

**West Hempstead:** **Road to Recovery** has moved to Ascension Lutheran Church, 145 Franklin Ave, Franklin Square

### **NEW MEETINGS**

**Baldwin:** **Baldwin Group** now meets at 30 Hempstead Ave., Room H6 in basement and has added Thu 10:00 am CD and Wed 9:00 BB

**East Meadow:** **The East Meadow Group** has added a Sun CD at 7:00 am through Apr 1<sup>st</sup>

**East Norwich:** **East Norwich Group** has added Tue 7:30 1<sup>st</sup> week S, 2<sup>nd</sup> week BB, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week CD Last Tue Ann

**Glen Cove:** **Into Action Group** meets at St Paul's Epis Ch, 28 Highland Rd on Sat for a 7:30 O

**Glen Cove:** **No Excuses Group** meets at Trinity Luth Ch, 74 Forest Ave on Mon for a 7:30 CD with the last Mon an Open

**Island Park:** **Women's Serenity Group** has added Mon 10:30 am Daily Reflections

**Long Beach:** **High Noon/West End Group** has added 7:15 Last Thu Ann

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

**Lynbrook:** **Primary Purpose** has added 7:00 Last Thu Trad and 8:15 Last Thu Ann

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

**Manhasset:** **Albertson/Searingtown Afternoon Discussion** has

added Mon 10:30 am Chairman's Choice

**Melville:** **Sweet Air Group** has added a Mon 8:00 YP, Thu 6:30 BB and 6:30 CD

**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

**North Bellmore:** **Miracles** starting Nov 4<sup>th</sup> has an 8:30 am BB CD

**Port Washington:** **Mackey Ave Group** has added Fri 7:30 BB

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

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

**West Hempstead:** **Here & Now Group** now meets at Project Outreach, 600 Hempstead Tpke. on Thurs 12 Noon B

### **DELETIONS**

**Baldwin:** **Sober On Sunday Group** Sun 7:45 CD

**Garden City:** **Garden City Group** Tue 7:30 Women's Step

**Port Washington:** **Mackey Ave Group** Mon 7:30 S

**Sea Cliff:** **Alive Again Group** Tues 6:45 BB

## **From The Chair -** **On Anonymity, Again**

This month the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference will consider possible changes to the text of our Tradition Eleven. (Hope your group has had its say on this question through your GSR.) With that in mind, I reprise the first part of an article I offered on the topic of anonymity in May 2009.

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

Historically, early AA's maintained anonymity out of fear and shame. Later, an element of trust became a part of the formula, that is, we held a member's sharing in confidence, but still with an eye toward protection of the individual member and the collective Fellowship.

As public interest in AA began to grow, the early members realized AA could not function as a "secret" society, but at the same time should avoid self-promotion. AA's effectiveness as a program of recovery would speak for itself. Personal anonymity would have the dual benefits of supporting the primacy of our message while avoiding the potential pitfalls of individual members using the Fellowship for self-aggrandizement or otherwise embarrassing the Fellowship behind even well-intentioned missteps. Thus evolved the principle of anonymity.

Today, anonymity still offers cover for the shaky newcomer while suggesting we need to let the program speak for itself. We are reminded to practice true humility. Self-interest is sacrificed for the common good. There is something greater than our individual selves involved here. It is not about the individual alcoholic, but about the principles by which the Fellowship suggests we live.

Still, the principle of anonymity is often misunderstood. It does not mean we should remain anonymous among ourselves or with non-AAs close to us although an individual may choose to do so, nor does it mean individual members may not speak publicly about either their recovery or about AA. Our public information responsibilities in fact demand otherwise. Again, we are not a secret society, and cannot solely rely on discreet word of mouth and our non-alcoholic friends to pass our message on to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

AA members commonly speak about AA in non-AA forums, including public media, but do so while maintaining their individual anonymity for the reasons already noted. This may be done by changing some details of one's story by way of disguise if that is being shared, and certainly by assuring that an AA is never identified by full name, seen full face or otherwise identified in public media.

For more on anonymity in AA, we suggest reading the essays on "Tradition Eleven" and "Tradition Twelve" in the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* (pages 180-187). The pamphlets, *Understanding Anonymity and AA Tradition: How It Developed* are also helpful. *The Language of the Heart*, Bill W.'s collected Grapevine writings, also has a number of pieces on anonymity.

In other matters, in March we had the return of the Dinner Event. Intergroup had long held a dinner in association with its Share-A-Day, and later separately, but dropped the event some years ago. The return event was well attended, and we will certainly be discussing whether we want to do it again.

Hope this is helpful.

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

## From the First Vice Chair -

### Speakers Exchange Meeting

Well folks we just completed another Exchange Meeting. I would like to thank Richard B and Karen C for a great job of setting up the meeting. I also would like to thank Kevin M for getting there early and lending a hand. I would guess there were about 130-150 members that attended.

I hope to see all of you at Share-A-Day. Stop by the lecture table and say hello.

Yours In Service,

Ist Vice Chair,  
Istvice@nassauny-aa(dot)org

## From the Archives Chair -

### Share-A-Day

Come see the Archived Share-A-Day Exhibit at The Nassau Intergroup Archives Table. Learn about Intergroup's largest event that dates back from 1978. Take the Share-A-Day Questionnaire and get a free gift for participating. See you on April 14th.

In Love And Service,  
Archivist  
archives@nassauny-aa(dot)org

## Sober Start

### 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

When: Sat, May19, 7pm to 11pm

Where: 114 Main Ave, Sea Cliff  
Between Seacliff Ave and Glen Ave

## In Memoriam

Richie R: Sobriety Date: October, 1985

Home Groups: There Is A Light, Bellmore

Serenity By The Sea/AM, Long Beach

We Will Miss You "Aunt Rita"

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