

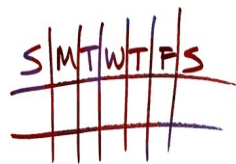
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JULY 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are Intergroup events held at 361 Hempstead Turnpike, W. Hempstead unless otherwise noted.

Intergroup Picnic

Eisenhower Park, The Cedars
East Meadow 11554
(Parking Field 6A)

Sunday, July 10, 8AM-4PM



JULY 2016

- 7/6— Institutions Committee, 8PM, Simpson United Methodist Church, 30 Locust Ave. (off Sunset Ave. from County Line Rd.), Amityville 11701
- 7/7— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 7/10— **NI Picnic** (See above and page 6.)
- 7/14— PI Committee, 7:30PM
- 7/20— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 7/18— Nassau General Service Committee (NGSC) Roundtable Workshop, 7PM; Concepts VII and VIII.
- 7/21— **Newsletter deadline** for August
- 7/21— NGSC Special Needs/Accessibilities Committee, 7:30PM
- 7/28 **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)
- 7/29-31— NY State Informational Workshop, hosted by Western NY, Area 50. (Go to, www.nysiw.org for more info.)

AUGUST 2016

- 8/3— Institutions Committee, 8PM (See 6/1 above for location.)
- 8/4— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 8/15— NGSC Meeting Orientation, 6:30PM (Suggested for new DCMs/GSRs.); NGSC Meeting, 7:30PM
- 8/17— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 8/18— **Newsletter deadline** for September

From the Chair

As always, I'd like to start with thanks.

Bob P., our Institutions chair for the past ten years, has rotated out. Thank you Bob for your service. The position you've filled is one that directly reaches the sick and suffering (Tradition 5) as well as providing opportunities for home group members to do 12th Step work. Welcome Mike F., our new Institutions chair, already on the job with a joyful enthusiasm.

I'm very grateful for all Nassau Intergroup Steering Committee members. As my time winds down as chair, my heart swells when I reflect on the support, guidance and kindness freely given to me by current and past trusted servants of our Intergroup.

Thank you to our vice chair Elise for our second open house. Thanks also to Bill C., Kenny H., Nassau General Service DCMC Steve K., and all who helped and attended the open house. If you didn't get the opportunity to stop by, be sure to attend the next, date to be determined.

The Nassau Intergroup picnic is July 10th. Information can be found on our website calendar and in this newsletter. Join us for a day of fellowship and fun at this annual open event.

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AA'S THREE LEGACIES FOR JULY

Step 7— Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7— Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept 7— The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purpose for final effectiveness.

From the Editor

We're on a roll. Keep those contributions to the newsletter coming. It's great hearing from you, and getting to share your experience, strength and hope. Anything in any form on your take on recovery, unity and service will be welcome. Think you're not a writer? I'll be happy to help you punch something up if you want, but you're probably better than you think.



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In Service,
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A Bit More AA History

For those who have been following this column, we ran through all the FAQs from AAWS a month or so ago, and are now offering bits of AA history drawn from a variety of sources.

Hope you find it interesting.

Frank Amos

An associate of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Frank Amos was dispatched to Ohio to investigate Alcoholics Anonymous on behalf of the Rockefeller Foundation which was then considering supporting the fledgling Fellowship.

Amos' favorable report opened the door to a long-term relationship between AA and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. carrying with it considerable significance for the development of AA and the AA Traditions.

Amos would go on to become a member of the board of the Alcoholic Foundation, and an enthusiastic life-long supporter of AA.

Harry Tiebout, MD & Marty M.

Dr. Tiebout was a prominent psychiatrist working with alcoholics. Having received one of the early multilith copies of the "Big Book," he was impressed with the program laid out by AA, and offered it to

his patient Marty M., a socialite with a drinking problem. Unimpressed, Marty famously threw the book back at him.

Dr. Tiebout would go on to be one of the early and dedicated supporters of AA in the medical profession. In 1944, he also began trying to help AA co-founder Bill W. with his depression. Dr. Tiebout was also an invited speaker at the Second International Convention in St. Louis, MO, 1955.

Marty M. would go on to become one of the first women to be able to stay sober for any significant period through AA, and one of its first lesbian members although it is not clear how "out" she was at the time. She was the founder of the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism (today the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence). Her personal story, "Women Suffer Too," has appeared in the "Big Book" since the second edition.

"For just so long as we were convinced that we could live exclusively by our individual strength and intelligence, for just that long was a working faith in a Higher Power impossible."

—From "Step Seven," *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 72.

Who Am I?

Mine was perhaps the first national-level anonymity break in early AA coming in May 1940. I was a nationally known sports figure whose recovery from alcoholism at the time was publicly credited to AA. This contributed to some serious soul searching in AA about anonymity. My break helped lead AA to affirm its anonymity principle.



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AA HISTORY FOR JULY

- July 1939— Dr. Harry Tiebout gives a copy of the "Big Book" to Marty M. who promptly throws it back at him.
- July 28-30, 1950— AA holds its First International Convention, Cleveland, Ohio with some 3,000 in attendance.
- July 1955— The General Service Conference is endorsed by the Fellowship at the Second International Convention, St. Louis, Missouri. The convention's theme is, "Coming of Age."
- July 1962— Victor E. first appears in the AA Grapevine.
- July 16, 1965— Frank Amos, Rockefeller associate, and early friend of AA and AA trustee, dies.
- July 22, 1980— Marty M., one of the first women in AA, dies, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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Or phone 516-292-3045 business hours and leave a message.

“Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility—one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and AA as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid.”

—Tradition 7, from “Respecting Money,” *AA Grapevine*, November 1957, in *The Language of the Heart*, p. 221.

From the Chair (Continued)

Intergroup will be participating in the NY State Informational Workshop the end of this month, a service oriented weekend event to be held near Buffalo, NY where trusted servants from throughout the state come together to share their experiences from service.

Beyond that, Intergroup is gearing up for its biennial election of officers in October. More on that next month.

I'll close with a call to action. Intergroup always needs phone volunteers, especially now because some of our regular phone reps are away during summer. Its an opportunity for AA members with six months sobriety or more to be useful instead of decorative. Contact the Intergroup office (516-292-3045), and leave your name and number for Kenny H. the office manager between 9am and 5pm any day.

Service=Gratitude in Action,
LaRaine A., Chair
516-292-3045 or chair@nassauny-aa.org

AA Grapevine Highlights for July

July Issue— The annual “Prison Issue.”

Books— New, *Forming True Partnerships* (GV34). Also, *The Language of the Heart* audiobook now available.

Sobriety Calculator— It's fun to count your years, days, hours or minutes in recovery.

The Laugh's On Us— Submit a caption for a *Grapevine* cartoon.

Daily Quote Subscription— Sign up to receive an inspirational daily quote from the *Grapevine* via email.

Consider a *Grapevine* or *La Viña* subscription or one of the many other AA Grapevine publications as a gift for that special AA friend.

Go online to www.aagrapevine.org for more info or to get an AA Grapevine catalogue.



NIAA Institutions Committee

As you probably know, the NIAA Institutions Committee brings AA meetings into institutions throughout the county. (It is the longest standing committee of NIAA.) As you probably also know, these days most of us find our way to AA through an institution of some sort. The goal of the committee is a simple one in support of our primary purpose: We try to make sure that whenever someone in a detox, rehab or psych ward reaches out for help, the hand of AA is there. Beyond that, while these institutions provide treatment for the acute symptoms of the disease of alcoholism, we can provide the information and introduction to the broader AA community necessary to get well, and stay well.

If you think you might be interested in supporting this kind of service, or would like to learn more about it, please attend the meetings of the Institutions Committee held the first Wednesday of each month at 8PM at the Simpson Methodist Church, 30 Locust Avenue, Amityville 11701, right across Sunrise Highway from South Oaks Hospital. If you can't make it, feel free to contact me at institutions@nassauny-aa.org.

Lastly, we owe a debt of gratitude to Bob P., who was kind enough to do this job for a very long time, much longer than I intend to do it!

Mike F., Institutions Committee Chair
516-292-3045 or institutions@nassauny-aa.org
Serenity by the Sea, Pt. Lookout

From the Night Book Our Volunteers are EVERYTHING

This month features the “roll-out” of FOUR new night book cases and binders; each case containing a 12-Step Contact List, and a list of current meetings in Nassau County. I plan to keep a current issue of our NEWSLETTER in each binder, plus an old *Grapevine* for your reading pleasure and inspiration as you perform this most valuable of AA Services, “Carrying the Message.”

I don't think I've ever dedicated an issue of this column to the volunteers who take the Night Book, or the Group Reps who do the lion's share of the work in putting the phone lists from their groups together. I just want you to know something about this Service from the point of view of the AA's who are involved with it. As Night Book Chair I am aware of what goes on and I see it happen every day.

Someone takes over the phones at 5:00pm, and their evenings undergo a slight change. Dinner, homework time with the kids, coaching soccer, the series finale of your favorite TV show, the baseball or NFL game, the quiet time with a significant other, all get interrupted from time to time by someone who needs the Hand Of AA. I've been there and seen it from your perspective many times over the last several years.

Some volunteers have very severe stressful situations going on in their personal lives; an illness of a loved one, relationship troubles, retirement, suddenly alone for the first time at home, moving into a new place, a change of jobs; many things going on, some happy, some not. Still they choose to put on their “AA hat” and do this remarkable Service for the night. They know that, “It is by self-forgetting that one finds.”

Before becoming Night Book Chair, I was my Home Group's Rep for two and one half years. I brought Newsletters back, meeting lists, and

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“If the Trustees were to be permanent service administrators and the guardians of AA's Twelve Traditions, it is evident that they must somehow be placed in a position where they would necessarily have to conform to our Traditions, and to the desires of our Fellowship”

—From, “Concept VII,” *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, p. 30.

Practice These Principles

Step 7— “Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”

My first sponsor told me that, “First you're going to read and understand the Twelve Steps to the best of your ability, taking the action that the Third, Fourth and Fifth, and Seventh Steps require; then, you're going to go through the Steps again, but this time . . . LIVE THEM!” That second process he explained, takes years to really understand, or rather incorporate into our lives. The essential ingredient of the Seventh Step especially, is attaining the quality of humility, and making it part of our new lives in Recovery from Alcoholism.

The principle of anonymity, so essential to the functioning and the survival of AA, is really an expression of true humility, “principles before personalities.”

The first time Bill Wilson wrote about Step Seven in the “Big Book,” *Alcoholics Anonymous*, on page 76, he pretty much kept it to what he referred to as the Seventh Step Prayer:

“My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen.” We have then completed *Step Seven*.”

At the time that Bill wrote these words in 1939, AA was but four years old. All the Steps, with the exception of the First and Second, were just words with good intentions, but not much experience. Later on, in 1945, when Bill wrote the “Twelve Traditions,” humility was seen as the trait to develop for the key to a happy sobriety, not just staying sober. When I first heard the term “humility,” I thought it was a word which connoted weakness, inferiority, and lack of drive; nothing could be further from the truth!

I was once on a vacation and I saw a man wearing a T-shirt which said: “HE WHO DIES WITH THE MOST TOYS WINS!” At first I thought it was really cool and made sense, the pursuit of material gains and power; real “boys’ toys.” It saw the world as a competitive, cutthroat place where greed, acquisition of money, power and prestige was the end of all means; you became a doctor or a lawyer so you could have wealth and get the girl, the boat, the house in the suburbs and two cars. To hell with positive character

traits. Just be nice enough to people so you could manipulate and get those things, but never internalize them. But people being people, and especially sufferers from alcoholism, are never satisfied; we are always wanting more, more, and more.

It seems that the desire to do God's Will, and reach out and help others for the benefit of society never enters into the scheme of things. Someone with a true humility sees it as the end of the pursuit of material happiness. It isn't enough simply to feed the wallet and the body; to have a truly contented sobriety, humility is the key. The minute someone says, “Look at me, how humble I am”, they've lost all humility.

When we do selfless Service for others, and see the spark of the Creator in each person, we develop a contentedness and happiness we never thought possible. In the words of the St. Francis Prayer, “It is by self-forgetting that one finds.” In Step Seven, we surrender to the “surgery of God,” and let Him remove these deleterious shortcomings from us.

We must be willing to make a change in our attitudes, with a humble nature, to move closer to what God's will is for us. For this alcoholic, the pathway to this was and continues to be SERVICE!! If such a deadly and powerful obsession such as alcohol can be removed from us by our Higher Power, so too can the sincere application of the Seventh Step lead us on a path to a contented, happy, and humble life.

In service, Silence Dogood

Tradition 7—

It's late, and the business meeting seems to have been running on forever. I want to go home. It had already been a long day when we started this, and if Jack offers one more sage comment, I'm going to do something very un-sober or scream. And yet, we haven't even gotten to discussing our finances. We probably need a new coffee pot, seem to be spending a lot on anniversary cakes, and haven't made a contribution to the service structure in over a year although we have plenty of money on hand. Then too, the church just asked to raise the rent.

Finally, we stopped talking about the size of coffee cups, and are moving on the financial stuff. Let's get this over with. I want to go home. A few quick decisions, and we're out. Yes?

Sound familiar? Been there. Where

money and spirituality mix though, I think I need to be willing to take some time. It may take a little longer, but we shouldn't skimp on these discussions and decisions. The day to day good financial management of my group's money helps make the recovery work at the group level possible. And contributions of excess funds to the service structure (Intergroup, General Service and others) not only helps us avoid the risks when we “accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose,” it connects us to the Fifth Tradition (primary purpose) in action through those other vital services (think the Intergroup Hotline or the General Service Office) which home groups can't deliver and which don't exist without our support.

The size of coffee cups may be important, but perhaps we should talk about our Seventh Tradition obligations first. After all, I'm tired and I want to go home.

Bill C., Baldwin Group

Concept VII—

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

Concept VII describes how the General Service Board of Trustees and AA's General Service Conference work together. Concept VII appears to be a contradiction of power and authority between the Board and the Conference, but is a check and balance system for us.

The history of this relationship is interesting and important. In 1950 when the Conference Charter was drawn, the question of where the final authority ought to rest was a very moot matter. Would the Conference have the last word, or would the Board of Trustees? By then members knew for sure that complete and final authority over our funds and services should never continue to reside in an isolated Board of Trustees, who had an unqualified right to appoint their own successors.

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, but the AA Conference Charter is not a legal document. Our early members went through an exhaustive list of options to determine how Trustees could be permanent service administrators and the guardians of the AA Tradi-

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Practice These Principles, Concept VII (Continued)

tions, but somehow be placed in a position where they would conform to our Traditions and to the desires of the Fellowship. It was from these considerations that our present Conference Charter was adopted. It is a structure which clearly gives the Conference the final and ultimate authority, but which nevertheless legally preserves the right of the Trustees to function freely and adequately. This conforms strictly to the trusted servant provision of Tradition Two and reinforces the balance between the Board of Trustees, protected by law, and the Conference, protected by tradition.

Taken from The Twelve Concepts for World Service, Concept VII, "If . . . the Conference will always bear in mind actual rights, duties, responsibilities and legal status of the General Service Board, and if the trustees . . . will constantly realize that the Conference is the real seat of ultimate service authority . . . neither will be seriously tempted to make a 'rubber stamp' out of the other . . . In this way, grave issues will always be resolved and harmonious cooperation will be the general rule."

Steve K., DCMC, Nassau General Service

Concept VII—

Taken together, the Twelve Concepts for World Service of AA, plus all the intricacies of the set-up of the yearly General Service Conference, AA World Services, and the Grapevine, have enough material for a 3-credit college course, easily. To make a concise outline of the Seventh Concept for World Service, just a little historical background is in order. Keep in mind that the Twelve Concepts are the spiritual principles, that work together and undergird AA's structure.

Between 1945 and 1950, the General Service Office in NY, was made up of the Board of Trustees, and Bill W. and Dr. Bob. The office was a support structure for the groups of AA, now beginning to spread rapidly around the country. The office supplied and printed (through an AA-owned printer), all the literature, and supplies the groups would need to function within a unified fashion. They also answered a growing number of correspondences, pleas for help, and a myriad of group problems. At this time, the Trustees, Bill W. and Dr. Bob began to debate the desirability of some sort of advisory board of AA's; a body to whom the

Trustees could become responsible, a guiding conscience of the whole world effort. In 1950, after Dr. Bob's death, Bill realized that a Conference of elected delegates coming from the groups, would be needed to carry on after he was gone. The Conference, would be the legacy of the Founders.

So, fast-forwarding to today, at the NY World Headquarters, we have a Board of Trustees - twenty one individuals; seven non-alcoholics of different specialties, and 14 alcoholic trustees. There are also two other corporate entities - AA World Services, and the Grapevine. In addition, as alluded to earlier, each year there is a General Service Conference, made up of elected delegates from AA groups from all over the US and Canada. The General Service Conference has a Charter, drawn up in 1955, at the twentieth anniversary of AA's founding.

The Board of Trustees, later renamed the General Service Board, oversees all financial, and operational control of the day to day operations of AA World Services, and the Grapevine.

Tradition Two is the guiding spiritual principle which oversees all of the Conference and Trustee activities. It's also the guiding principle of all of the Concepts. The Seventh Concept deals specifically with the "balance of power" between the General Service Conference (our elected delegates), and the General Service Board (the Board of Trustees).

Let's think of AA's Service Structure as a business corporation; there are many similarities. Each AA, and through them, the AA groups are the stockholders; the elected Delegates are their "proxies" at the "annual meeting." Our General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a "holding company." This holding company, the General Service Board, actually owns and controls the "subsidiaries" which carry on our world services.

In Concept Seven, it is explained that the Trustees have complete legal authority over A.A.'s funds and Services, while the Conference (Delegates) represent the conscience of AA, and the real financial "power of the purse," through contributions to the GSO, and ultimately originating from that basket passed around at meetings. This means that realistically, the practical power of the Conference will always be superior to the legal power of the Trustees. The Trustees are the guardians of our Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. This means, that with the Second Tradition as their guide, they must ad-

here to the same spiritual guides as the rest of AA.

Over the years, the relationship between Trustees and Delegates has been one of mutual respect and cooperation. While clearly, the Trustees do have ultimate legal authority to veto a decision made by the Delegates at the Conference, they will rarely, if ever, do so. The Conference is protected by Tradition, while the Board is protected by law. Yet none must overuse their rights. Frequently, because of the expertise of the Trustees, they are in a position to offer helpful advice to the Delegates who may not be familiar with the day to day running of the AA business. This is fully in line with the Trusted Servant provision of Tradition Two.

With regard to the legal authority of the Trustees, there is nothing in their Charter which compels them to use all of their authority all of the time. Sometimes, it is wiser just to say "yes."

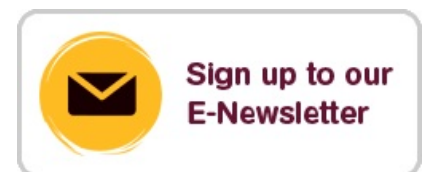
To sum up this balance of power in the upper tiers of our Trusted Servants, the Conference carries with it the wishes of the members of AA, and the Trustees with their ultimate legal authority must understand that the Conference is the real seat of ultimate service authority. Since the Trustees are non-paid members of the Board, they have no real financial incentive to have friction with the "God Conscience" of the Delegates.

Neither body simply "rubber stamps" the wishes of the other. This arrangement ensures harmonious cooperation and the continuous working of our Fellowship. More information about this and all the other eleven Concepts can be found in your group's pamphlet rack titled "The Twelve Concepts For World Service Illustrated."

Steve S., Albertson-Searingtown Afternoon Discussion Group

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From the Night Book (Cont.)

flyers. I read announcements during the openings of most meetings. The one task I dreaded was at the Rep meetings when I volunteered my group for the Night Book. The first couple of times I passed the sign-up sheet around it came back blank. I ended up getting the same people to do it, eventually, time and time again. I think that a lot of us forget what it was like to be new in Recovery, or be in pain; or better yet, how good doing this commitment makes you feel the next day.

So I take my hat off to the Intergroup Reps for doing what it takes to keep our Hotline going after hours. For my part now, I'm just a clerk; punching phone numbers into a computer and posting those weekly phone numbers at the office on our calendar. I really welcome the chance to tell any AA'er about what a vital Service we offer, not just to Nassau people, but callers from ALL OVER the Tri-State area and even the rest of the country. Yes, they DO call!

The mystique of Nassau County is that our Night Book Service is legendary: There is always an alcoholic to talk to, at any hour. Isn't it about time it was YOU?

For information about doing the Night Book OR as an Emergency Volunteer, leave a message at (516) 292-3045, or e-mail me at nightbook@nassauny-aa.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to really thank the following groups for their Service during the month of June:

Albertson-Searingtown Afternoon Discussion Group; Road to Recovery/Franklin Square; Weekend Early Birds of West Hempstead; Instrument Group of Levittown; and, Rockville Center Group.

Yours in Service
Steve S., NIAA Night Book Chair
516-292-3045 or
nightbook@nassauny-aa.org

Meeting List Changes

Please help NI keep its meeting information current and correct by submitting a "Meeting List Changes" form (available through the office or on-line under "Group Services") whenever your meeting details change.

(Changes received as of 6/23/2016.)

BEGINNERS = B BIG BOOK = BB CLOSED = C
CLOSED DISCUSSION = CD OPEN = O
OPEN DISCUSSION = OD STEP = S TRADITION = T
WC = WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE YP = YOUNG PEOPLE

NON-ALCOHOLICS ARE WELCOME AT "OPEN" MEETINGS.

NEW GROUPS

- Freeport 11520
Thursdays As Bill Sees It Group, Freeport Community Church of the Nazarene, 301 Atlantic Ave.; Thur. 7PM C (*As Bill Sees It*).
- Glen Cove 11542
Melillo Center, 113 Glen Cove Ave.; Tues. 7PM Restricted (Institutional Meeting).
- Levittown 11756
Serenity Night Live Group, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 3434 Hempstead Tpk.; Sat. 6:30PM CD.
- Malverne 11565
Big Book Fever Group, Church of the Intercessor, 50 St. Thomas Pl.; Sun. 8PM BB.
- Rockville Centre 11570
Joy of Living Group, St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Pl. (Dominic Room, basement rear); Sat. 9AM BB.
- Wantagh 11793
Peace Within 11th Step Meditation Group, 3050 Merrick Rd.; Sun. 7:30PM O.
- West Hempstead 11552
Creatively Sober Group, 482 Hempstead Ave.; Mon. 8AM CD, Sat. 7PM B; WC.



CHANGES

- Baldwin 11510
Over the Hill Group, Baldwin Lutheran Church, 1375 N. Grand Ave.; Thurs. CD 8PM.
- Bellmore 11710
We Change Together Group, Pride for Youth Center, 2050 Bellmore Ave.; Tues. 6:45PM O.
- Freeport 11520
Freeport I Group, Church of the Transfiguration, 69 S. Long Beach Ave. (Address correction); Tues. 7:45PM B (Last Tues. O).
- Inwood 11696
We Can Do It Group, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 200 Redwood Ave.; no changes to meetings.
- Long Beach 11561
High Noon/West end Group, West End Community Center, 91 Maryland Ave.; Add, Sat. 10AM B.
- Lynbrook 11563
Lynbrook Group, Christ Episcopal church, 49 Blake Ave.; Sun. 7PM CD ("Promises").
- Malverne 11565
Gratitude Group, Community Presbyterian Church, 12 Nottingham Rd.; Mon. 7:30PM B, Tues. 7:30PM S, Thurs. 7:30PM C (Anniversary last Thurs.).
- Manhasset 11030
Good Morning God Group, Temple Judea. 333 Searingtown Rd.; Sun. 9:30AM CD only.
- New Hyde Park 11040
Floral Park/Bellorose Group, Holy Spirit RC Church, 500 Jericho Tpk.; Mon. 7:15PM B and C (2nd Mon. "Promises" CD, 8:30PM BB (2nd Mon.OD) and C, Thurs. 7:15PM S Last Thurs. T), 8:30PM C.
- Plainview 11803
Plainview Promises Group, Plainview Reformed Church, 560 Old Bethpage Rd.; Thurs. 7:30PM S.
- Rosedale 11422
Sobriety with Love Group, St. Clare's Church, 137-35 Brookville Blvd. (at 241st St.; formerly in the Rectory); Sun. 6PM, 1st week B, 2nd S, 3rd T, 4th C, 5th BB; 7:30PM CD dropped.
- Woodmere 11596
Arcade Legends Group, 936 Broadway; Tues. & Thurs. 6:30AM CD (*Daily Reflections*; Men's).

TEMPORARY CHANGES

- Cambria Heights (formerly Elmont) 11411
Elmont/Belmont Give It A Try Group, Deliverance Baptist Church, 227-11 Linden Blvd. (temporary move from Cambria Heights Community Church); Mon. 7PM S and Thurs. 7:15PM B (last Thurs. O anniversary).

CLOSED GROUPS

- Bellrose 11001
Daily Reprieve Group, House of Hope United Presbyterian Church, 84-54 248th St.
- Garden City 11530
Joy of Good Living Group, Unitarian Universalist Center, 233 Stewart Ave.
- Glen Cove 11542
N. Shore Univ. Hospital, St. Andrews La. (Institutional Meeting).
- Malverne 11565
Spiritually Fit Group, Bridge Church, 1 Norwood Ave.

- Long Beach 11561
Living Sober Group, St. John's Lutheran Church, 75 E. Olive St.
- Uniondale 11553
Hope of Sobriety Group, 913 Front St.
- West Hempstead 11552
Here and Now Group, Project Outreach, 600 Hempstead Tpk.

Answer to Who Am I?

Ralston (Rollie) H. (1907-1972) was a major league ball player, a catcher, whose career spanned 1928-1947. Known as "Rollicking Rollie," his drinking had been well publicized and had almost destroyed his career, so his sobriety was big sports news too. Around the time he had caught a no-hit game for the Cleveland Indians, it came to light in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* that he had been sober in AA for about a year. Initial credit for his recovery went to the Oxford Group, but Rollie, in finally breaking his silence on the matter, set the record straight.

The Fellowship's initial response to the break and the resulting publicity was elation as it brought AA to greater national prominence and new members flocked in. Rollie's experience however helped lead AA to a closer examination of the role of anonymity in AA, and ultimately to affirm its now cherished tradition of personal anonymity at the public level.

(See, *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, pp. 249, 251-253; and, *Pass It On*, pp. 236-238, and 307.)

Announcements

Intergroup Picnic



Eisenhower Park, The Cedars
(Parking Field 6A)
Sunday, July 10, 8AM-4PM
Water & soda provided
No loud music or for sale items please

NY State Informational Workshop
hosted by Western NY, Area 50
July 29-31
Canisius College, Buffalo, NY
Go to www.nysiw.org for more info.

