

FEBRUARY 2002

A CALL FOR HELP FROM INTERGROUP

THE NIGHTBOOK

NEEDS YOU!

IS SERVICE STILL A PART OF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Call Intergroup and volunteer @ (516) 292-3045

Calendar of Events

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted.

Feb 9 1 PM Corrections Correspondence
Feb 11 8 PM Dinner Dance Committee
Feb 13 8 PM Share-a-Day Committee
Feb 14 8 PM CPC/PI Meetings
Feb 20 8 PM Web Site Committee
Feb 21 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
Feb 25 7 PM GSR Orientation Meeting

Feb 25 7:30 PM GSR Meeting
Feb 28 7:30 PM Steering Committee
Mar 6 8 PM Institutions Committee
Simpson Methodist Church
Locust and Sunset Amityville
Mar 7 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
Mar 7 8 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting

NEW MEETINGS

Great Neck: Great Neck Station Serenity Group 21 No. Station Plaza meets on Wednesday at 6:00 pm –7:00 p.m.

MEETING CHANGES

Farmingdale: Step into the Light Group Has added a Big Book meeting Sunday at 7:47 p.m.

Franklin Square: W. Hempstead/Franklin Square Group has changed their Thursday 8:00 p.m. CD meeting to a CD/Topic meeting.

Great Neck: Great Neck Group has eliminated all 9:00 p.m. OD meetings except the 3rd Friday, which will be an Open Anniver. Mtg..

Mineola: Mineola County Seat Group has added a 12:45 p.m. B.B. meeting on Sunday.

Roosevelt: We Care Group has changed Friday 8:30 p.m. Clsd. meeting to an Open Meeting.

Valley Stream: Just For Today has deleted their 7:30 p.m. Step meeting.

Wantagh: Sobriety Group has changed their name to Wantagh Sobriety and is now handicap accessible

West Hempstead: Joy of Living has added a 10:00 a.m. Step meeting. The last Friday is a Tradition meeting.

Levittown: Women Discussion Sunday 3pm CD meeting at the Pres. Ch. 474 Wantagh Ave.

Seniors for Sobriety Step Meeting has moved from 50 Park Ave. RVC to Mercy Family Council Center, 385 Oak St. Garden City (by Hofstra Univ.) for a 9:15A.M.meeting. The new meeting is now 2 blocks north of Hemp. Tpke. (opp.U.P.S.)

Mineola: County Seat Group: has added a 12:45pm BB meeting on Sundays.

Sea Cliff: Alive Again Group: has added a 6:45pm Beginners meeting on Fridays, with the last Friday being an Anniversary night.

DELETIONS

Mineola: Young At Heart Group (Young People) is no longer meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Westbury: Steeple On The Parkway is no longer meeting on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

SHARE A DAY

KEEP A.A. ALIVE

COME TO SHARE-A-DAY 25

Our annual Share-A-Day is April 27, 2002 at the Valley Stream Central High School; with doors opening at 8 a.m., and work shops beginning at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are celebrating twenty-five years of showing the newcomer how Sobriety is enjoyed beyond the home group. Quite a few enthusiastic Share-A-Day Reps have attended our last meetings. If you love your home group, send a member to our next Committee meeting on February 13, 2002 at 8:00pm. to help with planning a great day. Thank you Janine (from the Volunteer Group of Uniondale) you are the winner of our theme contest. We would greatly appreciate your financial support for this yearly event.. Group donations can be made payable to: Share-A-Day and mailed to the Intergroup Office, 361 Hempstead Tpke., West Hempstead, N.Y, 11552 or call me for further information. *See you at Share-A-Day! Marie M.S.*

THE NIGHTBOOK

Nassau Intergroup and I would like to give thanks and gratitude to the following groups of people who took the NightBook commitment for the month of January, 2002:

- Wantagh Friday Night Live
- Uniondale Volunteer Group
- Seaford Serenity Group
- **AGAIN EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS!!!**

Also a reminder to all groups to update their 12 step list; this will help keep us up to date.
Gordon T. Nightbook Chairperson

INTERGROUP PHONE
2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Sunday's 1-5 P.M.

Old-Timers Open Meetings

The following groups are hosting an "Old Timers" Night with an open meeting, this is a great opportunity to come out and support the "backbone" of our fellowship, where you can "Learn to Listen and Listen to Learn." Pass the word at your home group and have the experience, strength and hope of two speakers with 25 years or more of sobriety

Feb 15 New Hyde Park Group 7:30pm
Feb 22 Oceanside 12 & 12 9:00pm
Feb 24 Roosevelt Sun. Sunrise 9:00pm

If you are an Old Timer and would like to speak please contact me.

Yours Gratefully in Service,
Tony T.

The Fourth Edition of the BIG BOOK is Now Available

Please call ahead if you need to buy in quantity; this way arrangements can be made, so that the books/ literature will be available for you when you come into the office. Also new calendars (\$6.00), and the new pocket planners (\$4.00) are in.

The Numbers Speak for Themselves 2002

**Total Number of groups in Nassau County
250 Plus - Total number of meetings - 851**
**Total Number of Reps at the last Intergroup
Rep's Meeting 42**
**Total Number of Groups supporting
Institutions Committee work: 19**
**Total Number of Groups supporting Nightbook
over past year: 3**
**Total Number of Groups providing 12th Step
lists over past year: 73**
**Total Number of Groups attending last Speaker
Exchange meeting 95**
**Total Number of Groups that kept their
speaking commitments ??**
Mike F. Keep IT Simple,Oceanside

LEVITTOWN BEGINNERS GIFT GROUP 6th GROUP ANNIVERSARY

Saturday February 16th 2002
Brunch 8am, Speaker 9am,
1st Presbyterian Church
474 Wantagh Ave.
(No. of Southern State Pkwy.)

OLD FRANKLIN SQUARE DECISION GROUP ANNIVERSARY

Food, Speaker, D.J. & Fun, Fun, Fun!!!
Saturday, February 23rd 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
St. Andrews Church
54 Nassau Blvd., West Hempstead

Some alcoholics aren't lucky enough to be able to go to meetings when they want to. They are in prison. They have limited contact with the shared experience that our Fellowship offers through its meetings. ***That if I needed an A.A. meeting and there was none?*** There are over 59,000 A.A.s in confinement and 2,276 prison groups throughout the United States and Canada. These meetings answer only a fraction of the need for more groups in correctional facilities all across the country. Many there reach for, but don't find, the hand of A.A." **from** "Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities" pamphlet.

Since the new edition of the Big Book is now available, it is likely that groups will be purchasing copies of the new edition for their literature tables and/or supplies. But what will they do with the old books? I was recently in contact with an official in the Nassau jail, and she told me that her budget for literature for the coming year has been cut to zero. Thus, the jail(s) will be totally dependent on donations. My home group is donating all our old Big Books. I encourage all groups, AND individual AA's, to do the same. I am also proposing to my group to start a "Jail Box" at our meetings, for ongoing donations. (How many old Grapevine's do YOU have just collecting dust on a shelf?) I would be glad to help anyone get their donations into the hands of A.A.s behind bars. If you have something to give, feel free to call me.

Ken R., Came to Believe Group
(West Hempstead)

WHAT IS THE NIGHT BOOK?

Our Intergroup answering service was founded in May 1969. We are unique! Nassau County Intergroup is a 24hour a day, 7 day a week, "live " answering service for alcoholics. The majority of other Intergroups throughout the country have limited live answering time. Most have answering machines or commercial answering services to handle incoming phone calls.

This is how it works in Nassau County.

From 9 A.M.-5 P.M. all incoming hotline and business calls are received at our Intergroup office, 361 Hempstead Turnpike, Hempstead, N.Y.

From 5 P.M. – 9 A.M. we have what is called the "Night Book." The book consists of groups, names and phone numbers of people that have signed up for 12 Step work. The hotline is then call forwarded to the person that has volunteered for that night All calls to the hotline will automatically go to their home.

Example: Mr. B. has the Night Book, (the hotline has been call forwarded to his home.)

Mr. A., who resides in Long Beach, calls the hotline number at 8:00 p.m. because he is having a hard time not drinking. Mr. B. takes Mr. A's phone number and assures him that he will have someone call him right back. Then Mr. B. opens the Night Book, looks up a Long Beach group, finds a male(men with the men, women with the women) that has given his phone number and a time frame that is o.k. to call. Mr. B. calls Mr. C. and says: "I have a guy, Mr. A. who's having a hard time. Could you please take his number and give him a call?" Mr. C. takes his number and calls Mr. A., your job is done for that call. This is how the Night Book works.

You will also receive calls from people who are looking for a meeting. You will have a meeting list provided with the Night Book. At 9:00 a.m. the phones will be transferred back to the Intergroup office.

NASSAU COUNTY INTERGROUP DINNER DANCE

FUN! FELLOWSHIP! UNITY!

Come join us to make this a special evening chock full of fun, food, fellowship! The Nassau Intergroup Dinner/Dance will be a sit down gourmet dinner, live dance band, special guest A.A. speaker Liz B., and special live entertainment between sets.

This is an open meeting so all are welcome. Invite your family and friends! Let's show them we can have a great time full of love, laughter and fellowship.

This is not a Fundraiser. The \$50.00 dollars cost will cover our expenses. Tickets are available through your Intergroup Rep., Intergroup office, or call me to purchase tickets.

With love and gratitude,
Judy B.

MEETING COMMENTS

"At meetings where anything goes, after awhile nobody goes."

MEETING MAKERS MAKE IT

**"When I try to get even, I get even worse."
Stanley R.**

FROM THE EDITORS:

Please free to share your thoughts, feelings and sober experiences with us concerning your recovery. Either E-mail us or drop off your article at the Intergroup office. Thanks, we'll be waiting for you! Feel Free To donate Old Big Books to Institution Committee

Mary Jo and George
