

June 2008

Happy 73rd Birthday AA

JUNE 10TH 1935-2008

****SPEAKERS EXCHANGE MEETING****

JUNE 21ST 7:30AM

GARDEN CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 245 STEWART AVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

June

Jun 4	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Jun 5	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Jun 10	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
Jun 12	7:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Jun 16	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	GSR Orientation GSR Meeting Nassau Intergroup Office 361 Hempstead Tpke, W Hemp
Jun 18	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Jun 19		Newsletter DeadLine
Jun 21	7:30 am	Speakers Exchange Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Jun 28	7:30 pm	Steering committee

July

Jul 2	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Jul 3	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Jul 8	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
Jul 16	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Jul 17		Newsletter DeadLine
Jul 20	8:00 am	InterGroup Picnic Eisenhower Park Field 6. East Meadow
Jul	25 ~ 27	New York State Convention Westchester Marriott Tarrytown
Jul 31	7:30 pm	Steering committee

WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

MEETING CHANGES

Albertson/Searingtown: Afternoon Discussion added an 11:00am *Emotional Sobriety* meeting and a 12:15 B

Bellmore: Pace Group has changed Fri 8pm meeting to a CD with 4th week Anniversary

Brookville: Brookville/Muttontown Group Tue 7:45 Step now last Tue Tradition meeting

Farmingdale: Afternoon Group has changed its name to **Afternoon Alcohol Only** also meets Wed 1:00pm for a Closed meeting, with 3rd week Step, and 4th week Tradition.

Farmingdale: Sunday at the Park Group last Sun is now a OD meeting

Hicksville: Levittown Group has added a Thu 6:30S meeting

Mineola: Gratitude Group has a new location: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 132 Jefferson Ave/ Willis Ave, 11501

Syosset: Deliverance Group has changed Fri 8:00pm CD to Fri 7:45 B

Valley Stream: Look To This Day Group 7:30 OD is now a 7:30 S 1st Thu Tradition

NEW MEETINGS

Manhasset: The 11th Step Meditation Group meets at 10:00am, Tuesdays. Children welcome. Shelter Rock Church, 626 Plandome Rd

Manhasset: The Searingtown Serenity Group meets at 7:30pm, Wed. Step meeting. St. Ignatius Retreat House (lower floor, rear). Searingtown Rd

DELETIONS

Hicksville: Primary Purpose Group: no longer meets

Hicksville: Step by Step Group: no longer meets

Locust Valley: Sound Sobriety: no longer meets

Oceanside: New Young People's Meeting: no longer meets

Oyster Bay: Starting Again: no longer meets

Intergroup Annual Picnic JULY 20th

Eisenhower Park Field 6

Hempstead Tpke East Meadow

Bring your Own Food

Coffee, Soda, Water

Provided by NI

LIVE MUSIC!!!!

From the Chair

Dear Friends:

Since we are celebrating the 73rd Birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous, June 10th, I thought it would be appropriate to share with you this synopsis, which was taken from *The Best of Bill*, pgs. 84-85, titled "About Bill W."

Bill W. was born in East Dorset, Vermont, on Nov. 26, 1895. With Dr. Bob S. of Akron, Ohio, he co-founded Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. Hospitalized for alcoholism, he experienced a profound spiritual transformation that changed his life and inspired many of the principles of the AA movement.

Bill W. recognized that the recurring desire to drink disappears when one alcoholic works with another. This understanding became a basic principle of the new society. In addition, Bill promoted the idea that alcoholism is an illness, which can be arrested but not cured. Influenced by this AA concept, the American Medical Association later redefined alcoholism as a disease, not a failure of will.

AA's basic text, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, was written largely by Bill W. in association with other early AAs. Since its first publication in 1939, the Big Book, as it's called, has sold more than 22 million copies and has been translated into more than 40 languages. Its revolutionary 12-Step program of recovery is the model for many other recovery programs.

In the 12 Traditions, first developed and presented in the pages of the *Grapevine*, Bill created a lasting blueprint for AA unity, incorporating the unique principles of anonymity, self-support, membership, and non-affiliation.

In addition to his many writings, Bill devoted himself to developing an enduring service structure for Alcoholics Anonymous. In June 1999, *Time* magazine named Bill W. as one of the hundred most influential people of the 20th Century. He passed away on January 24, 1971.

I am so grateful to be an **active** member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Happy Anniversary to those celebrating in this beautiful month of June.

Blessed to Serve,

Intergroup Chairperson

chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

SPECIAL NEEDS

Anyone interested in helping physically challenged alcoholics or, other alcoholics with special needs. The Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of March, June, September, and December.

Please contact:
specialneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org

CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE

Volunteers are needed to help those who need to have a PEN-Pal connection with A.A.'s outside of correctional facilities. If interested please call 292-3045 and leave your information. All mailings are handled through a PO Box.

NIGHTBOOK

Well it's a beautiful spring!! We are really blessed aren't we? I know that as long as I follow directions I feel serene. And I know who is in charge!! There is a God and I *ain't* it! So we keep working the program and helping other drunks. The hotline is a very "hands on" way to help. Let's see some new groups stepping up to the plate, even if you don't see the value it holds: Remember more will be revealed.

Thanks to the following groups for service in May:

The Port Washington Group
Levittown-Beginners Gift Group
The Brookville/Muttontown Group
Albertson/Searington Group
Seaford Gratitude Group

Yours in love and service,
NightBook Chair
nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

In Memoriam

Dee Dee from Long Beach has passed suddenly; please remember her in your prayers.

PHONE VOLUNTEERS:

If you have at least 6 months of Sobriety and are interested in answering phones at Nassau Intergruop,

CONTACT: the Office Coordinator:
(516) 292-3045

SHARE-A-DAY 2008

It's been three weeks since Share-a-Day has passed. As I write this article I am reflecting over the past three or so years I have been involved as chairman to this event. All the committee meetings, phone calls, e-mails, reports, etc. At times a little stressful but overall an experience I would not trade. It was a great day. Over three hundred people coming together for a day of fellowship, meetings, and a meal.

It took a lot of hard work from a lot of good people. I need to thank those people for making Share-a-Day possible. All the groups that donated money, all the committee members that devoted many hours of service, all the volunteers that showed up that day to help, all the group reps that spoke at the meetings, all who came to share a day, they are the ones that deserve the credit for such a successful day. Thank you all for helping me stay sober.

Your AA Brother
2008 Share-a-Day Chair
shareaday@nassauny-aa(dot)org

2008 SHARE-A-DAY CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to thank the following groups for their generous contributions to our 2008 Share-A-Day:

New Hyde Park Group (So. 9th St.)	Solution Group
The Baldwin Group	Beginners Gift
Elmont Group	New Life Group
Seaford Time	Easy Does It
Oceanside One Day at a Time	Rockville Centre Discussion Grp
Plainview Reflections	Sober Living Baldwin
Institutions Committee	Rita K.
Massapequa Park Group	Stepping Stones
Serenity Seekers Williston Park	Hempstead Group
Westbury Advent Group	Beginners Gift Levittown
Kings Point Group	Floral Park/Bellrose
North Bellmore Group AA	Seaford Time
TGIF Rockville Centre	Friday Night Live Group
Attitude Adjustment Group G.C.	Elmont Road to Recovery
There is a Solution	Pathway Group
Hewlett Cedarhurst Group	Merrick Bellmore
Garden City Group	Pt Lookout (PM) Serenity by the Sea
Just Booze N. Baldwin	We Can Do It Group RVC
Give it a Try Elmont	There is a Light (Bellmore)
Early Risers (Long Beach)	Big Book (Great Neck)
The Right Place Group (Westbury)	Jay Walkers (Freeport)
The Baldwin Group (Wed. and Sat night)	

12 Step Contact List

Time to update your groups 12 step contact list!!

Many groups do not have an up-to-date 12 step list. If your group is listed below please update your 12 step list. Use blank form on back page. You may also download the 12 step form via www.nassauny-aa.org.

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>GROUP NAME</u>
Amityville.....	Bottom Line Group
Amityville.....	County Line Group
Amityville.....	Sunrise Early Sobriety
Baldwin.....	New Outlook Group
Baldwin.....	Sober on Sunday
Bellmore.....	Pace Group
Bellmore.....	The Talks in Sobriety Group
Bellmore.....	There Is a Light Group
Douglaston.....	Fresh Start Group
East Meadow.....	It Can Be Done Group
East Williston.....	For Women Only
East Williston.....	Serenity Seekers Group
Elmont.....	Back Stretch Group
Elmont.....	Elmont Group
Elmont.....	The Winners Circle Group
Farmingdale.....	Farmingdale Group
Floral Park.....	Women's Sunday Nite Discussion
Freeport.....	Day Enders Group
Freeport.....	Freeport Group
Freeport.....	Freeport II Group

List of groups to be continued in the next Newsletter.

Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail. This is our twelfth suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics! (page 89 Alcoholics Anonymous).

12-Step List Chair,
12step@nassauny-aa(dot)org

From the Treasurer:

Workshop Recap

As scheduled, we held the AA Finance/Treasurer Workshop early last month. We had a very good turnout with members from Nassau, Suffolk, Manhattan, Queens, the Bronx and Putnam. Special thanks to the members from Nassau Intergroup and Nassau General Service Districts 201 and 202 who helped plan and carry out the event, and to the several speakers who shared their information and experience. As a result of the workshop, I've had several contacts on the topics covered.

Concerning group insurance, I'd like to hear from any group that has tackled the insurance issue so we can pool our collective experience and possible resources. Right now I know of only one option for what is supposed to be "self-help group" friendly group liability insurance, but I don't know of any group that has used it. In the end, we can offer no endorsement of an insurance broker or carrier of course, only information on shared experience.

Managing group funds was also a lively topic with options ranging from holding money in a box under the treasurer's bed to establishing a bank account in the group's name. Each group needs to find the alternative which best meets its needs.

Making contributions to support AA services beyond the home group was another interesting topic. Many groups were unaware of the range of service committees currently active much less what they do or how they might be reached with support. Some also still think a contribution made to one service entity such as GSO is then divided up and shared with the other service entities. It's not.

We were reminded that AA's well-tested principles should guide our actions. Decisions about finance in AA need to be made in the light of those shared values, factual information and following patient discussion.

Anyone who missed the workshop can still get copies of most of the handouts for the asking. I also remain available to provide support to any group treasurer as I may. Let me know. Hope this snapshot of the AA Finance/Treasurer Workshop has been helpful. Feel free to get back to me with any questions.

In service,
Treasurer
treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org

General Service News

Alcoholics Anonymous turns 73 years on Tuesday, June 10th – Happy Birthday AA!

To commemorate the early beginnings of AA here in Nassau, on Saturday, June 14th, Nassau County's Big Meeting will be held at The Garden City Community Church from 6 pm - 10 pm. Special thanks to the groups who have given a contribution towards this event. It is greatly appreciated. The planning committee has been diligently organizing this open AA meeting so, expect the unexpected. It will be an evening of reflection, remembrance and definitely one we hope you won't forget. I heard through the grapevine that a list of questions has been put together for the old-timer speakers, those with 35 years or more, to respond to. I look forward to hearing from our old-timers and am curious to know what they experienced in early sobriety through any changes they have seen over the years. Nassau General Service Group (NGSG) looks forward to seeing you, your family, friends and members of the general public at this year's Big Meeting. Open AA events are important for they are an opportunity for people to come and see and hear about AA first hand. Please remember, we represent AA to the public at such events.

On Monday, June 16th our SENY Delegate, John W., will be traveling down from Putnam to give his report back from this year's 58th Annual General Service Conference. It's important that your group's General Service Representative (GSR) attends our county meetings though any member is welcome. We continue to hope that groups without a GSR will consider electing someone to represent them. The GSR connects your group to the rest of our Fellowship carrying the group's conscience to our various General Service meetings.

Tickets for this year's Unity Breakfast won't be available until our August 18th meeting. For the past two years the ticket price was \$17.00, but in order for this event to remain fully self-supporting and cover rising catering costs, an increase is inevitable. I anticipate the ticket price will be \$20.00 per person.

Finally, on behalf of members of NGSG, we thank groups throughout the county who continue to send us a contribution and/or a GSR.

Together We Can,
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