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NASSAU INTERGROUP PICNIC

SUNDAY, JULY 20-8AM TO 5PM

EISENHOWER PARK, FIELD 6 & 6-A

HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE

EAST MEADOW, NY

LOOK FOR THE *EASY DOES IT* BANNER



All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

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

August

Aug	6	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee Simpson Methodist Church Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Aug	7	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation Intergroup Rep's Meeting Garden City Community Church Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
Aug	12	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
Aug	18	7:30 pm 8:00 pm	General Service Rep's Orientation General Service Rep's Meeting Nassau Intergroup Office 361 Hempstead Tpke, W Hemp
Aug	20	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
Aug	21		Newsletter DeadLine
Aug	28	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 12:15noon B

Brookville: Brookville/Muttontown Group Tue 7:45pm Step; 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: Easy Does It- (Correction from meeting list) meets at Holy Trinity Epis Ch, 130 Jerusalem Ave (Corner of Jerusalem & Old Country Rd)

Hicksville: Levittown Group has added a Thu 6:30pm Step meeting

Little Neck: Little Neck/Douglaston Group now meets at Community Ch of Douglaston, 39-50 Douglaston Pkwy

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 7:45pm B

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

Westbury: The Right Place Grp Mon 7:30pm BB now meets on Tue at 7:15pm; last Tue Ann

NEW MEETINGS

Bellmore: Only Booze meets at 7:30pm CD Bellmore Pres Ch, Rambo Hall, Bellmore Ave and Martin Ave

Manhasset: The 11th Step Meditation Group meets at 10:00am, Tue 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

Rosedale: Circle of Serenity: no longer meets

PHONE VOLUNTEERS:

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

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

From the Chair

Dear Friends:

The 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous were designed to give us a simple program that would be a spiritual way for imperfect human beings to live.

We begin by accepting and admitting we are powerless when we have lost control. We recognize that our lives are unmanageable even when that is something we would prefer not to see. Then we believe, as much as we are able to, that a Higher Power can restore us to sane living; and we surrender our will and our lives to God's care.

We stop pointing the finger at other people and take a look at ourselves. Then we tell God, ourselves, and someone else all the dirty details of what we see; and we tell the truth.

These steps aren't exactly self-help. We don't change ourselves; we become ready to let God change us. Then we humbly ask God to do that. We list the people we have hurt and go say sorry to them, except when doing that would cause people we had already hurt more pain. After that, we examine our behaviors regularly to make sure we don't get off track.

Our goal is to become closer to God and ourselves. To do that, it is suggested we meditate and pray. By the time we have reached the last step, the steps say we will have seen the light. So it is suggested we try to apply this process in all areas of our lives, then try to tell other people how we crossed the desert so they can join us on this journey to freedom too! Thank God for the Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous which have taught me a new way of living ... happy, joyous and free!

Don't forget to join us for our annual Intergroup Picnic on July 20th (additional information can be found in this Newsletter).

Happy Anniversary to our July celebrants!
Blessed to Serve,
Intergroup Chairperson
chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

40th NYS CONVENTION

JULY 25, 26, & 27

Westchester Marriott,

670 White Plains Rd, Tarrytown, NY 10591

Hosted by: SENY

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

The hotline is still VERY important vehicle for saving people's lives! Maybe some may think let's leave this to the professionals-We are the ones with the PhD in alcoholism!! We have to pass on this legacy that the old-timers passed on to us. One drunk helping another. Thank God we don't have wake up in the middle the of the night anymore to go to the hospital with the drunk....we can sleep now thru the night! We can chip in a little once a year to help the drunk to keep it!!

Thanks to the following groups for taking the hotline in June:

Massapequa Park Group

Bayville Triangle Group

Massapequa Lost Weekend Group

Plainview Reflections Group

Yours in love and service,

NightBook Chair

nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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.

TOWN	GROUP NAME
Amityville.....	County Line Group
Amityville.....	Open Door Group
Bellerose.....	Hope Group
Bellerose.....	Daily Reprieve Group
Brookville.....	Saturday Night Live Discussion
Garden City.....	Easy Does It Group
Garden City.....	Seniors for Sobriety Group
Garden City.....	Back Door Friends are Best Group
Glen Cove.....	Closed Discussion Group
Glen Cove.....	Glen Cove 1 Group
Glen Cove.....	Serenity Together Group
Glen Cove.....	Saturday Night Group
Glen Cove.....	Sound Living Step Group
Glen Oaks.....	Glen Oaks Group
Hempstead.....	Pathways Group

Hewlett.....	Afternoon Discussion Group
Hicksville.....	Our Own Group
Hicksville.....	Discovery Group
Hicksville.....	Ever Vigilant Group
Hicksville.....	First Things First Group
Hicksville.....	Hicksville Group
Hicksville.....	Periwinkle Group
Hicksville.....	Saturday AM Big Book Study
Hicksville.....	Sunday Afternoon Discussion
Inwood.....	We Can Do It Together Group
Island Park.....	Island Pk. Grp Below Sea Level
Island Park.....	Woman's Serenity Group
King Point.....	Kings Point Group
Lawrence.....	Tell It Like It is Group
Levittown.....	Beginners Gift Group
Levittown.....	Hope Group Beginners
Levittown.....	1 O'clock Sobriety Group
Levittown.....	Thursday am Discussion Group
Levittown.....	Instrument Group

List of groups to be continued in the next Newsletter.

12-Step List Chair,

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From the Treasurer:

Tradition Seven Revisited

Many groups will be discussing AA's Tradition Seven this month. The seldom seen and seldom heard long-form is particularly informative.

The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

(From, *The AA Service Manual*, pp. S13-S14, and, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, 4th Ed., p. 564.)

We should keep in mind that all of our Traditions were born of the fellowship's early experiences, good and bad. They are there to spare us the need to remake mistakes. Tradition Seven in particular seeks to protect us from excess and from dependence which in turn might distract or misdirect us from our primary purpose. Put in the positive, it suggests prudence and self-reliance. Important in this are open and transparent financial management practices subject to the will of the group as expressed in the group conscience.

Moving to other topics, I am continuing to solicit group experience with insurance issues. If your group carries insurance or enjoys a rider on another's policy, tell me about it in whatever detail you're comfortable providing so we can share that with the broader fellowship. I'd be particularly interested in any claims experience, the true test of the quality of insurance coverage.

Also, recent (2006) regulations require "most small tax exempt organizations" (gross receipts under \$25,000 annually) to make an informational e-filing (form 990-N) with the IRS beginning May 2008. Has any group been contacted by IRS about this? I'm hoping the rule will not apply to ordinary AA groups since most are not formally tax exempt entities, but I don't know.

Any experience? More info on this is available at: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>.

There is also a running discussion at: <http://aaseny.org/phpBB3/index.php> under "Service/Treasurer."

I remain available to come to your group if there is any AA finance/treasurer topic on which I can provide information.

In service,
Treasurer
[treasurer@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org)

General Service News

A.A. co-founder Bill W. wrote in A.A.'s *Legacy of Service*, "Our Twelfth Step- carrying the message- is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Hence, an A.A. service is anything that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer – ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service."

Being your group's General Service Rep or Intergroup Rep, answering the A.A. hotline, chairing a meeting, making coffee, helping with set up or clean up at a meeting, being a sponsor, going on a Twelfth Step call (with someone else) and so on, are important A.A. service responsibilities. For me, having a commitment continues to teach me how to work with others in A.A. so that I'm more prepared to handle life's situations outside of the rooms. Because of service and sobriety I'm acutely aware of my strengths and weaknesses. The experiences and lessons learned are invaluable, more so when I share them.

It is all too easy to expect others to do most of the work or allow them to stay on in a job for years on end. Are we too busy enjoying the benefits of sobriety that we've forgotten to give back a little something, anything to A.A.? Are we so wrapped up in ourselves that we don't care about others, let alone who's doing the work? I hope not. There are many service opportunities available in your group, local intergroup or General Service, and one of these commitments has your name on it! Help us to help others by getting involved.

The Big Meeting held on June 14th was a huge success. Listening to the panel of old timers, whose sobriety spanned 37 to 51 years, was heartwarming. Their endearing charm and sense of humor left lasting impressions on many. In fact, they were recorded for archives purposes. It was a great evening with some 150 or so in attendance. Thanks to the Big Meeting Chairs and Planning Committee for all their hard work. Thank you also to the Garden City Group for the additional support and help that night. Service at its best!

Our SENY Delegate visited the county and gave his report-back from the 58th General Service Conference. His full report may be viewed or downloaded from our area's website at: www.aaseny.org. The Final Conference Reports should be available late August.

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