

**July 2007**

# Nassau Intergroup Picnic

**SUNDAY, JULY 15 – FROM 8 am to 5 pm**

**EISENHOWER PARK, FIELD 6-A**

(CEDARS AND SOUTH MAPLE)

**HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE**

**EAST MEADOW, NY**

Look for the "Easy Does It" Banner

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Meetings are held at the Intergroup Office unless otherwise noted

<u>July</u>				<u>August</u>			
Jul	5	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation	Aug	1	8:00 pm	Institutions Committee
		8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting				Simpson Methodist Church
Jul	10	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting				Locust and Sunset, Amityville
Jul	15	8:00 am	<b>Nassau InterGroup Picnic</b>	Aug	2	7:30 pm	Intergroup Rep's Orientation
			Eisenhower Park			8:00 pm	Intergroup Rep's Meeting
			Field 6A, Cedars & South Maples	Aug	14	7:00 pm	PI/CPC Committee Meeting
			Look for the "Easy Does It" Banner	Aug	15	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee
			Hempstead Tpke, E Meadow	Aug	19	1:00 pm	Special Needs Committee
Jul	15	1:00 pm	Special Needs Committee	Aug	20		Nassau General Service Committee
Jul	18	7:30 pm	WebSite Committee			7:00 pm	GSR Orientation
Jul	19		<b>Newsletter DeadLine</b>			7:30 pm	GSR Meeting Aug
Jul	26	7:30 pm	Steering committee	Aug	23		<b>Newsletter DeadLine</b>
			<b>Nassau GSRs will not meet in July</b>	Aug	30	7:30 pm	Steering committee

(Note: July Institutions meeting canceled due to holiday)

# WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

## MEETING CHANGES

**Bellerose:** See Floral Park entry below.

**Bethpage: New Life Group's** Tue 7:30pm meeting is now a Closed Discussion. St Paul's Luth Ch, 449 Stewart Ave

**Floral Park: Floral Park/Bellerose Group** has moved to a new location, effective July 2: Holy Spirit RC Ch (basement), Jericho Tpke and S 5<sup>th</sup> St, New Hyde Park. No changes to days and times of meetings. Parking lot is at S 5<sup>th</sup> and First Ave.

**New Hyde Park:** See Floral Park entry above.

**Sea Cliff: Sober Start Group's** Tue 6:30am Topic meeting has been changed to a "Living Sober" Beginner's meeting. All other group details unchanged.

**West Hempstead: Came to Believe Group's** 8:00pm Closed Discussion meeting on Fri meets at St Thomas Rectory Meeting Room (basement), 24 Westminster Rd./Hempstead Tpke.

## NEW MEETINGS

**Massapequa: A Step Forward** meets Thu at 7:30pm (Closed Discussion meeting). St Rose of Lima RC Church, Father Graham Center, 4704 Merrick Rd

**Massapequa: Sobriety in the Park Group** meets at 7:00pm on Tue (Closed Discussion meeting). Marjorie Post Park, Unqua Road.

**North Woodmere: Gratitude Group** has added a Closed Discussion meeting on Thu at 7pm. N Woodmere Park, Branch Blvd (Admin Bldg).

**Seaford: Seaford at Wantagh Group** has added a Sun Step meeting at 7:30pm. Other group details unchanged.

## NIGHTBOOK

And Acceptance is the answer to all my problems today.... Whenever I am out of kilter, it's because something is not to MY liking... but all's right in GOD's world! So I have to pray for acceptance. So having said that... the groups are really taking their commitments like clockwork annually. Gives me renewed faith in people doing service. I am just their secretary. Thank you to the following groups for taking the nightbook in the month of June:

- ✓ *Albertson/Searington Group*
- ✓ *Floral Park-Bellerose Group*
- ✓ *The Hope Group - Levittown*
- ✓ *Lost Weekend Group - Massapequa*
- ✓ *Early Bird Group - West Hempstead*

Love & service,  
Nightbook Chair  
nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

## PHONE VOLUNTEERS:

Anyone with 6 months sobriety, who is interested in answering the phones,

CONTACT:            the            Office            Coordinator  
(516) 292-3045

## Literature Donations to Institutions

If your group would like to contribute literature to an institution, please contact the Nassau Intergroup Institutions Chairperson at institutions@nassauny-aa(dot)org or call Nassau Intergroup for assistance and to ensure that donations are coordinated.

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### ***From Ed, the Literature Guy***

Available at Nassau Intergroup: "In Our Own Words", a new collection of personal stories from The Grapevine that focuses on the difficulties faced by alcoholics who are young in years and the sober joys that await them.

The office is open 9am - 4:30pm for the sale of books; phone reps do not carry change.

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### ***From the Newsletter Editor***

Hi, my name is Andy, and I'm an alcoholic. I've also been the newsletter editor since the end of last year. AA was there when I bottomed out, and by putting down the drink and following the 12 Steps, I've been able to build a meaningful life. Learning how to produce this newsletter and working with the dedicated and sober folks at Nassau Intergroup have been a great opportunity to do service, for which I'm grateful.

I'm now starting to look at ways to improve this newsletter and make it more useful to you, the readers. Please send suggestions or submissions to newsletter@nassauny-aa(dot)org.

Newsletter Editor  
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### ***Free Monthly Grapevine E-Newsletter***

The AA Grapevine, the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, now offers a free monthly e-newsletter delivered to your email inbox.

The newsletter includes links to audio, bonus articles, the i-Say forum, cartoon caption contest, and more. Sign up at [www.aagrapevine\(dot\)org](http://www.aagrapevine(dot)org).

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### ***Correction:***

The Speakers Exchange meeting in June was rescheduled and held on June 23, not on June 16, as published in last month's newsletter. We hope that your group received the updated information in time and was able to attend.

## ***From the Treasurer:***

### **'Bank Accounts & More'**

Once the basket has been passed, a group treasurer needs to hold the collected funds. Many options are practiced, ranging from keeping the money in a cigar box under the treasurer's bed to a bank account. Each group must decide for itself what steps it wants to take to hold its funds. For small group treasuries, the cigar box may serve nicely, but for many groups a bank account will be more appropriate and lends itself to better record-keeping for those suggested periodic treasurer's reports to the group.

- For bank accounts, experience suggests it is usually best to not co-mingle a group's funds with the personal funds of any group member.
- Accounts are best established in the group's name, rather than the name of a group member, thereby eliminating confusion about ownership of the funds.
- Multiple signers (usually two) are suggested to remove funds from any account.
- Checking accounts may offer the most flexibility, providing an easy way of moving funds. Free checking is possible.
- There may also be differences between savings and commercial banks in terms of how "friendly" they are and the range of fees they may charge.
- Shop around. Ask other local groups about their banking experience.

Your banking professional should be able to help you select an appropriate account type, and to walk you through his/her institution's documentation requirements. Whichever account and bank options are selected, the members setting up the account will need to provide some ID. Since the Patriot Act was established, there is no such thing as being able to anonymously move funds through a bank for any reason.

If needed, a group can secure a Federal ID (EID/TID) number for its account. Visit <http://IRS.gov>, and download form SS-4 (fss4.pdf) and its filing instructions (iss4.pdf). You also can obtain this ID from the IRS over the phone. Having this ID can simplify opening the account, but will not relieve members from providing some personal information.

Some account types will pay interest. Each group must decide for itself how it feels about collecting interest on its funds. Many AA service groups (including your GSO/AAWS and Nassau Intergroup) do not see interest-bearing accounts as being in conflict with AA principles.

Also, your group may be called upon to provide by-laws to establish itself with some banks. I can provide sample by-laws upon request.

Hope this is helpful. Please get back to me with any questions.

In service,  
Treasurer

[treasurer@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org)

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## ***General Service News***

It was a delight to see five new GSRs at last month's Nassau General Service Group (NGSG) meeting. Thank you, groups/districts, for ensuring you have an active GSR/DCM representing you at our General Service meetings. I cannot stress enough how important it is for your group/district to have a voice through the GSR/DCM connecting you to the rest of the fellowship. Remember, any decisions made for Alcoholics Anonymous affect all members, AA's future, and the potential alcoholic seeking hope and a way to stop drinking.

Our friends the Intergroup PI Chair, and the Intergroup CPC Chair, had an AA information booth set up at the 2nd Annual Hempstead Health Fair on June 16th. The SENY Past Delegate and now Intergroup Treasurer, and I volunteered to help them with this PI/CPC commitment. We were there for the day, ready to answer questions from interested visitors to the booth. That day the weather was hot and sunny compared to last year's high winds and heat. The Mayor of Hempstead during his visit to each booth stopped by for a chat and to take a photograph with us. Bill reminded him that he asked us last year, and we could not oblige him because of our tradition of anonymity at the public level. Realizing which booth he was standing at, he apologized, then moved on.

I'm also glad to see Nassau Intergroup is sending two steering committee members and two Intergroup Reps to the New York State Informational Workshop early next month. This is a worthwhile event for anyone interested in learning more about AA's service committee activities. NGSNG members voted to send one GSR, and me too – thank you!

NGSG has two major events coming up. First is a combined NGSNG/SENY Service Workshop on Saturday, September 8th, in the Intergroup office. Watch this space for continued updates. Our other big event is the Annual Unity Breakfast on Sunday, December 9th. Tickets are now on sale, and may be purchased from your group's GSR or UB committee. If your group does not have a GSR and you want tickets, contact the UBC - [dcm213@aaseny\(dot\)org](mailto:dcm213@aaseny(dot)org).

Together We Can,  
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### ***Service Opportunities:***

#### **Help a Homebound Alcoholic**

**Homebound Alcoholic:** Any Female AA interested in bringing a meeting to a homebound female alcoholic, contact Special Needs Chairperson: [specialneeds@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:specialneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org).

**Handicapped Alcoholic:** A woman in a nursing home in Freeport, would appreciate calls, visits, or being taken to meetings.

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