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**August 2009**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**August**

- Aug 5 8:00 pm Institutions Committee  
Simpson Methodist Church  
Locust & Sunset, Amityville
- Aug 6 7:30 pm InterGroup Rep's Orientation  
8:00 pm InterGroup Rep's Meeting  
Garden City Community Church  
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
- Aug 11 7:00 pm PI/CPC Committee
- Aug 17 7:00 pm General Service Rep's  
Orientation  
7:30 pm General Service Rep's Meeting
- Aug 19 7:30 pm Web Site Committee
- Aug 20 **Newsletter DeadLine**
- Aug 27 7:30 pm Steering Committe

**September**

- Sep 2 8:00pm Institutions Committee  
Simpson Methodist Church  
Locust & Sunset, Amityville
- Sep 3 7:30 pm InterGroup Rep's Orientation  
8:00 pm InterGroup Rep's Meeting  
Garden City Community Church  
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
- Sep 8 7:00 pm PI/CPC Committee
- Sep 16 7:30 pm Web Site Committee
- Sep 17 **Newsletter DeadLine**
- Sep 19 7:30 am **Speaker Exchange**  
Garden City Community Church  
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
- Sep 24 7:30 pm Steering Committee

## WE LIST ONLY AA MEETINGS

### MEETING CHANGES

**Cold Spring Harbor: Discussion** has changed their Tue 8:30 O to a BB meeting

**East Meadow: East Meadow Grp** is no longer Handicapped Accessible

**Elmont: Road to Recovery Group** has a new location, 510 Hempstead Tpke, Suite 202, W Hempstead

**Malverne: Gratitude Group** no longer meets for their 7:30 S meeting

**Mineola: Gratitude Group** no longer meets on Mon for their 7:30 B meeting

**Oceanside: Keep it Simple Group** has changed their 9:00 pm CD meeting to a S

**Seaford: Serenity Group** has changed their Thu 7:30 S meeting to a BB meeting

**Syosset: Deliverance Group** has changed the time of their Fri B meeting from 7:45 pm to 7:30 pm

**Westbury: Hand In Hand Group** has changed the times of their Mon 7:15 B to a 6:30 B and changed the time of their 8:30 C to a 7:45 CD

### NEW MEETINGS

**Hicksville: The Way Out Group** now meets Fri. at 8:00 pm St Stephen's Church, Hicksville

**Long Beach: Women of All Ages** now meet for a Tue Woman's Topic Meeting

**Syosset: Berry Hill Group** has added a Sun 9:15 am Woman's CD

### Deletions

**North Woodmere: Steps by the Book** Tue 7:30 BB no longer meets

### TEMPORARY LOCATION CHANGE

**Point Lookout: Serenity by the Sea/PM** is now back at their regular location: Bishop Malloy Recreation Center, 15 Parkside Drive

## From the Chair

Thanks to our wonderful Picnic people: Robin – Chair; Ron H. - once again delivering soda, water, and tables to Eisenhower Park; Elke - set-up and clean-up; Brian with music from early morning onward; and DJ Mimi - music in the afternoon, and lastly, to all those who attended and made the yearly AA picnic a SUCCESS

Intergroup Chairperson  
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## \*\*SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES\*\*

### Phone Volunteers

If you have at least 6 months of sobriety and are interested in answering phones at Nassau Intergroup, please contact the office manager at (516) 292-3045

## Night Book

I am grateful to have lots of groups to fill this commitment...my job is easy! I would like to see NEW GROUPS or GROUPS THAT HAVEN'T TAKEN THE HOTLINE to sign up and see what you're missing.

We had a great time at the Intergroup Picnic! A SPECIAL thanks to Andy D. for feeding the multitudes. He was chef of the future on that grill! Lobster too!! The softball game was fun too!

Thanks to the following groups for the month of May:

**Plainview Reflections Group**  
**Massapequa Park-**  
**Lost Weekend Group**  
**East Meadow Group**  
**Seaford Time Group**

Yours in love and service,  
NightBook Chair  
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# From the First Vice Chair Too Many Groups

Tradition Three reminds us, "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that . . . they have no other affiliation."

Why are new groups started? Some say all that's needed to form an AA group is resentment and a coffee pot. While this is true on one level, it perhaps falls short of considering what may be best for AA as a whole, the important but often disregarded latter part of Tradition Four.

While the growth in AA membership has remained relatively flat in recent years, there has been growth in the number of groups and meetings. This is certainly true in Nassau. The result is that our groups are becoming smaller. Where there may have been one or two relatively large groups meeting in a given community, now there may be several smaller ones. Participation at any one meeting may be small even if local groups do not meet on the same days or at the same times. Each group needs to pay rent, buy supplies and literature and perhaps keep insurance. Each needs to handle Twelve Step calls, offer sponsorship to newcomers, field a team of officers and, hopefully, representatives to the service structure. The smaller the participation, the more challenged the group may be to do these things; the more difficult it may be for the group to be fully self-supporting and effective. Competition among groups for member participation and member dollars may not be healthy for the Fellowship as a whole.

A group struggling for survival may want to consider merging with another similarly struggling local group. In starting a new group or meeting, consider, is there a real AA-based need in terms of Tradition Five? Do groups already meet in the community or nearby? If I'm unhappy with my group for whatever reason, perhaps the challenge is to stick around, and to try to effect positive change. I may find considerable personal growth in staying the course at home.

For more on the AA group, check out the AAWS pamphlet, *The AA Group: Where It All Begins* (P-16).

In service,  
First Vice Chair  
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## 12 Step Contact List

If your group has not submitted a 12 STEP LIST or you cannot remember when your group has, please try doing so as soon as you can. Please complete the form on back page and send to Nassau Intergroup office. A 12 step contact list can also be downloaded from [www.nassauny-aa.org](http://www.nassauny-aa.org).

Yours in service,  
12thstep@nassauny(dot)org

## General Service

The New York Informational Workshop has been canceled due to lack of participation. Our next Nassau General Service Group meeting will be at the Intergroup office and we hope all those who took Unity Breakfast tickets, to bring in the money or unsold tickets in order to redistribute them. Lastly, our Big Meeting chair John M. will need a lot of help in order to do this event in September!

DCMC NGSG,  
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