

# NASSAU INTERGROUP NEWS

Of Alcoholics Anonymous

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### SHARE A DAY XXXIV

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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### Calendar of Events

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD  
AT THE INTERGROUP OFFICE  
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

#### March

- Mar 2 8:00 pm Institutions Committee  
Simpson Methodist Church  
Locust & Sunset, Amityville
- Mar 3 7:30 pm Intergroup Rep's Orientation  
8:00 pm Intergroup Rep's Meeting  
Garden City Community Church  
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
- Mar 8 7:00 pm PI/CPC Committee
- Mar 9 8:00 pm Share-A-Day Planning Cmt
- Mar 10 7:00 pm Special Needs Committee
- Mar 16 7:30 pm Web Site Committee
- Mar 19 7:30 am Speakers Exchange Meeting  
Garden City Community Church  
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
- Mar 24 **Newsletter Deadline**
- Mar 31 7:30 pm Steering Committee

#### April

- Apr 6 8:00 pm Institutions Committee  
Simpson Methodist Church  
Locust & Sunset, Amityville
- Apr 7 7:30 pm Intergroup Rep's Orientation  
8:00 pm Intergroup Rep's Meeting  
Garden City Community Church  
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd
- Apr 9 10:00 am SENY Assembly  
St Paul the Apostle Church  
2534 Cedar Swamp Rd, Glen Head
- Apr 12 7:00 pm PI/CPC Committee
- Apr 13 8:00 pm Share-A-Day Planning Cmt
- Apr 14 7:00 pm Special Needs Committee
- Apr 18 7:00 pm GSR Orientation  
7:30 pm GSR Meeting
- Apr 20 7:30 pm Web Site Committee
- Apr 21 **Newsletter Deadline**
- Apr 28 7:30 pm Steering Committee
- Apr 30 **61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the  
General Service Conference**
- Apr 30 8:00 am **Share-A-Day XXXIV**  
St Joseph's Church  
1346 Broadway, Hewlett

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# **WE ONLY LIST AA MEETINGS**

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## **MEETING CHANGES**

**Bethpage: New Life** has changed their Wed 7:30 O to a 7:30 BB OD

**Elmont: Elmont Group** now meets at St Vincent DePaul Church, 1500 DePaul St. School Building

**Franklin Square: Gift of Serenity Group** now meets at Wesley Methodist Church, 619 Fenworth (off Dogwood) and has changed their Mon 7:30 S to Tues 7:30 S

**Garden City: Easy Does it Group** now meets at Hy Weinberg Center, 158 Cambridge Ave, RM 131 & 132

**Garden City: Attitude Adjustment Group** meets at 12 noon Mon to Fri. No children

**Glen Cove: Saturday Nite Group** has changed its name to **Sunday Reflections Group** Last Sun Ann OD

**Levittown: Caring and Sharing** now meets at St Martin of Tours, 40 Seaman Ave, (Central Ave. & Seaman Ave.) Bethpage

**Long Beach: Sunday Morning Meeting** now meets at Temple Israel, 70 E Park Ave. Enter on Riverside

**Sea Cliff: Sleepless in Sea Cliff** address: The St. Boniface Martyr School, 12 Main Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. No handicap access

**Sea Cliff: Sober Start** address: The St. Boniface Martyr School, 12 Main Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. No handicap access

**Westbury: Hand & Hand** has changed their Mon 7:30 B to a 7:00 B and omitted their 8:30 BB

## **NEW MEETINGS**

**East Meadow: Clean And Sober** now meets at United Methodist Church, 470 East Meadow Ave on Fri 8:00 CD Men's meeting

**Glen Cove: Serenity Together** now meets at First Presbyterian Church, 7 North Lane ( North School/ Lanes- front left door) Mon 12:00 noon S, last Mon

Trad, Tue 12:00 noon CD, Wed 12:00 noon R, Thu 12:00 noon BB, Fri 12:00 noon B

**Huntington Station: Sobriety First** now meets at United Methodist Church, West Hills Rd on Thurs 6:00 C 1<sup>st</sup> week S

**Long Beach: Sobriety After Work** now meets at Temple Israel, 305 Riverside Blvd on Wed 4:30 CD

**Manhasset: Sober Spirits** now meets at St Ignatius Retreat House (rear), 251 Searingtown Rd. on Mon 5:30 R, Wed 5:30 Meditation, Thu 5:30 S, Fri 5:30 BB

**Seaford: Primary Purpose of Seaford** now meets at St Michael and All Angels Church, 2197 Jackson Ave (north of Merrick Rd, next to KFC) on Sat 7:00 Open BB

## **DELETIONS**

**Glen Cove: Sound Living Step Group**

**Manhasset: Are You A Real Alcoholic?**

**Manhasset: 11<sup>th</sup> Step Meditation**

**Sea Cliff: Mon Nite Millennium Step Group**

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## **SPEAKER EXCHANGE MEETING**

**When:** March 19, 2011, 7:30 am

**Where:**

**Garden City Community Church  
Choir Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Stewart Ave & Whitehall Blvd  
Garden City**

## **From The Chair - INTERGROUP GENERAL SERVICE COOPERATION**

Tradition Five reminds us an AA group has but one purpose, "to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." Beyond the home group in Nassau, we have two different service groups helping to do this work. They are Nassau Intergroup (NI) and the Nassau General Service Group (NGSG). Intergroup and General Service sometimes come at this work with different approaches, but ultimately we cooperate to assure the message is effectively carried.

Some examples of that cooperation include working together on special projects like putting copies of the "Big Book" and the "Twelve and Twelve" in county public libraries, joining together to people information tables at local health fairs, supporting the county Big Meeting, or facilitating group inventories. You will see representatives of NGSG doing service at Intergroup's Share-A-Day, just as you will see representatives of Intergroup working at General Service events like last year's Tri-County Workshop.

A representative of NGSG (the Nassau DCMC) is an ex-officio member of NI's Steering Committee. General Service reports are also a routine part of our monthly Intergroup Reps meetings. Similarly, the bi-monthly NGSG meetings routinely receive reports from a representative of NI, usually one of our officers.

Where the two groups' approaches to giving voice to Tradition Five differ, those differences allow us to broaden our reach and to thoughtfully and more effectively carry AA's message with a range of complementary activities. So, for instance, while Intergroup manages AA's hotline in the county and facilitates 12 Step calls, NGSG is able to assure a link between every willing home group and AA as a whole in matters affecting the greater fellowship, two very different but necessary activities. Together we can do what separately we cannot.

In other matters, late next month Nassau holds its 34<sup>th</sup> annual Share-A-Day at St. Joseph's School in Hewlett (home of the Cedarhurst-Hewlett Group). We are hoping your group is stepping up to run one of the 28 workshops or to otherwise be involved. As always, there will be AA literature available, information tables, breakfast, lunch, and other refreshments, a speaker meeting, an old-timers panel, AI-Anon participation, available day care and more. Hope to see you there.

Hope this is helpful.

NIAA Chairperson  
chair@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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## **From the First Vice Chair - IS MY GROUP BEING RESPONSIBLE?**

Having just finished a group inventory one of the issues that was brought up was the fact that groups were not keeping their commitments.

I have seen this happening at my home group and at other meetings I make.

When a group attends the speaker exchange meetings and books out going meeting we should try and do our best to be responsible and keep your group commitments. I know from time to time that things come up; meetings are canceled sometimes, and are changed. The same should be done at your group. Do make sure that when we sign up to go out speaking that we do just that. Go out and speak.

A few things that I was taught by the "Old Timers" that we might try:

1) Call the incoming group a few days before that group meets and remind them that their group has a commitment.

2) Keep an eye on your groups out going commitments and try to make sure that they are covered.

3) If your group has to change the incoming commitment call the incoming group and let that group know.

So remember all that we can do is to carry the message and do the best we can.

Yours in service,  
First Vice Chair  
1stvice@nassauny-aa(dot)org

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## **From the Second Vice Chair**

This being the third month our fellowship looks at Tradition Three. The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

I am grateful that I didn't have to fill out an application. My gender, age, race, beliefs, or lack of beliefs didn't matter. So important is this Tradition it is written into our Preamble which reminds me who we are and why we're here. In our Big Book in We Agnostics it states all inclusive never exclusive.

On the way to the group's business meeting, once a newly sober sponsee said, "Can we get the group to ask someone not to be a member of the group? They're always bossy and causing fights." I replied, "That's a great idea, however we must consider one thing after we convince the group to vote people out. You and I may be the first people to be asked to leave."

I can learn something from everyone, and I wouldn't wish an alcoholic life or death on anyone. This measure of grace without merit comes from the

members of AA and the 12 & 12. Once you say you're a member, you're a member.

Second Vice Chair  
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### **From the Treasurer**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition," We are self supporting, not accepting outside contributions." Nassau Intergroup is run entirely by volunteers and by our contributions! We always need your contributions. I would just like to remind you to check that the information is correct for your group in the meeting list. When you send in a contribution please check that you used your NIAA# (located in meeting book) and give a return address so I can send you a receipt and a new envelope for your next contribution.

Nassau Intergroup Treasurer  
treasurer@nassauny-aa(dot)org

### **From the Nightbook Chair**

First and foremost I want to thank the following groups for taking the Nightbook...

- Manhasset- Searingtown - Temple Judea,
- Hicksville Group, Gift of Serenity
- West Hempstead, Back to Basics Group,
- Seaford Serenity,
- Early Risers Group,
- Friday Night Live Wantagh,
- New Life Group,
- Glen Cove Group #1,
- and the Rockville Center Group.

I also want to thank all the short notice volunteers that I call on quite often to bail us out.

The Night Book is our telephone answering service, operating from 5pm till 9 am, 365 days a year. We need your help to continue to provide this service to the many in need. Call and volunteer to take a day or get your group to take a week. This is a fantastic way to do service and we welcome any and all help. If you'd like more information please feel free to call me....

Thank You All and God Bless,  
Nightbook Chair,  
nightbook@nassauny-aa(dot)org

### **From the DCMC -**

#### **PSA ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Cablevision PSA sponsored by District 208/209, SENY, Nassau and Suffolk Intergroup aired 344 times during the holidays and due to an opening in February, the same PSA will air 275 more times

during the month of February. A full report will be released at the end of March from Cablevision.

Peace  
District Committee Member Chair NGSG  
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### **IN MEMORIAM**

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