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WORLD WIDE WEB EDITION

MARCH 2013



**NASSAU INTERGROUP
PRESENTS
"DINNER & COMEDY NIGHT"
SATURDAY-MARCH 16, 2013
6:30 PM-11:00 PM
ARIANA WATERFALL RESTAURANT
79 HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE
WEST HEMPSTEAD, NY 11552**

**NASSAU INTERGROUP
XXXVI SHARE-A-DAY
"A GREAT PARADOX"
SATURDAY-APRIL 6, 2013
8:00 AM-4:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
1346 BROADWAY
HEWLETT, NY 11557**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All meetings held at Nassau Intergroup unless otherwise noted.)

March 2013

- 3/6 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 3/7 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 3/7 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 3/9 11 AM SENY Intergroup Liaison Meeting
- 3/12 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 3/13 8 PM Share-a-Day Planning Meeting
- 3/16 7:30-10 AM Speaker's Exchange Meeting 4/10
(Nassau Community College, Cluster F, Room 127)
- 3/16 Dinner & Comedy Night, Ariana Waterfall Restaurant
- 3/18 7 PM SENY Anonymity Project Workshop
- 3/20 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 3/21 7 PM Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 3/21 Newsletter Deadline**
- 3/28 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

April 2013

- 4/3 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 4/4 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 4/4 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 4/6 XXXVI Nassau Intergroup Share-a-Day
(St. Joseph's School, 1346 Broadway, Hewlett)
- 4/9 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 8 PM Share-a-Day Planning Wrap-up Meeting
- 4/15 7 PM New GSR/DCM Orientation
- 4/15 7:30 PM GSR/DCM Meeting
- 4/17 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 4/18 7 PM Special Needs Committee Meeting
- 4/18 Newsletter Deadline**
- 4/25 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

STEP 3- Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood him.*

AA HISTORY

March 1941—Jack Alexander article published in the *Saturday Evening Post*.

March 18, 1944—First reported women's prison group meets at Clinton Farms, Clinton, NJ.

March 3, 1960—Father Dowling dies.

March 21, 1966—Ebbey T., dies.

NASSAU INTERGROUP - MARCH MEETING LIST CHANGES

DELETIONS:

Freeport 11520

Freeport II Group, Monday 8 PM Open Discussion.

Oceanside 11512

Keep It Simple Group, Tuesday 9 PM Closed Discussion (Candle Light).

One Day At A Time Group, Monday 8 PM Step.

Rockville Centre 11570

Encouragement Group, Monday 7:30 PM Step; Thursday 7:30 PM Closed Discussion.

MEETING CHANGES:

Amityville 11701

Open Door Group, Tuesday 10 AM Closed now Closed Topic; Thursday 10 AM Closed is now 10 AM Beginners.

Bethpage 11714

Caring & Sharing Group, Wednesday 7:30 PM Closed now #Closed (#1st Wednesday Step/Last Wednesday Beginners).

Freeport 11520

Day Enders Group, last Wednesday, 4:30 PM Tradition; last Friday, 4:30 PM Open Anniversary.

Garden City 11530

Easy Does It Group, Saturday 7 PM Step & 7 PM Young People's now 7 PM Alternating Closed Discussion/Step.

Garden City Group, 7:30 PM Friday Open Big Book Study now 7:30 PM Sunday Open Big Book Study.

Huntington 11743

Huntington Group, Sunday 6:45 PM* & 8 PM Closed now 6:15 PM Closed Discussion & 7:30 PM Closed; Wednesday 7 PM Open, 8:15 PM Beginners & 8:15 PM Step now 7:15 PM Open, 8:30 PM Beginners & 8:30 PM Step.

Mineola 11501

County Seat Group, 7:30 AM Closed Discussion now 7:30 AM# Beginners (#Living Sober); 1:15 PM #Beginners now 1:15 PM Closed Discussion. (No change to other meetings/times as listed.)

Oceanside 11512

One Day At A Time Group, Sunday 7 PM *Closed now 7:30 PM *Open Discussion. (*Sunday – Anniversary as needed.)

Port Washington 11050

Port Washington Group, Tuesday 9:00 PM Closed Discussion now 8:45 PM Open Discussion; Thursday 9:00 PM Beginners now 8:45 PM Beginners.

NEW GROUPS/MEETINGS:

Farmingdale 11735

I Am Responsible Group, Tuesday, 7:30 PM Big Book & Thursday 7:30 PM Beginners, Crossroads Church, 610 Carmans Road, Farmingdale.

Garden City 11530

Open Hearts Group, Thursday 8 PM, 11th Step Meditation, Ethical Humanist Society, 38 Old County Road, Garden City.

TEMPORARILY CLOSED MEETINGS:

Roosevelt 11575

Sunday Sunrise Group and **Women Caring for Women Group** who meet at the React Center, 27A Washington Place are temporarily closed until further notice due to fire damage at the center.

MEETING CHANGES DUE TO HURRICANE SANDY

Island Park 11558

No groups meeting.

Long Beach 11561

High Noon/West End Group: New location: Long Beach Catholic Regional School, 735 West Broadway, Long Beach (over gym). No Beginners meeting.

New Beginnings Group: Two new locations-

Saint Mary of the Isle, 315 East Walnut Street, Long Beach (near Park Avenue; enter behind church on Walnut Street and Monroe Boulevard) Long Beach; Sunday 7:30 PM Big Book only; and People's Church of Long Beach, 111 Delaware Avenue; Friday 7:30 PM Beginners only.

Serenity by the Sea/AM Group: New location: Saint John's Lutheran Church, 75 East Olive Street, Long Beach (home of the Early Risers Group).

The Step Meeting: People's Church of Long Beach, 111 Delaware Avenue, Long Beach (not previously listed as not meeting or displaced, but resumed regular meetings 01/08/2013.)

Young by the Beach Group: New location: Saint John's Lutheran Church, 75 East Olive Street, Long Beach (home of the Early Risers Group).

NB: Information is subject to change and is correct to the best of our knowledge. All other groups/meetings are meeting as usually scheduled as far as we know.

Share-a-Day, April 6, 2013

Here we are again approaching our annual Share-a-Day. As in years past, we have meeting workshops covering topics on Service, Sponsorship, *The Twelve Steps*, *The Promises*, *Living Sober* and many more. Al-Anon will be present with four meetings and an open door to anyone wondering if Al-Anon is for them. Also represented is Long Island Conference of Young People in AA (LICYPAA), a meeting in Spanish and a meeting for our gay and lesbian friends. The Key Note speaker is from the New Life Group in Wilton, Connecticut. Our "Old Timers" panel will be fantastic and The Twelve Traditions Play is a lot of fun. And don't miss the countdown of sobriety in the house. Doors open early for breakfast and lunch is at noon. We have good parking and childcare is provided for free. Literature sales, Nassau Archives and Nassau General Service will be there. Our theme this year is "A GREAT PARADOX"—We Need To Give It Away In Order To Keep It! So in this spirit, please bring a "newcomer" or an "old timer" along for the day.

Help our AA's get to and SHARE in our Share-a-Day on Saturday, April 6, 2013!

In Love and Service

Share-a-Day Chair

(516) 292-3045 or shareaday@nassauny-aa(dot)org



GLEN HEAD GROUP 65TH GROUP ANNIVERSARY

Date: March 19th, 2013

Time: 7 PM – Food

8 PM – Speaker

Place: Glen Head Youth Center
200 Glen Head Road
Glen Head, NY 11545

EAST ROCKAWAY'S 46TH AA GROUP ANNIVERSARY



Saturday, March 16th, 2013

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Speaker at 8:00 PM followed by food,
dancing, fun and fellowship
50/50, raffles, live music by the "Shakes"**



Anyone, anywhere...?



It's tough enough deciding to come to AA in the first place, so Nassau Intergroup is committed to assuring that individuals interested in attending AA meetings may do so without undue added difficulty. But imagine going to a meeting and finding you couldn't get in. Unfortunately, for members or would-be members who use a wheelchair, as well as for those who face lesser mobility challenges, this is often the case, even with groups listed in our meeting list as wheelchair accessible.

Intergroup uses the designation "**WC**" in our print meeting list and the wheelchair symbol online to designate meetings that have identified themselves as accessible using a wheelchair. (Intergroup does not police this leaving it instead to the group to say.) For Intergroup, wheelchair access means that an individual in a wheelchair is able to enter the meeting site and access the rest facilities essentially unaided. (This is a simplified understanding of wheelchair access, and doesn't include all ADA specifications.)

Starting a new meeting or relocating an existing meeting? Please consider wheelchair access when you seek a meeting site. If your meeting is currently listed as accessible, please make sure it in fact is. (For example, if your meeting has a mechanical lift for access to the meeting space, does the lift work and can the group actually use it?) If your group is not listed as accessible, but you think it is, let Intergroup know. Wheelchair accessible meetings are few. Changes to access information should be submitted to Intergroup using the "Meeting List Changes" form (check off "Handicapped Accessible"), available online and in the office. Unsure if your meeting should be considered accessible? Contact the Intergroup Special Needs Committee, and we will provide more information to help you decide.

Watch your Intergroup newsletter in the coming months for more on Special Needs.

Nassau Intergroup Special Needs Committee
(516) 292-3045 or [specneeds@nassauny-aa\(dot\)org](mailto:specneeds@nassauny-aa(dot)org)

From the Nassau Intergroup Chair

On a recent Saturday, PI Chair, Past Intergroup Chair, and I spent time with a young lady who was doing a report on groups that influence history. This young lady chose our fellowship.

We gave her a copy of the Big Book and a number of pamphlets about AA. She was told that she could only use first names. She informed us that she was not using any names. I must say it was one of the most enjoyable things I have done in my journey in AA.

As you know Share-a-Day is coming up. I will be there and I hope many of you will attend. So come by the literature table and say hello.

Yours in Service
Intergroup Chair
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Who Am I?

Started work at the then Alcoholic Foundation on March 3, 1947. This non-alcoholic served as receptionist, clerical worker and later became AA co-founder, Bill W's., secretary in 1950. Known as AA's first archivist.

God of My Own Understanding

It is difficult to imagine my life without the AA Fellowship and the program of recovery that Alcoholics Anonymous has so beautifully outlined for me. I'd have to say that the greatest gift AA has given me is the freedom to search for and discover a God of my own understanding. No one ever pressured me into religious traditions or challenged my spiritual beliefs; instead I was encouraged to be willing, to have an open mind, and to accept the idea of a power greater than myself. And as promised, when I sought my Higher Power, God revealed Himself to me.

***"We work together to have an
experience that will move us...."***

One day I came across a message from a retired Episcopalian Priest, John Shelby Spong. His message wasn't about AA, but I believe what he shared describes our fellowship so well, that I wanted to pass it along:

"We are a community that takes people as they are and we walk with them into the mystery of God. There are no roadmaps. We can't tell them what they have to do. We can't tell them what the rules are to find God; they discover God as they go. We honor people's questions instead of pretending that we have the answers and we let people journey at different paces. We work together to have an experience that will move us in some way outside of our daily concerns and give us a sense of awe, wonder, connection, love; a personal experience of the Divine."

May you find Him now....

Member of Seaford at Wantagh Group

From the Nassau Intergroup Literature Chair

At Share-a-Day there will be a literature table with the books you want or might have missed while on your sober journey. Stop by the table, even to browse. We will be open for sales from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. Stop by, check out what we have available, and you might find something you need.

In Service
Literature Chair
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TRADITION 3—The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

From the DCMC Nassau

This is the time of year when AA groups in Nassau County (and throughout North America) participate in decisions about important matters that affect our fellowship. In April, the Delegates to our 63rd AA General Service Conference meet to review, deliberate, and take action on matters of policy for AA in North America.

Each year an agenda is prepared by our General Service Office from suggestions made through our general service structure. Our Delegate for AA Area 49 (South Eastern New York, "SENY") has identified 10 items from the agenda about which she'd like our opinion and guidance. These include (in part): changes to Tradition Eleven, how we engage AA members in the corrections process, and adding an index to *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Perhaps you have opinions on these and other matters under consideration.

Your group's *informed group conscience* is communicated to our Delegate through your group's elected General Service Representative ("GSR"). Your GSR, by attending Area Assemblies, Nassau County General Service meetings, and district meetings, can inform your group about 'important matters' in the fellowship— and communicate your opinions on them.

If your group has a GSR, please encourage them to share the Delegate's Questionnaire at a group meeting and communicate your informed group conscience to our Delegate. If your group doesn't have a GSR, please elect one and have them contact me so that they, and your group, can get connected to our fellowship's communication and decision-making process.

In Love and Service
DCMC Nassau
nassau@aaseny(dot)org

Answer to "Who Am I?"

Nell Wing. In 1973, Nell appeared twice on the Dick Cavett show, on broadcasts devoted to alcoholism. She explained the spiritual and psychological value of AA's Traditions.

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From your Newsletter Editor

Kia ora! It is so great that members are writing articles and sending in group announcements for our newsletter. Keep this going as it's a great way to inform readers on what's happening in and around Nassau!

Submit via email or by regular mail to the intergroup office "Attn: Newsletter Editor!"

Service in Action
Newsletter Editor
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OYSTER BAY SAGAMORE AA GROUP

Invites you to:

"We Have Recovered – A 12 Step Experience"



Go through ALL 12 Steps in 4 Sessions

BRING

*Big Book *Pen/Pencil

*Paper *Highlighter

"Bring your own lunch"

Saturday, March 23rd, 2013 from 10 AM-4:30 PM

Christ Church, 61 East Main Street,

Oyster Bay, NY 11771

NASSAU INTERGROUP - EMAIL ADDRESSES

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CONCEPT 3— To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."