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WORLD WIDE WEB EDITION

NOVEMBER 2013

THANKSGIVING ALKATHON

BEGINS: NOVEMBER 27TH – 5 PM
ENDS: NOVEMBER 28TH – 11 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

November 2013

- 11/6 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 11/7 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 11/7 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 11/12 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 11/13 7 PM XXXVII Share-a-Day Planning Meeting
- 11/14 Newsletter Deadline**
- 11/16 8 AM-3 PM SENY Assembly
(College Center Building, Nassau Community College)
- 11/18 7-9 PM GSR Workshop
- 11/20 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 11/21 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting
- 11/27 5 PM Thanksgiving Alkathon Begins
- 11/28 11 PM Thanksgiving Alkathon Ends

December 2013

- 12/4 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 12/5 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 12/5 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 12/10 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 12/11 7 PM XXXVII Share-a-Day Planning Meeting
- 12/16 7 PM New GSR Orientation
- 12/16 7:30 PM GSR/DCM Meeting
- 12/18 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 12/19 Newsletter Deadline**
- 12/21 7-10 AM Speaker's Exchange Meeting
(Nassau Community College, Cluster F, Room 127)
- 12/24 5 PM Christmas Alkathon Begins
- 12/25 11 PM Christmas Alkathon Ends
- 12/26 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting
- 12/31 5 PM New Year's Eve Alkathon Begins

STEP 11— Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God,
as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

AA History

November 11, 1934 – Armistice Day, Bill W. started drinking after dry spell; beginning of Bill's last drunk.

November 1934, Ebby T. carries the message to Bill W.

November 14, 1940 – AA Foundation publishes first AA Bulletin.

November 16, 1950 – Dr. Bob dies.

November 1945 – Bill W.'s article called *Those Goof Balls* published in *AA Grapevine*.



NASSAU INTERGROUP - MEETING LIST CHANGES

DELETIONS:

Manhasset 11030

Sober Spirits Group Wednesday 5:30 PM Meditation.

Westbury 11590

Westbury Advent Group Thursday 8:30 PM Big Book.

MEETING CHANGES:

East Rockaway 11518

East Rockaway Group, added Thursday 6:15 PM **Big Book. (**Does not meet on major holidays.)

Franklin Square 11010

A New Life Group Formerly met at 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead, now meets at Saint Catherine of Sienna RC Church, 980 Holzheimer Street, Franklin Square. Group has removed their Monday 10 AM Big Book. Their Friday 10 AM Step is now 10 AM Big Book.

Hewlett 11557

Woodmere Graveyard Group Wednesday 7:30 PM Open now 7:30 PM Closed Discussion.

Locust Valley 11560

Choices Group, added Wednesday 6:30 AM meeting. All other meetings remain the same.

Long Beach 11561

High Noon/West End Group, have returned to West End Community Center, 91 Maryland Avenue. No changes to meetings.

North Bellmore 11710

Miracles Group added Wednesday 8 PM Open Discussion Topic meeting; Friday 8:30 AM Big Book.

Manhasset 11030

Sober Spirits Group has changed their name to **Sober Spirits – Good Morning God Group**. Monday 5:30 PM Big Book now Monday 5:30 PM Closed Discussion; Tuesday 5:30 PM Closed Discussion now Tuesday 5:30 PM Meditation ; Thursday 5:30 PM Step remains the same. Group formerly met at Saint Ignatius Retreat House, now meets at Temple Judea, 333 Searingtown Road. (**NB:** No AA meetings at Saint Ignatius Retreat House.)

Point Lookout 11569

Serenity By The Sea/PM Group: Bishop Molloy Rec Center, 15 Parkside Drive. Monday 7 PM Beginner's & 8:30 PM Step; Wednesday 7 PM Open & 8:30 PM Big Book.

NEW GROUP:

Port Washington 11050

ME—Third Group, Monday 5:30 PM Big Book, *Thursday 5:30 PM Step & #Friday 5:30 PM Beginners, Saint Peter of Alcantara Convent, 1327 Port Washington Boulevard. (*Last Thursday Tradition, #Last Friday Anniversary.)

Rockville Centre 11570

The Men's Group Friday 8 PM *Closed Discussion now (*Open Ended Topic). Group meets 30 Hempstead Avenue, Basement Office Building, Suite H6.

Williston Park 11596

Friends of Bill and Bob Group Thursday 12 PM Closed Discussion, Saint John's Lutheran Church, 47 Winthrop Street.

TEMPORARY MEETING RELOCATIONS 11/01/13:

Long Beach 11561

New Beginnings Group: 7:30 PM Friday Beginner's & 7:30 PM Sunday *Big Book now located at Long Beach Ice Arena, 150 West Bay Drive. (*4th Sunday Anniversary.)

Serenity by the Sea/AM Group: New location: Saint John's Lutheran Church, 75 East Olive Street.

Roosevelt 11575

Sunday Sunrise Group 8:30 AM Closed Discussion and **Women Caring for Women** 1 PM Women's Meeting are meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Roosevelt, 30 Union Place/Whitehouse Avenue.

NB: Information is subject to change, and is correct to the best of our knowledge as of the time of publication.

TRADITION 11— Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Who Am I?

I was Rector at Calvary Episcopal Church where Bill W. attended Oxford Group meetings after his release from Towns Hospital in December 1934.

[Answer on page 4.]

Literature News

"AA World Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the publication of the only authorized reproduction of the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. This new edition will be a faithful replica of the original, with the famous "circus cover" dust jacket and bulky paper (which is why it was initially called the Big Book). To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the historic publication of Alcoholics Anonymous in April 1939, the 2013 General Service Conference approved the creation of this facsimile edition of the first printing of the first edition. Preorders: Starting November 15, 2013."

Looking at other literature, some helpful pamphlets are: *Twelve Steps Illustrated* (P-55)— AA's Twelve Steps with simplified text under each illustration; *Twelve Traditions Illustrated* (P-43)— Based on a Grapevine series presenting both the spirit and the practical application of our Traditions; *AA Tradition-How It Developed* (P-17)— Offers Bill W's Grapevine articles on the Traditions which trace the evolution of the principles for AA unity and growth; and, *The Twelve Concepts Illustrated* (P-8)— Brief text and clever illustrations make the Concepts of AA World Services clear and understandable.

A catalog of all AA World Services Literature is available at, www.aa.org. Click on the "AA Literature" drop down. Then click-on the "AA Literature Catalog" icon on the left. Grapevine literature may be found at www.aagrapevine.org. Then click on the "Store" button.

Safe & Sober Reading
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BROOKVILLE/MUTTONTOWN GROUP 38TH ANNIVERSARY



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
CHICKEN + CHILE (AND MORE) AT 7 PM
SPEAKER: LEO H. AT 8 PM
SQUARE DANCING AT 9 PM

Intergroup 2014 Budget

Article VIII, Section 3d of the Nassau Intergroup (NI) by-laws require that the Financial Review Committee "prepare the yearly budget [for the following year] for presentation at the November [Reps] meeting, so that the groups will have a month to review it before voting on it in December." This year, we will not meet that mandate, and will not have a draft 2014 budget for the Reps Meeting to consider before December.

At that time, the groups will receive a summary of NI's financial activity through the third quarter 2013, and an analysis of income and expenses line by line relative to the 2013 budget. They will also receive a recommendation from the Financial Review Committee for what seems prudent for a 2014 budget in light of the 2013 data and likely changes in 2014 to income and expenses items. That recommendation will have also been reviewed by the Steering Committee which may offer its own suggestions.

At the December meeting there will be a chance to ask questions and to comment on the suggested budget. The Reps may then take the draft back to their groups for further review and comment.

Come January, we should be ready to make any needed adjustments to the 2014 budget, and have a final vote on it.

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AA GRAPEVINE HIGHLIGHTS:

November's Issue - "Getting Through Tough Times"

Books: Language of the Heart 25th Anniversary Edition, (soft cover, limited supplies available).

Special Needs/Accessibilities – we are looking for stories of experience by special needs AA members or people involved in special needs-accessibilities service. We are looking for stories by members who are wheel-chair bound, blind, deaf, ill or with any kind of special need. Share stories about your own personal journey or your group's. Stories due by December 1, 2013. To send your story, visit Grapevine's website www.aagrapevine.org/contribute or you can email it to: gveditorial@aagrapevine.org

Wall Calendar Annual Photo Contest deadline to submit photos is December 1, 2013 either by mail or online.



BALDWIN GROUP

**INVITES YOU TO:
"COME LEARN ABOUT THE
TRADITIONS"**

**SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 16, 2013
1-3 PM**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
717 SAINT LUKE'S PLACE
BALDWIN, NY 11510**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

Right of Decision

The Twelve Concepts for World Service written by Bill W. suggest the relationship among the various elements of the larger AA service structure. Concept III suggests a "right of decision" for delegated responsibility.

We understand this to mean that our representatives should be trusted to make decisions on our behalf based on their best understanding in the moment of any matter at hand. We do not send them with instructions on how to vote as this would disallow for the value of any discussion on a matter. If we were to expect our representatives to simply carry our groups' instructions, we need not send a representative, but could simply send written instructions.

The decision making process of an informed group conscience is thus dynamic, and is achieved "through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of AA principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind." (*The AA Group*, p. 28.)

Right of Representation

Under Article III of the Nassau Intergroup (NI) By-laws, every AA group in the county is entitled to representation, a voice and a vote at NI meetings.

Group representatives are not self-appointed, but are selected by their groups. While every AA member is entitled to have their voice heard at NI meetings, when it comes time to vote, only a single member is entitled to vote representing each group. The principle observed is one group one vote, one Rep one vote (Article V, Sec. 4).

As a practical matter, while a member may speak representing more than one group, they cannot vote representing more than one group. It is best if each group has its own Rep.

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From your Newsletter Editor

Kia ora! November is the ideal month for gratitude. It is an opportunity to continue to give thanks, be grateful, and pass it on. Though I haven't written a "gratitude list" in a while, I guess there's no time like the present. If you have a gratitude story you'd like to share, please send it in.

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

Service in Action
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CONCEPT 11— The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Answer to "Who Am I?"

Reverend Samuel Shoemaker (Non-alcoholic/Friend of AA).
Died November 1, 1963

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