

nassau intergroup

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WORLD WIDE WEB EDITION

MAY 2014



Mother's Day – May 12, 1935

Gatehouse to the Seiberling Estate, Akron, Ohio, where Bill W. met Dr Bob S. for the first time, whereupon Bill spills his story inspiring Dr Bob to share his. This meeting eventually led to the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

May 2014

- 5/1 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 5/1 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 5/7 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 5/13 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 5/14 7 PM XXXVII Share-a-Day Wrap-up Meeting
- 5/15 7 PM Special Needs Meeting
- 5/19 7-9 PM GSR Workshop
- 5/21 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 5/22 Newsletter Deadline**
- 5/29 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

June 2014

- 6/4 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 6/5 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 6/5 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 6/10 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
- 6/16 7 PM New GSR Orientation
- 6/16 7:30 PM GSR Meeting
- 6/18 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 6/19 Newsletter Deadline**
- 6/21 7-10 AM Speaker's Exchange Meeting
(Nassau Community College, Cluster F, Room 127)
- 6/26 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

**6/21 7-10 AM – SPEAKER'S EXCHANGE MEETING
NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CLUSTER F, ROOM 127**

STEP 5 – Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

NASSAU INTERGROUP - MEETING LIST CHANGES

DELETION:

Levittown 11756

Turnpike Group, Saint Bernard's School, 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, removed Tuesday 8 PM Open.

MEETING CHANGES:

Amityville 11701

County Line Group, last Monday 6:45 PM Open Anniversary only; removed Friday 7:30 PM Women's Meeting.

Open Door Group, Thursday 10 AM Closed now Thursday 10 AM Beginner's; Friday 10 AM Closed Discussion now Friday 10 AM multiple meetings: 1st/Last - Friday Open Anniversary, 2nd - Tradition, 3rd - Big Book Stories. Group has moved to the Admin Building basement at Hollywood Baptist Church 3504 Great Neck Road.

Bayville 11709

Triangle Group, added 7:45 PM Open Anniversary last Monday.

Bellmore

Miracles Group, added Wednesday 8 PM Closed Discussion. Friday 8:30 PM Big Book now Monday 8:30 PM Big Book.

Cold Spring Harbor 11724

Discussion Group, Saint John's Church, 1670 Route 25A (behind Fish Hatchery) have added a Wednesday 7 PM *Big Book. (*Bring your own coffee.)

Franklin Square 11010

Gift of Serenity Group (effective 01/07/14) Wesley United Methodist Church, 619 Fenworth Boulevard (off Dogwood Ave), 7:00 PM Saturday Big Book will be 7:00 PM Open Big Book, 7:30 PM Third Thursday Tradition will be 7:30 PM Third Tuesday Tradition. No changes made to 6:15 PM Sunday *Beginner's (*Last Sunday Anniversary) or 7:30 PM Tuesday Step.

Levittown 11756

Turnpike Group, Saint Bernard's School, 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Tuesday 9:15 PM Beginner's now Tuesday 7:30 PM Beginner's. (No change to Sunday 8 PM Closed.)

Locust Valley 11560

Choices Group, added Wednesday 6:30 AM Living Sober and Sunday 5 PM Closed Topic meetings. 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.

Serenity by the Sea/AM Group has returned to Saint James Episcopal Church, 230 West Penn Street & Magnolia Boulevard. No changes to meetings.

The Step Meeting, Tuesday 7:30 PM Step is now 7:00 PM Step.

Manhasset 11030

Good Morning God/Sober Spirits Group that meets at Temple Judea, 333 Searingtown Road has changed their name to **Sober Spirits – Good Morning God Group**.

Seaford 11783

Tuesday AM Lufberry Group that met at Saint Michael's, 2197 Jackson Avenue have moved to Saint William the Abbott, 2001 Jackson Avenue. (No change to Tuesday 11:30 AM Closed.)

Westbury 11590

We Care Too Group that meets at United Methodist Church, 265 Asbury Avenue, Westbury has Friday 7:30 PM Step is now 7:30 PM Beginner's. (*Last Friday Open Anniversary).

NEW GROUPS:

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); 30 Hempstead Avenue, Basement Office Building, Suite H6.

Serenity in the Evening (Step 11) Group, Saint Agnes Parish, (Dominic Room), 29 Quealy Place, Wednesday 5:30 PM Step 11 (Prayer, Meditation Meeting).

Uniondale 11553

Hope of Sobriety Group, 913 Front Street, Thursday 7 PM *Closed. (*Last Thursday Big Book/Anniversary)

Gift of Serenity Group, Wesley United Methodist Church, 619 Fenworth Boulevard (off Dogwood).

TEMPORARY MEETING RELOCATIONS 05/01/14:

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.

FOURTH STEP WORKSHOP BALDWYN GROUP 1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 717 SAINT LUKES PLACE BALDWYN, NY 11510

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014
11 AM - 2PM

Come Celebrate
Sober Start's 18th Group Anniversary
Saturday – May 10th, 2014
Saint Boniface Martyr School Gym
114 Main Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579



Fellowship and Food at 7:00 PM
Speaker at 8:00 PM
DJ and Music to follow
Raffles and 50-50

GPS Address: 145 Glen Avenue
Sea Cliff, NY 11579

AA HISTORY

May 12, 1935—Bill W. meets Dr. Bob on Mother's Day in Akron, Ohio.

May 1938—Alcoholic Foundation, later the AA General Service Board is established.

May 1938—Work on the Big Book begins.

May 4, 1946— Marty M., explained Alcoholics Anonymous and the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism on the "We the People" radio show.

May 1946— Long Form of the *Twelve Traditions* published in the AA Grapevine.

May 29, 1980—*Doctor Bob and the Good Oldtimer's* published.

May 1985—*Pass It On* published.

Help Wanted

By now I am sure everybody has heard that the new meeting books have come in. One of the reasons for there being such a delay in this printing is the success of our web site.

We have on line both a plain vanilla copy of the meeting list in the traditional printed version format of a listing by town of the groups and their meetings. In addition there is also a "searchable" version. Using this – a person can locate meetings in a particular town, or 5, 10 or 20 miles around that town. You can locate meetings by day of the week, hour of the day or even the type of meeting you want to attend.

This searchable section of the website does require some specialized programming. In addition to the "html" and "css" that web sites are created in, this part of the site also requires coding in "php" and "mysql". All of these are constantly evolving and being updated and made more secure. The web committee is in need of someone versed in php and mysql to help maintain this searchable meeting list.

In the brief time that it has been online – there are already fixes in the program that are causing problems with the functioning of the adding/editing meetings that are listed.

So, please if you have any skills in php, mysql or PERL, consider joining the web committee on the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 7:30 PM the Intergroup office.

The next printing of the meeting books, will likely be in the late fall. As a reminder – any changes must be submitted on one of the "Meeting List Changes" form. These are available at the office and on the web site.

Changes to existing meetings/groups do get posted to the web within a couple of weeks, and added to the next printed edition. New groups get posted to web site right away, but do not get added to the printed lists until they have been meeting for at least 6 months (counted from when the form is received in the office).

Hope to see you the 3rd Wednesday.

In Love and Service

Cory B.

NI Website

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Tradition Seven (Long Form)

The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contribution of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated AA purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surly destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Join us on July 12 at the Nassau Intergroup Treasurer's workshop as we discuss what our Seventh Tradition suggests about where money and spirituality meet in practice in every day AA.

From the Share-a-Day Committee

A big thank you to all our Workshop speakers, the fabulous Old-Timers Panel, and our Keynote Speaker- Eric. All the meetings were well attended and were much enjoyed by all.

A special thanks to the Share-a-Day Committee and volunteers that came to help set-up and clean up and make sure the day ran smoothly. We could not make the Share-a-Day happen without the dedication of those AA's that show up and give untiring service—and they were very tired by the end of the day.

The day was sunny and beautiful which was only outshined by the happy smiles of the AA's and Al-Anon's meeting and greeting friends we sometimes don't see between Share-a-Days.

We had good food, great sharing, lots of caring and fond farewells until next year. If you have not attended a Share-a-Day be sure to put it on your calendar for next year!! You are missing out on a really exceptional experience. My final report about this wonderful event will be in June's issue of our newsletter.

Let us know how you enjoyed the day.

Together We Can

Patty V.

2014 NI Share-a-Day Chair

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SAVE THE DATE!!

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TREASURER'S WORKSHOP



SATURDAY – JULY 12, 2014

11 AM – 2 PM

HOSTED BY

NASSAU INTERGROUP

AT

361 HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE

WEST HEMPSTEAD

NY 11552

**Join us for shared experience, questions
and answers, about and more....**

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

April "Business Meeting" Workshop Report

Last month Nassau Intergroup (NI) hosted a four hour workshop about AA business meetings. It included an Ask It Basket/Q&A session, games and prizes, and ended with a closed discussion meeting led by Steven H., SENY Intergroup Liaison who had just returned from South America that very morning. We had a good representation of members, both experienced and novice, who seemed to appreciate the opportunity to ask questions and share. During lunch we had fun and games, with just about everyone going home with a prize (courtesy of NI). The main prize was a copy of the 75th anniversary "Big Book" facsimile. Even though we didn't get to all the questions in the Ask It Basket, those we did get to were both interesting and sometimes even provocative.

Thanks to planning committee members: LaRaine A., Bill C., Karrie K., Patty V., and Kathy W. Also, thanks to the Deb S. and Abby F. for the sweet goodies which included yummy homemade muffins, and June C. for loaning her "Yeah But" board game. And of course, a special thanks to those group members, current officers, past officers, and future group officers, for making this workshop a success.

PS: Watch for information on upcoming NI workshops: "Treasurer's Workshop" on Saturday – July 12, 2014. Also a combined "Phone Volunteer, 12th Step List & Nightbook Workshop" date/time to be announced.

Service in Action
Brenda P.
Workshop Moderator

Armed Service Members in Recovery

When I want an AA meeting, I can walk a few blocks or hop in my car and drive a few miles to a local meeting place, there to enjoy the support and experience of the fellowship. For AA's among the men and women in our armed forces serving around the country and around the world, that often is not an option. Whether stationed at a base in a remote part of Alaska, serving in the provinces of Afghanistan, or onboard a Navy ship at sea off the Korean peninsula or in the Persian Gulf, AA members in the armed services need and want the hand of AA to be available to them too. One way to support our fellow members whose service to our country has imposed a degree of isolation from the fellowship is through *AA for Troops*.

As an independent AA service group, *AA for Troops* provides recorded AA meetings via the internet to interested AA members with the special goal of decreasing the isolation of members in the armed services. From their website, "The stateside recordings we provide are intended to say 'Thank You for Your Service' and to help isolated AA members maintain their sanity and sobriety."

How does *AA for Troops* work? *AA for Troops* is looking for AA meetings and members willing to be recorded so they can be added to *AA for Troops'* online meeting library. All recordings are fully anonymity protected. That library is then available to anyone who cannot make a face to face meeting for any reason. *AA for Troops* will provide everything needed to help make those recordings including the recording equipment, and technical and logistical support.

Interested in participating with *AA for Troops* or in learning more? Contact them at 212-755-1000 (ask for "Troops"), or online at: www.aafortroops.net.

Please consider discussing your group's participation with *AA for Troops* at your next home group business meeting.

Bill C., Baldwin Group & Panel 55 SENY Delegate
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Everything About Me

I started drinking at the age of 12. I found myself drinking because it was social and exciting; Rock & Roll, disco, pubs, park benches, beach parties and after hour clubs. I always had a need to be part of. Before my 20th birthday my parents thought it was a good idea to offer me a partnership in the family business. I was overwhelmed by the thought of helping my dad. My dad who came home to teach me how to ride a bicycle at the age of 7 years old. Who within minutes he threw me down and yelled, "What are you stupid! Why can't you ride?" I was a stuffer, in denial that I was resentful at him, which caused me to have an attitude of selfishness and self-centeredness. I tore the papers up. The anger, guilt, shame and frustration made decisions for me.

I almost lost my life in April of 1987, waiting to go to a detox. I desired to come back to the fellowship. I was physically beaten, lonely and hurt. I finally did not want what I had anymore. I asked God to remove this terrible curse, the obsession. I finally thanked God for saving me from death. I got a sponsor and he taught me sponsee-sponsor, and home group. He told me all I needed was the faith of a mustard seed. He said to thank God in the morning that he is helping me stay sober and thank Him at night. He said if I learn to thank God in the morning.

I probably won't drink. He said to "Keep It Simple." Freely receive and freely give: AAIUO. Within weeks of doing a searching and fearless inventory, I was able to become resentment free. I was able to repair the relationship with my parents. I was able to right a relationship that I thought was wrong. I was able to stop lying and repeating lies. I was able to stop making everything about me. I was able to give to God what I wasn't able to do on my own aided willpower. I learned how to receive love and be able to give love back to them.

By the grace of a loving God, and the AA fellowship, I am sober.

Martin K.
Grateful Member of the Baldwin Group

Who Am I?

Sober for a year, I was AA's first national level anonymity breaker.

[Answer on page 4.]

AA GRAPEVINE HIGHLIGHTS:

May's Issue – "Happy Birthday Big Book"

Special Feature: A celebration of 75 wonderful years.

Mayo/Junio La Viña Issue – "La Mujeres en AA"

Featured Books:

Emotional Sobriety: The Next Frontier

Step by Step (soft cover)

Spiritual Awakenings – Journeys of the Spirit

Voices of Long-Term Sobriety

Other Items Available:

Facsimiles of the magazines honoring Dr Bob and Bill W.
2015 Pocket Planner



**BALDWIN GROUP
69TH ANNIVERSARY**

**SATURDAY – JUNE 14, 2014
6 PM – 11 PM**

**1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
717 SAINT LUKE'S PLACE
BALDWIN, NY 11510**

SPEAKER... FOOD... FELLOWSHIP... FUN

**Districts 208, 209 & 211
will be commemorating the
75th Anniversary of the book
*Alcoholics Anonymous***

**on
Saturday - June 21, 2014
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Featuring
AA in the Digital Age
&
The History of the Big Book**

**Village United Methodist Church
11 Mountain Avenue
Bayville, NY 11709**

**Presented by James D.,
SENY Archivist
Lunch & Workshops are Free**

For Your Info:

Group contributions or information requests for Nassau County General Service Committee ought to be mailed to:

**Nassau County General Service Committee
PO Box 7
Garden City, NY 11530**

TRADITION 5— Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

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From your Newsletter Editor

Kia ora! Appreciate if groups would let me know if our newsletter is serving its purpose by informing the membership about various local events. Is the newsletter being read by group members, rather than being tucked away in an AA closet or cabinet somewhere? I encourage members to write articles for the newsletter. It helps make for an interesting read. Why not share a sobriety story with us, or send me your group's anniversary details.

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

Service in Action
Brenda P.
NI Newsletter Editor
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Answer to "Who Am I?"

*Rollie H., aka Rollicking Rollie of the 1940
Cleveland Indians*

CONCEPT 5—Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

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