

# nassau intergroup

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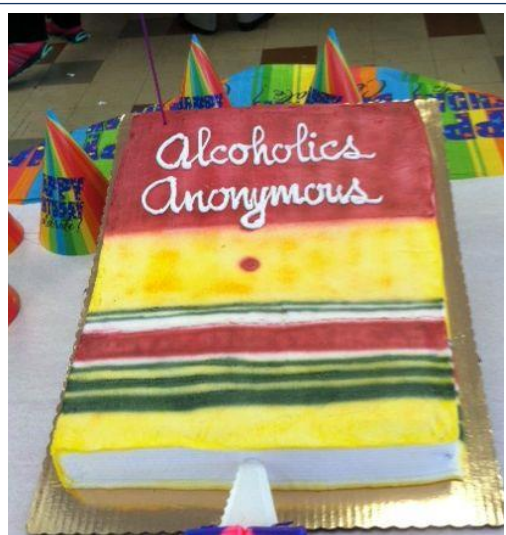
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WORLD WIDE WEB EDITION

## JUNE 2014

### HAPPY 79<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



### HAPPY 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AA GRAPEVINE

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

#### 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
- 6/8 11 AM- 3PM "Office Etiquette" Workshop
- 6/12 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

#### July 2014

- 7/2 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting  
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
- 7/3 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
- 7/3 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
- 7/12 11 AM-2 PM "Money & Spirituality" Workshop
- 7/16 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
- 7/20 9 AM-4 PM Intergroup Picnic**  
(Eisenhower Park, Cedars Area, Car Parking-Field 6A)
- 7/21 7:30 PM GSR Workshop
- 7/24 Newsletter Deadline**
- 7/31 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

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

STEP 6 – Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

## NASSAU INTERGROUP - MEETING LIST CHANGES

### DELETIONS:

#### Amityville 11701

**County Line Group**, removed Friday 7:30 PM Women's Meeting.

#### Levittown 11756

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

#### North Bellmore 11710

**Miracles Group**, 906 Newbridge Road, removed Friday 8:30 AM #Big Book.

### MEETING CHANGES:

#### Amityville 11701

**County Line Group**, last Monday 6:45 PM Open Anniversary only.

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

#### Bayville 11709

**Triangle Group**, Village United Methodist Church, 11 Mountain Avenue, 7:45 PM Monday \*Beginners; (\*1<sup>st</sup> Monday Open Anniversary.)

#### 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**, Wesley United Methodist Church, 619 Fenworth Boulevard (off Dogwood Ave), Sunday 6:15 PM \*Beginners, Tuesday 7:30 PM #Step, Thursday 7:30 PM #Closed now 7:30 PM Open, Saturday 7 PM Big Book now 7 PM Big Book Open. (\*Last Sunday Anniversary, #3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Tradition.)

#### Levittown 11756

**Turnpike Group**, Saint Bernard's School, 3100 Hempstead Turnpike, Tuesday 9:15 PM Beginner's now Tuesday 7:30 PM Beginner's, Sunday 8 PM Closed.

#### Locust Valley 11560

**Choices Group**, Reformed Church, 115 Ryefield Road, 6:30 AM Daily Reflections now 6:30 AM Big Book, Saturday 7 AM Big Book now 7 AM Daily Reflections. (No change to Wednesday/Thursday meetings.)

#### 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** have returned to Saint James Episcopal Church, 230 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**, Temple Judea, 333 Seasingtown Road has changed their name to **Sober Spirits – Good Morning God Group**.

#### North Bellmore 11710

**Miracles Group**, 906 Newbridge Road, added Monday 7 PM Big Book, Wednesday 8 PM \*Open Discussion Topic now 8 PM Closed Discussion.

#### Port Washington 11569

**Port Washington Group**, correct meeting address: United Methodist Church, 35 Middle Neck Road. (No changes to meetings.)

#### Seaford 11783

**Tuesday Morning Lufberry Group**, that met at Saint Michael & All Angels, 2197 Jackson Avenue have moved to Saint William the Abbott, 2001 Jackson Avenue. (No meeting change to Tuesday 11:30 AM Closed.)

#### Westbury 11590

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

#### West Hempstead 11552

**Reflect This Group**, 311 Hempstead Turnpike, Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 AM Closed meetings now Tuesday and Thursday 11 AM Closed meetings.

### 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 Friday Anniversary \*Last Thursday Tradition,.)

#### 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).

**Recovery by the Book Group**, Saint Martha Parish, 546 Greengrove Avenue, 7:30 PM Monday Beginners. (Meeting in church basement).

## TEMPORARY MEETING RELOCATION 06/01/14:

### 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.

## Be an Angel on a Shoulder

Taking the Nightbook commitment is an excellent, and selfless way of doing Service. When you answer that AA Hotline phone between 5:00 PM on your chosen day until 9:00 AM the next morning, to the person who calls up, YOU are AA. Most people call up for meetings, some looking for AA events such as group Anniversaries and the like, and some just need another Alcoholic to talk to . . . no matter how late it is. What's nice about taking the Nightbook is that almost everyone thanks you for your Service and lets you know that you are special. I like doing it because I'm helping my sobriety possibly even more than I'm helping the caller. I tell volunteers that taking one night of the Hotline is like adding 10 years to your sobriety!

Most of the calls are routine, but some are really memorable and leave an indelible print on your emotions. One such call happened to me just a few weeks ago. I took "The Book" on a Saturday night; usually a busy night for going to meetings and group anniversaries. It was about 7:30 PM, and a woman called up. It was raining heavily and she was driving around looking for a specific meeting that she had never been to before. The visibility wasn't the greatest and she sounded nervous. I had the meeting list out in front of me and I found what she was looking for; however, she wasn't even sure of where she was, she just had a general idea, and to make matters worse, she had NO GPS device with her. I told her to calm down, pull over and stop at the next intersection and tell me the streets.

She could only make out "Route 107" on the sign. I had my laptop out and I punched up Google Maps. I asked her what landmarks or stores were near her, and if she could remember the last big intersection she had passed. She told me that a few blocks ago she passed Hempstead Turnpike and a Mavis Tire Shop on the corner. I found her location and quickly plotted directions to her meeting, which was only about 12 minutes away from her. Very nervous, she asked me if I could stay on the phone with her until she got to her meeting. I said "Sure, no problem."

Within minutes, she arrived at her destination. She couldn't thank me enough, and said that I was her "guardian angel tonight!" I, of course, felt a great sense of satisfaction that gave a huge feeling of purpose to my whole day. The "high" that I got from that one call was better than any feeling I ever got from out of a bottle of booze. You too, can be an "Angel for a night." Just volunteer and have your home group take the Nightbook!

Steve S.

NI Nightbook Asst. Chair

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## AA HISTORY

June 10, 1935— Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of AA.

June 28, 1935— Dr. Bob and Bill W. visit Bill D. "the man on the bed" at Akron's City Hospital.

1944—Bernard B. Smith (Friend of AA) joined the Alcoholic Foundation Board and served until August 1970.

## Where Money & Spirituality Mix: A Discussion

On Saturday, July 12, 2014, Nassau Intergroup will offer a special workshop dedicated to a review of many of the topics, questions and issues which typically come up concerning money in AA. And while the discussion will focus on the needs of our home groups, members involved with other service committees and groups may also be interested in joining us.

The conversation will cover many themes including a look at Tradition 7, prioritizing group spending and deciding on a prudent reserve, setting up a bank account, sales tax exemption, insurance, contributions to the service structure beyond the home group, paying for group anniversaries, and more. Handouts will include the wealth of experience currently available from AA World Services and some other materials especially developed locally to answer some of the questions which commonly come up, but which may not be covered elsewhere.

This exchange is especially suggested for members who are stepping up to serve as their group's treasurer, members who are considering stepping up to that kind of service, or for members who are just interested in or concerned with matters of finance in AA. We hope too that members with good experience in these areas will join us to share what they have learned and enrich our discussion.

Nassau's treasurer (Elise M., treasurer@nassauny-aa.org) and the Financial Review Committee will co-host this get together running from 11am to 2pm including a light lunch. All are welcome.

Bill C.  
Chair NI Financial Review Committee  
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## Sobriety – The Second Decade

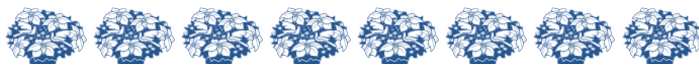
I didn't know that on that cold November evening in 1994 that I was about to embark on a lifelong journey as a sober woman – yes lifelong! Living a day at a time.

Here's to 2014 when I will celebrate 20 years in the fellowship of AA and doing my best each day to work and live a "spiritual life" through the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, in a material world where personalities clash and chaos reigns. A life that I never thought or imagined possible. An inner life where materialism needs to exist but is not a priority. Not what I am wearing but where I am going and what am I doing. Where I find peace through love and service in my everyday life, in and out of the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Service used to be baking a cake for a sick friend (so you would like me more than your other friends); what I could get from me helping you. Service is now, in the moment, what I could do for the other person, in and out of the AA rooms. Service is my attention to what is needed outside and around my sphere of life, in that moment, and at that time. What can I do now? Not who is going to like me or not! A false belief of the past, which only the God of my understanding can change as I go through my day while attempting to live and become the principles of this "way of life."

God, AA and my home group (people in AA) have far exceeded any expectation I could have dreamt of. I am glad that sobriety is my way of life and that with God's help, I can live the rest of my life as a productive member of the world in service and love. A lofty but realistic goal.

With Love & Fellowship  
Carol M.



## From The Chair

Well friends here I am at the doorstep of another year of sobriety. On the 28th of June I will be sober 33 years and all that means that I have learned to live my life a day at a time.

Every year at this time I look back and remember what I was like when I walk in the doors of AA. I think back to all those folks who influenced my life.

This year it hit me hard on how much I miss those who are no longer with us. Though these folks are in my heart, I wish I could sit and talk to them. However, I do also think of all of you who are in my life now. You are just as big a part of my life as those who came before.

I think back to my first job in the fellowship, making coffee and cleaning ashtrays. Yes folk when I came in you could smoke at meetings. I have to thank my good friend Wilbert from the Westbury Advent. And that is how my journal in service began. Next it was Jim "Fitz" who said, "Kid could you go represent the group one night at Intergroup?" And that is how the path that I walk in service began, which brings me to this point. The ballot for the five elected offers of the steering committee is open until the September reps meeting. So if any of you would like to get involved, or know someone who might like to get involved please contact me through the office.

So I hope that you will come to Roosevelt Sunday Sunrise meeting on the 29th of June and help me to show that this fellowship works. It would bring this "Old Timer's" heart a world of good.

Yours in Service  
Jack K.  
NI Chair  
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## Who Am I?

I first got involved with Alcoholics Anonymous in June 1944 helping AA's serving overseas keep in touch with the Fellowship.

[Answer on page 6.]

## AA GRAPEVINE HIGHLIGHTS:

**June's Issue** – "Grapevine Turns 70"

**Mayo/Junio La Viña Emitir** – *La Mujeres en AA*

### Featured Books:

*The Grapevine Daily Quote Book*

*Into Action – Stories from AA Grapevine*

*Step by Step (soft cover)*

### Other Items Available:

The Best of Bill – CD

Pathways to Spirituality – CD

In Our Own Words – eBook



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TO AN  
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"OFFICE ETIQUETTE"

WHY... HOW... WHEN... WHAT...

COME SEE HOW YOUR INTERGROUP WORKS

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS  
NIGHT BOOK  
TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

&

12 STEP LIST • 12 STEP CALLS • 12 STEP WORK  
GAME TIME - Q&A SESSION  
AA SPEAKER MEETING

SUNDAY—JUNE 8, 2014  
11 AM—3 PM

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WEST HEMPSTEAD, NY 11552

ALL ARE WELCOME  
FOOD & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

**BALDWIN GROUP  
69<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
717 SAINT LUKE'S PLACE  
BALDWIN, NY 11510**

**SPEAKER... FOOD... FELLOWSHIP...**

**FRIENDLY REMINDER**

**SPEAKER'S EXCHANGE MEETING**

**SATURDAY – JUNE 21, 2014  
7 AM-10 AM**

**NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CLUSTER F, ROOM 127**

**PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE – DON'T  
EXCHANGE IN THE PARKING LOT!**

Where Money & Spirituality Mix:  
AA Finance/Treasurer Workshop

Saturday - 12 July 2014  
11 AM - 2 PM



Nassau Intergroup Office  
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- Self-support • Prudent reserve
- Bank accounts • Insurance
- Tax exemption
- Paying for group anniversaries
- Contributions beyond the group • More

All welcome.  
Light refreshment will be served.

Districts 208, 209 & 211  
Commemorating the  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Big 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

## My Fellow AA's

As the summer arrives, it is with so much pleasure to report that our 37th Annual Share-a-Day was a great success. I must begin by thanking the entire Share-a-Day committee for their dedication and hard work that made the day fantastic. Also thanks to the volunteers that showed up for the day to assist in the cafeteria, set-up/clean-up and the hospitality table--everyone did a great job.

Rich and Karen did a fabulous job of getting breakfast and lunch served and the coffee brewing—a special thanks to Rich for getting our coffee pots sparkling clean. The coffee was excellent. The lunch was clearly enjoyed—not a crumb was left. Special thanks to Adam, Heather and Joe for all their help.

Debbie and Maryse at the Registration Desk signed in 268 attendees this year!! WOW. They were kept very busy all day.

Kevin, our Program Chair, organized our meeting rooms and welcomed our speakers. It's no surprise, *The Steps*, *How It Works* and the *Promises* meetings were some of the best attended.

Marie and her Traditions Play Players had some new props and "did better than ever" quoted one AA.

And of course, cheers to June C. our Old Timers Panel Moderator this year and her panel: Peter, Fran, Claudia and Jose. A special thanks to Diana for her help with Spanish/English translation along with Jose. What a great meeting.

George and Barbara arrived early to set up and left late after clean up. I was very very grateful. Again, great job. George P., was there to lend a hand as well.

Kathy, Linda and Ann brought Al-Anon to our Share-A-Day and are a special part of our event every year. We hope to see you all again next year.

Our Keynote Speaker- Eric H., of the Bayville Triangle Group shared his message of Experience, Strength and Hope with candor and humility. Our countdown began with Fidel with 48 years of sobriety and ended with Joe with just a couple of days. Just a fantastic hour of fellowship.

Lastly, thanks to the Nassau Intergroup Steering Committee for all your support and setting up the Literature and Archives tables and lending a hand when needed. Thanks to all the speakers at the workshops—great meetings!! Big thanks for the financial support from our Nassau County AA Groups—your donations make it happen. And to you, my fellow AA member for joining us and making it a very "Happy Birthday" for our beloved Big Book.

Be sure to pencil next April in on your Calendars; 2015 is the 80th Anniversary of AA—and we are already planning the party. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the Share-A-Day. It was great fun.

See you next year!

Patty V.  
2014 NI Share-a-Day Chair

**TRADITION 6—** An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

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## From your Newsletter Editor

*Kia ora!* June marks two major events: the 79<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous on June 10<sup>th</sup>, and the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our magazine *AA Grapevine* since June 1944. No doubt there will be celebrations around the world for these two milestones. We'd love to hear about your AA celebration, why not drop us a line and tell us all about it.

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

Service in Action  
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Answer to "Who Am I?"  
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(First published in June 1944)

### FOR YOUR INFO!

NASSAU INTERGROUP PI/CPC COMMITTEES  
WILL NOT BE MEETING JULY/AUGUST 2014;  
RESUME SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

**CONCEPT 6—**The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

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