

SEPTEMBER 2014

AA's Unity Declaration

“This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

September 2014

9/3 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
9/4 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
9/4 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
9/10 7 PM 2015 Share-A-Day Planning Meeting
9/11 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
9/15 7:30 PM GSR Workshop
9/17 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
9/18 **Newsletter Deadline**
9/20 7-10 AM Speaker's Exchange Meeting
9/25 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting
9/26-28 29th Intergroup Seminar, Chicago, IL

October 2014

10/1 8 PM Institutions Committee Meeting
(Simpson Methodist Church, Locust & Sunset, Amityville)
10/2 7 PM Intergroup Reps Orientation
10/2 7:30 PM Intergroup Reps Meeting
10/9 7:30 PM PI/CPC Committee Meeting
10/9-12 18th National Archives Workshop, King of Prussia, PA
10/15 7:30 PM Website Committee Meeting
10/20 7 PM New GSR Orientation
10/20 7:30 PM GSR Meeting
10/23 Newsletter Deadline
10/30 7:30 PM Steering Committee Meeting

**9/20 7-10 AM – SPEAKER'S EXCHANGE
MEETING NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
CLUSTER F, ROOM 127**

STEP 9—Made direct amends to such people where possible,
except when to do so would injure them or others.

NASSAU INTERGROUP - MEETING LIST CHANGES

DELETIONS:

Amitville 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.

Long Beach 11561

Big Book Study Group (new name: **Living Sober Group**), removed Wednesday 9 AM Big Book.

North Bellmore 11710

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

MEETING CHANGES:

Amitville 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, 2nd Friday Tradition, 3rd Friday Big Book Stories. Group now meeting in admin building basement, Hollywood Baptist Church, 3504 Great Neck Road.

Bayville 11709

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

Cold Spring Harbor 11724

Discussion Group, Saint John's Church, 1670 Route 25A (behind Fish Hatchery) have added a Friday 6:30 PM Women's Reflections. (No changes to other meetings.)

Bellmore 11710

No Frills Group, formerly of Levittown, is now meeting at: Bellmore Presbyterian Church, 2740 Martin Avenue. (Monday, 5 PM *Step, Tuesday **5 PM, Wednesday 5 PM Closed, Thursday 5 PM Big Book, Friday 5 PM Beginners, Saturday 5 PM Open, Sunday 5 PM Closed. (*Last Monday Tradition, **Tuesday Living Sober).

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 Discussion now 7:30 PM Open, Saturday 7 PM Big Book now 7 PM Big Book Open. (*Last Sunday Anniversary, #3rd Tuesday Tradition.)

Levittown 11756

No Frills Group, has moved from Presbyterian Church, 474 Wantagh Avenue to: Bellmore Presbyterian Church, 2740 Martin Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710. See Bellmore 11710 listing.

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. (*Last Tuesday Anniversary.)

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

Big Book Study Group, Saint John's Lutheran Church, 75 East Olive/Riverside Boulevard have changed their name to: Living Sober Group. (No change to Tuesday meeting.)

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 West Penn Street & Magnolia Boulevard. (No changes to meetings.) The Step Meeting, Tuesday 7:30 PM Step is now Tuesday 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.

Plainview 11803

Recovery Group, has moved from Recovery House, 1425 Old County Road to: Recovery House 526 Greengrove Avenue, Uniondale, NY 11553. See Uniondale 11553 listing.

Port Washington 11050

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

ME—Third Group, Saint Peter of Alcantara Convent, 1327 Port Washington Boulevard, Friday 5:30 PM #Beginners. (#Last Friday Anniversary). No changes to Monday/Thursday meetings.)

Stools & Bottles Group, Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, 9 Carlton Avenue/Main Street, Tuesday 7 PM Big Book now 5:30 PM Open Discussion.

Rockville Centre 11570

Off the Fence Group, The Vineyard Church, 251 Merrick, added a Young Peoples Friday 8:30 PM Step, meeting upstairs. (Only change to Thursday meeting: basement.)

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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 change to Tuesday meeting.)

Seaford 11783

Seaford at Wantagh Group, Saint Gregory Orthodox Church, 1100 Hiskville Road, 2nd Wednesday 7:30 Big Book, now 2nd Wednesday 7:30 PM Closed. (No changes to Sunday meetings. Last Wednesday Anniversary.)

Westbury 11590

We Care Too Group United Methodist Church, 265 Asbury Avenue, Westbury, 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/Thursday 10:30 AM Closed meetings now Tuesday/Thursday 11 AM Closed meetings.

NEW GROUPS

Levittown 11756

God's Will Group, Presbyterian Church, 474 Wantagh Avenue, Monday 5 PM Step, Tuesday *5 PM, Wednesday 5 PM Closed Discussion, Thursday 5 PM Big Book, Friday 5 PM Beginners, Saturday 5 PM Open, Sunday 5 PM Closed Discussion. (*Tuesday Living Sober).

Massapequa 11758

Into Action Group, Grace Episcopal Church, 23 Cedar Shore Drive, Friday 3 PM Big Book Open Discussion. (Meeting in portable classroom 2B.)

Rockville Centre 11570

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

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.)

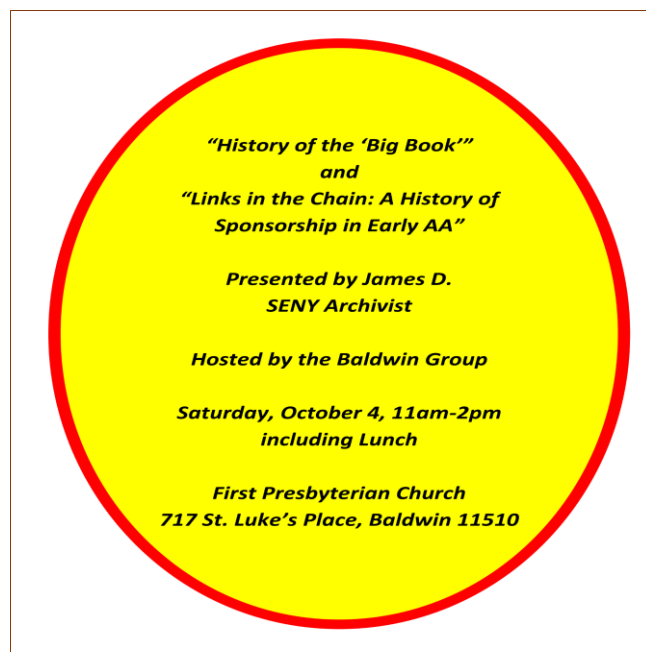
Recovery by the Book Group, Saint Martha Parish, 546 Greengrove Avenue, Monday 7:30 PM Beginners. (Meeting in church basement.)

Recovery Group, formerly of Plainview, is now meeting at: Recovery House, 526 Greengrove Avenue, Uniondale, NY 11553. Wednesday 7:30 PM *Men's Step now Wednesday 8 PM *Men's Step., Friday 8 PM Closed now 8 PM Closed Discussion. (*1st/3rd Closed Discussion & 2nd/4th Closed Topic).

TEMPORARY MEETING RELOCATION INFORMATION:

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.



Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need

(Excerpts from Bill W.'s article in the April 1959 Grapevine. See Concept IX, page 36 of "Twelve Concepts for World Service" for the full article)

Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: "Our leaders do not drive by mandate: they lead by example." In effect, we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss us." . . .

Therefore, a leader in A.A. service is a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job. When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own — well, he really isn't a leader at all. . . .

Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its service. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source. . . .

Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can obtain, sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided, of course, that such action be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility. . . .

Another qualification for leadership is give-and-take, the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction. Compromise comes hard to us all-or-nothing drunks. Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises. We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then, it is truly necessary to stick flatfooted to one's conviction about an issue until it is settled. These are situations for keen timing and careful discrimination as to which course to take. . . .

Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism. This is an acid test. There are always the constructive critics, our friends indeed. We ought never fail to give them a careful hearing. We should be willing to let them modify our opinions or change them completely. Often, too, we shall have to disagree and then stand fast without losing their friendship.

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**SUFFOLK COUNTY SHARE-A-THON
SUNDAY - OCTOBER 12, 2014
SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
52 SUNRISE HWY EAST, PATCHOGUE
9 AM-4:30 PM**

**All day work shop's from Young People's to
Old Timer's, Yoga & Meditation Workshops, AI-Anon**

**Three Speaker AA Big Spiritual Meeting at 3 PM
Sobriety Count Down**

**Free coffee, beverages and free lunch.
Fellowshipping !!!**

Thanks to Chris & Company

We would like to thank Chris and his crew for the wonderful job that they did on the picnic.

There is always many hours that go into putting these events together. So the next time you see Chris or a member of his crew say thanks.

Jack K., NI Chair & Steering Committee Members

Who Am I?

I've been involved in service for a very long time. Many have taken advantage of what I offer: volunteer opportunities, workshops, books, fellowshipping, etc.

[Answer on page 4.]

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP

NASSAU INTERGROUP OFFICE
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WEST HEMPSTEAD, NY 11552

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2014
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

"SPEAKING AT NON-AA FUNCTIONS"
(SCHOOLS, REHAB CENTERS, ETC.)

COME JOIN US!!
YOUNG PEOPLE ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED
TO PARTICIPATE

Get Involved.... Do Service!

It will help you grow spiritually! The Third Legacy! My home group is the Baldwin Group. We needed an Alternate General Service Representative (Alt GSR). They only meet every two months. I will only be the alternate. I will only have to show up if the GSR cannot make it. Well that did happen and then on the agenda in April, a Nassau County GSR was needed for the Long Island Spirituality Through Service (LISTS) Workshop so I showed up at Queens Intergroup for the planning committee meeting. Some members served on LISTS before and there were new members. We prepared an agenda for the next LISTS planning committee. I was late and the only open commitment was program chair. Now I was outside my comfort level, which in AA always turns out to be God moments; growing spiritually. First thing I shared with God in the car was I need help and ask others for that help. Everyone was supportive from the four District Committee Member Chairs, the LISTS committee to my sponsor/service-sponsor. From the rehearsals and performing the Traditions Play with friends and members of the Baldwin Group. The Third Legacy experience growing "spiritually through service" was awesome and reinforces the other two legacies: Recovery and Unity.

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

Martin K.
2014 LISTS Program Chair & Baldwin Group Member

Intergroup Elections

Per our By-Laws (Article IV), Nassau Intergroup (NI) holds elections for its five officers in the fall of every even numbered year. That's this coming 4 October. Each group will have a vote to help select NI's leadership for the following two years, if they have a Representative in attendance.

A Nominating Committee is appointed to encourage the standing of a panel of candidates for each office: chair, first and second vice chairs, recording secretary and treasurer. This is not to close out or control the nominations which will be open to the eligible and interested from September to October, but to assure at least one qualified candidate stands for each office. Multiple candidates for each office will be preferred.

While any AA member is eligible to stand for office and no prior history with Intergroup is required or expected (nominations for non-NI involved members must come through the Nominating Committee), it would probably be good for interested candidates to have some service experience along with the availability to make the minimal time commitment involved. (Officers attend at least two meetings each month, the Representatives meeting and the Steering Committee meeting—first and last Thursdays of each month respectively—and sometimes more in support of the Standing Committees or special projects.)

Candidates for office should also understand something about the jobs involved, and the fact that accepting office involves a possible degree of exposure as an AA member insofar as NI is a registered corporation in the State of NY, or as signers on our bank accounts and related documents. The chair has additional exposure as the signer of all contracts (including insurance policies), informational tax returns and related filings, and all formal correspondence where first name last initial generally will not suffice. Check out the NI job descriptions too.

At the election meeting, candidates will be invited to offer a brief service qualification or resume (what I have done in AA service) to give the voting members a better basis for decision. The elections will then take place by written ballot following what is known as the "Third Legacy Procedure," outlined in *The AA Service Manual* (pp. S21-S22).

Interested members should ask for copies of the By-Laws' Article IV, the NI job descriptions, and a description of the election procedure.

Hope this is helpful.

Bill C., Immediate Past Chair, 2011-2012

THANK YOU

In our August issue Nassau Intergroup put out a request seeking phone volunteers. We are pleased to report that three members have signed up as phone volunteers. Thank you so much. Service is a rewarding and valued commitment.

CONCEPT 9—Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

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From your Newsletter Editor

Kia ora! Summer is officially over and like so many long weekends from years past there was always a lot of over the top celebrating. I certainly don't miss those days, cause there was always a price to pay afterwards. Yep I don't miss the hangovers, regrets, remorsefulness, unmanageability, need I say more? Nice weather, foul weather, holiday season, Monday night, Friday day; when it came to drinking, nothing seemed to matter except getting THAT drink, followed by another, and another, and another, and so on. Talk about crazy. While it's been a few years, I realize that I need to be vigilant about my sobriety, like when I was a newcomer. I need to maintain my spiritual condition. That means sticking with the basics: going to meetings, talking to another alcoholic, doing service, helping others, and so on. If you have a summer story, let us know.

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

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Answer to "Who Am I?"
Nassau Intergroup Office

TRADITION 9—AA as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

NASSAU INTERGROUP - EMAIL ADDRESSES

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