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# APRIL 2015

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are Intergroup events held at 361 Hempstead Turnpike unless otherwise noted.

## Share-A-Day XXXVIII Happy Joyous and Free AA Turns 80

Saturday, April 25, 8AM-4:30PM  
St. Joseph's RC Church School  
1346 Broadway, Hewlett 11557

Speakers • Oldtimers Panel • Workshops • Lunch  
Child Care • Information and Literature Tables  
Free and Open to all!

(See articles on page 3.)

### APRIL 2015

- 4/1— Institutions Committee, 8PM, Simpson United Methodist Church, 30 Locust Ave. (off Sunset Ave. from County Line Rd.), Amityville 11701
- 4/2— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)  
**Reps Meeting**, 7:30PM
- 4/8— Share-A-Day Committee, 7PM
- 4/15— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 4/19-25— 65<sup>th</sup> AA General Service Conference, NYC (Delegates only.)
- 4/20— Nassau General Service Committee (NGSC) Meeting  
Orientation, 7PM (Suggested for new DCMs/GSRs.)  
NGSC Meeting, 7:30PM
- 4/23— **Newsletter deadline** for May
- 4/25— **Share-A-Day** (See above and page 3.)



4/30— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

### MAY 2015

- 5/6— Institutions Committee, 8PM (See 4/1 above for location.)
- 5/7— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)  
**Reps Meeting**, 7:30PM
- 5/13— Share-A-Day Committee, 7PM
- 5/14— PI/CPC Committee, 7:30PM (Meets every other month.)
- 5/20— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 5/21— **Newsletter deadline** for June
- 5/21— Special Needs Committee, 7PM (Meets quarterly.)
- 5/28— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)
- 5/29-31— Northeast Regional Forum (NERF), Albany, NY (Go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) > Search, "Regional Forum" for details.)

## From the Chair— Gratitude in Action

I feel some recognition is in order, and the list is long.

First, I want to thank the Intergroup Reps. Thank you for understanding the late cancellation due to weather of the Reps meeting at the beginning of last month, and for showing up in really good numbers the following Thursday. Thanks to Carl for making all those calls to our NIAA reps about the cancellation.

Thanks too to all our volunteers at Intergroup old and new: To our mailer Kenny who helped me clear ice, snow and trash from our parking lot; to Saturday Artie (as I call him) who does so much assisting with literature, cleaning, fixing, organizing, and answering the phones.

*(Continued on page 3, Column 2.)*

### AA'S THREE LEGACIES FOR APRIL

**Step 4**— Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

**Tradition 4**— Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

**Concept 4**— At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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**AA HISTORY FOR APRIL**

April 1935— Dr. William Silkworth suggests Bill W. stop preaching at drunks and instead tell them of obsession and allergy.  
 April 1939— Bill & Lois W. lose the 182 Clinton Street home.  
 April 10, 1939— The book *Alcoholics Anonymous* is published.  
 April 24, 1940— First pamphlet, AA, published.  
 April 25, 1951— First General Service Conference held.  
 April 1958— The word "honest" ("an 'honest' desire to stop drinking") dropped from the "AA Preamble."  
 April 3, 1960— Fr. Ed Dowling, SJ, dies, Memphis, Tenn.  
 April 1, 1966— Sr. Ignatia dies, Richfield, Ohio.  
 April 1973— Distribution of the "Big Book" reaches one million. One millionth book presented to President Richard Nixon by Dr. Jack Norris, Chair of the General Service Board.

"We searched out the flaws in our make-up which caused our failure. Being convinced that self . . . was what had defeated us, we considered its common manifestations."

—From, Step 4, "How It Works," *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 64.

**Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)**

"Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, AA World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with AA members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the AA service structure."

"There is no registration fee for Regional Forums or Additional Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. In many places, area committees, districts and groups cover or defray the transportation and lodging expenses of the trusted servants representing them at a Forum."

Regional Forums are had every other year in each of the eight AA regions in the US and Canada. This year the Northeast Regional Forum will be held the weekend of May 29 in Albany, NY.

Go for the weekend or go for the day. With a format that includes both formal presentations and informal conversations, NERF offers a chance to speak directly with Trustees, other members of the Board, and staff members from both AAWS and AA Grapevine.

For more information on Regional and Local forums and the NERF, go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) and search under "Regional Forum."

(Quotes from, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) > Regional and Local Forums.)

**From the Editor— Coming Soon**

Coming soon, members will be able to subscribe to the Nassau Intergroup (NI) newsletter and to also receive flyers for special events and other special notices from NI via email. On the NI homepage and elsewhere you will find a simple subscription registration section. All you will need is an email address to sign up. Opting in or out will be easy.



In service,  
 Bill C., Newsletter Editor  
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Correction— In last month's "AA History" section we reported the founding of NY Intergroup in 1944. NY Intergroup documents its founding in 1946.

**FAQs About AA History from AAWS \***

Q.— Who wrote Chapter 8 of the Big Book, "To Wives"?

A.— Bill was the author of the "To Wives" chapter. It is commonly thought that Lois wrote it. But, as *Pass It On* describes (page 200), Lois said, "Bill wrote it, and I was mad." She added, "I wasn't so much mad as hurt. I still don't know why Bill wrote it. I've never really gotten into it - why he insisted upon writing it. I said to him, 'Well, do you want me to write it?'" And he said no, he thought it should be in the same style as the rest of the book." Go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) (see below) for more.

\* From, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) > Archives & History > History and Resources > FAQs.

**Who am I?**

Drawn by the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, I visited Bill W. at the clubhouse in NYC in 1940. Bill took his 5<sup>th</sup> Step with me that evening. I suggested that reaching for the unattainable opens a path to finding God's will. Bill considered me his "spiritual sponsor."



(Answer on page 6.)

## Share-A-Day

On April 25<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of AA at St. Joseph's School in Hewlett with Nassau Intergroup's Share-A-Day. Be prepared to embark on a jam-packed day full of meetings, which have topics ranging from "YOUNG! Room to Grow," "Healing through Laughter," "Sober and Out," a Spanish speaking meeting called *Llegamos a Creer* ("Came to Believe"), and the ever-popular "Sex in Sobriety." There will be over 20 open meetings throughout the day including meetings held by Al-Anon. This is an open event so feel free to bring all your AA friends as well as any non-alcoholic family and friends.

If you are a parent and feel finding a babysitter is too difficult, have no fear because Share-A-Day provides free accredited childcare. Did I mention that there is free food? Breakfast, lunch and endless coffee will be provided at no cost.

If that wasn't enough, there will be an Old Timers Panel, Key Note Speaker (who's story will leave you speechless) and the 12 Traditions play. As usual there will be door prizes, but unlike years past we will also be handing out buttons at the hospitality table to commemorate AA's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Designed by yours truly, these buttons are yours to take home. Remember to stop by hospitality early before we run out!

This is a great opportunity to bring someone who is "on the fence," a newcomer, or someone who is struggling to show them what AA is all about and how much fun you can have in sobriety. Stop by for one meeting, or stay the whole day. April 25<sup>th</sup> will be a full day of recovery and fellowship that I hope you will join us for!

Liz T., Share-A-Day Committee Member  
Seaford Serenity Group  
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"The AA group would have to stick to its course or be hopelessly lost. Sobriety had to be its sole objective."

—From, Tradition 4, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 147.

## AA Grapevine Highlights for April

**April Issue**— This month's special section features stories by AA members with double-digit sobriety.

**New Books**— *Grapevine Daily Quote Book* (GV32)

**Subscription Challenge 2015**— Join the challenge to increase new subscriptions to the *Grapevine* and *La Viña*.

**Sobriety Calculator**— It's fun to count your years, days, hours or minutes in recovery.

**Call for Stories**— 2015 topics include AA Around the World, Prison Issue, Sober Travel, Technology, and Anonymity.

**The Laugh's On Us**— Submit a caption for a Grapevine cartoon.

**Daily Quote Subscription**— Sign up to receive an inspirational daily quote from the Grapevine via email.

Go on-line to [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) for more info.

## Join the Cast of the Share-A-Day Traditions Play

Our Share-A-Day is a wonderful event for new comers to get involved. If you'd like to be part of the "Traditions Play" at the event, please come to the Share-A-Day Committee meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Intergroup office at 7PM. Anyone at all interested, please get in touch with me. I'll be happy to hear from you.

Marie M. S.  
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## From the Chair— Gratitude in Action

(Continued from page 1.)

And thank you, Bill C., Denis O'B., John M., and George P. for your devoted efforts on Intergroup's financial matters. It is much appreciated.

There are many commitments in AA in our home groups, General Service, and Intergroup. Some may appear to be thankless, but not from my experience. The benefits from service are indescribably wonderful.

I heard it said at NERAASA, "You can fake caring, but you can't fake showing up." The more I show up and pay AA back, the more I gain and the more I owe.

Gratitude in action,  
LaRaine A., Chair  
chair@nassauny-aa.org

## Rules of Order

Rules of Order allow for the orderly and effective running of a business meeting. In brief, they include:

- **Main Motion**— The matter (or question) up for consideration. Should be concise, unambiguous and complete. All motions must be seconded to go to discussion or decision (vote).
- **Amendment**— A motion to change the main motion. Amendments must be germane to the main motion. A so called "Friendly Amendment" makes small changes to a motion with the permission of the maker of the motion while the motion is pending.
- **Previous Question (or, Call the Question)**— A motion to close discussion and to move to a vote on the main motion. [Requires a majority vote.]
- **Postpone**— A motion to defer further consideration of the main motion to a specified later time or meeting.
- **Lay on the Table (or, simply Table)**— A motion to set aside the main motion to allow consideration of more pressing business. Commonly used incorrectly in place of a motion to Postpone.
- **Putting the Question (to a vote)**— Most procedural motions are decided by a simple majority vote; in AA most motions concerning matters of policy (conscience) are decided by a majority vote.

Common courtesy should prevail. Only one member usually speaks at a time directing his/her comments to the chair. Speakers are usually expected to wait to be acknowledged by the chair before speaking.

These should be understood and applied in the context of AA's guiding principles as reflected in our "Steps," "Traditions" and "Concepts."

For more on rules of order, see *Robert's Rule of Order*.

## Too many groups?

Tradition Three reminds us, "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that . . . they have no other affiliation."

Why are new groups started? Some say all that's needed to form an AA group is a resentment and a coffee pot. While this is true on one level, it perhaps falls short of considering what may be best for AA as a whole, the important but often disregarded latter part of Tradition Four, and what may best serve individual recovery.

While the growth in AA membership has remained relatively flat in recent years, there has been growth in the number of groups and meetings. This is certainly true in Nassau. The result is that our groups are becoming smaller. Where there may have been one or two relatively large groups meeting in a given community, now there may be several smaller ones. Participation at any one meeting may be small even if local groups do not meet on the same days or at the same times. Each group needs to pay rent, buy supplies and literature and perhaps keep insurance. Each needs to handle Twelve Step calls, offer sponsorship to newcomers, field a team of officers and, hopefully, representatives to the service structure. The smaller the participation, the more challenged the group may be to do these things, the more difficult it may be for the group to be fully self-supporting and effective. Competition among groups for member participation and member dollars may not be healthy for the Fellowship as a whole.

A group struggling for survival may want to consider merging with another similarly struggling local group. In starting a new group or meeting, consider, is there a real AA-based need in terms of Tradition Five? Do groups already meet in the community or nearby?

On a more personal level, pre-recovery, it was often my approach to challenges in life to move on rather than to stay put and deal with what unsettled me. The lesson for me may be that, if I'm unhappy with my group for whatever reason, the challenge is to stick around, and to try to effect positive change. I may find considerable personal growth in staying the course at home.

For more on the AA group, check out the AAWS pamphlet, *The AA Group: Where It All Begins* (P-16).

This editorial originally appeared in the August 2009 issue of this newsletter.

"It is our shining ideal that the 'spiritual corporation' of AA should never include any members who are regarded as 'second class.'"

—From, Concept 4, *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, p. 19.

## Public Information (PI)

Public Info (PI) is looking for members available during day time hours to speak at facilities, colleges and high schools about what AA is and is not. If you are interested and available, please contact me through the Intergroup Office at 516-292-3045 or by email.

Thank you.

Regine V., PI Chair  
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## A Bit More History—

### Bill W. on the Establishment of the General Service Conference as a Formal Pillar of the Third Legacy

*The AA General Service Conference began meeting on an experimental basis in April 1951, and became an enduring part of the AA service structure at the Second International Convention in 1955 where it was said, "AA comes of age."*

*The following is from the Archives of AAWS, Inc. from an unpublished 1954 talk given by AA co-founder Bill W.*

So there was a long discussion, in which I had a sad falling out with a good many of my friends, some of whom had been trustees, and it was quite a bitter and harrowing chapter in our affairs, which none of you know about.

This struggle, to see whether this movement would always be headed by a self-perpetuating hierarchy of oldtimers, or whether these affairs, so vital to the welfare of AA all over the world, should be turned over to you.

And finally, after six years of hassling about it, I finally got the consent of the Board of Trustees to come out to you, and to say:

"Here is a means, which in experimental form, we have put in a pamphlet marked 'The Third Legacy.'

"Here is a means by which you can get some delegates and state committeemen, and send folks up to New York, to take charge and to take over what is now your business.

"And so why don't you come up there and look this deal over, and the trustees will agree to make themselves responsible to you instead of to nobody.

"And you look it over and see what you think about it, and if at the end of four years you like the way that it's temporarily laid out, then we'll drive a plug in this thing, then we oldtimers up there, including yours truly, will say, 'Look folks, these vital services are yours, to have, and to hold.'

"This Conference of delegates shall hereafter be the custodians and the guardians of our Traditions. This is yours. This is the remainder of your Third Legacy. Will you accept it?"

So, since 1951 we have been holding these yearly Conferences, to see whether this movement was interested enough, was responsible enough, felt those services were worthwhile enough, to maintain so long as God will need this society.

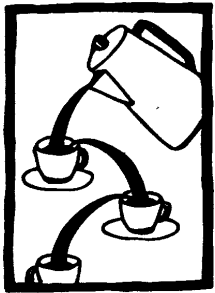
And I think it's the conclusion of every delegate who has been there that yes, we should take these things over.

So, in 1955 we purpose to hold an International Convention, at which time, on behalf of the oldtimers, and of Smithy and me, we shall say to you, here is the remainder of your Third Legacy.

The Conference shall become our successor.

To you we hand the last torch. Carry on. Face your destiny with surety and courage, and God love you.

(See also, *Pass It On*, Chapter 20.)





## In Remembrance of Johnie J. Long Beach, New York

For the past seven years, I was privileged to enjoy Johnie J.'s company. Johnie was a God loving man, a gentleman, respectful and truly at peace with himself (he loved life). He was a sharp dresser, was never seen without his signature brim hats and always a toothpick hanging from the side of his mouth. He was a man of few words, had a hardy laugh and when he smiled, his entire face lit up.

The two most important things in his life were his sobriety and his family.

I met Mr. Johnie J. seven years ago. I always called him, "Mr. Johnie J." You see, whenever I saw him I would say: "Hello, Mr. Johnie J." and he would answer: "Hello, young lady," and we'd laugh.

I met him at an AA meeting, "New Beginnings" in Long Beach which was his home group and it became mine. For the seven years I knew him, Johnie always sat next to the door and welcomed everyone as they walked in. He would get to our meeting place early to set up the chairs, the literature table and whatever else needed to be done. Johnie always volunteered to help with whatever he could.

Johnie and I came to know each other well. We went on speaking commitments together and many times I would pick him up to go to a meeting or drop him home afterwards. He told me that his sobriety changed his life and gave him back many things he had lost, especially the relationships he cherished with his family. Johnie worked on his sobriety every day. He had a list of people he called and kept in touch with regularly, and I was privileged to be among them. Every holiday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Easter and Mother's Day mornings, Johnie would call me and say, "Hello young lady, Happy Thanksgiving, etc. and may God bless you and your family." I looked forward to these calls; they put a smile on my face. I will miss them dearly.

A month ago I heard that Johnie was in the hospital. I called him and he told me that he had some infection and would be getting out in a couple of days. After that day, it became extremely difficult to reach him. Many of us, his friends were very worried about him. On Sunday, March 8, 2015, again I called his cell phone and was happy that his daughter picked-up. She told me of his condition. I asked her to please keep me informed, that he was in my prayers and she promised to do so. When I hung up, I felt a physical heaviness in my heart. Then I thought to myself, God is calling him home. Monday morning, March 9<sup>th</sup>, on the train going to work, I saw a missed call from his cell phone stamped 7:20AM, and I knew that Johnie was gone. I called his daughter who told me that he had passed away late Sunday night. I felt sad, Johnie had touched my heart. Walking to work, I thought about all that Johnie meant to me and the moments we shared. He will be missed by so many people. Then, I smiled; a spring came into my step and a warm feeling in my heart. I walked the rest of my way to work with that smile. The Sun started to shine and I pictured Johnie in God's house wearing a white three-piece suit, white shoes and a white brim hat with a gold band and that smile lighting his face.

So I say to you, "Goodbye Mr. Johnie J. Have a blessed life in God's house, until we meet again. You are in good company."

Regine V.

New Beginnings Group, Long Beach

## NERAASA 2015— Report to Nassau Intergroup

LaRaine A. and I represented Nassau Inter-Group at the annual Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) Conference in late February. There were just over 900 people in attendance. It was held in Somerset, NJ, an area that's proud to claim it's the "Home of the Big Book!"

NERAASA is a regional gathering designed to discuss issues and concerns affecting AA as a whole. The Northeast Region includes all of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Washington, DC. Attendees included volunteers from all levels of service from National, Regional, District and Area General Service positions, and Central Office/Intergroup representatives. I was able to see how AA's "inverted pyramid" organizational structure works.

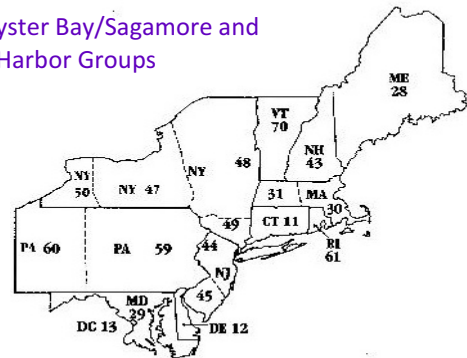
General Services does a lot of work that is largely invisible to us on the individual group level, such as printing, updating and editing the growing library of AA literature. But they do so much more. They provide the tools for us to carry the message and maintain the platform that allows our Fellowship to grow.

Besides the usual conference speakers and reports, there were interesting and spirited Roundtable discussions concerning outreach, training, literature, corrections, the Hispanic community and young people. Much of the energy over the weekend was devoted to discussions on how we can use the Internet to reach the still suffering alcoholic. It is clear that web sites, chat rooms and social media platforms raise serious challenges to our founding principles and traditions, especially anonymity. It is generally agreed that AA guidelines pertaining to the internet need to be established, but the pre-eminence of the group conscience must always prevail.

Common to all areas of interest is the dedication and commitment of the volunteers. With all that energy and experience at hand and on display at NERAASA, the question then becomes: "What do individual groups want?" That, of course, depends on how each group chooses to be connected to the "chain of communication." It begs the question of how "dark" any group wishes to be in terms of visibility and representation.

Attending the conference highlighted a vast array of services that are available to each one of us on the local, regional and national level. The only requirement for assistance is a desire to participate more deeply. All we need to do is ask for help! There's a whole army of AA's out there who work tirelessly and thanklessly to help other alcoholics. It's fascinating, a miracle really. Some how, some way, a bunch of drunks can get a whole lot accomplished, as long as they don't take that first drink!

Jamie W., Oyster Bay/Sagamore and  
Cold Spring Harbor Groups



**Map of the Northeast Region  
with Area Numbers**

## Meeting List Changes



Please help NI keep its meeting information current and correct by submitting a "Meeting List Changes" form (available through the office or on-line under "Group Services") whenever your group's meeting details change.

**BEGINNERS = B BIG BOOK = BB CLOSED = C**

**CLOSED DISCUSSION = CD OPEN = O**

**OPEN DISCUSSION = OD STEP = S TRADITION = T**

**NON-ALCOHOLICS ARE WELCOME AT "OPEN" MEETINGS.**

### NEW GROUPS

—Amityville 11701

**Three Legacies Group**, Dominican Village, 565 Albany Ave.; Tues. 7PM OD; WC accessible.

—Cedarhurst 11516

**Saturday Morning Literature Group**, 23 Grove St., Suite 200; Sat. 7:15AM C Men's.

—Hempstead 11550

**We Ask God Group**, Salvation Army, 65 Atlantic Ave.; Tues. 7:30PM BB.

—Point Lookout 11569

**Point Lookout Group**, Point Lookout Community Church, 60 Freeport Ave.; Thur. 7PM As Bill Sees It, Thur. 8:30PM 11<sup>th</sup> Step Meditation.

—Woodmere 11598

**Arcade Legends Group**, 936 Broadway; Tues. and Thurs. 6:30AM C Men's.

### CHANGES

—Baldwin 11510

**New Look on Life Group** (formerly **Baldwin New Outlook Group**), First Church Baldwin, 881 Merrick Rd.; no changes to meetings.

—Farmingdale 11735

**I Am Responsible Group**, Crossroads Church, 610 Carmans Rd.; 7:30 PM BB now 7:00PM.

—Hicksville

**Levittown Group**, Parkway Comm. Church, 95 Stewart Ave.; no Mon. 8:15PM meeting. First Mon. 7PM CD is B. Thurs. 7:30PM O.

—Massapequa 11758

**Into Action Group**, Grace Episcopal Church, 23 Cedar Shore Dr.; Sat. 3PM O BB. (Incorrectly listed as Fri. 3PM BB and OD.)

—Port Washington 11050

**Port Washington Group**, United Methodist Church, 1515 Middle Neck Rd.; Tues. 8:45PM OD now CD.

—Rockville Centre 11570

**The Men's Group**, 30 Hempstead Ave., Basement Office Building, Suite H6; Fri. 8PM CD now Open Ended Topic.

—Roslyn 11576

**Roslyn Group**, Roslyn Presbyterian Church, 140 E. Broadway (formerly Roslyn Community Center); Thurs. 8PM CD only.

—Seaford 11783

**Time Group**, St. James School, 80 Hicksville Rd.; 4PM Sun. S now 7PM. No other changes.

—Syosset 11791

**Berry Hill Discussion Group** (formerly at Saint Bede's Episcopal Church), moved to Shelter Rock Church, 178 Cold Spring Rd.; all Fri. meetings are now held on Thur., same times; no changes to Sun. or Tues. meetings.

### CLOSED GROUPS

—North Bellmore 11710

**Miracles Group**, 906 Newbridge Road.

### TEMPORARY CHANGES

—Cambria Heights 11411

**Give It A Try Group** (formerly at the Presbyterian Church, Elmont), meeting at Cambria Heights Community Church, 116-02 220<sup>th</sup> St. (Basement). No changes to meetings. A permanent location is being sought.

—Elmont 11003

**Give It A Try Group**, moved to Cambria Heights. See above.

—Roosevelt 11575

**Sunday Sunrise Group**, meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Roosevelt, 30 Union Pl./Whitehouse Ave.; 8:30AM CD. (Formerly meeting at the Reach Center.)

**Women Caring for Women Group**, meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Roosevelt, 30 Union Pl./Whitehouse Ave.; 1PM Women's Meeting. (Formerly meeting at the Reach Center.)

## Answer to Who Am I?

**Fr. Edward Dowling, SJ** (1898-1960) first met Bill W. in 1940 at the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Clubhouse in NYC. Bill, who suffered from depression, was at a low point then. Announced to Bill as "some bum from St. Louis," Fr. Dowling had been reading the newly published book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. In reading, he had found what he thought were parallels between AA's Twelve Steps and the Jesuit's *Exercises of St. Ignatius*, a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed to open a broader pathway to God and God's will in our daily lives. Bill found Fr. Dowling engaging, and would later characterize that evening as the night he took his 5<sup>th</sup> Step. From that initial encounter would evolve a 20 year relationship with the man Bill would call his "spiritual sponsor." Fr. Dowling would later be a speaker at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Convention in 1955, and would also join Bill in his experimentation with LSD as a tool for spiritual development. (See, *Pass It On*, pp. 241-243, 358, 371.)



## Announcements

### JOURNEY INTO THE 11<sup>TH</sup> STEP

### EXPERIENCING PRAYER & MEDITATION

Workshop sponsored by the 11<sup>th</sup> Step Meditation Group of Great Neck

April 17-19, 2015

Peace Village Learning Center  
Haines Falls, NY

518-589-5000

Decision Group of West Hempstead

Presents

### MOVIE NIGHT AND DISCUSSION MEETING

**BILL W.: A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE CO-FOUNDER OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
(103 minutes)

Join Us

WHERE: St. Andrew's Church, 54 Nassau Boulevard  
West Hempstead, Social Hall (behind church)  
North of Hempstead Turnpike

WHEN: Saturday, April 18 from 7-9:30PM

Movie, Snacks, Fellowship

## NASSAU COUNTY GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE

### UNITY BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 7, 2015

Uniondale Marriott  
Hotel

Tickets: \$28.00

office@aaseny.org

Inter-Group Association of AA  
of New York Presents

### The Big Meeting

Sunday, June 28, 2015, 1-3PM  
New York Hilton Hotel

bigmeetinginfo@nyintergroup.org  
212-647-1680



14<sup>th</sup> International Convention  
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