

Nassau Intergroup of AA, Inc.

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WORLD WIDE WED EDITION

OCTOBER 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



OCTOBER 2015

- 10/1— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 10/2-4— National AA Technology Workshop, St. Louis, Missouri (For info go to www.naatw.org or info@naatw.org.)
- 10/7— Institutions Committee, 8PM, Simpson United Methodist Church, 30 Locust Ave. (off Sunset Ave. from County Line Rd.), Amityville 11701
- 10/10— Intergroup/SENY Workshop, "What's the Difference? Intergroup and General Service Explained"; 10AM-4PM; Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1734 Williamsbridge Rd., Bronx 10461
- 10/14— Share-A-Day Committee, 7PM
- 10/19— Nassau General Services Committee (NGSC) meeting orientation, 6:30PM (Suggested for new DCMs/GSRs.)
NGSC Meeting, 7:30PM
- 10/21— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 10/22— **Newsletter deadline** for November
- 10/29— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

NOVEMBER 2015

- 11/4— Institutions Committee, 8PM (See 10/7 above for location.)
- 11/5— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 11/11— Share-A-Day Committee, 7PM
- 11/12— PI/CPC Committee, 7:30PM (Meets every other month.)
- 11/12— **Newsletter deadline** for December
- 11/14— **The Big Meeting**, co-hosted by Nassau General Service Committee and Nassau Intergroup, 11AM-4PM; Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island, 38 Old Country Rd., Garden City 11530
- 11/18— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 11/19— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

11/25-26— **Thanksgiving Alkathon**; hourly AA meetings beginning 5PM Thanksgiving Eve, 11/25. Last meeting ends 11PM Thanksgiving Day, 11/26.

From the Chair

Greetings. As the weather changes, our office hours may become unpredictable. Before you make a trip to Nassau Intergroup, call ahead (516-292-3045). Since your office volunteers travel from both north shore and south, if you think road conditions are questionable, call ahead. If you serve your home group as an Intergroup Rep, please sign in before our monthly business meeting with a phone number so we can contact you with closures, cancellations and the rescheduling of any Intergroup functions.

Opportunities for service during the day are still available. All that is required is six months of sobriety, and a desire to be helpful.

Remember the upcoming co-sponsored Intergroup/SENY workshop, "What's the Difference? Intergroup and General Service Explained." Location and time details are in the calendar (left). Nassau Intergroup will be there, and we hope you will be too.

Gratitude = Service

LaRaine A., Chair

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AA'S THREE LEGACIES FOR OCTOBER

Step 10— Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition 10— Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept 10— Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

From the Editor

We appreciate all the content provided by members the last few months, and encourage those of you who have something to share but have not as of yet taken the opportunity to do so to submit something to your Intergroup newsletter. Anything touching your experience of AA's Three Legacies, Recovery, Unity and Service, is sought. That leaves a lot of room for shared experience, strength and hope, and it can be in any form, an article or announcement, a cartoon, poem or puzzle, or any other form you like.

Members and groups have started to step up to the e-subscription option for the newsletter too. With it, you get early access to the newsletter (often even before the beginning of each month) with colour graphics (which we can't afford to do in the hard copy) and with working hyperlinks in some browsers (including Chrome, Internet Explorer, Opera and Safari). Consider an e-subscription. Go to the "Subscription" link under "Current Issue" on our website at www.nassauny-aa.org.

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AA HISTORY FOR OCTOBER

- October 20, 1928— Bill W. makes a pledge in the family Bible, "that I have finished with drink forever."
- October 1938— Bill W.'s recall of the first use of the name "Alcoholics Anonymous."
- October 14, 1939— *Journal of the American Medical Association* gives the "Big Book" a negative review.
- October 30, 1951— AA receives the Lasker Award from the American Public Health Association.
- October 1954— Alcoholic Foundation, Inc. renamed the General Service Board of AA, Inc.
- October 1958— *AA Comes of Age* is published.
- October 9-11, 1969— First World Service Meeting held in NYC.
- October 5, 1988— Lois W. dies, age 97, at Mt. Kisco, NY.

FAQs About AA History from AAWS *

Q.— I've heard it said that Bill always wished he could change the beginning of 'How It Works' to read "Never have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path" (rather than "Rarely have we seen . . ."). Is this true?

A.— No. A rumor has persisted for years that Bill wished he could have changed "rarely" to "never." But we know, through Bill's own words, that that is not the case. In a letter to Les V., dated May 25, 1961 Bill W. stated:

"Concerning your comment about the use of the word 'rarely' in Chapter Five of the Big Book. My recollection is that we did give a considerable thought at the time of writing. I think the main

reason for the use of 'rarely' was to avoid anything that would look like a claim for a 100 % result. Assuming of course that an alcoholic is willing enough and sane enough, there can be a perfect score on such character. But since willingness and sanity are such illusive and fluctuating values, we simply didn't like to be too positive. The medical profession could jump right down our throats . . . I do remember thinking about it a lot."

* From, www.aa.org > Archives & History > History and Resources > FAQs.

Who Am I?

I started out helping young AA with fund raising for the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. I also helped nascent AA come to the practice of declining outside contributions and the policy of having on hand only reasonable funds for immediate needs plus a prudent reserve, the core ideas in AA's Tradition Seven and Concept XII, Warranties One and Two. I was there when AA was coming of age and the fledgling General Service Conference was helping AA define its future path. I'm still around today as a key participant in AA's service structure.



(Answer on page 4.)

"It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe."

—From Step 10, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 85.

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Or phone 516-292-3045 business hours and leave a message.

AA Grapevine Highlights for October

October Issue— With a Special Section, "Letting Go of Resentments."

Books— *Grapevine Daily Quote Book (GV32)*. *The Language of the Heart* audiobook now available.

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.

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 for more info.



"An outstanding characteristic of every good operational structure is that it guarantees harmonious and effective function by relating its several parts and people in such a way that none can doubt what their respective responsibilities and corresponding authorities actually are. Unless these attributes are well defined . . . then personal clashes, confusion, and ineffectiveness will be inevitable."

—From Concept 10, *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, p. 43.

"As by some deep instinct, we AA's have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one."

—From Tradition 10, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 176.

Share-A-Day 2016

The Kick-Off Meeting for Share-A-Day 2016 was last month. Thank you to those who attended and took committee assignments. We are off to an amazing start, but we still need help. Consider attending our October 14 planning meeting at the Intergroup office just to check us out, and see how it all comes together. If you are inspired, we will find something for you to do.

We are still in the early stages of planning, and should have the actual date soon, some time in April of 2016. We have been fortunate to be able to hold the event at St. Joseph's Church in Hewlett. I'm proud to say that's my home group, Cedarhurst Hewlett. So come to our 56th group anniversary on October 30, and see where Share-A-Day happens.

Remember it all starts at the home group, so represent yours. We'll be looking out for you on October 14 at 7PM at the Intergroup Office. (The Share-A-Day planning committee will be meeting at Intergroup the second Wednesday of every month right up to the event.)

Thanks.

Marie M. S., Chair
SAD Committee 2016
516-292-3045 or shareaday@nassauny-aa.org



Intergroup's Open House

Late last month Nassau Intergroup held its first open house, an opportunity for individual members who have perhaps not been to the office or considered the work done there to visit, see the physical office, chat with other members engaged in service through Intergroup, and enjoy a hot dog or hamburger from the barbeque we set up for that day. While many members in Nassau know Intergroup from the ubiquitous meeting lists, perhaps this newsletter and the work of the Hotline, many are unaware of the other things we do or have never visited the office.



A good number of you availed yourselves of the chance, and we in service through Intergroup were grateful of the chance to tell you more about what goes on at and through your Intergroup office.

Together, the message of recovery from alcoholism which is AA may be heard loud and clear through Intergroup. Together we can.

Holiday Alkathons are Coming

Every year Intergroup offers a marathon series of meetings at the office over the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays with hourly AA meetings from 5PM the eve of each holiday and the last meeting ending 11PM the day of the holiday. For these occasions, groups are invited to step up to take three hours blocks of time to run both the meetings and the office phones. Group sign up will begin soon.

Since the holidays can be especially challenging to recovery, particularly at the beginning, the Alkathons offer a safe holiday haven for all. With light refreshment and good fellowship, newcomers and old timers alike enjoy the Alkathons.

Announcements

What's the Difference?

Intergroup & General Service Explained

A SENY and Intergroup Workshop

October 10, 10AM-4PM

Our Savior Lutheran Church

**1734 Williamsbridge Road
Bronx 10461**

**For Info Contact:
intergroup@aaseny.org**

Intergroup Office Closure

**The office will be closed
Sunday mornings and
Thursday afternoons for lack
of volunteers.**

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

—Bellmore 11710

We Change Together Group, Pride for Youth Center, 2050 Bellmore Ave., 2nd floor; Tues. 7PM OD; LGBTQ/Transgender friendly. No meeting Oct. 20.

—Freeport 11520

Thursdays As Bill Sees It Group, Freeport Community Church of the Nazarene, 301 Atlantic Ave.; Thur. 7PM C As Bill Sees It.

—Hicksville 11801

Fourth Dimension Group, Holy Family Church, 17 Fordham Ave.; Mon. 7PM B, 8:30PM CD, Tues. 7PM BB.

—Plainview 11803

Plainview Promises Group, Plainview Reformed Church, 560 Old Bethpage Rd.; Thur. CD 7:30PM.

—Rockville Centre 11570

Rockville Centre Men's Big Book Group, 30 Hempstead Ave., Suite H6; Wed. 7:30PM BB.

CHANGES

—Bellmore 11710

No Frills Group, Bellmore Presbyterian Church, 2740 Martin Ave. (new location); no meeting changes.

—Cold Spring Harbor 11724

Discussion Group, St. John's Episcopal Church, 1670 Route 25A; Wed. 7PM C (Grapevine) added.

—Franklin Square 11010

Road to Recovery Group, Ascension Lutheran Church, 145 Franklin Ave.; Wed. 7:15PM CD ("Promises," 3rd Wed., Tradition, 4th Wed.) added.

—Garden City 11530

Garden City Group, 245 Stewart Ave.; Tues. 7:30PM, C (Men's) and C (Topic) only; Tues. S and C (Women's topic) dropped.

—Glen Cove 11542

Closed Discussion Group, North Shore University Hospital Glen Cove, 101 St Andrew's La.; Wed. 8PM B now BB.

—Jones Beach

Sunrise Meeting, Jones Beach, West End 2; reminder, \$10 NYS parking fee after 6AM; no changes to meeting.

—Melville 11747

Sweet Air Group, Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church, 95 Old Country Rd.; Thurs. 7:45 Meditation added.

—Rosedale 11422

Sunrise Beginners, Throop Memorial Presbyterian Church, 140-17 243rd St.; Thurs. 7:15PM O/S/T Meditation added; Sat. 9AM B now 9:30AM S.

—Westbury (formerly New Cassel) 11590

We Care Too Group, United Methodist Church, 265 Asbury Ave.; Sat. 1PM B. (Group restarted.)

TEMPORARY CHANGES

—Rockville Centre 11570

Rockville Centre AM Group, meeting at St. Agnes Rectory, 29 Quealy Pl. (2nd floor Knights of Columbus room through rear); no parking on church property; through Oct. 23 only; no changes to meetings, Mon.-Fri. 6:15AM.

—Roosevelt 11575

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

CLOSED GROUPS

—Syosset 11791

Friday Night Group, St. Edward's Church, 205 Jackson Ave.



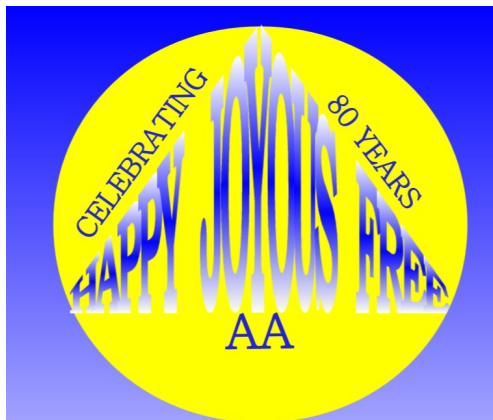
—Williston Park 11596

Friends of Bill and Bob Group, St. John's Lutheran Church, 47 Winthrop St.

Answer to Who Am I?

Alcoholic Foundation, Inc. Supported by early non-alcoholic friends of AA Willard Richardson, Frank Amos and LeRoy Chapman (all associates of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.), and with the help of attorney John Wood, a plan was developed in 1938 for a tax-free charitable foundation to provide young AA with some formal structure. This trust was named the Alcoholic Foundation, and first met on August 11, 1938. The original trustees were non-alcoholics Richardson, Amos and Wood, and AA members Bill R. (a member from New York) and Dr. Bob. The terms of the trust included the provision that an alcoholic trustee would resign if he/she became drunk. Bill W. served on an eight member advisory committee. The Foundation gave AA a formal center which served early on as a fund-raising unit for the "Big Book" project. In October 1954, the Foundation was renamed the General Service Board of AA, Inc. Today, AA's Board serves to give form to the directives of the AA General Service Conference and to manage the real time business of AA in its world affairs. (See, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, pp. 14, 16, 113-114, 151-153, 210, and 218; and, *Pass It On*, pp. 188-189. Also, *The AA Service Manual*, pp. S62-S76, has extensive information on the General Service Board as does the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, particularly in the essays on Concepts VI, VII and VIII.)

Announcements (Continued)



Suffolk County Intergroup Association

Share-a-thon

Celebrating 80 Years of AA

Sunday, October 11 2015 9am - 4pm

St Joseph's College Patchogue NY



- Lunch available for purchase (less than \$10)
- No smoking will be strictly enforced at the request of the College
- Volunteers needed. Please call the SIA Office at 631-654-1150 and leave your name and contact information (phone, email) or email share@suffolkny-aa.org

A.L.I.S.O.N. Workshop

Fall Forward - Facing the Past Living in the Present

(An Alanon Workshop with AA Participation)

Saturday, October 17, 9AM-4:30PM

Speakers • Music • Food • Fellowship

Topics:

Reaching for Personal Freedom
Surrender

Keeping an Open Mind
Enlarging Our Spiritual Warehouse

Garden City Community Church
245 Stewart Ave., Garden City 11530

Suggested Donation \$7

For info:

vicechairperson@alanon-nassau-ny.org

Glen Head Group Annual Old Timers Panel Tuesday, October 20

Food 6:45PM

Speakers 7:30PM

Glen Head Youth Center
200 Glen Head Rd., Glen Head 11545

CEDARHURST HEWLETT 56TH GROUP ANNIVERSARY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CAFETERIA
1346 BROADWAY
HEWLETT NY 11557

SPEAKER 8PM
FOOD • MUSIC • RAFFLES

Elmont-Belmont Give It A Try 39th Anniversary

Saturday, October 31, 7PM
Cambria Heights Community Church
116-02 220th St., Cambria Heights 11411
Food • Fun • Gifts • Dancing • More

**General Service Office
(GSO) 475 Riverside Drive, NYC**
Owing to construction, GSO will be closed to visitors and tours through November 30. Routine business will continue.

