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FEBRUARY 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



FEBRUARY 2016

- 2/3— Institutions Committee, 8PM, Simpson United Methodist Church, 30 Locust Ave. (off Sunset Ave. from County Line Rd.), Amityville 11701
- 2/4— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM. (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 2/10— Share-A-Day Committee, 7PM
- 2/15— Nassau General Service Committee (NGSC) Meeting Orientation, 6:30PM (Suggested for new DCMs/GSRs.)
NGSC Meeting, 7:30PM. (Continues meeting at Intergroup.)
- 2/17— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 2/18— **Newsletter deadline** for March
- 2/20— **Group Inventory Workshop**, 10AM-1PM, co-hosted with NGSC. (Article and announcement, p. 5)
- 2/25— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM. (By invitation.)
- 2/19-21— EACYPAA XIV, Grand Hyatt New York; for more info, go to www.eacypaanyc.org. (See announcement, p. 5.)
- 2/26-28— 25th Annual NERAASA, hosted by Area 31, Springfield, Massachusetts; www.neraasa2016.org for more info.

MARCH 2016

- 3/2— Institutions Committee, 8PM. (See, 2/3 above for location.)
- 3/3— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM. (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 3/9— Share-A-Day Committee, 7PM
- 3/10— PI/CPC Committee, 7:30PM (Meets every other month.)
- 3/16— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 3/18-20— SENY Convention, "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts," Westchester Marriott Hotel, Tarrytown. Go to www.aaseny.org for more info. (Article p. 3.)
- 3/21— Nassau General Service Committee (NGSC) Roundtable Workshop, 7PM; Concepts III and IV.
- 3/24— **Newsletter deadline** for April

3/31— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM. (By invitation.)

APRIL 2016

4/9— **Share-A-Day XXXIX**, St. Joseph's RC Church School, 1346 Broadway, Hewlett 11557 (See article p. 5.)

From the Chair: Service Gratitude in Action

If you're feeling grateful, your intergroup needs you. You can answer phones at the office, join a committee such as Share-A-Day, Public Information, Institutions (H&I) or Website, or chair a committee like Special Needs or Archives.

A thank you to Nick B. from the Gratitude Group of Malverne. Nick has served the fellowship as your 2nd Vice Chair, but has needed to step down. We wish him well.

Welcome to Trish L. of the Solution Group in Williston Park who is stepping up as Recording Secretary. And welcome also Steve S. from the Albertson/Searingtown Afternoon Discussion Group, our new Night Book Chair.

LaRaine A., Chair
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AA'S THREE LEGACIES FOR FEBRUARY

Step 2— Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition 2— For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Concept 2— The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

AA HISTORY FOR FEBRUARY

February 1938— Frank Amos is dispatched to Akron to review the AA there. Following Amos’ favorable report, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. gives \$5000 to AA.

February 1940— First World Service Office opened, 30 Vessey Street, NYC.

February 1940— First AA clubhouse opens at 334½ W. 24th Street, NYC. The clubhouse is a temporary residence for Bill and Lois W.

February 8, 1940— Rockefeller hosts a dinner for AA providing much favorable publicity but little funding.

February 20, 1947— Charles Towns dies, NYC.

February 1954— Bill W. declines an honorary degree from Yale in the spirit of anonymity.

February 1981— First issue of [Markings](#), AA Archives’ newsletter, is published.

“True humility and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every AA meeting is an assurance that God will restore us to sanity if we rightly relate ourselves to Him.”

—From Step 2, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 33.

From the Editor

As our newsletter continues to evolve we’re looking for feedback, particularly from those of you who have subscribed to the e-edition. Let us know what you think.

In Service,
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FAQs About AA History from AAWS *

Q.— Was Bill nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize?

A.— Bill was never nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1960 an individual from the New York area wrote to Bill concerning the possibility of a Nobel Prize. Bill responded that he would be delighted if overtures were made, but the award would have to cite Alcoholics Anonymous and not himself. Bill made it clear that the prize money could not be accepted because AA does not accept funds from any person or entity outside Alcoholics Anonymous. In

“Trial and error produces group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.”

—From, “Tradition Two,” *AA Grapevine*, January 1948, in *Language of the Heart*, p. 78.

addition, of course, there was the issue of Bill maintaining his anonymity, which would not have been possible with such a public award.

A proposal to nominate Alcoholics Anonymous for the Nobel Prize was presented in early 1986. After careful consideration and deliberation, the General Service Board of AA stated that the monetary prize without question would be declined. Beyond that, it was felt that, and in keeping with our Tenth Tradition, which enjoins us to venture no opinions on outside issues, no further comments were necessary.

While Bill was still alive, he declined several honors, among them an offer by Yale University of the degree of Doctor of Laws. In 1976, after his death, Norwich University wanted to award Bill a posthumous degree of Doctor of the Humanities. The degree, however, was declined by his late wife, Lois.

* Edited from, www.aa.org > [Archives & History](#) > [History and Resources](#) > [FAQs](#).

Who Am I?

When he first sought my association, Bill W. was struck with the possibilities for gaining funding for AA “missionary” work including AA-branded hospitals, rehabs and more. My judgment to support the fledgling AA with goodwill but limited material resources helped assure the early survival and growth of AA, but also helped put it on the road to self-support. Some of my associates would later also help with the establishment of AA’s Alcoholic Foundation.



(Answer, p. 6.)

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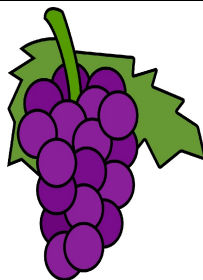
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Or phone 516-292-3045 business hours and leave a message.

“The principle of amply delegated authority and responsibility to ‘trusted servants’ must be implicit from the top to bottom of our active structure of service. This is the clear implication of AA’s Tradition Two.”

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

AA Grapevine Highlights for February



February Issue— With a Special Section, “No Matter What: AA members share how they stay sober through difficult times.”

Books— New, *Forming True Partnerships* (GV34). Also, *The Language of the Heart* audiobook now available.

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.

Consider a *Grapevine* or *La Viña* subscription or one of the many other AA Grapevine publications as a gift for that special AA friend.

For more info or to get an AA Grapevine [catalogue](#), go online to www.aagrapevine.org.

48th SENY Convention

The [48th SENY Convention](#) will be held the weekend of March 18-20 at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown. Our theme is, “Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts.”

The convention has always been an event that is near and dear to my heart. It truly is an amazing weekend filled with fellowship, recovery and service. Each time I attend, I come back to my home group with a renewed enthusiasm for recovery and our fellowship.

I’ve always enjoyed getting to meet members from all over our area, and really getting to see AA from a bird’s eye view. If you have never attended, I implore you to give it a shot. You most certainly will enjoy it! Whether you come with a group of people, your family, a few sponsees or even just come up for the day on Saturday, you will get to attend workshops on recovery and service topics, Alkathon meetings (recovery meetings that run around the clock), Saturday night entertainment, sobriety countdown, Oldtimer’s meeting, a big main speaker meeting and much more.

As of right now, there are plenty of room nights available. The Marriott is a wonderful hotel if you have never stayed, and if you have, you know. Personally, I like to stay for the weekend with a few people to help defray the cost, but either way we have a great room rate for a hotel of that caliber. I just ask that if you do book a room, please keep in mind that if you cancel your stay, it hurts SENY for two reasons:

–Other AA members may not be able to get a room for the Convention at the reduced convention rate.

–Our contract with the hotel includes a commitment for a certain number of room nights booked. If cancellations knock us down below this number, we incur additional costs.

Please be responsible with your hotel reservations, and keep the SENY Convention self-supporting.

You may [register](#) for the Convention, Banquet, and make room reservations by going to www.aaseny.org, or use the flyers in *THE LINK* (the Area newsletter).

The Convention Committee has been working to make this a wonderful weekend. It has been such an honor to work with them.

Hope to see you the 18th-20th of March. Let’s have fun and fellowship!

Yours in love and service,
Jarrett D., 2016 Convention Chair
718-665-1253 or convention@aaeny.org



Night Book

When the Nassau Intergroup office closes at 5PM each day, the Night Book allows us to continue to connect the still sick and suffering alcoholic with a member of Alcoholics Anonymous 24/7. This is a fairly unique capacity not offered by many Intergroup/Central Offices throughout the fellowship.

Intergroup would like to thank the following groups for covering the Night Book in January:

- Baldwin Group
- New Hyde Park Group
- Solution Group, Williston Park
- Triangle Group

Thank you for your service.

If your group is interested in helping out with the Night Book for one week or even just part of one week any time in the future, or if you would like to know more about how the Night Book works, please contact the Night Book and leave a message.

Night Book
516-292-3045 or
nightbook@nassauny-aa.org



Newsletter Editorial Policy

Guided by AA principles, Nassau Intergroup (NI) will publish in its newsletter anything that is AA-related and in good taste (not inappropriately vulgar, or gratuitously provocative or offensive) on a first come, space permitting basis, but giving some priority to NI-based information. This means anything touching a member’s or group’s experience of AA’s Three Legacies: Recovery (Steps), Unity (Traditions) and Service (Concepts) may be published. The newsletter also tries to be supportive of all AA service committees and groups, AAWS, SENY, NGSC, YPAA, other intergroups and so on.

NI publishes a print and two online editions of its newsletter each month. The online editions are edited to remove any personally identifiable information such as personal email addresses or phone numbers permitted in the print edition. Where no such information is in the print edition, the print and online editions will vary in content only to the extent that the online editions have full colour graphics and the online “pdf” edition (there are both “swf” and “pdf” versions online) has working hyperlinks which of course the print edition cannot. The online editions may be found at www.nassauny-aa.org. Follow the links to either “[Newsletters](#)” or “Newsletters,

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[Current Issue](#)” off the home page. Back issues of the newsletter are also available online under “Newsletters, [Older Issues](#).” Some smart devices may not display the “swf” file editions. If so, go to the “pdf.”

A submission may be just about anything including articles, remembrances, announcements, poetry or drawings and cartoons, so long as they are your own. (Photos generally do not reproduce well.) As a practical matter, while we will carry group anniversary announcements, we do not carry individual member anniversary announcements, not even for venerable oldtimers. There would just be too many.

Submissions may be made in the form of hard copy delivered or mailed to the NI office (Att.: Newsletter), or electronically via email (news@nassauny-aa.org).

The deadline for getting something into a given monthly edition is usually the second to the last Thursday of the prior month (e.g., March 24, 2016 for the April 2016 edition of the newsletter). As this may vary slightly some months owing to holidays, the deadline is published each month in the calendar of events in the newsletter.

Be mindful if submitting something that is time sensitive that the print edition becomes available each month at the Reps meeting (usually the first Thursday each month), and the electronic editions are available online shortly before that meeting. So if you have something you want people to know about which is happening early in the month, it should probably be included in the prior month’s newsletter to be timely.

If you’ve submitted something not time sensitive, I may not have room to immediately run it, but may run it later in the year. Also, if you’d like to submit something but feel a bit insecure about your writing, as editor, I will also help anyone who might like to submit something punch up or polish their submission.

A free newsletter e-subscription is available. Go to the bottom of the “Newsletter, Current Issue” page on the website to [sign up](#).

Opting out is just as easy should you later change your mind.

A word about some of the graphics used in the newsletter you may not recognize. Apart from the common images used in

association with the regular columns (Calendar of Events, Who Am I?, From the Editor, Grapevine, Meeting List Changes and so on), the ubiquitous coffee cups and telephones, the seasonal accents, and those otherwise illustrating an article or informational piece, the remaining graphics are drawn from a variety of spiritual and religious traditions and practices. All graphic elements are believed to be in the public domain or are used with permission.

Questions? Comments? Let me know. In Service,
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A Personal Reflection

I was walking on Robert Moses beach the other day, feeling the chill a bit more than I usually do. Something was a little off the beam, but I couldn't quite get in touch with it. Daydreaming through the crash of the surf, the spray took me back to my childhood. I recalled being eight years old, and desperately wishing I were nine because nine was grown up. Then, when I was nine, I wished just as desperately that I were ten because ten was really grown up. Through the program, I see today that I had not yet learned to live in the NOW.

Coming back from the ocean's sparkle, it seemed to me that I still haven't learned the lesson 100%. Although the winter has been a kind one, it still feels as if it's been going on forever. I longed for the warmth of summer because I couldn't have it. At the same time, I wasted the uncluttered beach because I didn't value what I had. It's a question of perspective I suppose. My alcoholism taught me envy; my sobriety teaches me acceptance.

As I continued walking I noticed how much warmer it is just being back on the AA beam. Not only that, I also remembered to be thankful that there wasn't a single radio blasting away.

This item first appeared in the March 1983 issue of this newsletter, and was contributed by Jerry G., then of the Easy Does It Group, East Rockaway.



Winter Weather Alert



Winter is upon us, and with that comes the increasing possibility that the NI office and some meetings may be closed with little or no notice.

When possible, we will put a note on our website if we close the office, but to avoid frustration and a wasted trip, please call ahead on the Business line (516-292-3045) before coming in. (If no answer, the office is closed.) This is a good practice at any time (since we don't always know when office volunteers aren't able to get in), but particularly if the weather is bad.

The hotline (516-292-3040) is always covered, and should have current information on office and meeting closings as available.

A Satisfied Soul

Some people says it comes when our spirit comforts our soul to a state of enlightenment

Eternally present when this happens is a love that deepens our personal understanding

Receiving this gift of love empowering all people in deed securing happiness over the internal and external forces

Energy that establish an inner state of joy and confidence that can never be taken away destroyed or defeated

Now with grace and gratitude our spirits shows our moral character

It shows as we understand Him making us more in tune with the wellness of self a balance of what works and what needs improvement

Tranquility and peace comes one day at a time trusting God as we understand Him

Your acceptance will be a satisfied soul A-K-A God grant us the bold faced letters.

You know the rest,
Smile :)

Love & Thanks
Marcel C., Hempstead Group

Share-A-Day XXXIX

Share-A-Day 2016 is officially April 9th, at St. Joseph's RC Church School, 1346 Broadway, Hewlett, home of the Cedarhurst-Hewlett Group.

We AA's are busy people with lots of events from which to choose. The area assembly unfortunately is the same day and I would encourage GSRs and others with commitments with General Service of course to go to that. If however you are just starting out in the fellowship or have no other plans, please join us.



Our theme this year is, "We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace." We will have a few workshops dedicated to the Promises. We always have a great lunch, and coffee and snacks all day long. Our Oldtimers panel is always a highlight of the day. Our keynote speaker this year is a past treasurer and officer of Intergroup, returning by way of Boston.

Next planning meetings are February 10 and March 9, 7pm at NI. All Reps are invited.

Our committee this year is very special, and we have worked very well together. Many hands make light work, so thank you.

Humbly Grateful,
Marie M. S., SAD 2016 Chair
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shareaday@nassaunya-aa.org

ICKY ICKY ICKY PAA PAA PAA !

Growing up in the 60's, I remember long hair, love beads, and bell bottom jeans. It was a time of change, a time of uncertainty, a time for questioning authority. We had funky slogans to inspire us. Like, "War is not healthy for Children and Other Living Things;" "Keep on Truckin';" and, who could ever forget, "Never Trust Anyone Over 30!"

Upon my entry into the Fellowship, I was 29 years, 11 months, 2 weeks and 1 day old (too old to rock and roll and too young to die). At the end of my long, strange trip my primary thought was: "If I had known that I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself!" As I sat and listened, it occurred to me that although I had aged - I hadn't really grown up. Looking back on my life, I began to realize just how precious the gift of youth is; and, I was filled with a deep sense of regret for being wasted on the way.

Eventually though, I began to spend quality time with young people in AA, specifically ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous). At first, they assured me that "Young People in AA" is for those of us who have room to grow. Later on, I came to believe that "Young People in AA" is for the young and the young at heart. Today, the slogans I hear are more like: "Easy Does It," "First Things First," and "Live and Let Live." Perhaps times have not changed that much after all — maybe I've changed. As I spend more and more time with young people, I can honestly say: "I have seen the future of AA and the future is in good hands!"

Lots and lots,
Francis G., Eastern Massachusetts

Francis G. served on the Nassau Intergroup Steering Committee, 1993-1998, and was a member of the Sobriety with Hope Group, Merrick, before moving to Massachusetts. He will be the keynote speaker at this year's Nassau Share-A-Day.

Group Inventory Workshop

"A business which takes no regular inventory usually goes broke." (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 64.)

On Saturday, February 20, at 10AM, Nassau Intergroup will offer a workshop on the Group Inventory at the Intergroup office, 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead.

Discussed in the pamphlet, [The AA Group: Where It All Begins](#) (P-16), pp. 29-30, the group inventory may be to group well-being what the Fourth and Tenth Steps are to individual recovery.

Sometimes run as a supported listening session by an outside facilitator, group members are encouraged in turn to share their experience of the group, observing strengths and weaknesses, and offering suggestions on how to improve the group experience. Notes may be taken by the facilitator which the group is encouraged to return to for later consideration and possible changes to how the group responds to the many challenges groups typically face. (Usually, groups find they have many strengths along with a few not unresolvable issues.)

Members from both Nassau Intergroup and Nassau General Service are available on request to facilitate group inventories.

Come to the February 20 workshop to learn more.



Announcements

Baldwin New Outlook on Life Group Anniversary

Saturday, February 13
6-11PM

First Church Baldwin UMC
881 Merrick Road
Baldwin 11510

Speaker, Leo H.

Music • Food • 50/50

EACYPAA XIV AND ESCYPAA III
Presents: In All Our Affairs
VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE PARTY MEETING!
DATE: FEBRUARY 13TH, 2016
LOCATION: MT. CARMEL 275 N 8TH ST
BROOKLYN, NY, 11211: SHORT WALK FROM G OR L TRAIN
6:30 PM: THREE SPEAKER MEETING ON RELATIONSHIPS
8:00 PM - 1:00 AM: DANCE PARTY!
ADMISSION: \$10.00 (SUGGESTED DONATION)

EACYPAA XIV

Eastern Area Convention of Young People in AA
"From Darkness Into Light"
February 19-21

Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York
Panels • Meetings • Speakers
Meditation • Yoga • Food • Fun • More
Go to, www.eacypaanyc.org
to sign up or for more info.

Group Inventory Workshop

Saturday, February 20, 10AM
at
Nassau Intergroup
361 Hempstead Turnpike
West Hempstead 11552
Co-hosted by Nassau Intergroup & Nassau General Service

Nassau General Service Committee will continue to meet at Nassau Intergroup until further notice.

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.

(Changes received as of 1/21/2016.)

BEGINNERS = B BIG BOOK = BB CLOSED = C

CLOSED DISCUSSION = CD OPEN = O

OPEN DISCUSSION = OD STEP = S TRADITION = T

WC = WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE YP = YOUNG PEOPLE

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.

—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.

—Malverne 11565

Big Book Fever Group, Church of the Intercessor, 50 St. Thomas Pl.; Sun. 8PM BB, beginning February 21.

Spiritually Fit Group, Bridge Church, 1 Norwood Ave. (rear entrance); Wed. 7:30PM BB.

—Plainview 11803

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

—Rockville Centre 11570

Joy of Living Group, St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Pl. (Dominic Room, basement rear); Sat. 9AM BB; beginning January 2.

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

—Wantagh 11793

Peace Within 11th Step Meditation Group, 3050 Merrick Rd.; Sun. 7:30PM O.

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

A New Life Group, St. Catherine of Sienna Center, 990 Holzheim St.; Wed. 10AM CD (O anniversary last Wed.), Fri. 10AM BB (last Fri. S); drop Mon. BB.

Gift of Serenity Group, Wesley United Methodist Church, 619 Fenworth Blvd.; Sun. 6:30PM B (formerly 6:15P), 8PM O (added), Thurs. 7:30PM CD (formerly O); no changes Tues. or Sat.

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

—Garden City 11530

Freedom Seekers Group (formerly, Open Hearts Group), Ethical Humanist Society of LI, 38 Old Country Road; Tues. 8PM BB (added), Thurs. 8PM B.

Garden City Group, Garden City Community Church, 245 Stewart Ave.; Sun. 7:30PM C (YP) and OBB, Tues. 7:30PM, C, and C (Topic), Fri. 7:30PM B (last Fri. anniversary); all others 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.

—Kings Point 11024

Great Neck-Kings Point Group (formerly the Kings Point Group); Merchant Marine Academy, Steam Boat Rd.; Thurs. 8PM C.

—Levittown 11756

Instrument Group, India Christian Assembly (new name), 100 Periwinkle Rd. (entrance at west end of building); Tues. 7PM B (anniversary last Tues.), and Fri. 7PM OD unchanged. WC.

—Locust Valley 11560

Choices Group, Reformed Church of Locust Valley, 115 Ryefield Rd. (entrance at rear); add Tues. 5PM C (Promises).

—Long Beach 11561

New Beginnings Group, Long Beach Ice Arena, 150 West Bay Dr.; WC accessible; no change to meetings.

—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.

—Seaford 11783

Seaford at Wantagh Group, St. Gregory Orthodox Church, 1100 Hicksville Rd. (Rt. 107); Sun. 7:30PM, S is now OS.

Time Group, St. James RC Church School, 80 Hicksville Rd. (Basement); Mon. 6:45PM B, 8PM C (anniversary last Mon.); drop Sun. S.

—Syosset 11791

Berry Hill Discussion Group, Shelter Rock Church, 178 Cold Spring Rd.; Sun. 8AM CD and CD; Tues. 6:30AM S, 12PM B and CD, Fri. 6:30AM BB, 12PM CD (Men’s) and CD (Women’s).

—Valley Stream

Life Line Group, Franklin Hospital Center (Shankman Auditorium), 900 Franklin Ave.; Sat. 8:30AM OD only (S last Sat.).

—Westbury 11590

Advent Group, Church of the Advent, Winthrop Hall, Advent St.; address correction only, no changes to meetings.

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

TEMPORARY CHANGES

—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.)

CLOSED GROUPS

—Hicksville 11801

Ever Vigilant Group, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 130 Jerusalem Ave.

—Roosevelt 11575

Women Caring for Women Group, First United Methodist Church of Roosevelt, 30 Union Pl.

—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?

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1874-1960)— One of the richest men in American in his day, Rockefeller was the heir to the Rockefeller family fortune (Standard Oil), a prominent philanthropist and a supporter of prohibition. In 1937, Bill W. attempted to reach out for support to the Rockefeller Foundation through a connection to Willard Richardson who was associated with the Rockefeller philanthropies. Richardson met Bill, and, favorably impressed, set up a further meeting with several Rockefeller insiders. As a result of that meeting, one of those insiders, Frank Amos, traveled to Akron in February 1938 to look over the work of AA there. Enthusiastic for what he experienced in Akron, he recommended to Rockefeller support for AA including funding a small hospital to be run by Dr. Bob. Several of the Rockefeller associates and Rockefeller himself, recognizing the spiritual nature of what

they saw in AA, expressed concern however that, “too much money could spoil the work.” What followed was Rockefeller’s gift of \$5,000 to young AA (money which went largely to support Bill and Bob) and the beginning of the idea that AA should be self-supporting. While at the time disappointed, Bill W. later would write, “John D. Rockefeller, Jr. was guided . . . to save the AA fellowship from itself and from unnecessary hazards of money, property, and professionalism. It was one of the turning points in AA’s history.” Rockefeller and his associates would go on to support AA in both practical and material ways including a dinner in February 1940 which resulted in some additional financial support (Rockefeller himself bought 400 copies of the “Big Book” and donated an additional \$1,000), very favorable press for AA and some strong associations. Rockefeller’s people also provided both legal and technical support for the establishment of the Alcoholic Foundation, the predecessor of the AA General Service Board. (See, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, pp. 14-15, 111, 147-152 and 182-186; *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, pp. 128-135; and, *Pass It On*, pp. 181, 183-188, 202, 203, 217, 232-235, 241, 245, 248 and 256.)

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