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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Share-A-Day XXXIX

"We Will Comprehend the Word Serenity and We Will Know Peace"

Saturday, April 9, 8:30AM-4:30PM

St. Joseph's RC Church School

1346 Broadway, Hewlett 11557

Free and open to all offering:

- Light Breakfast • Workshops • Old Timers Panel • Lunch
- Keynote Speaker • Traditions Play • Archives • YPAA • AI-Anon
- Nassau General Service • Intergroup Service Committees • More

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- 4/5— NGSC Corrections Committee, 7PM
- 4/6— Institutions Committee, 8PM, Simpson United Methodist Church, 30 Locust Ave. (off Sunset Ave. from County Line Rd.), Amityville 11701
- 4/7— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 4/9— **Share-A-Day XXXIX** (See above.)
- 4/13— Share-A-Day Committee, 7PM; wrap up
- 4/17-23— 66th AA General Service Conference, New York (Delegates only.)
- 4/18— Nassau General Service Committee (NGSC) Meeting Orientation, 6:30PM (Suggested for new DCMs/GSRs.)
NGSC Meeting, 7:30PM
- 4/20— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 4/21— **Newsletter deadline** for May
- 4/28— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

MAY 2016

- 5/4— Institutions Committee, 8PM (See 4/6 above for location.)
- 5/5— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)



- Reps Meeting**, 7:30PM
- 5/11— Share-A-Day Committee, 7PM; wrap up
- 5/12— PI/CPC Committee, 7:30PM
- 5/14— NGSC Grapevine/LaViña Workshop, 10AM-12:30PM, 260 Chestnut St., West Hempstead 11552 (See details on page 5.)
- 5/16— Nassau General Service Committee (NGSC) Roundtable Workshop, 7PM; Concepts V and VI.
- 5/18— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 5/19— **Newsletter deadline** for June
- 5/26— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

From the Chair

Greetings—

I'd like to welcome our new Public Information chair, Steven S., and also John W. for Archives chair, both of the Albertson/Searingtown Group.

A great big "thank you" to Karen C. who previously served as Intergroup's Recording Secretary and also served on the Share-A-Day committee for her assistance in finalizing Intergroup's contact for our Exchange Meeting helping get the contract notarized and submitted.

Intergroup has new insurance coverage, and we'll have a yearly savings of nearly two thousand dollars. In the interest of openness, the policy will be available by the end of April to any member who would like to review it. Please feel free to contact me via email or call the office and leave your name and number. *(Continued, Page 3.)*

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 A.A. 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.

“Without a searching and fearless moral inventory, most of us have found that the faith which really works in daily living is still out of reach.”

—From “Step Four,” *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 43.

Who Am I?

AA co-founder Bill W. thought I might help provide some degree of leadership and necessary structure to the still young AA fellowship, a need which became increasingly poignant with the progressive illness and eventual death of Dr. Bob by late 1950. I got my formal start with AA in NYC in 1951, and AA “comes of age” when I later become a permanent member of the Fellowship.



(Answer, p. 6.)

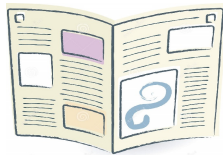
From the Editor

Keep those contributions to the newsletter coming in, by mail or by hand to the office (Att.: Newsletter), or by email to news@nassauny-aa.org.

While we get a lot out of hearing about AA activities in the county and beyond from our trusted servants, we really love hearing from regular members as you share your experience, strength and hope on AA recovery, unity and service.

Thanks to all for your participation with the newsletter.

In Service,
Bill C., Editor, NI Newsletter
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FAQs About AA History from AAWWS *

Q.— What is the origin of introducing oneself with the statement “I am an alcoholic” at AA meetings?

A.— As with the origins of other customs in AA, this is something of a mystery. However, we came across a *Box 4-5-9* article on the subject in the April-May 1987 issue:

“Who was the first to start a meeting or a qualification with the statement, ‘I am an alcoholic’? How did the worldwide custom begin? As late co-founder Bill W. used to observe, ‘Nobody invented AA, it just grew.’ And so probably did its classic introduction at meetings.

According to an early friend of AA, the late Henrietta Seiberling, the expression dates back to meetings of AA’s forerunner, the Oxford Group Movement.

At small meetings, the members knew one another and didn’t need to identify themselves. But in the large, public meetings, where there was ‘witnessing’ along the lines of an AA talk today, personal identification became necessary. Chances are that someone at some time said, ‘I am an alcoholic,’ but Mrs. Seiberling wasn’t sure. Nor did she remember that the phrase was used at early AA meetings in Akron before publication of the Big Book.”

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

AA HISTORY FOR APRIL

April 1935— Henrietta Seiberling organizes an Oxford Group meeting to aide Dr. Bob.

April 1935— Bill W. returns to Wall Street with Baer & Co., a position which will lead him to Akron, Ohio the following month.

April 10, 1939— First edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* is published.

April 11, 1939— Marty M., one of the first women to stay sober through AA attends her first meeting at Bill and Lois’ Clinton Street home.

April 29, 1939— Morgan R. appears on Gabriel Heatter’s radio program to tell his story and to boost AA.

April 16, 1940— Rollie H., a prominent baseball player, has his anonymity broken in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

April 11, 1941— Bill and Lois W. move to Stepping Stones.

April 1946— Bill W. publishes “Twelve Suggested Points for AA Tradition” in the *AA Grapevine*.

April 8, 1947— Bill W. begins to advocate for the establishment of a General Service Conference.

April 1951— The General Service Conference holds its first meeting on an experimental basis at the Commodore Hotel, NYC.

April 1951— Lois W. begins discussions which will lead to the founding of Al-Anon Family Groups.

“Those severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from AA Tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An AA group need not be coerced by any government over and above its own members.

Such extreme liberty . . . applies only to the group’s own affairs.”

—From “Tradition Four,” *The Language of the Heart*, p. 81.

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

Night Book

March was an outstanding month for all of the "Phone Rangers" who helped to keep our AA Hotline going for 24 hours a day! The Night Book shifts go from 5:00pm all through the night until 9:00am the next morning, and I'm happy to say that we haven't missed a beat.

In speaking with our volunteers, I've learned that many of them have very interesting and satisfying encounters with the callers: Regular AA'ers, people just curious about our Fellowship, and cries for help from folks with a seemingly hopeless alcohol situation. Our Night Book is the embodiment of AA's Fifth Tradition: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

I'd like to thank the following groups for outstanding service to our Fellowship last month: New Beginnings Group of Long Beach, Oyster Bay Group, Seaford Gratitude and Sober Living of Baldwin.

If you have an interesting call you'd like to share with me and see it written up, feel free to contact me (below).

Yours In Service,
Steve S., Night Book Chair
516-292-3045 or Nightbook@nassauny-aa.org

12th Step Contact List

To all Group Representatives:

I was introducing myself to members at the recent Exchange Meeting, and sharing with you the importance of your group updating your present 12th Step Contact List. Many of the members I spoke with had *never* filled out a 12th Step Contact List form, and, as a result, their groups are presently not participating in this vital area of service.

Please pass around a blank 12th Step Contact List form (available at the Intergroup office or online) at your next home group business meeting, and return it to my attention at the Intergroup Office or to the email address below.

Marty K., AAIOU
12th Step Contact List Chair
516-292-3045 or 12thstep@nassauny-aa.org

Old Timers— We Stand On Their Shoulders

In Nassau, part of Area 49, SENY, Old Timers are recognized at 25 years of sobriety. At our recent area convention, the Old Timers panel was moderated by our own Bill C. The panel of 10 members consisted of mostly women!

I remember attending the convention early in sobriety with my sponsor and her sponsor, Teddi. Teddi was on the stage and I remember being so inspired by that.

I have had that privilege myself because of that example. Last year at the International, years for the Old Timers was recognized at 50. I had the honor of taking our Liz B. to Atlanta. She was not chosen for the panel although more than qualifying with 63 years. We have the same sobriety date 7/11. Liz has since moved to Boston, and I miss her, but she is ours always.

I learned recently two Old Timers with over 50 years passed on, Tom K. and Don D. I saw them last year along with Liz at Brooklyn's Share-A-Day Old Timers Panel. They were there when I was getting sober, and I'm so grateful for these giants.

I hope you get to hear some of our local Old Timers at this year's Nassau Share-A-Day at St. Joseph's RC Church School in Hewlett on April 9. Bill C. will be our moderator.

We stand on their shoulders. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

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



A Call to All Concerned AAs

Do YOU want to screen out those newcomers (and some old-timers, too) who:

- Say that ridiculous "Sober Rap" at the close of meetings;
- Whine endlessly about their sour relationships, hurt feelings, and "problems other than alcoholism," and;
- Take up valuable business meeting time with such matters as The Serenity Prayer Vs. The Lord's Prayer?

Well, if these and other matters adversely affect YOUR sobriety, then . . . We want YOU for the AA Police!



Here are some of the benefits YOU will receive when YOU become a member of the most covert (and least appreciated) branch of service:

- First hand announcements of all upcoming group anniversaries—where YOU pick the speakers, plus the
- Satisfaction of knowing that YOU are weeding out undesirables and freeing YOUR home group from controversy, thus making YOURS the best group in all AA!

So, if YOU would like to be judge, jury, and executioner of your own sick brother, step forward now and e-Mail your service resume to: intergroup@nassauny-aa.org.

Rule 62: This invitation to join the AA Police was first offered in jest in the September 1997 issue of this newsletter on behalf of the then Intergroup Chair, Mark S., and is offered this month in the spirit of Tradition 4, "Don't take yourself too damn seriously."

TAKE THE NIGHT BOOK

For one week, one night at a time, you and your Group get to be "THE HAND OF AA." It's a team effort, and it's FUN; as well as doing SERVICE . . . Big-Time. HOWS IT WORK?

Our office has the NASSAU INTERGROUP HOTLINE phone (516) 292-3040 forwarded to one member of your Group, from 5 PM until 9 AM the next morning. It starts Saturday night, and goes through Friday; so 7 volunteers are needed.

You'll get the calls from fellow AA's who are looking for meetings, some who may be struggling, as well as active drinkers who are curious about AA. Service doesn't get any more satisfying or basic than this. If you haven't done it yet, ask you INTERGROUP REP to sign your group up for a week.

FOR DETAILS CALL;
(516) 292-3045

or

E-Mail us at: Nightbook@nassauny-AA.org

"MAKE OUR FIFTH TRADITION COME TO LIFE"

From the Chair (Continued)

Finally, thank you Artie G., George P., Kenny H. and Aiden for preparing the office to have the floors redone, and for putting the office back together afterwards.

In Service,
LaRaine A., Chair
516-292-3045 or
chair@nassauny-aa.org



“The ‘Right of Participation’ is . . . a corrective of ultimate authority because it mitigates its harshness or misuse. It also encourages us who serve AA to accept the necessary disciplines that our several tasks require. We can do this when we are sure that we belong, when the fact of our ‘participation’ assures us that we are truly the ‘trusted servants’ described in AA’s Tradition Two.”

—From, “Concept IV,” *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, p 21.

A Bit More History—

Bill W. on the Establishment of the General Service Conference

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:

This Conference of delegates shall hereafter be the custodians and the guardians of our Traditions.

“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, and, in this newsletter, “Answer to Who Am I?”, p 6.)

Suffolk Newsletter

The Suffolk Intergroup newsletter is the [Bulletin](#). To get the *Bulletin* emailed, please send your email address to: bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org and include “Send me my copy” in the body of the message.

Find it online at: www.suffolkny-aa.org.

NERAASA 2016

At the end of February, I had the opportunity to go to NERAASA, the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly, in Springfield, MA., and attended many very interesting and thought provoking presentations on different topics, many of which will be agenda items at the upcoming General Service Conference in April.

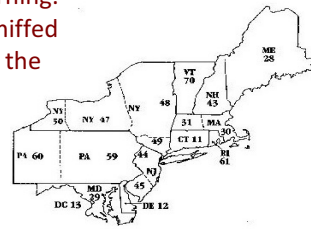
The presentation format for each speaker was that each would speak on different topics for seven minutes (timed and totaling

21 minutes), followed by an open floor microphone that allowed two minutes for comments and questions. Some of these Panels included: PANEL 1, OUR SPIRITUAL WAY OF LIFE: STEPS, TRADITIONS AND CONCEPTS— Connecting With The Newcomer (be inclusive, never exclusive); Connecting With Each Other (without each other, we will surely die); Connecting With AA As A Whole (trust God and be willing to learn); and, PANEL 5, LITERATURE— Consider Developing a Plain Language Version of the “Big Book” (do we need an AA dictionary or concordance?).

In the evening, Roundtable Discussions, with wonderful information from many knowledgeable members on topics such as Website, GSR, DCM, Grapevine and *LaViña*, etc., were available to us.

When I registered for the Assembly, a question on the form asked, “Would you be interested in performing service at NERAASA?” I answered yes, and much to my amazement, they responded and asked me to be a timer at the Past Trustee Panel on Sunday morning.

At first, I was miffed because it was the 11:00-11:30 panel on Sunday, and I probably would have been on the road back to Nassau County at that time.



Map of the Northeast Region with Area Numbers

But AA has encouraged me that when I volunteer for an assignment, it is wise to follow through with it.

On Sunday morning, each Trustee was given four minutes to share their experience and most of them talked about how service has affected their lives. (Trustees are usually former Area Delegates who have already performed a great amount of service for AA.) God has a strange way of working in our lives. I sat in amazement as I heard each of the past Trustees talk about how grateful they were to AA, and how the “service” they were asked to perform over the years has helped keep them sober and spiritually grounded to handle all of the good and bad that they faced in their lives. What a blessing for me to witness these grateful Trustees share a little bit about their service. Obviously four minutes is not a lot of time, and, of course, they were very humble and finished in the time allotted. I was extremely

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NERAASA 2016 (Continued)

happy that I did not have to ask any of the Trustees to please take a seat, and would not have done so anyway.

Thank you to Nassau County for giving me an opportunity to be a part of this great event.

Steve K., DCMC
Nassau County General Service

AA Grapevine Highlights for April

April Issue— With a Special Section, "Relapse."

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.

Go online to www.aagrapevine.org for more info or to get an AA Grapevine [catalogue](#).



Grapevine Workshop

On Saturday, May 14, Nassau General Service will host an AA Grapevine Workshop, from 10AM-12:30PM, at Trinity Lutheran

Church, 260 Chestnut Street, West Hempstead, home of the Weekend Early Birds group.

Join us to find out more about AA's "meeting in print" (and on the web), and how you can contribute your experience, strength and hope. It's easier than you might think. "All it takes is a little willingness and a desire to share."

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I Am A Changed Man

I did most of my drinking in isolation. There was nothing I enjoyed more than drinking a few bottles of wine alone on my couch, watching old movies and ignoring knocks on the door and the ringing phone. It was my way of shutting out the world and shirking my responsibilities to my family and friends.

Alcohol helped bury my fears, at least for a few hours. But that flawed solution didn't give me lasting peace of mind or remove my fears.

What shattered my fears was abstaining, one day at a time, and doing the 12 Steps, especially Steps Three, Four and Five. I was freed once I made the decision to offer all my fears up to God, trusting in him to shoulder my burdens. Then, I asked God for courage to list my resentments and fears and share them with another human being, my sponsor.

Because of the work I've done in this program, I was recently able to sit with my father as he lay dying, holding his hand, and helping him let go of life. If I was still drinking, I would have run from that situation. Instead, I was able to show up and give him the love he deserved at the end of his life.

I am a changed man, and I owe it to my God and AA.

Don M., Floral Park/Bellrose Group

Practice These Principles— First in a Series

It's pretty easy to think myself a good AA, and to feel good about my recovery in the confines of my home group when there is no challenge, but it's another matter when a contentious matter imposes on the group, or when I need to take my recovery on the road. Needless to say, it's in these latter times when I find out just what I have accomplished. We can talk about this in terms of personal recovery, but I'm going to talk in terms of what we do or don't do as AA groups or service groups.

Thank goodness Bill W. and the earlier members thought to provide us with a roadmap to Unity when they developed what Bill would first call the "Twelve Principles to Assure Our Future" (*AA Grapevine*, April 1946 and in *The Language of the Heart*, p. 22), which we know better as AA's "Twelve Traditions."

While we can have some very satisfying academic discussions of AA principles in our

meetings, it's not uncommon for members and groups to feel more challenged when we need to apply them to some actual matter. The question, "Is this a violation of Traditions?" is often asked of elder group members.

Sometimes we take the Traditions singly (without reference to one another) or in pieces, to look to understand and apply one or another or a few or event just parts of a Tradition here or there. The classic example of this fragmenting approach is seen when we look only to the first part of Tradition Four which guarantees group autonomy to justify some decision of the group while neglecting to consider the second part of that same Tradition which admonishes us to not take decisions in our group which may negatively affect other groups or AA as a whole.

In my experience, the real challenge is to try to keep the full package of all the Traditions in mind and in play at all times. It gives us our complete Second Legacy of AA Unity, and answers all questions which may come along, so long as we are willing to take the time and expend the effort to consider how they apply in a given matter.

The process a group goes through to seek to apply AA's principles to a group question is what is described in *The AA Group* pamphlet (P-16, a gem of collected information to help groups operate well) as being the formation of the group conscience, "achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of AA principles." [From p. 28.] This is a process which takes some time and effort, and doesn't simply rely on a "yes" or "no" answer from the group's trusted elders.

Does my group take the time to thoughtfully apply AA's principles?

Bill C., Baldwin Group

Editor's Note: The above article kicks off what we hope will be a monthly series on AA's Steps and Traditions. Members are invited to submit articles, questions, comments on the Steps and Traditions which will be published under the heading, "Practice These Principles," next month featuring "Tradition Five."

In Memory of
Lolly R.
25 March 2016
The Right Place Group, Westbury

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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 meeting details change.

(Changes received as of 3/24/2016.)

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

- Freeport 11520
Thursdays As Bill Sees It Group, Freeport Community Church of the Nazarene, 301 Atlantic Ave.; Thur. 7PM C As Bill Sees It.—Malverne 11565
Big Book Fever Group, Church of the Intercessor, 50 St. Thomas Pl.; Sun. 8PM BB.
- Rockville Centre 11570
Joy of Living Group, St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Pl. (Dominic Room, basement rear); Sat. 9AM BB.
- Wantagh 11793
Peace Within 11th Step Meditation Group, 3050 Merrick Rd.; Sun. 7:30PM O.
- West Hempstead 11552
Creatively Sober Group, 482 Hempstead Ave.; Mon. 8AM CD, Sat. 7PM B; WC.

CHANGES

- Manhasset 11030
Good Morning God Group, Temple Judea, 333 Searingtown Rd.; Sun. 9:30AM CD only.
- Rosedale 11422
Sobriety with Love Group, St. Clare's Church, 137-35 Brookville Blvd. (at 241st St.; formerly in the Rectory); Sun. 6PM, 1st week B, 2nd S, 3rd T, 4th C, 5th BB; 7:30PM CD dropped..



TEMPORARY CHANGES

- Cambria Heights (formerly Elmont) 11411
Elmont/Belmont Give It A Try Group, Deliverance Baptist Church, 227-11 Linden Blvd. (temporary move from Cambria Heights Community Church); Mon. 7PM S and Thurs. 7:15PM B (last Thurs. O anniversary).

CLOSED GROUPS

- Malverne 11565
Spiritually Fit Group, Bridge Church, 1 Norwood Ave.

Answer to Who Am I?

General Service Conference— Around the same time Bill W. is developing and publishing his thinking on what will become AA's Twelve Traditions (mid to late 1940's), he also is concerned with finding a way to assure leadership for AA's future, a future

which he knows must be lived without the benefit of the participation of AA's founders and other early leaders. (To reinforce this, by the time of AA's First International Convention in Cleveland in 1950, Dr. Bob was clearly quite ill, and would die the following November.) Up to that point, AA had been largely guided by a small group of "insiders," Bill and Bob, some of the other oldtimers, and the formal members of the Alcoholic Foundation Board. Bill thought this arrangement would not serve AA's future, and, with help from Bernard Smith, an attorney and the then non-alcoholic chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees, developed the idea and form for a General Service Conference, a group of trusted servants elected to be representative of the full membership which would meet annually to consider and decide mat-



ters of policy for AA as a whole. The Conference design would essentially establish a mechanism for Tradition Two to be enacted for all of AA. The Board of Trustees, following some considerable resistance and wrangling, approved the establishment of a General Service Conference to begin meeting on a five year trial basis with its first meeting in New York at the Commodore Hotel in April 1951. The theme for that first Conference was, "Not to Govern, but to Serve." By 1954, it was clear the Conference structure would work (see, "A Bit More History" on page 4), and in 1955, at the Second International Convention in St. Louis, the General Service Conference was adopted as a permanent part of AA's service structure. It is at this point that "AA comes of age" in that the Conference, on behalf of the full Fellowship, formally takes on the mantle of leadership previously carried by the co-founders and those few others. (In addition to the above, see, "Birth of the Conference," and "Why Do We Need a Conference?," [AA Service Manual](#), 2015-2016 Edition, pp. S11 and S20 respectively; and, pp. S96-S108. Also, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, pp. 1-2, 4, 40, 47, 123, 213-215, 217-219, 222, 226-227, 280-281; and, *Pass It On*, pp. 326-328, 344-347, 348-349, 359.)



Announcements

Elmont/Belmont "Give It A Try Group"

We are temporarily moving to:

(New Location)

Deliverance Baptist Church

227-11 Linden Blvd.

Cambria Heights, NY 11411

Effective Monday, April 4, 2016

Same Meeting time

Monday 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Thursday 7:15pm – 8:30pm



**Nassau General Service
 AA Grapevine/La Viña
 Workshop**

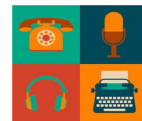
Saturday, May 14

10AM-12:30PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
 (Home of the Weekend Early Birds)
260 Chestnut Street
West Hempstead 11552

**Discover AA's Meeting in Print and
 Online, and How You Can
 Contribute**

Light Refreshment Served



**Hempstead Group
 67th Anniversary**

Saturday, May 21, 6-10PM

Hempstead American Legion
 160 Marvin Avenue, Hempstead 11550

**Food • Fellowship • DJ • 50/50
 Dancing • Door Prizes**

No Children Please



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