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MAY 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MAY 2016

- 5/3— NGSC Corrections Committee, 7PM
- 5/4— Institutions Committee, 8PM, Simpson United Methodist Church, 30 Locust Ave. (off Sunset Ave. from County Line Rd.), Amityville 11701
- 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— Nassau General Service Grapevine/LaViña Workshop, 10AM-12:30PM, 260 Chestnut St., West Hempstead 11552 (More 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
- 5/19— NGSC Special Needs/Accessibility Committee, 7:30PM
- 5/26— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)



JUNE 2016

- 6/1— Institutions Committee, 8PM (See 5/4 above for location.)
- 6/2— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM
- 6/5— NGSC Unity Breakfast, LI Marriott, 101 James Doolittle Blvd., Uniondale 11553; 9AM-1PM (Announcement, page 6.)
- 6/7— NGSC Corrections Committee, 7PM
- 6/15— Website Committee, 7:30PM
- 6/18— **Open House**, 11AM-5PM
- 6/18— **Exchange Meeting**, 7-9AM, Nassau Community College
- 6/20— Nassau General Service Committee (NGSC) Meeting Orientation, 6:30PM (Suggested for new DCMs/GSRs.)
NGSC Meeting, 7:30PM

- 6/23— **Newsletter deadline** for July
- 6/30— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

From the Chair

Intergroup held its 39th annual Share-A-Day last month with the theme, "We Will Comprehend the Word Serenity and We Will Know Peace." The day was filled with good fellowship and sharing, service information, good food and fun.

Thanks to the many groups that stepped up to lead the sharing in the many workshops, to the speakers on the Oldtimers Panel, to the actors in the "Twelve Traditions Play," and to the theme speaker, Francis G. (who joined us from Chelmsford, Mass.) whose good humor and compelling story helped make the day. Thanks too to the service committees both from Intergroup and General Service in Nassau, and the ESCYPAA who showed up to share their experience, strength and hope with displays and information. A special thank you to Marie M.S. and her committee for all their hard work before, during and after the event.

Sadly, we note the passing of Joe S. of the Attitude Adjustment Group, Garden City, a phone rep at the office who lost his life in a motor vehicle accident last month. We will miss you.

Service=Gratitude in Action, LaRaine A., Chair
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AA'S THREE LEGACIES FOR MAY

Step 5— Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5— Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept 5— Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

From the Editor

Last month we kicked off a column called “Practice These Principles” which hopes to carry articles month by month relating member experiences with AA’s Steps, Traditions and Concepts. (See page 4.) It’s based on the premise that AA principles are fairly easy to talk about, but less easy to live. This month we’re exploring Step 5, Tradition 5 and Concept 5, next month Step 6, Tradition 6 and Concept 6 and so on through the end of the year. (December being the end of this service rotation, we can’t say what the next newsletter editor will want to do by way of content.) What’s your experience? We’re hoping you’ll consider making a contribution to the column.



As always, we welcome contributions to the newsletter in any form (article, cartoon, poem, announcement, *et cetera*), and on any AA-related topic.

Remember too the option for getting this newsletter through an e-subscription. (To opt in or out, go to www.nassauny-aa.org > Newsletters > [Current Issue](#), and scroll down to the [subscription form](#) below the “pdf” of the current month’s issue.)

Thanks for your contributions, and for helping with the distribution of our newsletter.

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AA HISTORY FOR MAY

- May 11, 1935— Bill W. reaches out to Rev. Walter Tunks from lobby of Mayflower Hotel in Akron after losing proxy fight. He is put in touch with and meets Henrietta Seiberling who sets up a meeting with Dr. Bob S. the next day.
- May 12, 1935— Bill W. meets Dr. Bob S. on Mother’s Day.
- May 1938— Alcoholic Foundation (later to become the General Service Board) establishes a trusteeship for AA.
- May 1, 1939— Bill and Lois W. lose their Clinton Street, Brooklyn home.
- May 10, 1939— Cleveland AA begins under the leadership of Clarence S., the first formal break with the Oxford Groups.
- May 22, 1940— Works Publishing is established.
- May 1, 1944— AA office moves from Vessey Street to Lexington Avenue with the mailing address PO Box 459, Grand Central Station.
- May 9, 1944— Bill W. is invited to speak to the NY State Medical Society.

FAQs About AA History from AAWs *

Q.— What is the story behind the Herbert Spencer quote in Appendix II of the Big Book?

A.— The Herbert Spencer quote first appeared in the First Edition, First Printing of the Big Book (1939), on page 380, at the beginning of the story “An Artist’s Concept.” The quote was included with this story throughout all 16 printings of the First Edition, from 1939 through 1955. That story was dropped when the Second Edition of the Big Book was published in 1955—and the Spencer quote was dropped with it. The Spencer quote does not appear in the Second

Edition/First Printing (1955) or the Second Edition/Second Printing (1957). However, the quote was added to the Third Printing of the Second Edition in 1959, at the end of Appendix II, where it still appears today.

We have been unable to locate the source for this quote in any work by Spencer, who published an enormous amount on a great variety of topics. The quote is attributed to Spencer on page 650 of *The Great Quotations*, compiled by George Seldes and published in 1961. More recently, one scholar conducted a considerable amount of research into the origin of the quote and concluded that it derives from a Christian apologetic work by the 18th Century British theologian William Paley. We can neither confirm nor refute this finding, but share it here as an additional resource.

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

“We will be more reconciled to discussing ourselves with another person when we see good reason to do so. The best reason first: If we skip this vital step, we may not overcome drinking.”
 —From Step Five, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 72.

Who Am I?

A member of the Oxford Movement, I helped start an Oxford Group in Akron, Ohio to help a beloved local alcoholic sufferer. Through a fortuitous chain of events, a New York drunk seeking to preserve his own recently gained and fragile recovery reached out to me, and I helped him meet the local sufferer at my home in mid-May 1935. Their meeting set in motion a further chain of events which would become the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.



(Answer on page 6.)

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

"If we neglect those who are still sick, there is unremitting danger to our own lives and sanity. Under these compulsions of self-preservation, duty, and love, it is not strange that our Society has concluded that it has but one high mission—to carry the AA message to those who don't know there is a way out."

—From "Tradition Five," *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 151.

Share-A-Day XXXIX Wrap Up

Another Share-A-Day has come and gone. Our 39th event, sponsored by your Intergroup, was by all measures a wonderful day. I'd like to personally and publically thank the awesome committee who worked so hard to make it successful. "Many Hands Make Light Work."

In no particular order, thank you: John Z, Val, Ilene, Rich, Sonia, Victor, Jake, Greg (and his cast for the play), Kenny, Ed, Donna, Patty, Marty, Mary, Susan, Jasmine, George and Bill (and all our treasured Old Timers). I'd like to especially thank my friend Francis, (our Keynote Speaker). Thanks too, Archives, Literature, Al-Anon, ESCYPAA, Nassau General Service, and to Scott for the sound system. If by chance I forgot some of you, know you are appreciated. The groups who so generously contributed financially made the event possible.

If you have any suggestions or comments please send them to me (email address below). Our wrap-up meeting is May 11 for the committee's review. We did have some lost and found items, so send me a description of anything you might be missing.

Next year is our 40th SAD, so if you'd like to participate, look for the Kick-Off meeting the second Wednesday in September. You will get to experience the joy that goes into the planning and execution of this signature event of Intergroup.

"We Will Comprehend the Word Serenity and We Will Know Peace." Thanks for this opportunity to be of service.

Humbly Grateful

Marie M.S., SAD 2016 Chair

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May Is Hotline Appreciation Month

Our Fifth Tradition states, "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." This is nothing short of our entire reason to be. Our Hotline, which includes both our daytime office volunteers and our "Night Book" volunteers, is a beacon of light, cursing the darkness of despair which closes in on the alcoholic who is suffering.

They know that they can call 516-292-3040 ANYTIME, day or night, and a friendly voice will be there to guide them to a meeting, or just listen. The volunteer may share an episode from his or her drinking history, and then comes the magic, healing words of self-discovery, "I used to drink just like that!" and the volunteer knows that they have made a connection with the caller, maybe even saved a life. In the entire AA experience there is NOTHING that compares with the satisfaction of extending that Helping Hand.

From the days when Bill W. first called Dr. Bob, to our Hotline of Hope, the idea is exactly the same: One drunk reaching out to another and sharing the miracle of the Answer. Today, this work has been taken over by our modern day AA groups, Intergroups at county level, and by General Services nationally and internationally. But the nuts and bolts, where the rubber meets the road, has always been that one on one contact.

Over the years much has changed in terms of how we communicate, whether by email, social media, or the ever-popular text message. The live voice on the other end of the line, however, remains the ultimate means of extending "The Hand of AA."

So during this fifth month of the year, we reflect on our Fifth Tradition, and how we are putting it into practice with the Night Book and daytime Hotline. Won't you get



your group involved (via your Intergroup Rep) today?

I'd like to thank the following groups for their April Service to the Night Book:

North Bellmore Group; Gift of Serenity, Franklin Square; Serenity by the Sea, Long Beach; and, last but not least, Sober Start of Sea Cliff.

Yours in Service,

Steve S., Night Book Chair

516-292-3045 or nightbook@nassaunya-aa.org

Night Book Reminder

Please make sure all Night Book cases are returned to the office by 10AM Saturday morning as we need them to pass on to the group which follows.

A Special Night Book Reflection . . . A Death In Our Family

The Serenity Prayer teaches us to accept the things we cannot change. I can't think of a harder thing to ask for acceptance of, than death, especially when it hits suddenly and close to home. Perhaps you saw the story on the news or heard it "through the grapevine."

I heard it through another member of the Steering Committee on Thursday night, through a text: "office rep wed pm joe hit by car and died." Simple, succinct, and to the point. As Night Book Chair, I've gotten to know many, if not all of the daytime volunteers who man the phones at the Intergroup Office, most of them by voice, and some of them in person, like Joe and Maureen.

At the start of my commitment, I found that Wednesdays were good days to do paperwork, and staying current. I also grew to enjoy the company of Joe and Maureen, the two phone volunteers. In fact, Wednesdays at Intergroup became like another meeting for me. It was a peaceful interlude in an otherwise busy day. A place to have a cup of coffee, make small talk, share experience strength and hope, and also to

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"We recognize that minorities frequently can be right; that even when they are partly or wholly in error they still perform a most valuable service when, by asserting their 'Right of Appeal,' they compel a thorough-going debate on important issues. The well-heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority."

—From, *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, p. 22.

Practice These Principles—

Step 5— “Admitted to God, to ourselves, and another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

“Admitted” . . . hmm. Not a fan. “To God” . . . o.k. “To myself” . . . maybe. “To another human being” . . . hold it right there! What’s all this about airing my dirty laundry to another fallible, untrustworthy, imperfect person? I don’t think so. Well think again.

The Fifth Step is required in order to fully consummate my membership. Until I am willing to take this Step no real progress can be made. I must begin and this will only be my beginning of what will become a life long practice.

My first Fifth Step was difficult, but I pressed on and made my first attempt. I chose my sponsor who, at the time, was the only person I could imagine telling my deepest darkest secrets to. I pocketed my pride and carefully navigated each nook and cranny. My sponsor listened lovingly. When we were done I did feel a sense of relief and a nearness to God, my creator. However, looking back at it now, I had only concluded that other people were wrong and I remained angry. This was as far as I got.

It took a few more years of sobriety for me to revisit my inventory and Fifth Step, to honestly uncover where I had been selfish, dishonest, self-seeking and frightened. I became ready to accept my faulty behavior and admit where I was to blame. I began to look at things from an entirely different angle. Maybe I was an extreme example of self will run riot? Perhaps I had been making decisions based on “self” which later put me in a position to be hurt? Were my troubles really of my own making? This was revolutionary thinking for me. No longer was I a victim of the world and it’s people. I stood in the truth. I was free at last!

As time goes on and life continues to happen, I continue to take inventory and continue to share it with God and another human being. This practice of self-examination coupled with prayer and meditation has become the foundation of my recovery. It’s a design for living that works.

One Satisfied Customer,
Miriam H., Long Beach

Tradition 5— Primary Purpose: “Giving It Away to Keep It”

How do I “keep it” if I’m supposed to “give it away?” Bill W. and Dr. Bob realized

this, and so found another alcoholic to talk to. The alcoholic needed some convincing at first, but eventually listened to them. This commitment of sharing with another alcoholic was vital to Bill’s and Bob’s own recovery. And it still stands true to this day. Pretty simple huh? One alcoholic sharing with another. Nothing more, nothing less.

When we carry the message to another alcoholic, we ensure ourselves another day sober. We plant the seed of hope and sobriety. A seed that says there is a better way, even with life’s challenges, a way that can be handled without picking up that first drink. I cannot keep something that was so freely shared with me, until I pass it on to another alcoholic. Our AA Preamble speaks to this, and is grounded in Tradition 5, “Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.” It has faired the test of time, and will continue to do so.

Together we can, Brenda P.
The Right Place Group, Westbury

Concept 5— Minority Voice

Concept V reminds us that, “The well-heard minority . . . is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority.” Considering this, it may be helpful to go back to Tradition 2 which suggests that, “For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.” If so, the route we take to determining our group conscience is all important.

Sometimes we may be inclined to want to get the group’s Business Meeting over with quickly so we can move on to other things. This may cause us to rush through decisions big and small. It may not matter too much when we’re talking about the kind of cookies we serve or the size of coffee cups, but it may be a mistake when talking about more weighty matters such as selecting group officers and representatives, considering how we dispose of excess funds, or deciding if we add, drop or change a meeting for instance.

[The AA Group](#) pamphlet (P-16, a little gem of shared experience) suggests that, “The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of AA principles.

To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind.” [Page 28.] This clearly suggests we not rush our process, and make sure every point of view on a given matter is heard before we try to make a decision. This is where the minority voice comes in.

Consider that some information being presented on a matter may be incomplete or even incorrect, or that emotion may be clouding the question. The minority voice may complete or correct information, or may offer a less commonly held or even an unpopular view on a matter. (It’s easy to listen to a widely held view—especially if it coincides with my own—but less so when it is otherwise.) Allowing that voice to be heard ensures a thorough consideration of any matter.

Ideally, the minority view should be offered in the routine course of discussion, not to be held back until a point of reconsideration. It is also not simply a restating in different words of a point already in consideration. Not rushing a discussion and decision can help assure the minority is heard. (After all, few things cannot be allowed more time, even if that means we defer our decision to a later date.)

Commonly, the minority voice does not carry the day, but from time to time it may provide a tipping point in decision making, or at the very least ensures we have thoroughly and reasonably considered a matter before we decide. This too helps assure we are able to reach a point of “substantial unanimity” (a broadly supported grounding) on the given matter.

Do I take the time to listen carefully to all points of view when my group is making important decisions?

Bill C., Baldwin Group

The Veterans Thank You

I want to thank everyone who stepped forward and volunteered to chair a weekly meeting on Sunday mornings at the VA Hospital in Northport. We also had two volunteers from Suffolk County come forward and volunteer to do a week. The first Sunday meeting took place on April 3rd.

How did this come about? you say! One member was at a LISTS (Long Island Spirituality Through Service) meeting and found out about it from someone who heard my announcement (for the VA Hospital chair) at the H&I meeting, and made the announce-

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The Veterans Thank You (Continued)

ment at that particular meeting.

What I'm trying to bring out is if you are looking for a specific commitment and you can't find it at your Home Group, look elsewhere at various Inter-group-related meetings. Getting involved in AA at different levels will open up a world of different things that will keep you sober, and you'll also feel like you are a part of something greater than yourself. Service is so important to our sobriety.

I would also like to thank various individuals and groups in Nassau County that are responsible for bringing three AA meetings a week (Monday, 7PM; Friday, 10AM; and Sunday, 10AM) to Unit 22 at the VA Hospital. The Veterans thank you!

Thank You
Jim G., c/o news@nassauny-aa.org



A Special Night Book Reflection (Continued)

make two pretty good friends. That alone is priceless! Joe was probably one of the most interesting people I've met in a long time.

He regaled me with stories of his thirty-two years of service as a detective with the Nassau County Police Department. I in return, told him about my service with the Army Division of the NY Guard, which I joined after September 11, 2001, and also with the Auxiliary Police of Nassau County.

I knew that Joe was a good, sober, power of example and also a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to six grandchildren. We had a mutual respect for each other, and shared some laughs, in part because we knew several mutual acquaintances from the Guard and the Police Department. We were really starting to become close and looking forward to seeing each other Wednesday afternoons when tragedy struck Joe down on Thursday, April 21st.

At this writing, we will say good bye tomorrow, bagpipes and drums, and hundreds of uniformed white-gloved police officers lining the way into the church. Also among the crowd, supporting his close family, to be with them always from now on, will be the members of our Fellowship, stronger and better for having known Joe. And so, as the sound of the bagpipes and drums grow

fainter, and the sound of TAPS plays over his final resting place, we say "until we meet again dear brave and valiant friend - Rest In Peace."

Steve S.
Nasaau Intergroup Night Book Chair

AA Grapevine Highlights for May

May Issue— With a Special Section, "Service beyond the group."

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."

More on the Grapevine/La Viña Workshop

Nassau County General Service is grateful to host the Grapevine/LaViña Workshop. Often called "Our meeting in print," Grapevine publishes articles that reflect the full



diversity of experience found within the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. The heart of Grapevine/LaViña is in the shared experience of individual AA members working the AA program, and applying the spiritual principles of Twelve Steps.

AA members around the world have been submitting their personal stories, their sorrows and joys, their ups, downs and in-betweens to Grapevine since 1944. Why not join them? You don't need to have had prior publishing experience. All you need is a little willingness and the desire to share.

This is a great opportunity to support our magazine by writing or recording a personal experience with alcoholism and/or Alcoholics Anonymous. Topics can include: Sponsorship, Youth Enjoying Sobriety, the Home Group, Steps, Traditions, A Spiritual Experience, A Coincidence, or a particular event in your sobriety.

These workshops are not common in and around AA. So please do not squander an opportunity to share an experience that might inspire and help another alcoholic in their quest to be the "best AA that they can be." This workshop is open to all "alkies," young, old and in between. For anyone wishing to record, we will have two private rooms that are available to us. We need you and look forward to a unique workshop that will support and help other alcoholics. Details for the workshop are as follows:

DATE: May 14th 2016

TIME: 10:00AM to 12:30PM

LOCATION: Weekend Early Birds
260 Chestnut Street
West Hempstead, NY 11552

SPEAKERS: Al Z., Trustee
Grapevine/LaViña
Bill C., Past SENY Delegate
Members who have had their stories published

HOSPITALITY: Light Refreshments: Coffee, Tea, Soda, Water, Cookies, Etc.

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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 4/21/2016.)

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

- Freeport 11520
Thursdays As Bill Sees It Group, Freeport Community Church of the Nazarene, 301 Atlantic Ave.; Thur. 7PM C As Bill Sees It.
- Glen Cove 11542
Melillo Center, 113 Glen cove Ave.; Tues. 7PM Restricted (Institutional Meeting).
- Levittown 11756
Serenity Night Live Group, Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 3434 Hempstead Tpk.; Sat. 6:30PM CD.
- 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

- Baldwin 11510
Over the Hill Group, Baldwin Lutheran Church, 1375 N. Grand Ave.; Thurs. CD 8PM.
- Inwood 11696
We Can Do It Group, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 200 Redwood Ave.; no changes to meetings.
- Long Beach 11561
High Noon/West end Group, West end Community Center, 91 Maryland Ave.; Add, Sat. 10AM B.
- Lynbrook 11563
Lynbrook Group, Christ Episcopal church, 49 Blake Ave.; Sun. 7PM CD (Promises).
- Manhasset 11030
Good Morning God Group, Temple Judea. 333 Searingtown Rd.; Sun. 9:30AM CD only.
- Plainview 11803
Plainview Promises Group, Plainview Reformed Church, 560 Old Bethpage Rd.; Thurs. 7:30PM S.
- 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

—Glen Cove 11542
N. Shore Univ. Hospital, St. Andrews La. (Institutional Meeting).
 —Malverne 11565
Spiritually Fit Group, Bridge Church, 1 Norwood Ave.

Answer to Who Am I?

Henrietta Buckler Seiberling (1888-1979)— Seiberling was the wife of the son of a prominent Akron industrialist, and a member of the Oxford Movement, an evangelical fellowship of intellectuals who believed in the responsibility of Christians to solve social problems. She helped form the Akron Oxford Group particularly to help Dr. Robert S., a local physician who was alcoholic. During his failed business trip to Akron in May 1935, Bill W., a participant with the Oxford Groups in New York, sought support for his young recovery from his own alcoholism by calling names from the church directory in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel where he was staying. Through a fortuitous chain of event, he phoned a Rev. Walter Tunks who as it turned out was a participant with the local Oxford network and knew Henrietta Seiberling. Tunks connected the two, and Seiberling arranged the meeting between Bill W. and a reluctant Dr. Bob which took place at her home in the gatehouse of the Seiberling estate on Mother's Day, 1935. She would later encourage Bill W. to avoid fund-raising and to keep a strong emphasis on God. Unhappy with Akron AA's split from the Oxford Groups and with the "Big Book," she nevertheless remained a faithful friend to Dr. Bob until his death and to AA.

(See, *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers*, pp. 56-60, 64-67, 130, 159-262, 217-219 and 342; and, *Pass It On*, pp. 136-138 and 143.)

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

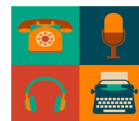
Saturday, May 14

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

Nassau General Service Unity Breakfast "Celebrating Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts"

Sunday, June 5, 9AM-1PM

Long Island Marriott

**101 James Doolittle Boulevard
 Uniondale 11553**

Tickets \$30

Baldwin Group 71st Anniversary

Saturday, June 11, 6:30-11PM

First Presbyterian Church

**717 St. Luke's Place, Baldwin 11510
 Food • Speakers • Music • Dancing • Raffles**

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