nassau intergroup of alcoholics anonymous®

I AM RESPONSIBLE...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Intergroup Association of Nassau

(Nassau Intergroup)

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DECLARATION OF UNITY

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

October 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

October 2018

10/3-- Institutions Committee, 8PM;

Corrections, 8:30PM

10/4 – Reps Orientation, 7PM

(Suggested for new Reps)

Reps Meeting, 7:30PM

10/11—PI/CPC Committee, 7;00PM

10/13 - Intergroup Workshop, Tradition 10, 9:30AM

10/13—Finance/Treasurer Workshop, 11:15AM

10/15- NGSG GSR Meeting, 7:30PM

10/17 - Website Committee, 7:30PM

10/17 – Share-a-Day Committee, 7:30PM

10/18 – Newsletter Deadline for November

10/20 - Archives Committee, 9:00AM

10/25—Steering Committee, 7:30PM (by Invitation)

November 2018

11/1 - Reps Orientation, 7PM

(Suggested for new Reps)

Reps Meeting, 7:30PM

11/7-- Institutions Committee, 8PM;

Corrections, 8:30PM

11/10 – Intergroup Workshop, Tradition 11, 9:30AM

11/11 – Big Meeting: Garden City; 2:00 – 5:30PM

Subscribe to Newsletter by e-mail, Go to www.nassauny-aa.org and pick "Current Issue" on the lower right side for sign-up form 11/19- NGSG Roundtable, Concepts XI & XII 7:00PM

11/21-22 - Thanksgiving Alkathon, 5PM Wed. thru 11PM Thurs

11/21 - Website Committee, 7:30PM

11/23 - Newsletter Deadline for December

11/29—Steering Committee, 7:30PM (by Invitation)

SENY UPDATE

SENY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At the Assembly last Saturday (9/15), SENY Area 49 elected its new slate of officers for the next two-year rotation beginning January 1, 2019. Congratulations to our newly-elected officers and thank you to everyone who made themselves available to serve

Jane E. (Suffolk) - Delegate

Tom B. (Suffolk) - Alternate Delegate

Jerry R. (Staten Island) - Area Chair

Jo Ann M. (Queens) - Treasurer

Mike D. (Rockland) - Registrar

FINAL REPORT:

68th General Service Conference

The final report from this year's Conference is available on the SENY website. In the report, you'll find the following and more:

- -Keynote Address by the Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- -Presentations on a range of topics on our Fellowship, including international, technology, and inclusion
- -Reports from the Chair of the General Service Board, the General Manager of GSO and others
- -Finance report of the General Service Board
- -Advisory actions that include the outcomes on the eight questions on this year's Delegate's Questionnaire

<u>Go to www.senyaa.org</u> to see the report on the SENY website. *en inglés y en español*

Literature:

New or Updated Literature

AA World Services (AAWS) and AA Grapevine are offering several new or updated items.

New from the Grapevine is *One*Big Tent: Atheist and Agnostic AA
Members Share Their Experience,
Strength and Hope (GV39).
"Atheists, agnostics, nonbelievers



and secular alcoholics have been members of the AA Fellowship since its earliest days, making significant contributions to the development of the program, helping to swing the doors of AA ever-wider. But finding their path has not always been easy. One Big Tent is a collection of stories, originally published in Grapevine, which represent the shared experience of secular AA members who have struggled with alcoholism, yet ultimately found a common solution in AA. These members share how they found their place in AA, work the program, do service and sponsor others." (From, www.aagrapevine.org.)

New from AAWS are: AA for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues and Their Sponsors, and The "God" Word: Atheist and Agnostic Members in AA (an Americanized reprint of the pamphlet of the same name from AA in Great Britain). Also, AAWS offers the 2018 Final Conference Report, available now in a digital version at www.aaseny.org. Inside AA: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services (P18), and Women in AA (P5) are revised as is the 2018-2020 AA Service Manual (BM31). AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic with minor edits is re-titled LGBTQ Alcoholics in AA (P32). AA for the Native North American (P21) and AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic (P51) have gotten redesigned covers.

One Big Tent is now available from the Grapevine, and while the two new pamphlets are not yet available and older editions of the changed pamphlets may still be being offered, watch for these new or updated Conference-approved items from AAWS down the line.

In related matters, there is a vacancy for an Appointed Committee Member on the Trustees' Literature Committee. For more info, go to *Box 4-5-9*, Fall 2018, p. 9, or www.aa.org > "What's New?". On that same web page you will find info on a call for stories from Spanish-speaking women in AA for a new pamphlet, and for contributions to another new pamphlet on our Three Legacies. There is also a job opening at the Grapevine for an Associate Publisher. See *Box 4-5-9*, Fall 2018, p. 10 for details.

Hope this is helpful.

Bill C., Literature Committee Chair 516-292-3045 or literature@nassauny-aa.org

A.A.'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 opinions on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be brought into public controversy.

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

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

Step 10 is the first of what many AAs refer to as the maintenance steps. In step 4 we took an inventory of our past and how we had lived up to that point. In step 10 we move that skill set into the present tense and ask how am I living today? Are my choices, behaviors and responses to impulses supporting my sobriety? Are they bringing me closer to my higher power? Are they helping my fellow man? Are they helping me to build the life that my higher power wants for me? When I can honestly answer these questions and act, based upon those answers, I am actively working Step 10.

Step 10 acknowledges that we are imperfect. In How it Works we encountered the phrase "progress not perfection" and many an AA has recalled this phrase to sooth themselves when they fall short of their ideals. "Not perfection" is a valuable reminder that we are but humans and despite our noblest intentions will fall short. It reminds us not to overly chastise our failings. What, then, about "Progress", one of the tools the program gives us to foster progress in the tenth Step. By conducting a continuing personal inventory we can see where we are driven by "selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear" and move towards "love and tolerance of others."

In my own experience, a written tenth step inventory is a vital practice. I can easily think to myself that I was driven by fear in situation X and should have acted in Y manner and then disregard the thought as quickly as it came. This is not so easily done when I take pen to paper. For me, writing the step serves two functions. First, it makes the thought real. It creates a tangible document that exists in the world. This forces this alcoholic's mind to consider it more carefully. This leads me to the second, which is remembering. If I write day after day about the same issue, I become increasingly aware of its presence in my life and consider reprioritizing it in my mind. It is this practice that, for me puts "Progress" back into "Progress not Perfection."

By Sean B: There is a Light

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

The central principle of Tradition Ten — not expressing an opinion on outside issues — is contrary to the knowitallism that has plagued me much of my life. Most of the difficulty I've had in this area has been due to a lack of clarity regarding my true "purpose."

For years I believed that my purpose was to manage everyone and everything around me. I had to manage family members' thoughts and feelings about me; I had to manage people's ideas about politics; I had to manage decisions and actions in the workplace (regardless of whether I was actually a supervisor); I even had to manage how other people drove their cars!

The result of all of this scattered effort was hurt feelings and resentment. And it almost all came from the false belief that my purpose was to run the whole show. When I finally awoke to the simple truth that my purpose (in AA) is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety, and (outside AA) to live honestly and usefully, life got a lot simpler. I still certainly *had* opinions regarding how the world around me was operating, but I no longer felt the urgent need to express these opinions.

As members of our respective home groups, we have probably all formed opinions at some point regarding how someone else shares, or prays, or sponsors, or makes the coffee. As members involved in AA service, we've perhaps formed opinions about how that treatment center or jail should operate. As individual human beings, it's natural for our minds to go in these directions. Quite often the best we can do as human beings is avoid *expressing* such views.

Alcoholics Anonymous is bigger and better than that. Unlike me, it doesn't fight to hold its tongue to avoid "expressing" opinions; it actually **doesn't have any opinions to begin with**. Not on medication. Not on other approaches to getting and staying sober. Not on spiritual questions. Not on anything outside of AA. And even inside of AA, experience counts way more than opinion!

That's why I think it's so important for us to avoid expressing personal opinions on any of those "outside" things in our AA meetings. Because to the newcomer, the family member, or the professional sitting in an open meeting, such opinions coming from a member's mouth can sound like they are AA's opinions.

And AA doesn't have any. It's too busy sticking to its single purpose of helping alcoholics to get distracted by what the rest of the world is doing.

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority—the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate

charters and bylaws.

Once again, we see a recurring theme in Concept X. Bill W. was very concerned with matching responsibility and authority throughout the fellowship at all levels of service. As you read the essay he wrote to accompany Concept X it is clear he was trying to avoid the pitfalls he may have experienced in other organizations with which he had been involved. "The matter of responsibility and its necessary and co-equal authority is of such importance that we might profitably recapitulate what has already been said, meanwhile taking a bird's-eye-view of our entire structure to better envision how this principle does and always must, apply in our every activity and attitude."

Emphasis placed well-defined is on responsibility... Trusted Servants and employees alike should have clear understanding of what is expected in a particular job whether it be chairing a meeting or running a convention. With that there must also be adequate authority to execute those responsibilities. Defining responsibility is the easy part. Well thought out and written job descriptions usually take care of this part. But what about authority? The answer lies in the real distinction between ultimate authority and delegated authority. Within delegated authority we have what is called a traditional "Right of Decision", a term we have seen before. As tasks are performed it is assumed that the people involved have the delegated authority to effectively complete those tasks. Those with ultimate authority in those areas should not interfere until and unless a delegated authority is being abused or exceeded in some way. If someone's authority is questioned in this way, they have a "Right of Appeal" and a "Right of Petition" to ensure that every minority and every worker doing a job has an authority and a status commensurate with the responsibility involved.

To sum up, in Bill's words: "Let us always be sure that there is an abundance of final or ultimate authority to correct or to reorganize; but let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have a clearly defined and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities... We well know that only by means of careful definitions and mutual respect can we constantly maintain a right and harmonious working balance."

For more information on our service structure and the Twelve Concepts get a copy of The A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W. If your group doesn't have it, ask your Literature Chair to get it. It is available at Nassau Intergroup office.

NIAA Institutions Committee

To all the groups and individuals who have responded to the request of the Institutions Committee for donations—please accept our appreciation.

Occasionally, AA members will ask what's involved in institutions work, so it might be of value to describe this work and its components. This month, we'll review the institutions committee of NIAA. The institutions committee is made up of volunteers (as is the rest of AA) with a particular interest in supporting hospitals, jails and other institutions. Although hospitals in Nassau County make up the majority of the institutions we support, we work closely with the NIAA Corrections Committee (in fact, the corrections committee meeting immediately follows the institutions meeting each month). The members of the institutions committee are the elected institutions representatives from each group in Nassau, although anyone with an interest is welcome to participate. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8P at the intergroup office. The main purpose of the meeting is to bring together the chairpersons of each institution meeting with institutions representatives and anyone else interested in speaking at institutions. The chairperson will announce the meeting dates/times that he/she has available for speakers. Institution representatives will then accept those commitments and take them back to their groups to fill them, or fill the commitments themselves. A secondary purpose of the institutions committee meeting is to distribute conference approved AA literature. As you may know, NIAA accepts contributions from the various groups; a portion of these contributions is allocated each year to the institutions committee to support service work; the bulk of these funds is used to purchase literature, with a very small amount going to rent the church for meetings. The literature that is distributed at each meeting is then taken to the various institutions and provided to patients/inmates at those institutions (if the institutions themselves want to purchase literature, they must follow the standard process). Lastly, the institutions committee meeting can be used as a forum to discuss any issues of importance to the committee.

There are two ways that groups can support the work of carrying the AA message into institutions in Nassau. The first is by sending an institutions representative to the monthly meeting (first Wednesday of the month 8P) at the Nassau Intergroup office in W Hempstead. This rep can then book speaking commitments at the institutions we support (see back of meeting list).

Second. Institutions Committee recommendation is that 5% of a group's donations should be earmarked for Institutions. So, for example, if your group follows General Service guidelines (see pie chart at http://www.aa.org/assets/en US/mg-15 finance.pdf) and donates 50% of total donations to intergroup, 5% could be earmarked for institutions (by specifying on the check or checking the box on the envelope), with 45% to intergroup (and the remainder to other service entities). Obviously, it's up to each group to determine the appropriate amount for them. Donations of literature (books, Grapevines etc) no longer needed can also be made Contact <u>institutions@nassauny-aa.org</u> for information.

The founders of AA were visionaries, particularly in their characterization of alcoholism as a disease. This was a revolutionary idea at the time - rather than the prevailing view that alcoholics were simply bad people, the perception was transformed to the modern view that alcoholics are gravely ill people - and people who can get well. As you probably know, the NIAA Institutions Committee brings AA meetings into institutions throughout the county (it is the longest standing committee of NIAA). As you probably also know, these days most of us find our way to AA through an institution of some sort. The goal of the committee is a simple one, and in support of our primary purpose: we try to make sure that whenever someone in a detox, rehab or psych ward reaches out for help, the hand of AA is there. Beyond that, while these institutions provide treatment for the acute symptoms of the disease of alcoholism, we can provide the information and introduction to the broader AA community necessary to get well, and stay well.

BTW, we owe a debt of gratitude to the AA members who chair the various institution meetings and arrange for speakers, as well as those AA members who go to those institutions to share their experience, strength, and hope. In particular, the service of Jim G, our departing co-chair, is much appreciated.

Mike F., Serenity by the Sea, Pt. Lookout; institutions@nassauny-aa.org

Welcome to the wonderful world of AA Archives

We're looking for people who are willing to tell their stories, either by the written word or by recording. Also, we are looking for artifacts: memorabilia, circulars, notices of group anniversaries, old intergroup meeting lists (prior to 2000); anything that pertains to Nassau County Intergroup. Finally, we are collecting pictures of meeting places, artifacts, churches et al to put into a display.

We have scheduled an archives committee meeting on Saturday, Oct. 20th from 9 am to 10 am at the Intergroup office. Going forward this meeting will convene every other month.

So, if you are interested in the history of Nassau County Intergroup, as well as preserving out volunteer legacy, contact me at the Newsletter e mail. (news@nassauny-aa.org)

John W, Archives Chair

From the Treasurer:

Nassau Intergroup is presenting a Treasurer's Workshop at the Intergroup Office, 361Hempstead Tpke., West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552, on Saturday October 13th from 11:15am-12:45pm. We expect to be discussing information helpful to the home groups such as: Concept of Self-Support, prudent reserve, obtaining bank accounts in your group's name, insurance, tax exemption filing, information about contributions beyond the group, Group Anniversary funding, and other relevant topics concerning group monies. This is NOT a lecture of info which your treasurer or group must follow, but rather a presentation of important topics for your group based on A.A.Traditions and our experience. If you have topics or ideas to be discussed, please email-treasurer@nassauny-aa.org.

Thank you, George P. NI Treasurer

SPIRITUALITY, SERVICE & RESPONSIBILITY AN FINANCE/TREASURER WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2018

(FOLLOWING THE TRADITIONS WORKSHOP)

FROM 11:15 AM TO 12:45 PM

NASSAN INTERGROUP OFFICE

361 HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE, WEST HEMPSTEAD, MY 11552

- SELF-SUPPORT PRUDENT RESERVE
- BANK ACCOUNTS TAX EXEMPTION INSURANCE
 - PHYING FOR GROUP HINNIVERSHRIES
- CONTRIBUTIONS BEYOND THE GROUP MORE

ALL WELCOME. LIGHT REFRESHMENT WILL BE SERVED.

ANNOUNCEMENT:



ELMONT BELMONT "Give It A Try" 42nd

GROUP ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27st, 2018 Time: 7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting Place: Deliverance Baptist Church 227-11 Linden Blvd. Cambria Heights, NY 11411 Food, Fun, Gifts, Dancing, Etc.

From The Nightbook – October, 2018 Every day is a treat!



When we think of October, what comes to mind is Halloween, and the proverbial "Trick Or Treat." At this writing, I found myself reflecting upon the last 9 months of 2018 with regards to the Nightbook. There are no "tricks" here, only "treats." What I came up with is something even

better than Halloween candy - which I used to scarf down by the Jack-O-Lantern load when I was a kid. For the first time in at least 3 years, we picked up 4 new groups to answer the phones from 5:00 pm to 9:00 am! What this indicates to me is that word is getting out - Our fellow AA's in Nassau County are discovering the easiest and most rewarding Service they can do. What could be better?

Let me give you a quick crash course in how you can get involved and what it's all about. The electronic wizardry behind the Nightbook is *call forwarding*. First, why the need for a "crash course?" Because not everybody knows how this works until their group takes the commitment, and the rules, simple ones actually, get passed down to the volunteer. If this is the volunteer's solo flight on the Nightbook, they may have questions, and almost invariably, I'll get a phone call. I don't mind getting calls from the volunteers ANY time of the day or night, so when you have the Nightbook, you are not doing this alone! I can always be reached at (516) 946-4287. Maybe the next few paragraphs will take out the mystery and should be called: "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About The Nightbook, But Were Afraid To Ask."

The most important requirement for this Service is 6 solid months of continuous sobriety. Next, you should have a phone - either a cell phone or a home line, that allows you to control the visibility of your phone number. The reason for this is: suppose you have to call the caller back. You don't know the person on the other end, and you may not want them to have your phone number. I happen to have an iPhone. So if I want to block my number from showing, I just go into "Settings," and choose "Show my caller ID," and I can black it out if I choose to do so. A word or two on "phone etiquette." After the office transfers the Hotline number, (516) 292-3040 to your phone, whenever someone dials that number, your phone will either ring, buzz, chirp, burp or sing; and you answer "Alcoholics Anonymous," how may I help you?" OR, you can say "Nassau Intergroup," how can I help you?" Some volunteers like to give their first names. It is of course, an individual preference, but I like to give my first name when answering.

Now the caller thinks that they've called Nassau Intergroup's office at 361 Hempstead Tpke. They will NOT have your phone number. Remember, if you should get cut off, and you wish to call them back, do that "caller ID trick" I just mentioned before.

. Well actually, it's pretty basic and it's right in our Preamble; "Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety." Does that mean we arrange rides for them to get to meetings? No. Do we explain the program of Recovery as outlined in *The Big Book?* Yes, if they are interested and want to know about AA. These are my favorite kinds of calls because I got sober in our meetings with the help of a book, a bunch of strangers later to become friends, and a boost from my Higher Power; and if something "clicks" with the caller that I've told them, so much the better.

In the briefcase(s) that your group Rep or Nightbook coordinator supplies you with, you will have lists of people, arranged by towns in Nassau, and further arranged by group. We call this *The Twelve Step Contact List*, and all the people who are on those lists are recovering alcoholics who have agreed to speak to people who have called the hotline. If you look at the lists, you'll see that the volunteers have put down the hours that they wished to be called. So if the caller asks you if they can speak with an AA in Manhasset, for example, you find a name from one of the groups there. This is important: You NEVER GIVE THE CALLER THE NUMBER OF A PERSON FROM THE 12-STEP CONTACT LISTS! It's your job to call someone from the list who is available say, "Anytime," and give them the phone number of the caller and say "Hi Jim. A fellow named Richard wants to know about some groups in your area. Would you like to give him a call?" Then you can call back the caller and tell him that "Jim from Manhasset will call you soon with some meeting information."

Sometimes people are lonely, isolated, and just want to talk. They may veer away from the topic of their drinking problem and talk about almost anything else. Politely, and sometimes firmly, you tell them "I think you have an issue that you should discuss with a medical doctor," or you can steer them to another hotline. The briefcase contains all of this up-to-date information on rehabs, hospitals and detoxes. If you do not like "the tone" of the call, you can say "I have someone else on the line, and I have to go." Really, it's all just common sense and remembering our Primary Purpose. Just keep in mind that not only are you helping an alcoholic on the phone *find* Recovery, but you are doing much to help your own!

Now I would like to thank the groups who have done service for the month of September:

The Seaford Serenity Group, Seaford, NY
The Massapequa Park Group, Massapequa, NY
There Is A Light Group, Bellmore, NY
The Seaford at Wantagh Group, Seaford, NY
Thank you all!

With you in Trusted Service, Steve S., Nassau Intergroup Nightbook Chair

Nassau Intergroup

presents an

AA Traditions Workshop

Second Saturday monthly 2018

at

Nassau Intergroup 361 Hempstead Turnpike West Hempstead, NY 11552 9:30-11AM

Tradition One January 13 Tradition Two February 19 Tradition Three March 18 Tradition Four April 14 Tradition Five May 12 Tradition Six Tradition Seven Tradition Eight August 11 Tradition Nine September 8 Tradition Ten October 13 Tradition Eleven November 10 Tradition Twelve December 8





From the Editor:

More on the Intergroup Election; Third Legacy Procedure

At first glance, AA's Third Legacy Procedure may appear overly involved, and to introduce a strong element of chance into the election process. "In practice, however, it has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw." (From, The AA Service Manual, p. S21, © AAWS, Inc.)

The Third Legacy Procedure is as follows:

- I. A candidate must receive $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total vote to be elected. The results of each ballot are posted.
- II. After the second ballot, any candidate who received less than 1/5 of the total vote is withdrawn, except the top two candidates must remain; in the event of a tie, all candidates tied for second place remain.
- III. After the third ballot, any candidate who received less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total vote is withdrawn, except the top two candidates must remain; in the event of a tie, all candidates tied for second place remain.

(For example: If 100 votes are cast, $\frac{7}{3}$ = 67 votes; $\frac{1}{5}$ = 20 votes; $\frac{7}{3}$ = 34 votes.)

IV. After the fourth ballot:

- (1) The candidate with the smallest number of votes is withdrawn, except the top two candidates must remain; in the event of a tie, all candidates tied for second place remain.
 - (2) The chair asks if there is a motion to go to a fifth ballot.
- (a) If such a motion is made and seconded, a simple majority is needed to take the election to the fifth ballot.
 - (b) In the absence of such a motion passing, the election is

decided by lot, that is, it immediately "goes to the hat."

V. If there is a fifth ballot and no candidate receives $\mbox{\%}$ of the vote, the election is decided by lot.

Additionally, for the Intergroup elections,

- # Candidates for office must be in attendance in order to stand, no standing *in absentia*.
- # Elections will proceed in the following order: chair, first vice chair, second vice chair, recording secretary and treasurer.
- # In addition to those members offered by the Nominating Committee, all members eligible to stand for an office will be invited to offer themselves. This may be done by a roll call.
- # The names of all candidates will be listed before the first ballot for each office. Nominations then close for that office.
- # Candidates for each office will be invited to offer a brief service qualification or resume so that the voting members may have a better basis for deciding their votes.
- # The vote will be by written ballot according to the Third Legacy Procedure (above).
- # A candidate standing unopposed must still receive $\mbox{\em 3}\mbox{\em of}$ the vote to be selected.
- # If no candidate is available for a given office or if an unopposed candidate fails to receive the required % of the vote, the election will be deferred to the next regularly scheduled Reps meeting(s) until such time as the office is filled.

"Part 1" in this series appeared in the August newsletter, and "Part 2" appeared in the September newsletter. Back newsletter issues and the By-Laws are available on-line at www.nassauny-aa.org.

. In Service, John M., Editor, news@nassauny-aa.org

Save the date

51st SENY Convention

"Our Big Book 80 Years 71 Languages"

March 22-24, 2019 Westchester Marriott Hotel

670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591

Speaker Meetings, Workshops

& Panels, Alkathon Banquet, Archives Literature & Service Tables AA Videos, Spanish Translation, Alanon, Entertainment, More.

Get Involved: Planning Committee, Oct. 28, 2018 (At NY Intergroup, 307 Seventh Ave., Room 201, NYC 10001

Submit logo artwork for our theme

convention@aaseny.org

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FROM THE PI CHAIR:

My name is Jennifer and I'm the new Public Information Chair for Alcoholics Anonymous in Nassau County! As Public Information we're tasked with carrying the message to the Alcoholic that still suffers (in more public places, rather than just in A.A. meetings).

We spread awareness in our community regarding Alcoholics Anonymous. We let people know what <u>AA</u> <u>does</u> and what <u>AA does not do.</u>

Currently:

- We speak at outpatient counseling centers and schools.
- We table at NARCAN trainings and the MADD Victim Impact Panel.
- We do college radio shows
- We participate in our communities' substance abuse resource fairs
- We provide and re-stock literature in approved doctor's offices and meeting books in approved hotels If you have any other ideas how we can be of service, we're

open to your suggestions!

** Join us at our next Public Information meeting:

Thursday, October 11th 7:00-8:00 PM at Nassau County Intergroup

(361 Hempstead Tpke West Hempstead, NY, United States) **

Check out the "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" pamphlet, at aa.org which may be a helpful read

Public Information Chair, Jennifer B 516-469-0371

Email: publicinfo@nassauny-aa.org OR NassauAApublicinfo@gmail.com

NASSAU COUNTY BIG MEETING 2018



Sunday, November 11th

2:00 - 5:30 pcm,

Location: Ethical Humanist society
38 Old Country Rd., Garden City, NY 11530
celebrating 77 years in Nassau county
Co-hosted by Nassau Intergroup and
Nassau General Service
Light refreshments and coffee will be served.

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

Meeting List Changes

Special Needs

12th Step List

Website

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 8/30/2018.)

specneeds@nassauny-aa.org

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12thstep@nassauny-aa.org

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

-Bethpage 11714

Principles Before Personalities: ,New Apostolic Church, 600-620 Broadway; Mon. 7PM C(1st & 3rd, S, 2nd & 4th ,T), Wed. 7PM C (*Daily Reflections*), Fri. 8PM, B.

-East Rockaway 11518

Sobriety First, VFW Post # 3350, 164 Main St.; Mon. 7PM B, 8:15PM O.

--Great Neck 11021

Sobriety First; 98 Cuttermill Rd., Ste, 386N; Thurs. CD 7:30PM

-Levittown 11756

Courage to Change, Good Shepard Lutheran Church,

3434 Hempstead Tpk.; Mon. 7PM C.

Seeking God First, Good Shepard, 3434 Hempstead

Tpke., Women's C. 9AM

-Malverne 11565

Tuesday Morning Reflections, Church of the Intercessor,

50 St. Thomas Pl.; Tue.10:45AM Daily Reflections.

—Seaford 11783

The Rainbow Room, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2197 Jackson Ave. (Main

building); 7:30PM, 1st& 3rd Tue. CD (*Sober and Out* book), 2nd Tue. C (Meditation), Last Tue., O (Anniversary); LGBTQ.

—Wantagh 11793

Lady Clique, St Frances de Chantal School, 1309 Wantagh Ave., Room 23; Sat. 8:30PM CD.

-Westbury 11590

AA Beyond Belief, Life Lutheran Church, 1 Old Westbury Rd. (Parking in rear); Wed. 8PM CD

CHANGES—

-Amityville 11701

Friendly Group; New Location: Simpson United Meth, 30 Locust Ave.

THE SOLUTION GROUP 4TH STEP WORKSHOP





WHEN: OCT 13TH
TIME: 11 AM-2 PM
WHERE: ST.AIDÄN'S
MSGR. KERWIN HALL
505 WILLIS AVE
WILLISTON PARK,NY

(3 BLOCKS NORTH OF HILLSIDE AVE)
BRING BIG BOOK, STEP BOOK, AND PEN
FOLLOW THE BALLOONS TO THE ENTRANCE

—Baldwin

New Look on Life, First Church Baldwin, 881 Merrick Rd.; Tue. 7:30PM OB is now B; no other changes.

-Bethpage 11714

Acceptance Group, St. Martin of Tours (new location), 40 Sea-men Ave. Church; no other changes.

-East Meador 11554

The Moonlight Group; Added Thurs. 9PM, BB.

-- Ease Norwich

East Norwich Group, 3rd Tuesday is now Beginner meeting, 7:30PM

-- East Rockaway 11518

Sobriety First; Mon. B now meets at 7:00 PM

--Franklyn Square

Road to Recovery, Ascension Luth Ch, 145 Franklin Ave.; Added BB Sat.,8:45AM —Levittown 11756

Acceptance Is the Key, Presbyterian Church, 474 Wantagh Ave.; Sat. 7:30 O changed to C; no other changes.

Thurs. AM Disc. Good Shepard, 3434 Hempstead Tpke., 1^{st} Th BB, 2^{nd} Th CD, 3^{rd} Th S, 4^{th} Th Anniversary

--Long Beach11561

Serenity by the Sea AM, St James Episc. 220 W. Penn St., Wed 10AM CD is now "As Bill Sees It".

--Lynbrook

Primary Purpose, 225 Earle Ave.; Mon. Beginners & Thurs. BB are now open meetings

--Malverne 11565

Sobriety Without End: Wed. 7:30 OD moved to Comm. Presch, 12 Notingham Rd.. No change to other meetings.

-Manhasset 11030

Big Book Experience, Shelter Rock Church, 626 Plandome Rd.; Fri. BB moved to Sat. 11AM; WC.

--Wantagh 11793

Wantagh Fri. AM Gp, St. Francis de Chantel, 1309 Wantagh Ave.,3rd Fri now S, last Fri. now Anniversary

--West Hempstead

Creatively Sober; Trinity Luth., 260 Church St. Sun. 8AM CD no longer meets

CLOSED GROUPS—

--Huntington

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Sobriety First, W. Hills United Methodist, 1 West Hills Ct., 1se Thurs Step, 6PM} \\ \textbf{--Malverne} \end{array}$

12 Step Fever, Church of the Intercessor, 50 St. Thomas Place.