

**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.

*November 2018*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**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

11/14 – SAD Planning Meeting; 7:30PM

11/19– NGSG Roundtable, Concepts XI & XII 7:00PM

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

**11/23 – Newsletter Deadline for December**

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

**December 2018**

12/5-- Institutions Committee, 8PM; Corrections, 8:30PM

**12/6 – Reps Orientation, 7PM** (Suggested for new Reps)  
**Reps Meeting, 7:30PM**

12/8 – Intergroup Workshop, Tradition 12, 9:30AM

12/12 -- SAD planning meeting; 7:30PM

12/13 – PI/CPC Committee; 7PM

12/15 – Exchange Meeting; NCC; 7:00AM

12/17 – NGSG GSR meeting; 7:30PM

12/19 - Website Committee, 7:30PM

**12/20 – Newsletter Deadline for January**

12/24-25 – Christmas Alkathon, 5PM Mon. thru 11PM Tues

**12/27—Steering Committee, 7:30PM (by Invitation)**

12/31-1/1– New Years Alkathon, 5PM Mon. thru 11PM Tues



**2018 Holiday Alkathons at Nassau Intergroup**

361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead 11552

**THANKSGIVING ALKATHON**

Meetings Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm,  
Last meeting Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 pm

**CHRISTMAS ALKATHON**

Meetings Beginning Christmas Eve Monday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at  
5 pm,  
Last meeting Christmas Tuesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 pm.

**NEW YEAR'S ALKATHON**

Meetings Beginning New Year's Eve Monday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>  
at 5 pm,  
Last meeting New Year's Day Tuesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 pm.

Meetings start on the hour. Light refreshments available.  
Groups may sign up at Reps Meetings to help cover  
Alkathons.



**Join Us**

## Literature:



### Grapevine for the Holidays

Most are familiar with the *Grapevine* magazine, “our meeting in print” published by AA since 1944. In it, Bill W. advanced his ideas for the Twelve Traditions calling them the “Twelve Points to Assure Our Future.” The “AA Preamble” also had its introduction through the magazine as did the well-known image of “The Man on the Bed.” A number of the personal stories in the second, third and fourth editions of the “Big Book” first appeared in the *Grapevine* too. Less familiar to many of us however is the rich catalogue of books and other items offered.

With the holidays or that red-letter AA anniversary approaching, why not consider items from the AA Grapevine instead of an ordinary gift for that special AA person, sponsor, sponsee, or AA friend.

Popular at this time of year is the 2019 Grapevine Wall Calendar (full-color photographs taken by Grapevine readers, together with brief quotes selected from Grapevine articles, quotes not directly related to either AA or alcoholism, so the calendar may be displayed anonymously), or a 2019 Grapevine Pocket Planner (a companion to the Wall Calendar featuring a month-at-a-glance spread and quotations from the Calendar; great for keeping anniversary dates), both fairly inexpensive.

Grapevine has as well many anthologies in both print and e-book formats. Titles include: *Language of the Heart: Bill W.’s Grapevine Writings*, *Making Amends*, *Emotional Sobriety*, *Spiritual Awakenings*, *Beginners’ Book*, *The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA*, *In Our Own Words: Stories of Young AAs in Recovery*, *Voices of Long-Term Sobriety*, *A Rabbit Walks into a Bar: Best Jokes and Cartoons from AA Grapevine*, *Step by Step*, *Grapevine Daily Quote Book*, and *Sober and Out* among other titles.

Consider too a *Grapevine* subscription or gift certificate.

For more on the offerings of the AA Grapevine, go to [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org).

Bill C., Literature Committee Chair

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### November Haiku:

*A conscious contact;  
Spiritual foundation.  
Room for improvement!*

Brenda

### A.A.’s Three Legacies for November

**Step 11:** Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understand Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

**Tradition 11:** Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

**Concept XI:** While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.’s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern

### Step Eleven

**“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”**

At thirty words, Step Eleven is the longest of *all* the Steps, and appropriately so: there's a lot going on here and a lot being asked of us, and for those of us who are just like me (the people who “came to believe” but continue to carry deep reservations about, mistrust of, and aversion to all things related to capital-G-and-definitely-a-man God), it can be very difficult to work this step in a way that will prove genuine, fruitful, and positive.

This is what I've needed to keep in mind:

1. We are not tapping into something that is already perfect; we are not opening a door to a fully furnished, ready-to-live-in home. We are *improving* our contact with a Higher Power, and that contact is *conscious*. We are *building* this relationship. For many of us, the relationship might have already existed, it just needs some fine tuning, or maybe some heavy reparative work. But for those of us with no relationship, it needs to be built from the ground up; and we need to accept and understand the fact that *we are not building it alone*, but with something else working alongside us the whole while.

2. The words *as we understood Him* are underlined for a reason. If my heart is not in prayer, it will do me no good to pray. If I beg for knowledge of the will of something I don't fully trust or believe in, I will be unsurprised and cynical when it doesn't appear to me the way I think it's supposed to. I used to think that *how* I prayed (in the shower or in the car or at my desk at three in the morning when I was cramming for an exam) was

**Step 11 Cont'd.**

wrong, but ultimately, the form my prayer took didn't matter because I never believed it would work in the first place. I write "Him" only because it's part of the original text; in reality, I've come to understand that my Higher Power is my complete lack of control, not only over everything in my life, but over the outcomes of almost all situations I find myself in. I know my lack of control is a true, real thing—that's Step One, after all—so it's more effective for me to put my faith in something I am certain is real.

3. "Prayer and meditation" are loose terms, and there's no one right way to do either of them. Step Eleven is a habit-forming step: I take time every morning to sit down and just *be quiet and still*. Good habits, self-discipline, and being quiet and still were all things I struggled with when I was drinking, and getting sober didn't automatically make me better at any of it. I've needed to actively do this every single day in order to slowly get better at it—and, in doing so, I've found it helps me quiet the noise that constantly comes up in my head. It allows me to be centered and calm, and approach the next twenty-four hours with acceptance and love. The fact that I'm able to do this at all is proof to me of the good sobriety brings into my life, and the growth I've experienced because of it.

4. Like all of the other Steps, Step Eleven is an *active step*. It's ongoing. This might go without saying for many others, but it's something I really needed to learn the hard way: you can't take a journey if you aren't *moving*. Surrender and acceptance are not forms of inaction, which is something I previously believed and practiced; embracing them allows me to make conscious, active choices in my life without fear. The "conscious" part of this Step is crucial to working it in a meaningful way. It takes effort and willingness. It does not happen *to* you. You are participating in it. My choice to improve my contact with and relationship to a Higher Power is a point of gratitude for me; the ability to make this choice reminds me that I live an active life today, one where I no longer allow myself to wallow in a state of helplessness and self-victimization that was so familiar to me when I was active.

It took me a long time of being spiritually disconnected, and then *consciously* (look, it's that word again!) deciding to work on connecting, before I could understand that Step Eleven is a deeply intimate experience that is unique to every single person trying to work a program in AA. I am grateful today to understand that I will never fully "get" Step Eleven—that's the entire point.

Nikki W., Hand in Hand, Westbury

**Port Washington Anniversary Party; Sat. 11/17 – 7-11PM**  
**Pt. Wash. Meth Ch; 35 Middle Neck Road, Pt Washington**  
**7:30 Speaker; 8:30 Dinner Studio 54 Theme;**  
**Suggested Donation \$5.00. BEST COSTUME Prize**

**Tradition 11****Anonymity - A Small Price**

"A vast communications net now covers the earth, even to its remotest reaches. Granting all its huge public benefits, this limitless world forum is nevertheless a hunting ground for all those who would seek money, acclaim and power at the expense of society in general. . . . Therefore nothing can matter more to the future welfare of AA than the manner in which we use this colossus of communication."

Most A.A. members, upon reading these words, would probably say it was written in recent years about the rise of the Internet, or maybe even a particular social media platform. I thought the same thing when I read it the first time -- until I got to the end of the article and discovered it was written by Bill W. in the November 1960 issue of *Grapevine*. Bill was writing not about the Internet or social media -- but about television!

What does this mean? It means that our current challenges regarding anonymity and the most recent "colossus of communication" is not a new struggle. It is one we've faced before.

One of the most common arguments I've heard by my fellow members who believe it's okay to post or share about their A.A. membership online is along the lines of "Well, the Traditions don't mention the Internet, so it's okay!" If that line of thinking was true, then it should also be okay to go on television as an A.A. member, or to buy a billboard and put your face and name on it as an A.A. member, since the Traditions don't mention these forms of media specifically. Of course, this is silly.

The key phrase for many of us is not the brief list of specific media ("press, radio and films"). The key phrase are the words "at the level of" which immediately proceed this list of *examples*. Several years ago I asked myself, "Are my publicly accessible social media accounts 'at the level of' these examples?"

As I considered this, I noticed a bunch of questions started bubbling up. *But I can reach more alcoholics if I break my anonymity online! And anyway, it's my anonymity! Shouldn't I at least post about my anniversary so people can see A.A. works?*

An honest talk with my sponsor and some earnest prayer made it clear pretty quickly that my ego was just generating smokescreens so it could do what it wanted.

I decided to never disclose my membership on those platforms.

Is it possible that I'm over-interpreting what these

principles mean? Sure. But I saw a sign inside a school bus many years ago that sticks in my memory. It was hanging over the windshield up above the driver's head: "When in doubt, don't."

Maybe posting about my anniversary, or promoting an A.A. event on social media, won't really do any harm to A.A. But maybe it will. Maybe it'll be another contribution to undermining the very principles that have been our foundation.

Alcoholics Anonymous gave me life, freedom and peace. In return it asks that I restrain myself, foregoing the "attaboys" my still-hungry ego craves, to preserve a set of principles that saved my life, and that other alcoholics yet to come may have to bet their lives on too.

That's a small price to pay.

Jim M.

**CONCEPT XI – While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.**

This concept underscores the importance of quality, competency, good interdepartmental relations and "proper" compensation for our special workers. Bill's essay regarding Concept XI in the Service Manual lays out the basic operating principles for the original five standing committees (The Nominating Committee, The Finance and Budgetary Committee, The Public Information Committee, The Literature Committee and The General Policy Committee), A.A. World Services, Inc. and The Grapevine, Inc. The recurring message throughout the essay is the importance of finding the right people for these service positions who will create and maintain the "A.A. feel"

There is also a discussion of why it is important to maintain A.A. World Services, Inc. and The Grapevine, Inc. as separate entities. Apparently, there were questions at the time asking why everything couldn't be consolidated into one organization. That same question is sometimes asked today and the answer is the same. The chances are it would work poorly. It has serious structural defects. It would violate the basic good management principle that whoever has the responsibility for a given task must also have the needed

authority, funds, personnel and equipment to carry it out. The essay also includes discussion of 1. The status of executives; 2. How to compensate paid workers; 3. Rotation among paid workers; 4. Full "participation" of paid workers. These sections are too long for inclusion here but can be found in the A.A. Service Manual. Also, in addition to the original five committees, six additional specialized committees have been added (Cooperation with the Professional Community, Treatment, Special Needs-Accessibility, General Service Conference, Archives, International Conventions, Regional Forums, Corrections and International). The General Policy Committee is now known as the General Sharing Session. Also, there are two paragraphs on women workers that are clearly dated and have been footnoted accordingly.

Clearly, this essay demonstrates Bill's concern for our future. While no organization can fully guarantee against the depredations of clashing personalities, only a sustained willingness to practice spiritual principles in all our affairs can accomplish this and we shall never need to have any fear for our future harmony.

### *NIAA Institutions Committee*

I'm Archie, as of October 2018, I'm the new H&I Chair for Nassau Intergroup AA.

Our primary purpose is to bring meetings into hospitals, institutions, jails, rehabs, detox, psych wards and the VA. We also work closely with the Chair of the Corrections Committee. They provide meetings and literature to jails and correctional facilities.

The goal of the Committee is simple, as stated in Step 12 and Tradition 5. Please note Step 12 states "Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of the steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs". Also, Tradition 5 says "Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers".

We, just like AA as a whole, are made up of volunteers with a particular desire to reach out to those in hospitals, jails, institutions and other facilities. Anyone with an interest or desire is welcome to participate.

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Intergroup office at 8:00 PM. The main purpose of the meeting is to bring together the chairperson of each facility with the reps and people who can fill the available dates to speak.

The secondary purpose is to distribute conference approved AA literature, newsletters and meeting lists. This is where the bulk of the donations for H&I are allocated for each year. Thus providing free literature to the patients and/or inmates.

Finally, the meeting is used as a forum to discuss any issue of importance to the committee.

The two ways you and groups can support the work of carrying the AA message is to:

1. Send a rep to the H&I monthly meetings (first Wednesday each month at 361 Hempstead Turnpike, West Hempstead) to book speaking commitments.
2. The H&I committee recommends that 5% of a groups donations be earmarked for H&I as per General Services guidelines. However, it is up to each group to determine the appropriate amount.

Donations of literature can also be made.

The founders of AA were visionaries in their characterization of alcoholism as a disease. And we, the alcoholics who suffer from this disease, are gravely ill. And with help we can get well.

The NIAA Institutions Committee is the longest running committee. It brings AA's experience, strength and hope to those whom are in hospitals, institutions and jails.

Nowadays most of us find our way to AA through those paths of sort. While those institutions provide treatment for acute symptoms of the disease, we can provide the information and introduction to the broader AA community as a necessity to get well and stay sober.

To all the groups and individuals who participate, respond to requests for donations, the speakers, the chairs who hold the meetings, arrange and book speakers as well as carry the AA message, your experience, strength and hope are noticed. So I offer my sincerest appreciation.

**Archie**

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**Primary Purpose Group, Lynbrook**

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### ***Leaving in the Spirit of Rotation***

As the outgoing institutions committee chair, I want to express my appreciation to all concerned for the opportunity to be of service. I've always believed that the chairperson, that is the chair man or woman, is the most important job in AA. To that person falls the responsibility to put out and put away the chairs, and in general set up and clean up after each meeting. To me, this is also the best job. However, I would have to say that institutions committee chair is a close second. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with those on the committee, with the NIAA steering committee, and the counselors and staff

at the various institutions we support over the past two years. In particular, I want to thank the groups and individuals who have stepped up to speak at institutions meetings and support the literature fund. This is a two year commitment, and while I am reluctant to leave the job, I am a firm believer in the value of rotation. Rotation keeps AA resilient, and it gives everyone the same opportunities to be of service that I have enjoyed. To stay longer would be bad for AA, and bad for me. Little did I realize, when I was in the Freeport Hospital 43 years ago, barely able to rub two thoughts together, that I would one day be responsible for coordination of bringing meetings into all the institutions in Nassau county. Some people say

that AA is a self help program. The way I look at it, it's a help others program. Beyond my wildest dreams. I wonder – do you think that person sitting in a hospital right this minute, barely able to rub two thoughts together, realizes that one day his or her future self will be the chair of the institutions committee?

**Mike F, Serenity by the Sea, Point Lookout**

## **Baldwin Group Holiday Party**

**December 25, 11am-3pm**

**Food, Fellowship, Fun**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**717 St. Luke's Place Baldwin 11510**

**We aren't a glum lot. If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life. So, we think cheerfulness and laughter make for usefulness.**

**Alcoholics Anonymous, page 132.**

## **Garden City Group**

### ***72nd Annual Group Anniversary***

**When:** Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ☐ Noon - 5PM

**Where:** Garden City Community Church

245 Stewart Ave (Corner of Stewart and Whitehall) Garden City NY

**With Keynote Speaker:**

**Damon G. Open Books Group**

**Ronkonkoma, NY**

**Celebrate with us and Enjoy**

*Brunch ☐ Raffles ☐ 50/50*

*DJ ☐ Dancing*

*\*Stick around after for our 7:30pm Young People's Meeting and Big Book Study\**

Nassau GS Districts 208,209,211  
Presents

**GRAPEVINE WRITING WORKSHOP!!**  
Special Guest!!!!

**JON W, AAGRAPEVINE Editor-In-Chief!**

**WHEN:** Sat., Jan 12, 2019 (SNOW DATE Sat. Feb 2, 2019)

CALL 516-292-3045 to check if open in bad weather.

**WHERE:** St Luke's Episcopal Ch., 253 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, NY

CONTINENTAL B'FAST & LUNCH will be served

***Please bring a pad and pen and/or laptop***

## From The Nightbook – November, 2018

### We grow

I absolutely love my Nightbook Chairmanship! It never gets old for me. I call TONS of AA's each week. I know people by voice, I have literally hundreds of phone numbers in my iphone & iPad. Many of them have become friends. I don't know everyone by sight, usually just the Reps who come to the monthly meetings. I am humbled by the thanks I get for letting them get their time on the Hotline; and yet, when I see that there are some 372 odd groups in Nassau County and out of them, only sixty groups send Reps to meetings, and maybe forty groups volunteer; I know that much more work needs to be done. At this time, I get nothing but compliments about how this Nightbook keeps humming, 365 nights a year.

People smile at me at Rep meetings. At regular meetings, people know me before I know them. No one has asked, or even thought about asking for my resignation. I am happy as a pig in \*&+(! I have a sense of fulfillment I never could have gotten anywhere else. I am the luckiest AA in the world. That is precisely why, at this time that I am looking for another person to head this wonderful Service commitment.

You see, in AA Service we have what's called "The Spirit Of Rotation." There was a man in our AA history named Bernard Smith. He was a nonalcoholic lawyer, probably AA's best friend ever; and a buddy of Bill W., and the other early Founders of our fellowship. Bernie, as he liked to be called, was Chairman of the General Service Board of AA, from 1951-1956; the "action wing" of AA that takes our group consciences from the delegates at the General Service Conference, and puts these into practice.

To paraphrase Bernie from the text "AA Comes Of Age," he quoted Bill W when he said that next to our Tradition of Anonymity, the spirit of rotation in service positions is vital to the future of AA. Very simply put: Rotation prevents problems of ego, prestige, and hints of absolute leadership far away from our Fellowship. Rotation is a spiritual principle, vital to AA's future. AA can do without a



particular person, but NO individual can do without AA.

And so, dear friends, at this time, I am actively seeking someone who wants to take this wonderful commitment for a term of 2 years (give or take). I will accept a second two-yr term, and at the same time actively train this individual, and take my place as a "Nightbook Elder Statesman" with much pleasure and satisfaction of a job well done. No Trusted Servant *ever leaves AA*, they remain in the background, ready to do Service to the best of their ability.

Now I would like to thank the following groups who took the Nightbook in October:

Bayville Triangle Group  
Extravagant Promises Group  
First Things First Group  
Roosevelt We Care Group  
Sober Start Group  
With You In Trusted Service & Love,

Steve S., Nightbook Chair, Nassau Intergroup of AA

## Nassau Intergroup

presents an

### AA Traditions Workshop

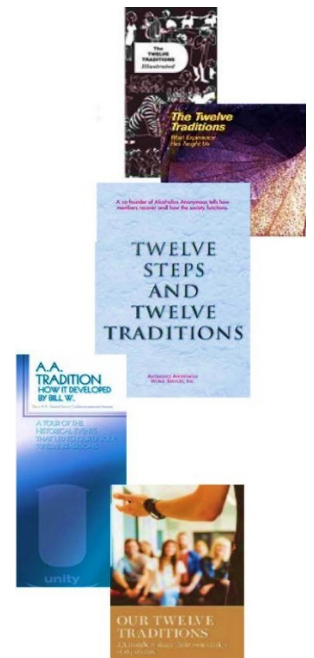
Second Saturday monthly 2018

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	June 9
Tradition Seven	July 14
Tradition Eight	August 11
Tradition Nine	September 8
Tradition Ten	October 13
Tradition Eleven	November 10
Tradition Twelve	December 8

Light refreshment and lively discussion



## From the Editor:

### Children at Meetings

Intergroup recently received a complaint from a member about an apparently out of control child at a local meeting questioning why Intergroup didn't impose restrictions on such things. While the member clearly misunderstood the relationship between Intergroup and the meetings/groups in the county, some important questions were raised.

Tradition Four guarantees all AA entities full functional autonomy. We work together in the spirit of Tradition Five which suggests we work to stay sober and to carry the message to the still suffering drunk. That relationship is one of voluntary cooperation, not governance. It means each AA group is responsible for itself making its own decisions for better or worse. Intergroup has no authority to impose anything at the meeting/group level although it can decline to list meetings/groups which fail to honor AA's Traditions.

Any individual seeking recovery from alcoholism should be able to find a place in AA (Tradition Three). That having been said, we understand that in practice some of us have greater difficulty finding that place than others. Some may have additional "grave emotional and mental disorders," some may find the physical act of getting to a meeting challenging while some experience other unusual barriers.

Parents with young children may experience an unusual barrier when they find they have no choice but to bring their child along to a meeting. Some meetings are quite "child friendly," usual attendees have little or no problem with one or more or many perhaps very active children in the meetings. Other meetings are quite intolerant of any disruption.

Our Traditions suggest every AA group owes it to the individual seeking recovery from drinking to make their meeting in every way accessible. At the same time, Tradition One ("common welfare comes first") suggests the group has an obligation to avoid disruptive or divisive influences so our message can be delivered.

To me, all this means our meetings/groups should be supportive, patient and tolerant of the special needs of all who come to us remembering "but for the Grace of God." At the same time, the parent of a child in this case should do all they can to monitor their child while at a meeting to minimize any disruption the child may present. Some parents bring toys or games to help engage the child, or will walk a disruptive child out for a few minutes. Some groups and individual members are prepared to help the parents of young children with some respite support during a meeting understanding that doing so imposes unusual responsibilities on the non-parent care giver.

This does not begin to consider the other question that comes up with children at meetings: When does a child become old enough for us to question are they oblivious to or will they hold in confidence who and what they see and hear in meetings?

Hope this is helpful.

Originally published in this newsletter, December 2010.

### From the Treasurer:

I would like to thank John M., Bill C. and Jim M. for their informative presentations at the Treasurer's Workshop on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to those who participated in the discussion of the information pertinent to all group treasurers.

George P; NI Treasurer

## Save the date

### 51<sup>st</sup> 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

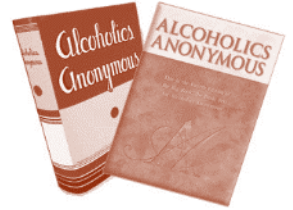
& Panels, Alkathon Banquet,

Archives Literature & Service

Tables AA Videos, Spanish

Translation, Alanon,

Entertainment, More.



## Get Involved: Planning Committee, Nov. 17,

2018 12PM (At NY Intergroup,

307 Seventh Ave., Room 201,

NYC 10001



Submit logo artwork for our theme

convention@aaseny.org

## FROM THE PI CHAIR:

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

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, Dec. 13th 7PM 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

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*You are Cordially Invited to an Old Timers' Panel  
Being held at the Glen Head Group*

Tuesday Night - December 11th 2018

Food at 6:30 - Speaker panel begins at 7:15

Community Center,

200 Glen Head Road 11545

No Dues, Fees or RSVPs Required

NASSAU COUNTY BIG MEETING  
2018



Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

2:00 - 5:30 pm,

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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**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 8/30/2018.)

**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(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, S, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, T), Wed. 7PM C (Daily Reflections), Fri. 8PM, B.



**Primary Purpose Group of Lynbrook  
Presents**

**4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop**

**Facilitated by  
Eddie P.**

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**

**1 pm - 4 pm**

**Coffee & Desserts**

**Lynbrook Baptist Church Earle Ave  
& (entrance on) Peninsula Boulevard,  
Lynbrook, NY 11563**

**Bring your Big Book and a friend!**

**-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 Tpk., 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, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. CD (*Sober and Out* book), 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**—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 Seamen Ave. Church; no other changes.

**--Ease Norwich**

**East Norwich Group**, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**Thurs. AM Disc.** Good Shepard, 3434 Hempstead Tpk., 1<sup>st</sup> Th BB, 2<sup>nd</sup> Th CD, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Th S, 4<sup>th</sup> Th Anniversary

**--Long Beach 11561**

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

**—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 Chantal, 1309 Wantagh Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**Sobriety First**, W. Hills United Methodist, 1 West Hills Ct., 1se Thurs Step, 6PM

**—Malverne**

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