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(Nassau Intergroup)

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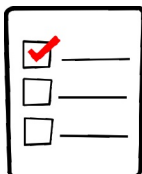
 **October 2020**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are Intergroup events held at **Zoom ID: 554 670 5146**, **Password: 870607** unless otherwise noted. No meetings are being held at the Intergroup office or elsewhere in person at this time.

Elections of Intergroup Officers

Thursday, October 1, 7:30PM



Nassau Share-A-Thon

“Creating the Fellowship We Crave”

Monday-Saturday, October 5-10, from 8PM daily

(See the program on page 7.)

OCTOBER 2020

10/1— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.)
Reps Meeting, 7:30PM; **Election of Intergroup officers for 2021-2022**

10/4— [Suffolk Share-A-Thon](#); 9AM-3:30PM

10/5-10— Nassau Share-A-Thon, from 8PM daily (See, page 7.)

10/7— Institutions Committee, 8PM

10/10— [SENY Archives Workshop](#) “2020, What a Year: Our Fellowship During the Pandemic; 10AM-1PM; Zoom ID: 878 5609 4835, Password: 18525

10/11— Traditions Workshop: Tradition 10; 10AM; Zoom ID: 467 421 2768, Password: 304861

10/19— [Nassau General Service Group](#) (NGSG) Meeting Orientation, 7PM (Suggested for new DCMs/GSRs.); NGS Meeting, 7:30PM; Election of officers for 2021-2022

10/20— Newsletter deadline for November

10/29— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

NOVEMBER 2016

11/4— Institutions Committee, 8PM

11/5— **Reps Orientation**, 7PM (Suggested for new Reps.) **Reps Meeting**, 7:30PM

11/8— Traditions Workshop: Tradition 11; 10AM; Zoom ID: 467 421 2768, Password: 304861

11/10— Newsletter deadline for December

11/16— NGS Workshop, 7:30PM, TBA

11/19— **Steering Committee**, 7:30PM (By invitation.)

11/22— **Big Meeting**, Co-Hosted by Nassau Intergroup and NGS; 10AM-1PM



From the Chair

Here at Intergroup, we are in the process of creating a *Group Contact List* so that we will be able to reach all of our member groups by phone or by email. This list will also allow us to know which meetings have resumed face-to-face, which are still virtual meetings, and which remain closed. Please e-mail your group contact info, and the status of your meetings contact info, and the status of your meetings (resumed face to face, still virtual, hybrid

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AA'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 opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept 10— Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

From the Editor

Owing to special circumstances, some of this month’s newsletter content and some of its layout are returned from a prior October issue. This includes the sharing on the Tenth Step, Tradition and Concept, along with the sections on AA history, and the “Who am I?” offering.

Member contributions to the newsletter makes it what it is. You don’t need to be a polished writer to submit, just an interested AA member with some willingness. Articles, poems, cartoons, puzzles and so on could be offered, so long as they are alcoholism or AA related. (Unfortunately, photos tend not to reproduce so well.) Questions about submitting? Talk to us.

Also, as AA in Nassau rebounds from the COVID-19 crisis, you should see a slow return to some of our newsletter’s routines including the return of a print edition which has been suspended since April.

Remember our [e-subscription](#) option. Opt in or out at our website, www.nassaunya-aa.org, just below the “Current Issue” pdf icon.



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A Bit of AA History— AA and the Reader’s Digest

In anticipation of the publication of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, Bill W. and Hank P. were working hard to sell shares in Works Publishing to fund the book’s printing. In tandem with that, they were also looking to gain some favorable publicity for the young Fellowship. In that effort, Bill and Hank approached the managing editor at *Reader’s Digest* about possibly doing an article on AA and the book. Dropping the name of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., they got the editor to agree the *Digest* might be interested in doing a piece on AA coinciding with the book’s publication the following Spring.

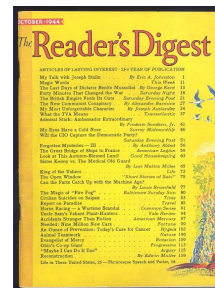
AA HISTORY FOR OCTOBER

- October 20, 1928— Bill W. makes a pledge in the family Bible, "that I have finished with drink forever."
- October 1938— Bill W.'s recall of the first use of the name "Alcoholics Anonymous."
- October 14, 1939— *Journal of the American Medical Association* gives the "Big Book" a negative review.
- October 1940— Bill W. approaches the *Saturday Evening Post* on AA’s behalf. Jack Alexander is assigned to do a story on AA.
- October 1942— Clarence S. stirs up controversy in Cleveland on learning Bill W. and Dr. Bob are receiving royalties from the “Big Book.”
- October 2, 1944— Marty M. founds the National Committee for Education on Alcoholism.
- October 30, 1951— AA receives the Lasker Award from the American Public Health Association.
- October 1954— Alcoholic Foundation, Inc. renamed the General Service Board of AA, Inc.
- October 1958— *AA Comes of Age* is published.
- October 1958— AA cooperates on the production of “The Days of Wine and Roses” by CBS’ *Playhouse 90*.
- October 9-11, 1969— First World Service Meeting held in NYC.
- October 5, 1988— Lois W. dies, age 97, Mt. Kisco, NY.

With the expectation of some favorable publicity, Bill and Hank approached the book’s printer, Cornwall Press, to arrange the first printing. As Works Publishing was cash strapped, the publisher held that first run to 5,000 books with a \$500 down payment.

When Bill and Hank returned to *Reader’s Digest* as the book was about to roll off the presses, the magazine’s editor had forgotten them and the promised article failed to appear.

It would not be until October of 1944 that an article entitled, “Maybe I Can do It Too” about AA member Ed [Mc]G. appeared in the *Reader’s Digest*. The resulting publicity however would prompt inquiries about AA from around the world for years to come.



Reader’s Digest
October 1944

(See, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, pp. 158, 169-172; *Nassau Intergroup News*, “Who Am I?”, January 2016 and September 2016; *Pass It On*, pp. 195, 204-205; and, www.aa.org > “Archives & History” > “Timeline of AA History” > “1945”.)

“It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on our spiritual condition.”

—From “Step Ten,” *Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 85.

Who Am I?

Originally offered to Bill W., I came to AA in October of 1951 in recognition of “its unique and highly successful approach to . . . alcoholism.” Today I sit in the AA General Service Office in New York where you can visit me if you like. *(Answer on page 8.)*



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

"We do not enter into public controversy, because we know that our Society will perish if it does. We conceive the survival and spread of Alcoholics Anonymous to be something of far greater importance than the weight we could collectively throw back of any other cause."

—"Tradition Ten," *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 177.

From the Chair (Continued from page 1)

or remains closed) to updates@nassauny-aa.org.

Keep in mind that IF there is a change in the meeting's status, a NEW Meeting Change form should be filled out (downloadable from our website) and sent to webmaster@nassauny-aa.org.

We are seeing an increasing number of groups opening up now for face to face meetings, and still others using virtual methods going forward. The safety of our members is still of our utmost concern: social distancing and masks!

This year's Intergroup Seminar—an annual gathering of the Intergroup/Central Offices (ICOs) in the US and Canada with AAWS and AA Grapevine—had 208 attendees. The seminar was entirely virtual, another first in AA History! Nassau Intergroup sent a total of nine participants from our Steering Committee and one Rep.

At this three-day event, there were about 20 different panels on such diverse topics as newsletters, AA Grapevine, corrections, public information, hospitals and institutions, literature, and especially how COVID-19 affected literature sales and other operations this year. The panels were staggered on a schedule of three or four panels an hour. This way attendees could pick and choose which panels interested them the most, and then rotate to another.

Interestingly enough, some Intergroup office managers and chairs are paid to work at their offices. Many of them have been at their jobs for twenty years or more, and some even have pension plans. This is according to our Eighth Tradition which says in part, "Our service centers may employ special workers."

An idea which has been discussed at the Seminar for the past 30 years or so is that of electing a General Services Intergroup Delegate, that is, a Conference delegate representing all ICOs. This individual would hopefully facilitate better communications between the ICOs as a group and the various trustee committees of the General Service Board of AA via the Conference. Another item relating to representation of ICOs is to have each Intergroup elect a representative to their respective area assemblies, a GSR with a voice and a vote.

I am sorry to report the passing in August of past Nassau DCMC Ira B., whom I had worked with since he was a GSR from Massapequa. Later he became the DCM for the cluster of districts he called "South Eastern Nassau County." Ira was also the printer for the bi-monthly Gazette, Nassau County's General Services newsletter from 2009 and 2010. He was elected Nassau's DCMC from July 2011 to July 2014. The LISTS Committee (Long Island Spirituality Through Service) in which Ira played a huge role, was conceived in 2009, and the event made its debut in 2010. I was very close to Ira, part of his teamwork circle back then, and he was a good friend. Nassau County has lost a great friend of AA.

Our Intergroup Office is now open for our group members. We have instituted an "at the door" policy for people to come to the front office. Visitors come to a table by the front door but not into the office without special need, and pick up whatever forms or literature, or just to chat with the volunteer.

The wearing of masks is a MUST for anyone coming to the office for any reason. Volunteers working in the office are required to fill out a "Health Screening" form each time they come in. It has several pertinent questions and is pretty quick to fill out. In addition, there is hand sanitizing available, masks and disposable gloves, and also materials to disinfect surfaces such as phones, key pads, door handles, etc.

At all times we must adhere to State requirements with regard to masks and safe distancing procedures. If a volunteer wishes, they may put literature in a bag and place

it on the table by the front door for a person to pick up and pay for it without direct contact or coming into the office. Payment may be made with [Zelle](#), cash, check, or money order. The front office door will remain open for this purpose. The safety of everyone is again our utmost concern.

Our Office Manager would appreciate those office volunteers unfamiliar with or who have forgotten our Point of Sale (POS) system for selling literature to contact him, and come by the office by appointment to learn it and to also familiarize themselves with the new COVID-19 safety protocols. Contact, officemanager@nassauny-aa.org.

On October 5-10, we will have a virtual Share-A-Thon with the theme "Creating the Fellowship We Crave." The schedule is: Monday, October 5 through Thursday, October 8, meetings from 8-9PM. Friday and Saturday, October 9 and 10, two meetings, 8-9PM and 9-10PM. (See the Share-A-Thon schedule on page 7 for details.)

We still have a long way to go before we can get back to a pre-COVID normalcy, and we will learn and continue to improve along the way. All of us must do our best and remain patient, taking this stuff in stride and having faith that everything will work out just fine!

Kevin McH., Chair
516-292-3045 or chair@nassauny-aa.org

AA Grapevine Highlights for October

October Issue— Special section, "Money and Sobriety, featuring stories by AA members about spending, saving, giving, making amends and financial fear—in and out of AA. Also featuring stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis."

Books— Reissued as a set, *Best of the Grapevine*, Vols. 1, 2 & 3 (GV41). Many e-book titles also available.



Sobriety Calculator— It's fun to [count](#) your years, days, hours or minutes in recovery.

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.

From Institutions (H&I)

As I sit here in my hospital bed recovering from left hip re-replacement surgery (the first time was 2009) because the original replacement failed due to my degenerative bone disease and now Sclerotic Femur Bone Disease, I've had time to reflect.

As for what is happening in H&I, some good things. Last month (Sept 7) we held a first virtual committee meeting via Zoom. I put it out there that my term was up at the end of the year, but no one was ready to step up, so I will continue for two more years as H&I Chair with the consent of the Reps meeting.

Literature was delivered to various institutions including the Charles Evans Center (nee Melillo Center), Mercy New Hope in Freeport, NUMC, Brunswick Hospital, South Oaks Hospital and the Salvation Army in Hempstead. Meetings are slowly resuming at South Oaks and the Salvation Army, and we're working on Mercy New Hope and other locations. Getting back into NUMC and New Hope are on unknown time tables for now. No word even for trying virtual meetings.

We will be hosting another virtual H&I Committee meeting Wednesday, Oct 7 at 7:30PM on Zoom, and may be coordinating the distribution of more literature.

Archie N., Institutions Committee Chair
516-292-3045 or institutions@nassauny-aa.org

From the Night Book

The Night Book would like to thank the many members throughout Nassau who have helped keep our Hotline active and effective 24/7, particularly throughout this recent period of disruption, stress and strain owing to the COVID-19 crisis when good communication has been an essential lifeline for so many. You've helped keep the hand of AA outstretched for all who struggle with our common problem.

We encourage groups and individual members to step up to this important and continuing service.

Now that our office has reopened, we are returning to the routine of forwarding the office Hotline to Night Book volunteers daily when the office closes at 5PM until it reopens at 9AM.

The Night Book routine is fairly simple. At the end of each business day, the volunteer in the Intergroup office will phone the listed Night Book volunteer to "transfer the phones." A second call is usually made to confirm the transfer has gone through. The following morning, the volunteer in the Intergroup office will transfer the phones back to the office.

The Night Book week runs from Saturday to Friday. Well prior to the start of the week, the group Night Book Coordinator submits a [list](#) of daily volunteers to Night Book, and receives a virtual Night Book case containing information which might be useful to a Night Book volunteer during the shift. (When we fully get back to our usual routines, physical Night Book cases will be circulated.)

Your participation in this service as a Night Book group coordinator or daily volunteer is critical to achieving our goal of having a member of AA available to any alcoholic or anyone else reaching out to AA in Nassau County 24/7.

Thank you for your service.
Yours In Service,
Night Book, 516-292-3045 or nightbook@nassauny-aa.org



Service Opportunities Beyond the Home Group

We offer a listing of opportunities for service with Nassau Intergroup. Interested? Leave a message at the NI office during business hours (9AM-5PM daily) at 516-292-3045 or send an email to the addresses below.

For October and beyond, the service opportunities include:

■ **Standing Committee Chairs**— With the close of the year comes the biennial rotation of all Intergroup Standing Committee Chair

responsibilities. New appointments are usually through the incoming Chair-elect for the new rotation, 2021-2022. Contact: chair@nassauny-aa.org.

■ **Public Information**— Speaking at schools, colleges and other venues. Contact: publicinfo@nassauny-aa.org.

■ **Institutions (H&I)**— Many opportunities for speaking at institutions. Come to the H&I meeting (first Wednesday monthly, see the Calendar of Events) or, contact: institutions@nassauny-aa.org.

■ **Intergroup Office**— Volunteers always needed to answer phones and handle literature questions, any day, 9AM-1PM or 1-5PM. Contact: officemanager@nassauny-aa.org.

■ **Website**— Volunteer(s) needed familiar with PHP or MySQL. Contact: webcommittee@nassauny-aa.org.

Practice These Principles

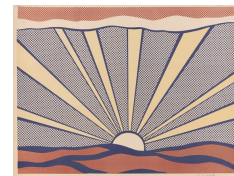
Step 10—

"Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

Step Ten, Continued to take inventory.

Whether I'm right or wrong, I still need to take personal inventory.

As time has passed, I realize that I have experienced the five types of inventory Bill W. mentions on page 89 of our "Step" book. First the spot check. This is key for me personally because throughout the day is when defects seem to rear their ugly head. What I've come to believe now is what someone in Al-Anon shared with me a while ago,



"The influence of ultimate authority must always be felt, but it is perfectly clear that when delegated authority is operating well it should not be constantly interfered with."

—From, "Concept X," *Twelve Concepts for World Service*, p. 44.

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Practice These Principles

Step 10 (Continued)

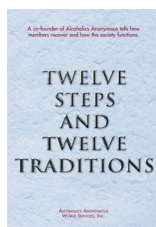
"Sobriety is in the pause." Truthfully the only way I can say I have practiced humility is by remaining silent in heated discussions or outright bad situations, or remaining silent when I think I have a better answer than someone else.

The second is of course, like the first one, found in both the "Big Book" and the "Step" book, the one at day's end. Some call this the nightly review as combined with Step Eleven in the basic text. This one has given me great insight when practiced on a consistent basis. My old sponsor Rashid gave me copied sheets of the questions that I would attach to a note book in which to write my answers from the Q & A from this one, and the Upon Awakening as it appears in the basic text.

The third, sharing inventory with a sponsor or spiritual advisor. This is invaluable especially in the beginning when we haven't gotten a handle on this inventory writing business. It's amazing how much you don't see when you're emotionally invested in a situation which takes calm thoughtful reflection aided by an understanding unbiased person.

The fourth type is probably where the phrase "Do another Fourth Step" originated, the one where Bill states, "Annual or Semi-annual housecleaning." Now if I say I am going to do another Fourth Step, I am openly exclaiming that I am not current with my Tenth Step practice. I've been practicing long enough to know I'm gonna slack on the nightly review once in a while, OR I am oblivious to something that only a full inventory will reveal. It's a spiritual practice not a spiritual perfect!

The last one is the occasional retreat, or self-overhaul and meditation. It's nice to get away and become clear, and to get rid of all the distractions. Did you notice the words indicate a combination of two Steps? Bill does this in the "Big Book" and also on page 98 of the Step book. Interestingly enough, this was done by our predecessors the "Oxford Group." It took a while for me to notice that the founders ask us to ask God a lot. I use this tool in my Sixth and Seventh Step practice to ask God to reveal to me defects or shortcomings I have not discovered through written or shared inventory.
Derrick H., Baldwin Group, 2016



Tradition 10—

Tradition 10 states, "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name never ought be drawn into public controversy."

Well, let's just say when I was actively drinking, I had an opinion for everything and everyone. I was the solution to the world's problems. It took two years of working this program to recognize how foolish and problematic that thinking was.

I walked into AA (almost two years ago), and wasn't quite sure what the program would actually do for me. I was, however, open to listen and learn. Looking back on that time, I now understand why they call this program a gift. Having been taken through both the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions (by my sponsor), I clearly see why it's a design for living and not a teaching tool for not drinking.

When I read about "Tradition 10," I understand why we keep our name from public issues and controversy. Alcoholism is a baffling disease, and not generally fully understood the way it's understood through the eyes of an alcoholic. Keeping the focus on our primary purpose is where our fellowship provides the greatest good. Engaging in the public debating society involves us in public opinion, and diverts us from the program's intended principles.

If Alcoholics Anonymous decided to engage in every world issue, we would spend more time defending our positions than helping those who still suffer.

Once the AA name is entered into the debate, we lose the power of choice over the Fellowship name and the opinions formed of it. Any public controversy can have a big impact on those still curious about our AA. It's hard enough to walk through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous on our own accord. We don't need any additional public attention distracting from our message of hope and change.

Curtis L., DCM, Districts 202/216, 2015-2016

Concept X—

"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined."

As I have grown to learn in recent years, the Concepts are equally as vital as the Steps and Traditions in enabling AA to carry out its primary purpose. This is especially clear to me in Concept X where clear organization is

demonstrated. One part of this Concept explains that, "Every service responsibility within AA should be matched by an equal service authority." In order to understand this, I found it best to relate it to my own personal experience.

In my professional life I have experienced two different sides of the idea of Concept X. I have been given responsibilities on the job and have been afforded authority to carry out those responsibilities. When I was able to carry out those tasks along with my co-workers the overall operation of the company was smooth and productive. This is because we were all working towards that goal, each using our own abilities, talents and expertise.

In the same way, Concept X, essentially has set the precedent for AA to run as smoothly as possible in order for "groups to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." We can connect it to Tradition Two, which states that, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience." By restoring us to sanity and giving us this new life, God has given us this new purpose. He is the ultimate authority who delegates this responsibility to the groups with equal authority, whatever is needed to carry out our purpose.

As groups, we delegate responsibility to the Conference on our behalf, and the Conference does the same with the trustees who then delegate down to the directors of AA World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. All corresponding authority is clearly defined and it is through "tradition, resolution, by specific job description, or by appropriate charters and bylaws."

On page 63 of the "Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous, it states that, "We had a new Employer. Being all Powerful, He provided what we needed, if we kept close to Him and performed His work well." In a sense, this is the essence of Concept X, and is really where it all began for me. He has given me a responsibility, and if I keep close to Him to work to carry out this new purpose, He will give me what I need in order to do that.

Pam S., Alt. DCMC, NGSG, 2015-2016

**Nassau General Service
Election of Officers
October 19, 7:30PM
Go to [NGSG](#) for details.**

Literature— The Spirit of Rotation & Getting Back to Routines

By the time most members get to read this, Intergroup will have held its biennial election of officers to start a two year term beginning January 1. At the same time, it is expected most standing committee chairs (who are also members of the Steering Committee) will be preparing to rotate out or on to new service opportunities by year's end, and that at least a few first time trusted servants will be rotating in to replace some of them.

By way of process, most standing committee chair positions are filled through appointment by the Intergroup Chair with the approval of the Reps meeting. (Chairs may also be recommended from within committees with approval of the Reps meeting as is typical for Share-A-Day and Institutions.) This means that for most committees, if you are interested in serving next rotation, you need to approach the chair-elect and make your interest known.

Many members for various reasons may shy away from service as a standing committee chair and with the Steering Committee, but everyone who has done such service can tell you they too started out with at least a degree of uncertainty and in need of information and support. The support will come from your fellow Steering Committee members and others who have done the service, and can share their experience, strength and hope on the service. The information will also come from them, but also from our literature. Curious? Talk with us. Intergroup won't just throw you into the deep end of the service pool without the information and support you'll need to succeed.

Concerning the literature, one or more pieces of AA literature has been developed to support almost every beyond the home group service function. You just need to know about it.

At Intergroup we have a library of what are called service workbooks and kits (kits include a copy of the workbook together with additional related literature) for many of the standing

committees along with copies of AA Guidelines touching a variety of additional topics, all from [AAWS](#). Available standing committee workbooks and kits are: [Accessibilities](#)



(aka Special Needs), [Archives](#), [Cooperation with the Professional Community](#) (CPC), [Corrections](#), [Public Information](#) (PI), and [Treatment Committee](#) (aka H&I or Institutions). Available Guidelines include: [Accessibilities](#), [Answering Services](#), [Archives](#), [CPC](#), [Corrections](#), [Finance](#), [Intergroups](#), [Internet](#), [Literature](#), [PI](#) and [Treatment Committees](#) among others.



Concerning getting back to routines including access to literature for members and home groups, by now everyone should know the Intergroup office reopened for routine daily business starting Labor Day, albeit with COVID related restrictions in place. Those restrictions include the requirement to wear a mask and to maintain the recommended six foot social distancing if coming to the office, and there are still no in-office meetings being scheduled.

If you do come to the office to buy literature, your order will be prepared by an office volunteer who will deliver it to you at the front office door across a table to help insure social distancing and to restrict physical access to the office to only essential activities. A basket on the table will receive your payment, as in the past, exact change, check or money order.

You can still contact Literature at literature@nassauny-aa.org with questions or to arrange any special order (literature available but ordinarily not on hand without prior arrangement, usually large items such as shades or selections of individual pamphlets), to get a calculation on the cost of any order including the State sales tax, or to arrange prepayment for any order (available via [Zelle](#)).

Remember too to check out the new [Literature pages](#) on our website. These include catalogues of available AA books and related items along with links to complimentary literature resources via AAWS and the Grapevine online.

Nassau continues to do well in its battle against COVID-19 thanks to the cooperation and participation of most throughout the county, and we can be hopeful of a progressive although slow return to our prior AA way of life as a result. But again, we are not quite at the end of this experience even though we see positive signs including the reopening of our office and the return of more and more AA meetings as to face to

face gatherings.

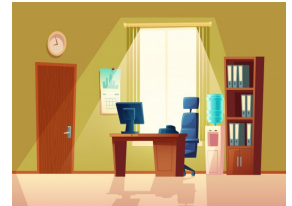
In the interests of all and the progress made, please maintain your vigilance in respecting the continuing COVID health and safety concerns and related restrictions. I'm tired of it too, but no one wants to see this thing be allowed to re-surge.

Stay safe, stay positive, and stay connected. Hope this is helpful.

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

Intergroup Office Reopened

Following the prolonged COVID-19 related shutdown, the Intergroup office reopened for routine business on Labor Day, although the return of meetings to the office is still deferred.



While you should still call ahead to assure a volunteers is on hand before coming in, you can expect us to try to have the office open 9AM-5PM daily including holidays.

Phones are again being answered from the office and literature sales are again available albeit under restricted circumstances.

Health and safety during this period of continuing COVID-related concern are most important. What this means is that our volunteers are required to complete a "Health Screening" each time they come in, to wear a mask and maintain the six foot social distancing when interacting with anyone coming to the office, and to disinfect any common surfaces they may come into contact with during their service.

If you come to the office, you'll find a table in the doorway to limit unnecessary entry, and to help maintain the social distance.

Picking up literature? The office volunteer will assembly your order and deliver it over the table. A basket will be on the table to collect your payment, exact change cash, check or money order as usual. Pre-payment via [Zelle](#) is also possible. Contact literature@nassauny-aa.org to inquire, or to arrange a special order.

Out of a continuing abundance of caution, we have not returned any service meetings to the office, but rather are continuing them in virtual spaces. See our calendar or the website for details.

Intergroup Office, 516-292-3045

Nassau Share A Thon

Creating the Fellowship We Carve

October 5-10, 2020
Zoom Meeting ID: 554 670 5146
Password: 870607

Program:

October 5-7, 8-9PM
October 9-10, 8-9PM & 9-10PM

October 5, Welcome & The 12 Steps of AA
October 6, Sponsorship
October 7, AA Fellowship
October 8, Maximum Service to God and Others
October 9, The History of AA/Traditions Play
October 10, Oldtimers Panel/Keynote Speaker



Traditions Workshops for the Remainder of 2020



Please Join us every 2nd Sunday of the Month via Zoom
Meeting ID: 467 421 2768
Password: 304861

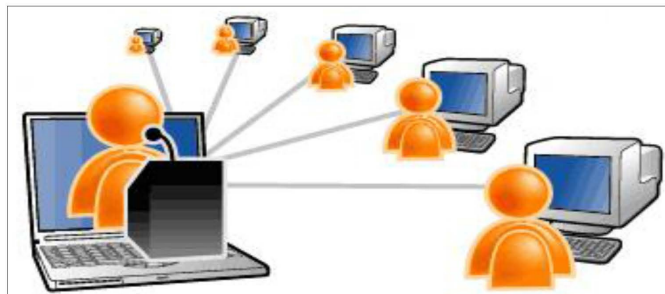
- October 11th @ 10:00am - 11:00 am**
TRADITION TEN:
Hosted by "Primary Purpose Group Of Lynbrook." Archie N.
- November 8th @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am**
TRADITION ELEVEN:
Hosted by "Gift of Serenity." Archie N
- December 13th @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am**
TRADITION TWELVE:
Hosted by "Firing Line Group." Hosted by Michele.

2020 WHAT A YEAR! OUR FELLOWSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC



VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
HOSTED BY SENY ARCHIVES
SATURDAY 10/10/2020 AT 10 AM - 1 PM
ID: 878 5609 4835 PASSCODE: 18525
DIAL BY LOCATION 1 646 876 9923 US (NEW YORK)

The BIG MEETING



- WHERE:** Hosted on Zoom: 554-670-5146; Password 870607
- WHAT:** This a three-hour virtual meeting celebrating over 60 years of AA in Nassau County. How we began, how we got to where we are today, and how we are handling the changes of the future.
- WHEN:** Sunday, November 22nd, 2020 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- WHO:** Panelists knowledgeable about our county's AA history, of the optimistic spirit of Service, and memorable experience in their own words.
- OLDTIMER'S PANEL:** People with 25 or more years of continuous sobriety who will share their experience, strength, and hope!

*This should be an informative and enjoyable three hours!
Audience participation will follow the presentations.*

About the Meeting List

Back in March when the State shut down all “non-essential” gatherings with the PAUSE, we pulled our [meeting list](#) reflecting all meetings as “Location Temporarily Closed.” We also launched a list of “[Virtual Meetings](#)” as that information came in.

Now, following the State’s phasing out of the PAUSE, we need to hear from you about the status of your meetings. Some are reopened as physical face to face (F2F) gatherings while others are trying out hybrid (blending the F2F with the virtual for the same meeting) or parallel (the same meeting meetings virtually and F2F at the same time but separately), and still others remain virtual.

Meetings now listed as “Closed” or “Virtual” will remain so listed unless you tell us differently. The best way to let us know what is happening with your group’s meetings is to download a [Meeting List Changes](#) form from the website, fill it out, and return it to meetinglist@nassauny-aa.org, or drop it off at or mail it to the office.

Questions? Our contact info is below, email preferred.

Meeting List, 516-292-3045 or meetinglist@nassauny-aa.org

Meeting List Changes

Nassau Intergroup does not confirm or otherwise vet meeting information for accuracy or completeness, nor does it check or confirm that particular meetings are being held in compliance with any laws or regulations including governmental requirements regarding COVID-19 related rules or other health or safety considerations.

(Changes received as of 9/27/2020.)

GO TO “MEETING FINDER” ON OUR WEBSITE FOR MEETING DETAILS.

REOPENED GROUPS

- | | |
|---|--|
| —Baldwin
Baldwin Group | —Bellmore
Only Booze |
| —Bethpage
Caring & Sharing | —Douglaston
Fresh Start
Little Neck-
Douglaston Group |
| —East Meadow
Clean and Sober Men’s
It Can Be Done
Soul Survivors | —East Rockaway
E. Rockaway Group |

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|---|---|
| —Farmingdale
Farmingdale Group | —Garden City
Attitude Adjustment |
| —Glen Cove
Glen Cove 1 Group | —Island Park
Island Park Group
“Below Sea Level” |
| —Hicksville
Sunday Afternoon Discussion | —Long Beach
Early Risers
High Noon/West
End
Young by the Beach |
| —Levittown
Nassau Afternoon Discussion
Serenity Night Live
Women’s 3 O’Clock | —Massapequa
Massapequa Park
Group
Turning Point |
| —Manhasset
Early Cup of Sobriety | —New Hyde Park
Conscious Contact
New Hyde Park
Group
New Spirit |
| —Merrick
Merrick/Bellmore Recovery | —Oceanside
12 & 12
One Day at a Time |
| —North Bellmore
North Bellmore Group | |
| —Port Washington
<i>Grupo Serenidad En Port Washington</i> | |
| —Syosset
Brookville/Muttontown Group | |

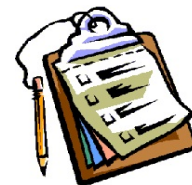
GO TO “VIRTUAL MEETINGS” ON OUR WEBSITE FOR MEETING DETAILS.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS

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| —Cambria Heights
Give It a Try Group | —East Meadow
Moonlight Group |
| —Cold Spring Harbor
Discussion Group | —Garden City
Freedom Seekers
Garden City Group |
| —Elmont
Back Stretch Group | —Hicksville
First Things First |
| —Glen Head
Only Requirement | —Long Beach
Early Risers
Serenity by the
Sea/AM
Three Legacies
Workshop
Young by the Beach |
| —Levittown
Courage to Change | —Malverne
Gratitude Group
Sobriety Without
End |
| —Lynbrook
Primary Purpose | |
| —Manhasset
Big Book Experience
Early Cup of Sobriety | —Massapequa Park
Lost Weekend
Women’s Sunday
Zoom |
| —Massapequa
Massapequa Bottom Line
Maasapequa Park Group | |
| —Melville
Sweet Air | —Merrick
Merrick/Bellmore
Recovery
Sobriety with Hope |



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| —New Hyde Park
New Hyde Park Group | —North Bellmore
N. Bellmore Group |
| —Oceanside
Stepping Stones | —Rockville Centre
Joy of Living
Serenity at Noon |
| —Roslyn
Roslyn Group | —Sea Cliff
Sober Start |
| —Seaford
Gratitude Group
Seaford Serenity | —Wantagh
Friday Nite Live
Peace Within |
| —West Hempstead
Weekend Early Birds | |
| —Other
By the Book
Grapevine Story Hour
Keep It Simple
Sober Voices
The Only Requirement | |



Answer to Who Am I?

Lasker Award— The Lasker Award has been presented annually since 1945 to living persons who have made major contributions to medical science, or who have performed public service on behalf of medicine. In 1951, the American Public Health Association presented the [Lasker Award](#) to AA. Initially offered to co-founder Bill W. individually, he declined suggesting it might instead be presented to AA as a whole. At their July meeting, AA’s trustees voted to accept the award, but not the \$1,000 cash grant associated with it, subject to the approval of the Conference whose members were polled by mail and overwhelmingly approved. Bernard Smith, Class A trustee and then chair of the board, was designated to accept on AA’s behalf. The award ceremony took place in San Francisco in October of that year. The Lasker statuette (above) and citation are in the archives at the General Service Office in New York.



Lasker Award

(See, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, pp. 4, 88, and, 301; and, *Pass It On*, p. 350.)

More Announcements

Suffolk Intergroup Association
Share-A-Thon
Freedom Through Sobriety
Sunday, October 4, 2020
For details, Go to:
www.suffolkny-aa.org/share-a-thon