



NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST 2021

A.A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The August Reps. meeting will be on 8/5/21 at 7:30 PM. The Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID: 554 670 5146 Passcode: 870607. There is a New Reps. Orientation Meeting beforehand at 7:00 pm same Meeting ID and Passcode.
- The Intergroup Picnic will be held on 8/22/21 8:00am- 5:00pm at The Cedars in Eisenhower Park (see pg. 15).
- For upcoming A.A. events see pages 13-16.
- The Share-A-Day Committee is still looking into possible meeting venues and dates, volunteers will be needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Kevin at shareaday@nassauny-aa.org.
- NI Treasurer reports that contributions have been healthy all year but fell off in May. Acknowledgments are getting out slowly due to group address and treasurer changes but every contribution is appreciated.
- Traditions workshops will be every second Sunday of the month at 10 AM. Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID: 554 670 5146 Passcode: 870607
- There are service opportunities with the Nightbook/Daybook (see pg. 8)
- The office is open with restricted access, please call ahead (516-292-3045) to verify if someone is available. Masks and social distancing is required.
- If you have any information about a group formed after 1970 please contact John from archives via email at archives@nassauny-aa.org.
- LICYPAA Committee Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 8:15pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 658 749 0274 Passcode: LICYPAA

Calendar Of Events:

August 2021	September 2021
<u>8/2/21:</u> - LICYPAA Committee Meeting 8:15pm	<u>9/1/21:</u> - H&I Committee Meeting 8:00pm - Corrections Committee Meeting 8:30pm
<u>8/4/21:</u> - H&I Committee Meeting 8:00pm - Corrections Committee Meeting 8:30pm	<u>9/2/21:</u> - New Representatives Orientation 7:00pm - Nassau Intergroup Representatives Meeting 7:30pm
<u>8/5/21:</u> - New Representatives Orientation 7:00pm - Nassau Intergroup Representatives Meeting 7:30pm	<u>9/6/21:</u> - LICYPAA Committee Meeting 8:15pm
<u>8/8/21:</u> - Traditions Workshop 10:00am	<u>9/8/21:</u> - Share-A-Day Planning Committee Meeting 7:00pm
<u>8/11/21:</u> - Share-A-Day Planning Committee Meeting 7:00pm	<u>9/9/21:</u> - PI/CPC Committee Meeting 7:30pm
<u>8/16/21:</u> - Nassau General Service New Reps Meeting 7:00pm - Nassau General Service Committee Meeting 7:30pm - LICYPAA Committee Meeting 8:15pm	<u>9/10/21:</u> - Bridging the Gap Workshop
<u>8/26/21:</u> - 62nd ICYPAA Convention - Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm (by invitation)	<u>9/11/21:</u> - Bridging the Gap Workshop - SENY Assembly 9:30am -3:30pm
<u>8/27/21:</u> - 62nd ICYPAA Convention	<u>9/12/21:</u> - Traditions Workshop 10:00am - Bridging the Gap Workshop
<u>8/28/21:</u> - 62nd ICYPAA Convention	<u>9/18/21:</u> - Speaker Exchange Meeting 7:00am
<u>8/29/21:</u> - 62nd ICYPAA Convention	<u>9/20/21:</u> - NCSG 12 Concepts Workshop 7:30pm - LICYPAA Committee Meeting 8:15pm
	<u>9/30/21:</u> - Steering Committee Meeting 7:30pm (by invitation)



**Drunks are calling...
Let's ensure the hand of
A.A. is there to answer their calls.**

The A.A. hotline, both the daytime phones and the Nightbook, is in dire need of phone volunteers.

Reach out to
Kenny at officemanager@nassaunyaa.org or
Luisa at nightbook@nassaunyaa.org
for opportunities
to do service.

"Each day my friend's simple talk in our kitchen multiplies itself in a widening circle of peace on earth and good will to men."

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For detailed information regarding each meeting, please refer to the Nassau Intergroup Calendar of Events website, which can be found [here](#).

THE THREE LEGACIES

Step Eight

When I first looked at the steps and saw Step 8, “Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”, I froze in fear. It was explained to me that there are many types of harms we cause to others. In the Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions they explain 8 types of harms in the 8th Step Essay. This helped me understand more of the harms I had caused others. My list was already started from doing my Harms list, sex inventory and from the 4th column of my resentment list during my 4th step. But the essay helped me to expand upon the list and add more to it that I may have not recognized as harms before as I had more clarity. There’s a reason this is a separate step done further in the work.

Now for the fear. I was SO FEARFUL of this step and the one that follows. Make amends to them all?!?! My sponsor at the time had me reread the step over and over. What I failed to see is all it is suggesting I do is become willing to make amends to them all. That didn’t mean that I would

be making them all but I had to be willing.

This step helps us show compassion by being willing to make right the wrongs we have caused. We hold ourselves accountable and practice humility by admitting exactly what it is that we have done. This step to me was like the ticket booth where you get your ticket to board the boat to freedom. We may not board that boat if we fail to continue with the step work. But if we do, although that ride can be choppy at times, the destination of true freedom is like nothing I have ever experienced.

-Kayla G

Grateful to be an alcoholic

We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven’t the will to do this, we ask until it comes.

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STEP EIGHT

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

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THE THREE LEGACIES CONTINUED...

Tradition Eight

Co-founder Bill W., had a first experience with this tradition before it was written.

Bill was asked to work as a counselor at Towns Hospital. Bill & Lois W. were in need of income, for their home was going into foreclosure. Lois is working 2 jobs. Bill has no income. He went home to discuss this offer and one of his friends began to speak.

The speaker's voice grew more confident. "Don't you realize, he went on, that you can never become a professional? We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire". One alcoholic talking to another; that's all. Freely received, freely given.

Cleveland, Ohio, was the first service center, known these days as Intergroup Offices. There are hundreds of Intergroup Offices &

Hispanic Offices in the U.S. & Canada, some employ special workers.

In a Grapevine article, July 1948, on the Eighth Tradition, Language of the Heart, pg. 88, "We are beginning to see that our few paid workers are performing only those tasks that our volunteers cannot consistently handle. Primarily these folks are not doing Twelfth Step work. They are just making more and better Twelfth Step work possible. Secretaries at their desk are valuable points of contact, information, and public relations. That is what they are paid for, and nothing else. They help carry the good news of A.A. to the outside world and bring our prospects face to face with us".

Marty K. DCMC-AAIOU

TRADITION EIGHT

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

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TRADITION EIGHT CHECKLIST

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition—How It Developed?

Corporate Oversight:

Authority Divided, Delegated, and (Hopefully!) Unified

Concept VIII continues the discussion of the General Service Board's authority that began in Concept VII. While the previous Concept focused on the relationship between the General Service Board and the Conference, this Concept is concerned with the relationship between the General Service Board and our two corporate entities: A.A. World Services, Inc. (which operates the General Service Office) and A.A. Grapevine, Inc. (which publishes our monthly magazine).

Like many of the Twelve Concepts for World Service, Concept VIII might best be approached by looking at the similarities between how our local Intergroup operates, and how the General Service Board operates.

Many A.A. members in Nassau County are familiar with our local service committees, and the specific areas of responsibility each one assumes. Our Corrections committee, our Public Information committee, and our Office Manager, for example, have very different functions.

And while our Intergroup Steering Committee remains available to provide suggestions and guidance in these service areas and others, it would be a serious mistake to attempt to directly manage the day to day activities, say, of our office volunteers through the mechanism of our monthly Steering Committee meeting. So

instead, the Steering Committee tries to stay focused on larger matters of policy and finance, leaving the daily coordination of volunteers in our local office to the trusted servant (currently Kenny!) appointed to manage it.

Similarly, the General Service Board would make quite a mess of things if it tried to manage the day to day operations of the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine/La Vina office from the vantage point of Board meetings held quarterly each year.

So even though the General Service Board has the legal authority to do whatever it wants with our corporate entities, good business sense dictates that the Board practice its oversight by (1) selecting directors to steer each corporation, and (2) delegating daily operations to hired executives (i.e. GSO's General Manager, and AA Grapevine's Publisher).

This delegation of authority is not an abandonment of the GSB's responsibilities, but rather a prudent way of meeting them. By hiring and trusting talented executives (and successful GSO managers and Grapevine Publishers need very different skill sets) the General Service Board is then more able to keep its eye on larger matters of policy and finance. The result is a more unified vision of how best to use our resources of time, money and people -- and thus a more unified effort of the A.A. fellowship.

Jim M.

CONCEPT VIII

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

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CONCEPT VII CHECKLIST

1. Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine) and the General Service Board?
2. How can the business term "custodial oversight" apply to the trustees' relationship to the two corporate service entities?
3. Does my home group subscribe to G.S.O.'s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? A.A. Grapevine? Do I?

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AN A.A. MEMBER'S EXPERIENCE OF STAYING SOBER DURING COVID

Staying Sober During a Pandemic

When the pandemic caused everything to close, I was about 2 weeks shy of my 1st anniversary. I started to panic because now I had to isolate. This meant that all A.A. meetings were closed, which scared me. I knew that no meetings plus isolation was a perfect storm for an alcoholic to pick up. Then who knew if there would have been a way back without meetings being accessible.

I had a hard time making phone calls to other A.A. members, as I always have. My sponsor told me about a friend of ours that had started a Zoom meeting. I panicked again because I had no idea what Zoom was. I started to beat myself up because I felt computer illiterate. I also heard there was a number and a password to get into Zoom meetings. I knew that I had two choices, to try or to be miserable. I tried and finally succeeded. WOW! Was I proud of myself. Then I heard that a lot of meetings were going to do their meeting over Zoom.

Eventually, there was access to Zoom meetings all over the world, which I found amazing.

After awhile, Zoom meetings weren't helping me with the lack of being around other people. I was still, in some way, isolated and alone. I even had to celebrate my 1st anniversary on Zoom, with no 1 year coin. I have to say alcoholics (A.A. members) are truly special and amazing because I received coins in the mail from two people. Now I have two 1 year coins. This pink cloud didn't last long, because I was isolating and alone.

The COVID restrictions were to wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart. I started to meet up with friends outdoors, and wearing a mask, while maintaining the proper distance. I started to feel a little better being able to talk to friends and see their face, even with a mask on. I even met up with people in parking lots while staying in our cars and talking. I had to find ways to meet with friends during this difficult time. Through all of this I did a lot of praying and talking to both God and Danny (my deceased husband, I believe that I have two Higher

Powers).

I don't remember the exact month that a friend of mind started a meeting in her backyard. But it felt wonderful to be at an actual live meeting. I was so grateful to her for doing this. I got to meet a lot of other Alcoholics Anonymous members that I have since made friends with. I also went to a recovery center on Friday nights which helped me to be around people, all while following the CDC guidelines.

Staying sober during the COVID pandemic was a tough challenge but my Higher Powers put the help that I needed in my path. I am a grateful recovering alcoholic to be able to stay sober during such a difficult time in everyone's life.

- Susan

PLEASE DON'T THROW ZOOM AWAY!

This article was written by, and is the opinion of, one Nassau County A.A. member. Nassau Intergroup does not endorse nor oppose the use of Zoom. It is entirely up to the individual group conscience to decide whether Zoom is right for their group.

Please don't throw Zoom away!

As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous I was grateful for Zoom during the Pandemic. It was a life saver for AA. Zoom enabled groups to hold meetings during the past year of isolation.

Now, as the Pandemic ebbs we are able to return to "in person" meetings. Many members and groups are anxious to "go back to the old way".

I'm wondering if we might move forward in a new way including Zoom. Tradition 5 reminds us of our primary purpose – to carry the message to the alcoholic who stills suffers.

There are many AA members who are unable to attend "in person" meeting for various reasons that have nothing to do with the Pandemic. Zoom provides a way to reach these AA members.

I can think of a few examples:

Members who physically are unable to get to a "in person" meeting.

Members who travel but would like to attend their home group meeting from afar.

Members who move to a new location but would like to keep their connection with their homegroup as they transition to another community.

I think of AA as having a new tool named Zoom.

Let's embrace this new technology and keep it available to the AA member who needs a meeting and is unable to get to one "in person".

Pat M
(West End High Noon / Long Beach)



"WE ASK" A.A. MEMBER'S FAVORITE BIG BOOK PRAYERS

...Ask Him in your morning meditation
what you can do each day for the man who is still sick.
The answers will come, if your own house is in order.

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When asked what my favorite prayer is what comes to mind is two way prayer or guidance. I'm not sure this is something talked about a lot.

I found two way prayer to be useful in my program. It has transformed my relationship with my Higher Power, whom I choose to call God. For those that are not familiar two way prayer was used by the Oxford group, which is where the twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous came from. The Oxford group believed in the four absolutes which are: Honest, Pure, Unselfish and Loving. I've learned through this process, that I can ask God any question and receive an answer.

For example, I can ask God what His will for me is for the day. Then I sit and meditate (which is to listen) and write everything that comes through,

I allow God to speak through the pen. After, I check to see if what came through is Honest, Pure, Unselfish and Loving. If it is then I know it's God speaking to me. If I see something that does not meet these four absolutes, then I know somehow, somewhere, I cropped in. In the beginning, only words came through. The more I did this, the more came through. It is a practice, eventually sentences started to come through and from there I've had experiences where my Higher Power spoke to me in the form of a letter. This practice is powerful and profound. That is because my relationship with my Higher Power was growing stronger. Step eleven states "Sought through Prayer and Meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for the knowledge of His will for us and the Power to carry that out." (Page 59, Alcoholics Anonymous). Prayer is talking

to God, while meditation is listening to God. Sometimes what I think God's will for me is, is not actually God's will.

Through this process, I've found that it helps eliminate me from me and really allows me to be guided by my Higher Power. In the two way prayer process, I get clear cut directions to carry out. It does not matter what I am going through in life, I can always utilize this tool to seek answers. Two way prayer encompasses the 11th step in it's entirety. "...Ask Him in your morning meditation what you can do each day for the man who is still sick. The answers will come, if your own house is in order." (Page 164, Alcoholics Anonymous)

-Christina

NIGHTBOOK CHAIR'S CORNER

Asking For Help

How great is it when we can come together and be of service? That feeling of comradery and gratitude!!! Nassau Intergroup invites you to be a part of all of this by becoming involved.

We are looking for Alcoholics Anonymous Groups to cover our hotline after office hours, from 5:00pm - 9:00am the following day. The commitment is for one week and each group would ask 7 of their members to volunteer their time. There is always someone looking for a meeting, asking about in-person re-openings, online meetings and more. When someone is

willing to ask for our help, let the hand (and ears) of our amazing volunteers be there to answer.

Thank you to the following groups for the month of July: Gift of Serenity, Plainview Reflections, No Frills, Farmingdale Women's Group, and PACE Group.

If your group is interested in taking a week or have any questions, please contact me at Nightbook@nassauny-aa.org

Thank you for your service!

With Love & Gratitude,
Luisa
Nightbook Chair

Responsibility Statement

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.



CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to get in touch with the Nassau Intergroup Nightbook Chair, please send an email to

nightbook@nassauny-aa.org.



Support

CHAIR'S CORNER

A life of sane and happy usefulness

By Jim M.

An A.A. member recently said "No" when I extended an invitation to serve our local fellowship by taking on a service position at Intergroup.

Can you believe it? An A.A. member was asked to step into a service position, and the member said, quite clearly, "No."

I was incredibly impressed.

And I was even more convinced this person would make an incredible trusted servant. This may sound a bit wonky to some, especially if you've heard and believed one of the things I heard (and believed for a while) when I first got to A.A.

You can probably guess what "suggestion" I'm talking about. The one that says, "Never say 'no' to A.A., since A.A. has never said 'no' to you."

I bought into that idea at first. And because I did, I was soon chairing multiple meetings, serving as GSR for one group, treasurer for another, and I even agreed to be the newsletter editor for our district.

I was neither sane nor happy at this time.

I was often resentful at other members who I judged weren't doing enough. I was frequently exhausted by the constant running around. And I was doing a poor job at most of these jobs simply because I was

spread too thin.

Enter a sponsor -- with a degree of sanity, and a better understanding of the "small part" we're invited to play in the "great whole" of A.A.

He suggested I continue/finish with what I'd started, but that I cease volunteering for anything further, and that I begin seeking replacements for anything outside my home group and the one district commitment I'd taken on.

"But what about the suggestion that I never say "no" to A.A.?" I asked.

My sponsor smiled. "Did you turn your life over to A.A.? Or to God?"

"To God."

"Me too. That's why I try to never say "no" to the God of my understanding. But if I'm going to fulfill other God-given roles, like being a husband, a brother, a son, a father, a neighbor, a baseball coach, an employee, or anything else, I'm going to have to say "no" to A.A. at times. The God of my understanding is happy to let me know when, as long as I'm willing to ask."

I was reminded of that conversation from more than a decade ago when the member I mentioned earlier explained the thoughtfulness and prayerfulness behind their decision: the member had brought the invitation into prayer and into an open-minded conversation with a trusted friend, weighing the offer among a number of other responsibilities. And they realized that taking on this new role at this time would ultimately neither benefit

our fellowship, nor this particular member and their loved ones.

This member had consulted the only authority for such matters: a loving God that expresses itself through this member's awakened conscience.

It was a lesson in humility, sanity, and usefulness. I am grateful for the reminder. And I'm hopeful that when this member's other responsibilities decrease, they might reconsider the invitation to serve at Intergroup. We need such thoughtful, awakened people.

And with that said, I invite anyone reading this to bring into prayerful contemplation (and open-minded discussion with trusted friends) the fact that we do need more trusted servants at Intergroup -- phone reps, chairpersons for a few service committees, and an assistant treasurer to help with some upcoming events -- and if your Higher Power says you should step up, I'm reachable at chair@nassauny-aa.org.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to get in touch with the Nassau Intergroup Chair, please send an email to Chair@nassauny-aa.org.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER CHAIR'S DESK

Hello To All Nassau County Members

The 71st General Service Conference discussed some 90+ Agenda Items. The Conference passed 43 items. Our South Eastern New York (Area 49) Delegate Tom B. August 16th@ 7:30PM – 9:30PM will discuss GSC, preceded by a Questions & Answers session. This will be a Virtual event:

Meeting ID: 922 8787 8377
Passcode: 12345

For information regarding the GSC go to aaseny.org. Click on the 3 bars & click on From The Delegate. Review the Advisory Action: The Revised Preamble & other Advisory Actions.

In Nassau County, there are so many groups , individual members that might not be privy to the General Service Conference process. 10% of the members do 100% of the work. District Committee Member Chairs & Officers past & present are always trying to encourage participation & cooperation at the County General Service Reps meeting.

August 16th is an invitation to

attend, the Delegate being available to answer questions. Tom offered that any County that invites him, he will come and discuss his personal experience being at the 71st General Service Conference.

He has been to 6 Counties out of 13 so far. We are deferring the entire hour and half Nassau County General Service Reps for Q &A. We are foregoing our regular agenda and allotting Nassau County A.A. members to attend. I am asking to announce this at your home group business meeting. Discuss this mouth to mouth at meetings. Announce this at a groups, “any A.A. announcements?” Help to get this out, to get participation. It’s you’re A.A. Bill said , "That A.A. will be around as long as God wants it to be.”

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.’s future:

To keep our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives; And the lives of those to come.

Marty K.Honored to serve as
Nassau Counties DCMC-AAIOU

Inside A.A.

Understanding
the Fellowship and
its Services



Click [here](#) to read the pamphlet

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If you would like to get in touch with the DCMC please send an email to DCMC@aanassaugs-ny.org.

Financial Review— Virtual Basket



With so many groups forced by COVID-19 to either shut down or go to a virtual format this past year, many groups had their finances thrown into confusion. Chief among the questions was just how could we continue to practice the principle of self-support suggested in our Tradition Seven under these changed circumstances?

Should we be paying to maintain physical meeting spaces we couldn't use? Could we continue to enjoy the use of storage space in a church basement while we weren't paying rent? How could we pass the basket in a virtual meeting? While group expenses in a virtual world were significantly reduced, they weren't eliminated. How might we pay our way for any resources we needed to field virtual meetings such as a Zoom account? Was it okay for a group member to simply contribute those resources? As our meetings started to return to physical spaces, would we try to keep the digital channels we had opened up with new hybrid meetings (meetings which are simultaneously held face to face and

online)? What about the added expenses attached to running hybrid meetings given the technical and hardware demands for such meetings? What about using member resources such as a hotspot or laptop? Where available, could we use the landlord's resources such as a WiFi connection or hardware? These were just a few of the questions which have come up, and no doubt there are more.

There are no easy answers to many of these questions as many groups have found out, but there is shared experience on some of them including on passing a virtual basket for those meetings which will remain virtual or which will go hybrid.

One useful resource is a piece of service material called "[Frequently Asked Questions on Practicing the Seventh Tradition at Virtual Meetings](#)" (SMF-223). (Service material—SM—is a simple sharing of collected Fellowship experience on a given subject in a non-Conference approved document or file from GSO.) This publication helps groups explore their need for a virtual basket, to look at some available resources for setting up a virtual basket, and to consider some of the demands of implementation. (Different approaches have different cost and implementation challenges.) NY Intergroup also has some useful information on this question in its "[Guide to Collecting Virtual Seventh Tradition Contributions](#)."

Nassau Intergroup for instance chose to use [Zelle](#) for its digital basket, an approach which can also be used to pay for in office literature purchases

in place of a credit or debit card. (Feel free to reach out for Intergroup's experience in selecting and setting up this contribution channel.)

Keep in mind there is no endorsement of any resource, service or approach implied. This is all just FYI. Groups need to reach their own conclusions on review of available information, an informed group conscience.

Also of interest may be the [Box 4-5-9](#), Vol. 66, No. 3, Fall 2020 lead article, "'AA at Its Best': New Approaches to the Seventh Tradition."

Visit the Intergroup [website](#) for additional shared experience and resources on "Practicing the 7th Tradition" on the "[Contributions](#)" page.

Hope this is helpful.

Be careful. COVID's still out there.

Bill C., Financial Review Committee
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finance@nassauny-aa.org

LITERATURE CHAIR'S CORNER

As I make my entrance into the Literature Chair position, I want to shout out to Bill, the previous Literature Chair, who has guided me through the transition period very patiently. I look forward to this responsibility of fulfilling the "big shoes" with Bill's departure. However, Bill has graciously told me he will assist me with any transactions needed as I don't expect to know even half as much as Bill does. All in all, this position should be challenging as well as exciting.

Literature is a very important aspect with carrying the message of Alcoholic Anonymous to others. We carry a large variety of pamphlets (some free, and some at a minimal expense), books (hard cover, soft cover, and large print on some), and even signs to display at your groups.

Now that the groups are beginning to re-open, and a sense of the "old" A.A. meetings are coming back, I encourage groups to check out our inventory of literature, and purchase accordingly. As this pandemic remains a concern, there are still restrictions in place. We ask that you be courteous of other's safety by

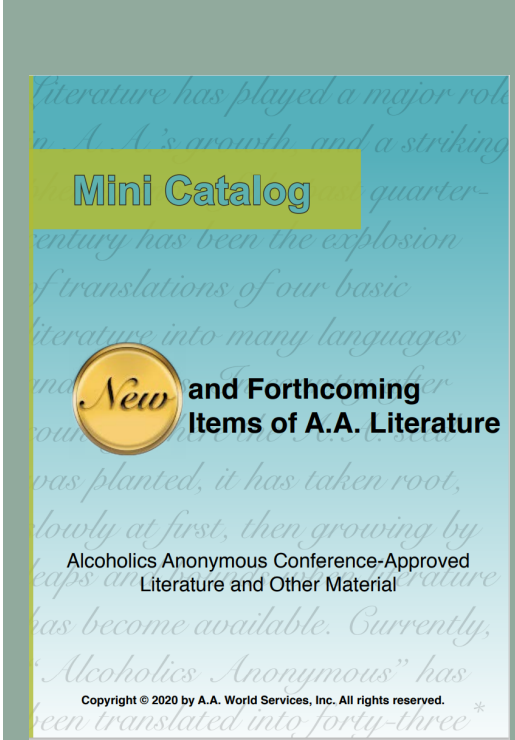
wearing a mask and maintaining a 6 ft distance when possible while in the office.

Literature can be ordered via email at literature@nassauny-aa.org or in person at the office daily between 9 am and 5 pm. We ask that you call ahead at 516-292-3045 to assure someone is physically at the office as we have many volunteers who are still answering the phones virtually from their homes.

Lastly, while the [Grapevine](#) remains available online, we at Nassau Intergroup have a large variety of Grapevine soft cover books in stock which features many great stories of sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Why not come down and take a look at our inventory? There might just be something you are looking for, and it will be there in writing for your future reading.

Yours in Service,
Karen G.

Literature Chair
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literature@nassauny-aa.org



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LICYPAA's 13th Annual CAMP OUT

Wildwood State Park
790 Hulse Landing Rd, Wading River, NY 11792

**September
10th-12th
2021**

\$30 SUGGESTED DONATION

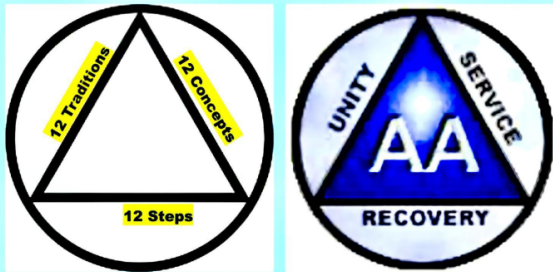
Join the Long Island Committee for Young People in AA for a weekend full of Meetings, Meditation, Beach, Fire, Food, Fellowship and more!

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"OUR XII CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE:"
AA'S Spiritual Principles of Recovery

Our "Three Legacies"



This will be a series of six lectures per year; every other month, covering all XII Concepts of Service ~

Presented in a relaxed discussion format

On Zoom- ID: 922-8787-8377 Password: 12345

All workshops begin at 7:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm

- March 15th - Concepts III & IV**
- May 17th - Concepts V & VI**
- July 19th - Concepts VII & VIII**
- Sept 20th - Concepts IX & X**
- Nov 15th - Concepts XI & XII**

24th National A.A. Archives Workshop "Today is Tomorrow's History"

September 30th -- October 3rd, 2021
San Antonio, Texas



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REGISTRATION FORM (Sign up early for discount. Please Print Clearly.)

Name: _____ Registration: _____
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 Zip Code/Postal Code: _____ Full Breakfast & lunch @ \$35. (per day) _____
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 Telephone: () _____ Email: _____ Ice Cream Social @ \$15. _____
 Special Needs: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail form with check to: 2021 NAAAW Workshop, P.O. Box 17991, San Antonio, TX 78217

For more information, contact:

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We're bAAck! Intergroup Picnic

**Nassau County Parks
& Recreation Rules**

No pets, vehicles in picnic area, for sale items, open fires or bottled gas grills, amplified music, or tents.

\$10 parking fee non-Nassau residents; ID check at gate.



**Eisenhower Park, The Cedars
East Meadow, 11554
(Parking Field 6A)**

**Sunday, August 22, 2021
8AM-5PM
(Rain or shine)**

Attendees expected to observe all park safety regulations.

Water & soda provided by Intergroup.

**\$10 PREREG
\$15 AT THE DOOR
\$7 FOR JUST THE DAY
CAMPING IS \$21 PER NIGHT
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IAN Monthly Tradition Workshops

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**Monthly
Traditions Workshop**



**The SECOND SUNDAY
of each month**

10am-11am

Zoom Meeting ID: 554-670-5146

Passcode: 870607

Are you intimidated by or just not necessarily interested when talk in the rooms turns to the Traditions of AA? Or maybe just unfamiliar with their meaning and purpose within our Fellowship? Many of us have felt the same way. As important as they are to AA's continued efforts, discussion of them can often seem technical or "dry".

Intergroup Association of Nassau hosts a monthly Traditions Workshop that not only spends an hour or more discussing the Tradition for the given month, but

since its pre-virtual-era inception has done so in a significantly lighter, but no less serious way.

Instead of just "going around the room" reading the tradition from the "12 and 12", we've chosen to use the Illustrated Traditions pamphlet, which is more concise and features artwork and captions which are informative and "humorous" at the same time.

This approach lends itself to livelier, somewhat more informal sessions than many of the

Tradition "Meetings" we may have been accustomed to. Those meetings are extremely valuable and encouraged. These monthly Workshops are designed to enhance our understanding of the Traditions and supplement what we learn about the Traditions throughout our journeys.

It is our hope that attendees, especially those less familiar with the Traditions, come away from these workshops with new understanding and increased enthusiasm toward them (the traditions.)

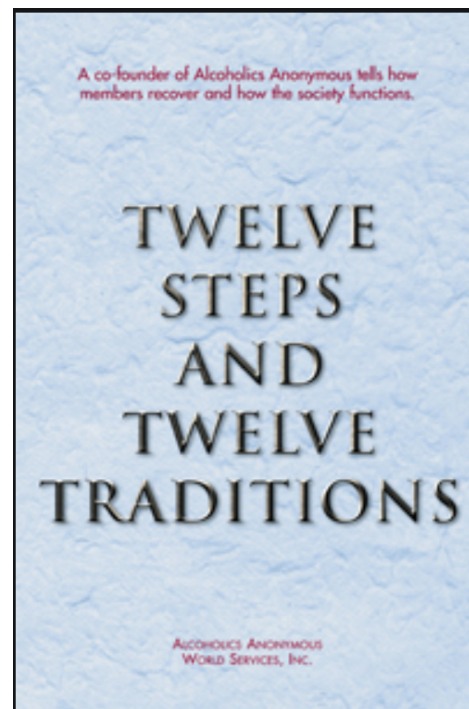
The Workshops are held (virtually for now) on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 10 am.

The Zoom information is as follows:

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Our Purpose

As we say in our meeting books (and more formally in our ByLaws):

Declaration of Purpose:

Nassau InterGroup of Alcoholics Anonymous is an all volunteer organization formed by the AA groups in Nassau County to serve all groups and meetings in Nassau county.

In order to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still sick and suffering alcoholic, both in and out of the fellowship, Nassau InterGroup, in accordance with AA's 12 Steps, Traditions, and Concepts of World Service, has as its primary purpose:

- to have all telephone inquiries answered by a recovering alcoholic. The Nassau InterGroup HotLine number will be listed in the Nassau telephone directory. Meeting information and 12 step referrals will be made from all Nassau area groups that have provided up-to-date information.
- publish and distribute at regular intervals up-to-date directories of group meetings in Nassau county.
- publish and distribute a monthly newsletter.
- provide for quarterly group exchange meetings at which groups may exchange meetings with other groups.
- provide for monthly institutions committee meetings at which groups may arrange to participate in "inside" meetings.
- conduct monthly business meetings to address any group concerns and Intergroup business.

Yours in love and service,
Nassau InterGroup of Alcoholics Anonymous

Meeting List Changes:

Many meetings have reopened Please check the meeting guide and/or meeting app.

If your group needs changes made, send in a meeting change form and send it to the webmaster email address:
webmaster@nassauny-aa.org.

The Nassau Intergroup meeting guide can be found [here](#) or you can download the meeting guide app [here](#). These will reflect the most accurate information. Please help to keep the meeting lists current and correct by submitting a "Meeting List Changes Form" whenever your meeting details change. That form can be found [here](#).

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