



Suffolk Intergroup Association

BULLETIN



August 2003

PATCHOGUE, NY

SHARE-A-THON 2003

"A DESIGN FOR LIVING"

Saturday October 25, 2003 9am to 4pm

At St. Joseph College, Patchogue

All Tickets \$10.00 including hot lunch and a beverage.

Old timers meeting

41 workshops (AA and Al-anon)

Spiritual meeting

Ticket sale date to be announced

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF S.I.A

On June 21st Suffolk Intergroup held its 30th anniversary celebration at our office in Patchogue.

Refreshments were served, memorabilia of Suffolk County history was on display, and spirits were high!

There were approximately 25 people including chairpersons and officers. The workshop that was scheduled was canceled due to attendance. Suffolk became its own intergroup back in 1973. Also, did you know back in the 1960's there were about 38 groups in Suffolk County? Now we have over 380!

Out of the 380 groups, S.I.A has 166 mailing addresses and only 70 S.I.A representatives. So spread the word Suffolk County! Involvement is what keeps OUR Intergroup running!

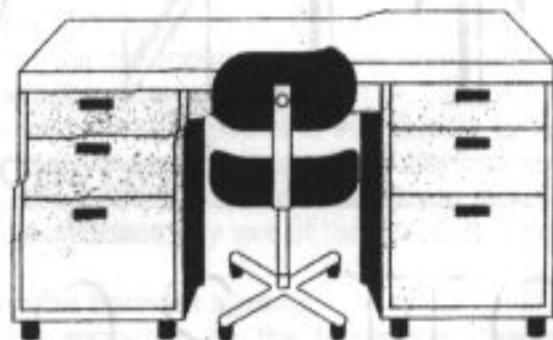
Meetings and Events in August

- SIA, Officers and Chairpersons Meeting
Aug. 5th, 7:30 PM at the SIA Office
- SIA Group Representatives Monthly Meeting
Aug. 8th, 8 PM at Cleary School, Ronkonkoma
- Share-A-Thon, Group Representatives Meeting
Aug. 8th, 7 PM at Cleary School, Ronkonkoma
- Suffolk General Service Monthly Meeting Aug.
15th, 8 PM Trinity Lutheran, Rocky Point
- SIA Special Needs Committee Monthly Meeting
Aug. 21st, 8:00 PM at the SIA Office,
Patchogue
- SIA/GSO Public Information Committee
Meeting Aug. 20th, 7:30 PM, the SIA Office,
Patchogue
- SIA Treatment Facilities Monthly Meeting
Aug. 27th, 7:30 PM, Brookhaven Rec Center

This ever happen to you?

You have a major problem. I have just got out of prison and I am really glad I have a ride, because a lot of your meetings listed don't even happen anymore. Welcome wagon amvets post 111, I was told hasn't been a meeting for a year. Brookhaven hospital has no meeting there on Wednesday nights. I'm just glad I don't have to walk or take a cab to meetings. Please look into this issue.

Anonymous.



FROM THE EDITORS DESK.

An addition to the article "This ever happen to you?" This was an email sent to our website. It's disturbing to know that this guy was trying to do the right thing after getting out of prison and had no meeting to attend. If you know of a meeting that no longer meets on a certain night or place, PLEASE forward the change info to the SIA office ASAP!

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

"quote of the month"

"procrastination is really sloth in five syllables"

as BILL sees it...

L.C.V.P.A.A.

LONGISLAND

CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

MEETS THE 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 8:00PM AT 401

MONTAUK HWY.

"SLIP TOWN ALL ANNEX"

SIA Trusted Servants

Chairperson: Arlene T.
Alternate Chair: Brian C.
Recording Sect'y: Judy B.
Corr. Sect'y: John K.
Treasurer: Dave S.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Office Manager: Walter S.
Answering Service: Dave F.
Bulletin Editor: Harry A.
Schools
East End: Mitch
West End: Richard W.
Jails: Patty I.
Public Info: Andy H.
Literature: Kim Y.
Meeting Lists: Mark V.
Treatment Facilities: Sean K.
Web Master: Fred H.
Archives: Bob
Special Needs: Neil
Grapevine: Liz T.
Share-a-thon: Jim B.
General Services Liaison
John

HELP YOUR TRUSTED SERVANTS STAY ANONYMOUS

The above phone numbers are confidential.

If your Group posts the Bulletin on a bulletin board, please remove it after your meeting.

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Service Keeps You Sober

Treatment Facility Commitments

C.K. POST - Brentwood, female Chair for Saturday women's meeting, 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL - Port Jefferson, chairperson Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 PM.

MATHER PSYCH UNIT - Port Jefferson, chairperson for 1:00 PM weekday. Day flexible.

NORTHPORT VA PSYCH - unit 41, Bldg. 200, alternate chairperson for Fridays at 7:00 PM

PILGRIM STATE HOSPITAL - Brentwood, Bldg. 82 Chairperson for Friday 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

EASTERN LI DETOX - Greenport, needs chairpersons for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:00 PM

ACCESO - Brentwood, needs female speakers for any Thursday at 4:00 PM

BROOKHAVEN HOSPITAL - Psych Unit, chairpersons for Tuesday afternoon 2:45-3:30 PM ASAP

STEPPING STONES EAST - Hampton Bays, Tuesday or Thursday at 1:00 PM time flexible

The suggested requirements to chair a meeting are 1 year of sobriety, a sponsor and a home group. Chairing a meeting is a one year commitment. To volunteer or for more information, contact Sean K. at _____ or email treatment@suffolkny-aa.org. Next Facilities meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Aug. 27th at Brookhaven Recreational Center in Mount Sinai.

Who's on the Phones

AUG 17TH TO AUG 23RD
DISTRICT 60- HAUPPAUGE-TOUCHSTONES

AUG 24TH TO AUG 30TH
DISTRICT 70- BAYSHORE-STAYING SOBER

AUG 31ST TO SEPT 6TH
DISTRICT 250-HAMPTON BAYS

SEPT 7TH TO SEPT 13TH
DISTRICT 80- LINDENHURST-FREEDOM
GROUP

SEPT 14TH TO SEPT 20TH
DISTRICT 90- PATCHOGUE-ST. JOSEPHS

SEPT 21ST TO SEPT 27TH
DISTRICT 100-CENTEREACH-SELDEN



24 HOUR HOT LINE
631-669-1124

Phone volunteers are needed to fill in when the assigned Group cannot muster enough people to fill a week's commitment. In this case, you will have several days' notice. Volunteers are also needed to fill in during emergencies and last minute cancellations without much advance notice. We need both people who can take a 12 hour shift, and people who are available for only a few hours. Call Dave F., Answering Service Chair.

HELP WANTED

LET'S DO THE WRITE STUFF

The Archives Committee is asking all groups/meetings to submit their histories. We still have a long way to go to write the history of AA in Suffolk County. Any questions? Contact Bob at

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

People are needed to take shifts at the SIA office. Volunteers are needed both to take regular shifts, between 9:00AM and 3:00 PM, except Sundays, and to fill-in in emergencies. Office work involves answering the phones and light paperwork. Volunteers also help with committee work. Anyone who is interested contact office manager, Walter S., at 654-1150.

"FOR THE RECORD"

MEETING CHANGE

**GREENLAWN
HUNTINGTON STA.**

MONDAY BB 1:30PM

(WAS 1:00PM)

WEDNESDAY CD 1:30PM

(WAS 1:00PM)

From the Archives..

**DID YOU KNOW THAT IN THE
EARLY 1990'S THERE WAS A
GROUP CALLED THE AMITYVILLE
HORROR?**

**IF YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR AA
HISTORY JOIN THE ARCHIVES
COMMITTEE AND HELP US GET
OUR ACT TOGETHER...**

We need your help

PLEASE DONATE ANY NEW OR
OLD LITERATURE, OR
GRAPEVINES TO OUR LOCAL
INSTITUTIONS.

HOW DO YOU DO THIS YOU
MAY ASK?

SIMPLE- HAVE YOUR SIA REP.
BRING THEM TO THE NEXT SIA
MEETING OR DROP THEM BY
YOUR SIA OFF.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

**Receive \$1.00 off
"Experience, Strength,
and Hope" by coming
down to the SIA office
for your Literature.
For more info contact:
Kim 654-1150**

ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATIONS

SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP

Celebrates their Group Anniversary!

August 23, 2003

At Southaven Park

1:00pm to 7:00pm

3:00pm Speaker

BBQ & Softball

Suffolk Intergroup neither endorses nor opposes any Group sponsored events. These announcements are provided for informational purposes.

"STEP OF THE MONTH"

THIS MONTH FEATURES THE 8TH STEP:

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

*I found my list much longer then I thought it would be initially. As a
result of Step's 6 & 7 my act's of retaliation were no longer justified.
Sobriety means extending the hand, not pointing the finger...*

Rich S.

poetry anyone?

**Through the steps of AA we learn how to live
We are taught how to share and also how to give
We have learned to face troubles that may come our way
and to gather the strength, to face every new day.
Yes, now we can laugh when we've wanted to cry,
and we have great courage, when we must say goodbye.
We can force a smile through our hearts broken and sore,
and somehow get through it, when we can't take no more.
We have learned how to love when our loss is so great,
and find we can forgive, when our norm was to hate.
For now we are positive, GOD's really there,
We find HIM each day, when we seek HIM in prayer....**

Ray, O

ARTICLE VII OTHER APPOINTED POSITIONS

Section 1. Office Manager.

- A. Shall be appointed by the Intergroup Chairperson to a two-year term or until the next election of officers, whichever is less.
- B. May be reappointed to successive terms.
- C. Shall oversee the operation and maintenance of the SIA Office.
- D. Shall select, train and coordinate the office volunteers.
- E. Authorizes any use of the SIA Office facilities.

Section 2. General Services Liaison.

- A. Is appointed by the Intergroup Chairperson to a two-year term, or until the next election of officers, whichever is less.
- B. Shall represent this Association at all General Services Assemblies, Mini-Assemblies, District meeting and/or Committee meetings.
- C. Shall report on General Service matters at the regular business meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Section 1. Each Member Group shall select from its membership, in such manner and for such period as it may choose, a representative and, optionally, one alternate. It is suggested that the representative serve for at least two (2) years.

Section 2. The SIAR represents their Group's conscience and is the voice of their Group in all matters before the Association. The SIAR shall also report the activities of the Association to their Group.

Section 3. Each Member Group shall exercise its membership rights solely through its representative.

Section 4. Each Group shall be entitled to one vote, and each representative can represent one and only one Group.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 1. The regular business meeting of the Association shall be held monthly at a time and location to be determined by the officers and ratified by the representatives.

Section 2. At the regular business meeting, a quorum shall consist of the following:

- A. The Chairperson or Alternate Chairperson,
- B. A majority of the officers, committee chairs, Office Manager and GSO Liaison
- C. A minimum of 35 Group Representatives.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson provided at least 48 hours notice is given.

Section 4. An "Officers and Chairpersons Meeting", for the purpose of allowing the officers and chairs to report to the Chairperson on progress or problems relating to their various tasks, shall be held once a month at a location and time to be determined by the Chairperson of SIA.

Section 5. Meetings of the Association shall be open to any member of an AA Group in Suffolk County, but their participation shall be limited to observation unless prior permission to address the body shall have been obtained from the Chairperson.

ARTICLE X VOTING

Section 1. Each officer, with the exception of the Chairperson, is entitled to one vote; the Chairperson votes only in the case of a tie.

Section 2. Each committee chairperson, the Office Manager, and the GSO Liaison are entitled to one vote.

Section 3. Each Group Representative shall be entitled to one vote. A Group's Alternate Representative is entitled to vote only in the absence of the Group Representative.

Section 4. All voting, with the exception of the election of officers, will be by a "show of hands".