



Suffolk Intergroup Association

BULLETIN



November 2003

PATCHOGUE, NY

Intergroup Adopts New By-Laws

A year and a half of work by the Ad Hoc Committee on the By-Laws culminated at the October Intergroup meeting at Cleary School when the Group Representatives had voted in April of 2002 to instruct the officers to form an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Associations By-Laws.

A Committee was formed of 5 group Reps, 3 of the chairs of the standing committee's and one intergroup officer. The Alternate Chairperson acted as the non-voting chair of the Ad Hoc Committee and the recording secretary served as secretary of the committee. The Group Representatives charged the committee with reviewing the By-Laws, bringing them into accord with current practices and addressing certain specific problems that had arisen in recent years. In their deliberations, the committee also kept in mind the possibility that, in the not too distant future, Suffolk Intergroup, like many other AA service bodies, may have to incorporate and tried to write the revised By-Laws in such a way as to ease the process of incorporation, if it doesn't become desirable. The committee met once a month for fourteen months. In January of this year, the committee began presenting completed portions of the revised By-Laws to the Reps at the monthly meeting at Cleary School and concurrently publishing the completed portions in the Bulletin. The Reps questions on each portion were answered at the monthly meeting following that portion's presentation. The opinions of the Groups were solicited and several votes were held in various months to change the wording of the By-Laws to reflect the intent of the Groups. In the last three months, the entire document was reviewed and discussed and former Intergroup Chairpersons were invited to attend the SIA meeting to share their

Meetings and Events This Month

SIA Officers and Chairpersons Meeting:

Nov. 4th-7:30pm at the SIA Office

SIA Group Representatives Monthly Meeting:

Nov. 18th-8:00pm at Cleary School, Ronkonkoma

Share-A-Thon Group Representative Meeting:

Nov. 18th-8:00pm at Cleary School, Ronkonkoma

Suffolk General Service Monthly Meeting:

Nov. 21st-8:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point.

SIA Special Needs Committee Meeting:

Nov. 20th-8:00pm at the SIA Office

SIA/GSO Public Information Committee Meeting:

Nov. 19th-7:30pm at the SIA Office

SIA Treatment Facilities Monthly Meeting:

Nov. 26th-7:30pm at Brookhaven Rec. Center, Mount Sinai.

experience of the By-Laws with the representatives. At the October meeting, two votes were taken on changes proposed by the Reps. The Reps then voted to not take the By-Laws back to the groups again.

The vote was taken to accept the proposed By-Laws...

The new By-Laws will take effect January first of 2004. Before that time, Intergroup will print them up in booklet form. Each group will be mailed a copy and copies will be distributed to the Group Reps at the monthly SIA meeting at Cleary.



FROM THE EDITORS DESK.

The 11th Step will not be featured in this months bulletin due to lack of participation...

If you would like to continue to see this article in your Bulletin PLEASE send, fax or call in your experience with ANY months step and we will be glad to print it!

Thank you...

"quote of the MONTH"

"ANGER IS THE WIND THAT BLOWS OUT THE LIGHT OF ALL REASON."

**OUR SOBER RECOVERY
grapevine 1966**

**L.I.C.Y.P.AA.
LONGISLAND
CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA
MEETS THE 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH 8:00PM AT 401
MONTAUK HWY.
"ISLIP TOWN HALL ANNEX"**

SIA Trusted Servants

*Chairperson: Arlene T.
Alternate Chair: Brian C.
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Treasurer: Dave S.*

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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 9:00 PM.

ST.CHARLES HOSPITAL - Port Jefferson, chairperson for Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

ST. CHARLES HOSPITAL - Port Jefferson, chairperson for 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

OUTREACH PROJECT- Bellport, needs chairperson for Monday @ 7:30pm.

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 treatment@suffolkny-aa.org. Next Facilities meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Nov. 26th at the **SIA OFFICE, PATCHOGUE**.

WHO'S ON THE PHONES

DEC. 21ST TO DEC 27TH
DISTRICT 210- RIVERHEAD

DEC. 28TH TO JAN. 3RD
DISTRICT 101- RONKONKOMA-CLEARY

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**ALL GROUPS SHOULD FILL OUT
THE 12 STEP PHONE LIST.
HALF THE AMOUNT OF GROUPS IN
SUFFOLK COUNTY ARE LISTED IN
THE HOT LINE BOOK.
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE
SPREAD THE WORD!**



**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:



WEB MASTER

(LONG HOURS- NO PAY-STAY SOBER!)

JOB DISCRPTION:

1. SHALL MAINTAIN THE SIA/GSO WEB SITE
2. SHALL COORDINATE THE TIMILY ON-LINE PUBLICATION OF THE BULLETIN, MEETING LISTS, REPORTS FROM THE GROUPS AND OTHER AND OTHER AA SERVICE BODIES, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SIA/GSO WEB SITE GUIDLINES.
3. SHALL ON THE WEB SITE E-MAIL BOXES AND PASSWORDS FOR THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS.
4. SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SIA COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE.

IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT YOU SIA OFFICE @ 654-1150

SHARE-A-THON 2003

ON OCT. 25TH SUFFOLK INTERGROUP HELD ITS ANNUAL SHARE-A-THON AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE IN PATCHOQUE. THE DAY BEGAN WITH THE "OLD-TIMERS PANEL" AND ENDED WITH A SPIRITUAL MEETING WHICH INCLUDED A SOBRIETY COUNT DOWN. THERE 45 WORK SHOPS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND A HOT LUNCH WAS INCLUDED. ARCHIVES, LITERATURE, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND LICYPAA PROVIDED EXHIBITS. THERE WERE OVER 600 TICKETS SOLD AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT DAY OF SHARING AND FELLOWSHIP. JIM B. FROM THE AQUEBOQUE GROUP, WHO CHAIRED THIS YEARS EVENT, ATTRIBUTED IT'S SUCCESS TO THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE GROUPS REPS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU IS IN ORDER TO THE FELLOW SHIP OF AL-ANON FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION...

SPECIAL NOTICE

TREATMENT FACILITIES MEETING
WILL BE NO LONGER HELD AT THE
BROOKHAVEN REC. CENTER IN MT.

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THE NEW MEETING PLACE WILL BE
AT THE SIA OFFICE IN
PATCHOQUE, SAME TIME, SAME
DATE.

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SEAN @
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"YOUR JOB NOW IS TO BE AT THE
PLACE WHERE YOU MAY BE OF
MAXIMUM HELPFULNESS TO OTHERS,
SO NEVER HESITATE TO GO
ANYWHERE IF YOU CAN BE HELPFUL.
YOU SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO VISIT
THE MOST SORDID SPOT ON EARTH
ON SUCH AN ERRAND.
KEEP ON THE FIRING LINE OF LIFE WITH
THESE MOTIVES AND GOD WILL KEEP
YOU UNHARMED."

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 4TH
EDITION, WORKING WITH OTHERS. PG.
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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.

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