



12th Month = 12th Step Service



"We carry the message, having had a spiritual awakening; and practice these principles in all of our affairs..."

Why is this so important? Well, to this alcoholic it is how I maintain my physical and emotional sobriety. And what do I mean by that?

As it explains in the 12&12, we worked the Steps to the best of our ability. And as a result, many alcoholics, including yours' truly, received a priceless gift - and it was free! That gift was the promises of AA - and mostly - serenity (aka emotional sobriety). How do I keep this gift? I give it away. Our charge is to give AA to fellow

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Service and Sobriety

What has service meant to me? It means somebody saved my life.

When I first got to AA, I didn't think my life was worth much. I considered walking in front of a LIRR train; but I didn't want to inconvenience the commuters with the inevitable delays that are caused by a pedestrian fatality. But today, I am, as the say, happy, joyous, and free and loving every minute of it...thanks to somebody who did service.

When I got here, the lights were on, the chairs were set up, and the coffee was made. While I have come to expect miracles today, it was *Continued on page 6*

Meetings and Events In January '06

- SIA, Officers and Chairpersons Meeting
January 3rd, 7:30 PM at the SIA Office
- SIA Group Representatives Monthly Meeting
January 10th, 8 PM in Riverhead.
- SIA New Reps Orientation Meeting,
January 10th, 7 PM in Riverhead.
- Suffolk General Service Monthly Meeting
January 20, 8 PM Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point
- SIA/GSO Public Information Committee Meeting
January 18th, 7:30 PM, the SIA Office.
- SIA Treatment Facilities Monthly Meeting
December 28th, 7:30 PM at the SIA Office.
- SIA Sponsorship Workshop, January 12th
at 7:00 PM at the Intergroup Office
Holiday Season Share-a-thon:
4:00pm Friday, December 23 through
10:00pm Sunday, January 1, 2006
Meetings start every hour on the hour.
Southampton Hospital Parish Hall

Extremely Important !!!!

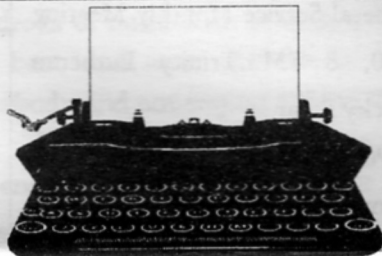
At the October 2005 meeting of Suffolk Intergroup, the Group representatives voted to require every group or meeting that wants to be listed in the Meeting List to contact Intergroup once yearly to confirm its existence and schedule as it appears in the Meeting List. A statement of the details of this policy are available at the Intergroup office. This form is being provided as an aid to help groups meet this requirement. Filling out this form and mailing it to the SIA office will constitute your required contact for the year. Any group or meeting that has not contacted Intergroup before October 15th, 2006 will be removed from the November 2006 Meeting List.

Group or Meeting Name: _____ Date: _____

Contact Name (required): _____ Contact Phone (required): _____

Group Mailing Address (optional): _____

Mail to: Suffolk Intergroup Association, P.O. Box 659, Patchogue, NY 11772

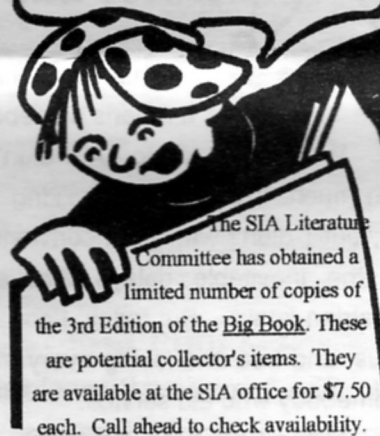


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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR ARTICLE HERE?

The *Bulletin* would love nothing more than to print your article, message, group announcement or experience, strength and hope! So please mail it, fax it, or call it in to your SIA Office no later than the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Or, make our lives easier and save us a lot of typing by submitting your article by email to bulletin@suffolkny-aa.org

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Sponsorship Workshop

Many people believe that the lack of interest in service work and other problems that are prevalent in AA today are the result of a failure of sponsorship.

We at Intergroup are acting on this suggestion.

The Third Legacy Committee held the first in a series of workshops on Sponsorship. The workshop was held at the Intergroup office in Patchogue and can be moved to a larger venue. For further information contact Ed W. or Liz T. at the Intergroup office.

DO YOU HAVE SERVICE EXPERIENCE?

The Bulletin would like to publish your first-person story of what service work has meant to your sobriety. Tell us (and newcomers) how carrying the message through sponsorship, being a Trusted Servant of your Group, or working with Intergroup or General Service has enhanced your personal recovery.

ARCHIVES HELP WANTED

"ARCHIVES BOB" IS LOOKING FOR WILLING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF 30 YEARS OF AA MATERIAL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, **EVEN FOR AN HOUR** PLEASE CONTACT BOB AT THE INTERGROUP OFFICE: 654-1150

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. 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 at the SIA office.

Suffolk Intergroup and Suffolk General Service combine their resources to form the Public Information Committee. The Public Information Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the Intergroup office at 7:30 PM. Please come help in this important work

WHO'S ON THE PHONES

12/04/05 TO 12/10
PORT JEFFERSON GROUP

12/11 TO 12/17
BRENTWOOD GRATITUDE GROUP

12/18 TO 12/24
ISLIP LIVE AND LET LIVE

12/25 TO 12/31
WEST ISLIP EASY DOES IT

1/1/06 TO 1/7/06
AMAGANSETT BEGINNERS GROUP

Office Volunteers Needed

People are needed to take shifts at the SIA office. Volunteers are needed both to take regular shifts, between 9:00PM 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.



As the year ends, it is an ideal time to reflect on our accomplishments and give thanks to those who have been instrumental in helping us achieve them. Your Archives has blossomed and grown. We now have histories of at least 150 meetings. In addition, we have a growing collection of photos of meeting places which will be displayed. Items at the SIA Office are organized better than ever. Things are indeed looking up, but we have a long way to go.



These accomplishments would not have been possible without the help of many people. Thanks to Lou C. of Hauppauge, Bob the Plumber of East Moriches, and the two Southold Settlers ladies who were nice enough to send along great photos they took of their meeting places. In between answering phones down at the SIA Office, Diane of the Bay Shore Ladies group has been of enormous help all along. Thanks to Kim of Amityville Open Door, who trekked into the Manhattan Archives twice to offer assistance. Typists who helped were Megan of Bayport, Judy of Terryville, and Chrys of Shelter Island. A tip of the Archives hat to the many who took the time to answer questions about AA of days gone by: Peggy S. and Mary W. of Brentwood, Lonnie of Westhampton Beach, and of course, Virginia C., who continually amazes us with the stories she pulls out of the hat about various AA groups around Bay Shore.



Three people who have consistently given wholeheartedly to the work of preserving our wondrous history: Kathy K., the General Archivist, Linda of Riverhead who we tease about blowing up her Florida home to keep her here year-round, and Russell M. of Sag Harbor Friday Fellowship, who has done an incredible job of collecting information on and photographing the East End meetings.

In this issue of the Bulletin, you will see a blurb requesting all Suffolk AAs to help with the Archives. This is an excellent opportunity for service work. To record favorite memories of home groups, you can jog your memories and put them down on a plain piece of paper and mail to the Archives c/o SIA Office in Patchogue. Remember - history is wonderful thing to cherish and a sad thing to lose.

Finally, here's wishing a safe and sober Happy Holiday and Feliz dia de Fiesta to one and all - "Archive" Bob

From the DCMC

When I first became a GSR, discussions were just starting about whether or not AA should publish a fourth edition of the Big Book. Years later, when it was published, we reached another milestone in AA history and I had a glimpse of Concept I, which says: "The AA groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our World Services." We actually had an active role in deciding if there would be a fourth edition, and what changes, if any, should be made.

At the October and November meetings of Suffolk General Service, we may have seen the beginnings of another AA milestone. The informed group conscience decided that there is a need for a conference-approved pamphlet on the place and role in AA of Intergroups/Central Offices.

Does that mean there will be such a pamphlet? Not necessarily, but if a widespread need is expressed, it's a good possibility. So what happens next?

As the Chair of General Service in Suffolk County, I have been asked to bring the request to our Area Assembly (Suffolk is part of Southeast New York [SENY] Area 49, which is made up of twelve counties and one non-geographic Spanish District). If approved in the Assembly, our Delegate Bill C. can represent the area level approval to the Conference. The process would go through the General Service Office, the Trustees Literature Committee, the Conference Literature Committee, and eventually the full Conference.

It's a long process but that's a good thing. It's no secret that we alkiees are not particularly fond of change. Besides, moving slowly also allows a chance for everyone's voice to be heard, helps weed out a lot of mistakes, and ensures that the final decision will be in harmony with group conscience of the entire fellowship. -Ed C.

