



# Suffolk Intergroup Association Bulletin

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## Meetings & Events In September

### **9/5** SIA Officers & Chairpersons' Meeting

7:30 PM – SIA office

### **9/9** SIA Exchange Meeting

7:00 AM – Suffolk C. College  
Parking Field # 7

**9/12**

### \* SIA Orientation - New Reps

7:00 PM – Cleary School

### \* Share-A-Thon Meeting

7:00 PM – Cleary School

### \* SIA Meeting

8:00 PM – Cleary School

### **9/15** Suffolk GSO Meeting

8:00 PM – Trinity Lutheran  
Church, Rocky Point

7:30 PM – Orientation

### **9/26** Share-A-Thon Meeting

7:00 PM – SIA Office,

### **9/27** SIA Treatment Facilities Meeting

7:30 PM – SIA Office

Several Suffolk Treatment Facilities are in need of chair people. To chair a treatment facility meeting it is required that you have at least one year of sobriety, a sponsor and a home group. To speak at a treatment facility it is suggested you have at least 90 days of sobriety and a sponsor. Chairing a treatment facility requires that you get speakers, run the meeting, and stay in touch with the Treatment Facility Chairperson - by attending the committee meeting ( 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month at the SIA office) or by phone or email.

## **Twelfth Step Opportunity !**

Contact SIA Treatment Facility Chair -  
Brian K. :Email = [treatment@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:treatment@suffolkny-aa.org)



***“There is only one key, and it is called willingness.”***

***- The Twelve and Twelve, Step Three -***

***The Things We Cannot Change*** – We mourn the loss of Buddy S, founder of the Cleary Group. As a friend said: “He will take over the coffee commitment in heaven.”

## ***From the Archives***

Our thanks to all of those who have contributed to the work we are doing to preserve the wonderful history of AA in Suffolk County. Our history is rich & deserves to be saved. It aids us in remembering our struggles & our triumphs. We learn valuable lessons from our past. However, we still have a long way to go, so any help is appreciated.

We are looking for stories about your groups, especially stories about the early days – who started your meeting - why and where ? The stories could have happened 50 years ago or yesterday. There is no time limit on history.

Please send us photos of your meeting place – inside & out – to preserve a visual record. This month we thank Michael of Islip's Happy Hour & Kathy of Bellport Rainbow for sending us their pictures – honoring the policy of anonymity – without AA members.

There will be an Archives Display at this year's Share-A-Thon & we will need help to man it. We

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## ***SHARE-A-THON***

Saturday, November 4, 2006

9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

St. Joseph's College, Patchogue  
(Waverly Ave. exit off Sunrise H'way)

- south service road –

Open to all – No charge !

All Suffolk AA groups are invited to participate in the planning & presentations.

Join us & help make this our most successful Share-A-Thon yet !

The Share-A-Thon committee meets on the following Tuesdays at 7:00 PM :

9/12 – Cleary School, Ronkonkoma

9/26 – SIA office, Patchogue

10/10 – Cooperative Extension, Riverhead

10/24 – SIA office, Patchogue

## ***Public Information Committee***

### ***In Need of Volunteers***

Meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the SIA office in Patchogue, there are mailings or activities that involve the need of multiple minds & hands.

All AA members are invited, no experience necessary.

If you can help, email me or just come to the next meeting.

Penny W.

Public Information Chair

## Applause Or No Applause

Very early in sobriety I learned that the reason we celebrate anniversaries is to demonstrate the fact that the program and fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is a workable, viable solution for millions who suffer from the illness of alcoholism. Yet I still witness to this day that when a person's anniversary is announced the person very often smiles demurely and "humbly" receives the applause.

The question becomes, "Does the person deserve the applause?" Aren't we applauding the fact that the program works? If so, why isn't the celebrant applauding?

When a performer displays some artistic ability and receives applause for it, doesn't the performer take a bow or humbly offer some other form of acknowledgment of the applause? Celebrants, however, are not performers; they are simply very fortunate people who have been given a "pearl of great price".

I'm tempted to say that the celebrants should be the only ones in the room applauding but, of course, that wouldn't work because the others in the room would then be put in the position whereby they might consider that they are the recipients of the applause. With tongue-in-cheek, I suggest that it might be best if everyone got up and danced in celebration of this magnificent power that has come into this very troubled world.

I not only applaud when my anniversary is announced, I also throw a "yahoo!". Thank you God and thank you AA for my sobriety. With all the humility I can muster, I acknowledge that God and the collective consciousness of AA has done for me what I could not do for myself.

Ed H. – Middle Island



### ***From the Archives. Cont'd***

will have our 1951 Big Book and are asking all Suffolk AAs with 30 or more years of sobriety to sign it. As of now 132 have done so. Please stop by and share your stories with us.



### **Who's On the Phones?**

#### **Date    District / Group**

- \* **9/03-9/11**  
101 / Ronkonkoma-Cleary
- \* **9/12 – 9/ 16**  
230 / Port Jeff – Sobriety First
- \* **9/17 – 9/23**  
30 / Kings Park Group
- \* **9/24 – 9/30**  
40 / Greenlawn-Huntington Station
- \* **10/1 – 10/7**  
240 / Brookhaven Sunday Group
- \* **10/8 – 10/14**  
50 / Deer Park Group
- \* **10/15 – 10/21**  
60 / Brentwood New Beginnings
- \* **10/22 – 10/28**  
250 / Hampton Bays Afternoon
- \* **10/29 – 11/4**  
70 / Great River Non Smoking
- 11/5 – 11/11**  
80 / Amityville Open Door



**Rule # 37: Don't take yourself too damn seriously.**

## ***The Grapevine in Other Formats***

Have you ever wondered what early AAs have said about our singleness of purpose, or what Dr. Bob and Bill W. said about anonymity? Have you ever wanted to look up the origin of the Preamble or read an interview with an author of the Big Book story? Articles like these will soon be easier to get than ever before.

Every Grapevine issue from June, 1944 to the present now has been put into digital form, so that the Fellowship will have access to more than 10,000 articles, letters and cartoons that the Grapevine has published over the last sixty years.

Known as the Digital Preservation and Accessibility Project, this archive will preserve the legacy of the Grapevine and several important chapters in the history of AA. It will also allow the Fellowship to search for articles in a variety of ways. With a text search, readers will be able to type in a word such as "acceptance" and get a wealth of articles on the topic. They will also be able to find articles by departments, such as Around AA or Ham on Wry, and by author, geographic location or issue. Readers who want to browse can scroll through topics to see what the Fellowship has had to say about spirituality, twelfth-stepping, the Concepts, or the history of AA.

### ***Subscription Information***

Go to the AA Grapevine website and choose one of the following options :

thirty day access - \$2.00

one year access for Grapevine subscribers - \$10.00

one year access for non Grapevine subscribers - \$15.00

***www.aagrapevine.org***

**Groups we need still contact info on (Revised on August 30, 2006)  
Please fill out a Meeting List-Group Information Form & mail to SIA Office  
Suffolk Intergroup Association, P. O. Box 659, Patchogue, NY, 11772  
(The form can also be obtained online: [www.suffolkny-aa.org](http://www.suffolkny-aa.org) )**

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| 1. Amagansett Tiki Torch Meeting          | 19. Fire Island-Cherry Grove                         | 38. Riverhead Grupo Nuevo Horizontes                 |
| 2. Babylon Friendship                     | 20. Fire Island Davis Park                           | 39. Riverhead Live & Let Live                        |
| 3. Bayshore Midnight Serenity             | 21. Fire Island-Ocean Ridge                          | 40. Sag Harbor Group                                 |
| 4. Bayshore Spanish AA's                  | 22. Fire Island-May-Sept-Saltair Village Hall        | 41. Sag Harbor – Sisters In Sobriety                 |
| 5. Bayshore YMAA- The Men's Room          | 23. Fort Salonga –Big Book Tape Discussion           | 42. Sag Harbor Men's Group                           |
| 6. Bayshore 3 <sup>rd</sup> Step Workshop | 24. Hampton Bays Group                               | 43. Sayville – Big Book                              |
| 7. Bohemia Workshop                       | 25. Huntington Station – Spanish Speaking            | 44. Southampton – Back To Basics                     |
| 8. Brentwood The New Beginnings           | 26. Mattituck-Men's Meeting                          | 45. Southampton Big Book                             |
| 9. Bridgehampton – Bridge To Sobriety     | 27. Melville- New Day                                | 46. Southampton Hospital- Mon. Open Discussion Group |
| 10. Bridgehampton-Hayground Beginners     | 28. Montauk – Wilson # 2 ( Spanish Speaking )        | 47. Southampton – Hill Street Blues                  |
| 11. Brookhaven- Beaver Dam Group          | 29. Northport – Cow Harbor                           | 48. Southampton Beginners                            |
| 12. Brookhaven Hamlet                     | 30. Northport-Discussion                             | 49. .Southold – A New Beginning – Woman's Group      |
| 13. Deer Park- Home For Dinner            | 31. Northport V A – New Life                         | 50. West Islip- Bayshore Road Group                  |
| 14. Dix Hills- Men's Smokers              | 32. Patchogue – It's A Girl Thing                    | 51. Westhampton Beach – Weekend Group                |
| 15. East Hampton Springs Fireplace Group  | 33. Patchogue 11 <sup>th</sup> Step Meditation Group | 52. Westhampton Beach – Winter Group                 |
| 16. East Hampton Keep It Simple           | 34. Patchogue – Candlelight                          |  |
| 17. East Hampton Round Robin              | 35. Patchogue- Spanish Speaking                      |  |
| 18. East Hampton Women's Step Group       | 36. Patchogue – A New Beginning                      |  |
|   | 37. Quogue- Love & Service                           |  |

**Institutional Meetings**

- a. Amityville Young People
- b. Amityville South Oaks Hosp. Group – 11:30 A.M. Discussion
- c. Amityville – South Oaks Group – 8:00 pm. Mon thru Sun
- d. Amityville- Sobriety Unlimited – Thurs (C) 1:00
- e. Bellport Outreach Project – Mo. (B) 7:30 pm
- f. Catholic Charities – Indian Head Road – Mon-Fri 1:00 – Commack
- g. LICR – Clean & Green 320 Montauk Hwy – Hampton Bays – Sun. (O) 7:00 pm
- h. Riverhead Acceptance – 212 West Main St

***THESE GROUPS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING LIST UNLESS THIS FORM IS COMPLETED AND RETURNED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2006 YOU CAN HELP - Please pass this on to anyone that you know belongs to a group on this list.***

## S. I. A. Hotline

<b><u>West End Coordinator: Teddy :</u></b>		
<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>West End Assigned Areas</u></b>	<b><u>Captain/s / Phone #</u></b>
30	Commack, E.Northport, Fort Salonga, Kings Park	John :
40	Centerport, Cold Spring Harbor, Greenlawn Huntington, Melville, Northport	Don :
50	Babylon, Deer Park, Dix Hills, North Babylon, West Babylon, West Islip, Wyandanch	Jim G :
60	Brentwood, Central Islip, Hauppauge	Dave B :
70	Bay Shore, East Islip, Great River, Islip, Islip Terrace	Chris I : Mike N :
80	Amityville, Copiague, Lindenhurst, West Islip	Derek : John :
90	Bayport, Bluepoint, Bohemia, Oakdale, Patchogue, Sayville, West Sayville	Bob D :
100	Centereach, Coram Farmingville, Medford, Selden, Terryville	Judy : Laura :
101	Holbrook, Lake Ronkonkoma, Ronkonkoma, Smithtown Saint James	Ellis : Dennis :
<b><u>East End Coordinator : Pauline :</u></b>		
<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>East End Assigned Areas</u></b>	<b><u>Captain/s</u></b>
200	Cutchogue, Greenport, Mattituck, Orient, Southold, Aquebogue	Liz S :
210	Jamesport, Riverhead	Chris :
220	Middle Island, Rocky Point, Shoreham, Sound Beach, Wading River, Yaphank	Owen :
230	Mount Sinai, Port Jefferson, Setauket, Stony Brook	Ike :
240	Bellport, Brookhaven, Center Moriches, East Moriches, Eastport, Mastic, Mastic Beach, Shirley	Joanne :
250	East Quogue, Hampton Bays, Quogue, Westhampton, Westhampton Beach	Mary :
260	Sag Harbor, Shinnecock, Southampton, Watermill	Nancy H :
270	Amagansett, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Springs, Wainscott	Bob W :