



Suffolk Intergroup Association Bulletin

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Meetings & Events In October

10/3 SIA Officers & Chairpersons' Meeting

7:30 PM – SIA office

10/10

* SIA Orientation - New Reps

7:00 PM – Cornell Cooperative Extension, 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead

* Share-A-Thon Meeting

7:00 PM – Cornell Cooperative Extension, Riverhead

* SIA Meeting

8:00 PM – Cornell Cooperative Extension, Riverhead

10/20 Suffolk GSO Meeting

8:00 PM – Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point

7:30 PM – Orientation

10/24 Share-A-Thon Meeting

7:00 PM – SIA Office,

10/25 SIA Treatment Facilities Meeting – SIA office- 7:30 PM

Thought to ponder...

Gratitude is not a word in AA; it's an action.

**AA-related 'Alconym'...
AA = Always Welcome**

New AA Hotline Books

"Our very lives, as ex-problem drinkers, depend upon our constant thought of others and how we may help meet their needs."

C. 1976, "Alcoholics Anonymous" p. 20

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New Twelfth Step contact books are being prepared now for use in the new year. Right now, today, is the time to make sure your group is included. As "ex-problem drinkers", we can each help our group connect to this vital part of carrying the message. We can provide our home groups with the necessary form and information for each member to participate as fully as he or she chooses to. This year it is being made easier than ever to accomplish this.

Groups can get forms from district captains, the SIA website, their SIA reps, the SIA office, or by emailing the Hotline chairperson, Bob D. at phones@suffolkny-aa.org.

Our Hotline chairperson has the Twelfth Step contact book group forms too. He can give, mail, fax, or e-mail it to you, and he can answer any questions related to the form. How to present it? How to complete it? How to get it in on time to be included? Ask him at any SIA meeting, or call. Or read on:

The forms are updated only once a year, all at

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SHARE-A-THON UPDATE

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 –

The excitement is mounting as Saturday, November 4, 2006 approaches! Workshops will be held by Alcoholics Anonymous and our invited friends from Al-Anon and Alateen. Among a host of other activities there will be an old timers panel, a spiritual meeting and a favorite of all concerned : a sobriety countdown.

For your dining pleasure, lunch tickets will be sold for \$8.00 each. These must be purchased in advanced. Last year's lunch was a mighty tasty affair. Coffee, tea and pastry type munchies will be available for free throughout the day. There is no charge to attend any of the workshops. Free tickets will be distributed prior to the event, however the doors will be open to all. To purchase lunch tickets or to get an admission ticket, see your group's Share-A-Thon representative or contact the SIA office at (631) 654-1150.

The archives will be displaying historical items and there will be an opportunity for all Suffolk AA's with 30 + years of sobriety to sign our special "Big Book". We will also be collecting group histories and any other favorite stories you might have about your home group.

Invite your friends and family, or maybe you know a professional who might benefit from attending. There is still time for your group to get a Share-A-Thon representative involved. Reps will be meeting on the following days:

Tuesday, October 10th - 7:00 pm – Cooperative Extension, Griffing Ave, Riverhead
Tuesday, October 24th – 7:00 pm - SIA office, Patchogue

Let's all work together to make this a huge success!

Three cheap old ladies decide to spend the afternoon at the ball park. Knowing the price of the ball park beer they decide to bring their own refreshments in a brown bag. **Question:** What inning is it & how many men are on base ?

Answer on page 4.

The Grapevine – CALL FOR ARTICLES

***The AA Grapevine is your meeting.
Please feel free to share.***

Upcoming themes for 2006-2007:

The Grapevine welcomes articles on every aspect of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous, But we especially need stories for upcoming issues on:

November – Classic Grapevine: How has the Digital Archive helped your sobriety?

December – Fellowship: How has your recovery been enriched by fellowship? Tell us what your experience has been like and what you have discovered through fellowship.

January – First Ninety Days: A beginners issue. What were your beginning days in AA like? What did you learn that helped you stay sober?

February – Staying Sober Through Adversity: Have you encountered difficulties that you've worked through with the help of the program? Tell us about it.

March - Working With Wet Drunks: Have you worked with wet drunks? Tell us if it helped your recovery and about opportunities you find to work with wet drunks today.

April – Forgiveness: Explain about how you have to let go of resentments.

May – Special Report: AA and the Law: Can you share your experience with court-mandated AA? How has working with professionals enhanced your recovery?

June – Principles over Personalities: Write about an experience with this concept and what you have learned from it.

We always welcome articles about the Traditions and the Twelve Steps. In addition, we can always use articles about facing the wreckage of the past, practicing the principles in all your affairs (with work, family, friends, lovers), and the challenges or problems facing your home group in fulfilling its primary purpose. How to submit your work: Suggested manuscript length is three to seven double-spaced pages. Include your full name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Keep a copy of your work because manuscripts cannot be returned.

For shorter Ham on Wry or Heard at Meeting submissions, there is no suggested manuscript length.

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Who's On the Phones?

Date District / Group

- * **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
- 11/12 – 11/18**
260 / Sag Harbor–Friday
Fellowship
- 11/19- 11/25**
90 / Sayville West

HELP !!!

The Treatment Facility Chair is currently experiencing difficulty filling daytime commitments. I need people to chair meetings:

- 1)** One O'Clock on Tues. or Thurs. (your choice) Commack area.
- 2)** One O'Clock on Mon. – Fri. (any one of 5 meetings) Northport area.

All meetings are 1 hour. Any help will be appreciated.

New AA Hotline Books continued

the same time. This helps keep all the information as current as possible. It is vital to the life of every alcoholic who calls the hotline- and to every alcoholic who can get a hotline call referral-that we have AA's from Amityville to Orient Point & Montauk who can be reached to pass the message of recovery on to the next suffering alcoholic. It still saves two lives every time it happens.

In the past, some groups that wanted to be included have missed out because information wasn't received in time, and other groups who might have wanted to be included didn't know how or how easy it is to do so. We can fix that problem 100%!

Alcoholics are still calling the hotline from across Suffolk County looking for help not to drink. Don't let the noise and chaos of professional and legislated recovery fool you. The simple act of one drunk helping another find out about AA is as real today as it ever was, it just needs to stay as simple as it ever was, too. In the age of "recovery for dollars" (!?) the help we offer may be more important than ever before.

You can help, and it's easier than ever to do so.

The AA Hotline Form is on the insert in This Bulletin !

***" Always do the right thing.
This will gratify some people & astonish the rest."
- Mark Twain***

Answer: It's the end of the fifth and the bags Are loaded.