

Suffolk Intergroup Association Bulletin

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Meetings & Events In November

11/7 SIA Officers & Chairpersons' Meeting

7:30 PM – SIA office

11/14

* SIA Orientation - New Reps

7:00 PM – Cleary School,
Ronkonkoma

* SIA Meeting

8:00 PM – Cleary School

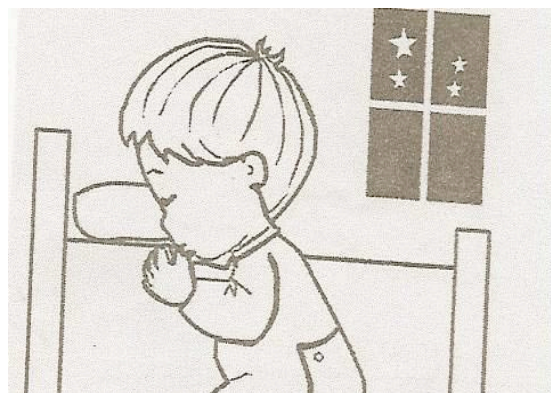
11/17 Suffolk GSO Meeting

8:00 PM – Trinity Lutheran
Church, Rocky Point

7:30 PM – Orientation

11/22 SIA Treatment Facilities Meeting – SIA office- 7:30 PM

7:30 PM – SIA Office



“...and take care of yourself, ”cause if anything happens to you, we’re in a lot of trouble.”

~ November ~ A Month of Thanksgiving

Some of the things I now have in my life for which I am GRATEFUL:

G My Granddaughter.

R The Rooms & the Roof over my head.

A Alcoholics Anonymous.

T The gift of Temperance now affording me serenity.

I The Independence from a life-threatening addiction.

T The Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions- the keys and the glue of the program.

U Unconditional love from my family & group Members.

D The Desire & Determination to beat this Disease.

E The Emotional stability presently guiding me.

Jerry L
Smithtown Afternoon Group

***The Grapevine
Our Meeting in Print***

Ham on WRY

Needs a new name.
What will it be?

We've called our humor a lot of names. We started with "Barley Corn" in the 1940s, went to "Short Snorts" in the 1950s, and had an "Anecdote Bin" in the 1960s. After having our jokes "Once Over Lightly" in the 70s, "Ham on Wry" seemed logical (get it?). Now, new times call for a new moniker, so we're asking Grapevine readers what it should be. The winning entry will receive one-year subscriptions to the Grapevine magazine, the Grapevine Digital Archive, and the Audio Grapevine.

Send your entries to the Ham on Wry's New Name Contest, 475 Riverside Drive, PO Box 1980, New York, NY 10115, or e-mail gveditorial@aagrapevine.org. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2006.

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Group Anniversaries

11/25 6:30 p.m.
Hands of Peace Group – Central Islip
53 Carlton Avenue – Episcopal Church -
house on side of church / Brightside Ave

***Thought to Ponder . . .
Gratitude is not a word in AA;
It's an action!***

Gratitude

I am grateful to be free from the slavery of alcohol. I am grateful for peace of mind and the opportunity to grow, but my gratitude should go forward rather than backward. I cannot stay sober on yesterday's meetings or past Twelfth-Step calls; I need to put my gratitude into action today.

c. 1990 AAWS, Daily Reflections, p.154
With permission, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.

HELP!!!

The Treatment Facility Chair still needs people to chair the following meetings:

- 1)** One O'Clock Mon.&Wed., Charlie Murphy's – Northport
- 2)** One O'Clock Wed., Catholic Charities – Kings Park
- 3)** 12:30 pm Thurs., L.I. Head Injury Institute – Commack

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

~ **From The Archives** ~

Your trusted servant had the great good fortune to participate in this year's National AA Archives Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This four day workshop was attended by AA service archive people from all over the United States – about 115 in total - some from as far away as Alaska. They brought with them their tricks of the trade and an eagerness to learn more about saving and preserving the history of AA.

Each day was a busy one, with workshops focused on all aspects of archival study. There is a lot to be learned. One common theme was the lack of support from AA's everywhere for this important work. Ideas were bounced around about how to get the word out there, how to get others involved, and how to save the material we already have. One thing was apparent to this archivist – clearly all those at the conference loved what they were doing. The evening program on Saturday was a slide presentation on the history of Alcoholics Anonymous, and for this writer, our wonderful story never ceases to bring tears to my eyes. We are truly blessed to have this fellowship and it's Twelve Steps.

One speaker wisely said: “ ***Our obligation as AAs is to carry a message of recovery to the still sick and suffering and the job of the archivist is to carry this message from one generation to another.***” This archivist came home with a renewed vigor to continue, and hopes he can inspire others to help with this vital work. We have a long way to go. For nearly 4 years we've been asking groups to send us their histories and the response has been lukewarm at best. Now we will be using a more hands on approach. We will be asking for your help like never before. We have new forms for interviewing old timers and are looking into purchasing recording equipment to make this task easier. ***We need people to help achieve this! Contact the SIA Office at 631 – 654 – 1150 & become part of the solution!!***

Third Legacy Committee

4th Step Workshop

Learn How To Do A 4th Step – Guest Speakers

November 17, 2006 7 p.m.

Sia office – 113-8 Bay Avenue, Patchogue

Space is limited – please call to attend:

Ed W. Third Legacy Chairman: thirdleg@suffolkny-aa.org



Who's On the Phones?

Date District / Group

11/5 – 11/11

80 / Amityville Open Door

11/12 – 11/18

260 / Sag Harbor–Friday
Fellowship

11/19- 11/25

90 / Sayville West

11/26 – 12/02

100 / Centereach at Selden

12/03 – 12/09

270 / Amangansett Men's
Room

12/10 – 12/16

101 / Ronkonkoma Rebos

12/17 – 12/23

30 / Commack Share & Care

12/24 – 12/30

200 / Southold Settlers

12/31 – 01/06

40 Huntington Group

HELP !!!

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

1) One O'Clock Mon. & Wed.,
Charlie Murphys,

2) One O'Clock Wed., Catholic
Charities,

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

Groups removed from November Meeting List

1. Amagansett Tiki Torch Meeting
 2. Babylon Friendship
 3. Bay Shore Midnight Serenity
 4. Bay Shore Spanish AA's
 5. Bay Shore 3rd Step Workshop
 6. Brentwood The New Beginnings
 7. Bridgehampton- Bridge to Sobriety
 8. Bridgehampton -Hayground Beginners
 9. Brookhaven Hamlet
 10. Dix Hills -Men's Smokers
 11. East Hampton Keep It Simple
 12. East Hampton Round Robin
 13. Fire Island Davis Park
 14. Fire Island Ocean Ridge
 15. Fire Island May-Sept. Saltair Village Hall
 16. Hampton Bays Group
 17. Melville- New Day
 18. Montauk-Wilson2 (Spanish Speaking)
 19. Northport Cow Harbor
 20. Northport V.A. – New Life
 21. Patchogue-t's A Girl Thing
 22. Patchogue – Spanish Speaking
 23. Patchogue – A New Beginning
 24. Riverhead Grupo Nuevo Horizontes
 25. Sag Harbor Group
 26. Southampton-Back To Basics
 27. Southampton Big Book
 28. Southampton-Hill Street Blues
 29. Southampton Beginners
 30. Southold – A New Beginning-Women's
Group
 31. West Islip-Bayshore Road Group
 32. Westhampton Beach – Weekend Group
 33. Westhampton Beach – Winter Group
- Institutional Meetings**
34. Amityville-Sobriety Unlimited-Thurs(C) 1pm

The Suffolk Intergroup Association would like to thank Cindy, Share-A-Thon Chairwoman, and the following groups for their participation in, & a job well done on the 2006 Share-A-Thon!

The Suffolk Intergroup Association would like to thank the following groups for their participation in the 2006 Share A Thon:

AA:

Amagansett A.M.	Mastic Beach 12 & 12
Archives	Melville Grapevine
Bayport Middle Road	Mt. Sinai Group
Blue Point Traditions	Original Deer Park
Bohemia Together	Patchogue East
Breakfast Club Ronkonkoma	Riverhead Group
Brentwood Group	Rocky Point Fellowship Of The Spirit
Brentwood Ladies Centereach	Rocky Point Serenity Ronkonkoma REBOS
Port Jeff Big Book	Sayville
East Moriches	Selden Guys & Dolls
East Moriches Women's Serenity	Smithtown Serenity
Hope House Sobriety First Islip Terrace	Spring Street Port Jeff Steps To Life
Jane Doe Bay Shore	Terryville Let It Begin With Me
Longwood Love & Service	
The Lake Group	

We would like to extend a special thank you to the fellowship of Al- Anon for all their support and participation.

We have made a sincere attempt to include all groups which sent representatives to the Share A Thon Committee meetings during the past year and would like to apologize if we have omitted any groups from the list.

Do you know of any “marathon” or other “special” meetings that will take place during the Holidays – Christmas ? New Years ? If so, please contact Penny, Public Information Chair via email :

pubinfo@suffolkny-aa.org

or call the SIA office & leave a message.

Please include Group Name, Meeting Place, Address & exact times – start & finish of meeting, and a contact name & phone #. The information will be published in December’s Bulletin & posted in the SIA office.

Are you a “ behind the scenes” person ? Do you want to do service but don’t have the time to make a major commitment?

The Public Information Committee is in need of volunteers to meet one day a month, the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. at the SIA office in Patchogue. All projects **Do Not** require any experience or expertise. Most projects are stuffing envelopes for mailings to schools, public media – newspapers, radio, Churches & places of worship . The latest mailing included 220 envelopes. We also need volunteers to “Adopt-A-Library” or any other public place you can think of, to place stocked acrylic pamphlet racks & to keep these racks filled.

If you have a GREAT idea for a project for Public Information, please come down & share your idea!

Calling all past Public Information Committee members!

We are currently trying to locate all past volunteers that had been involved in the “Adopt-A-Library” program or any other public place where pamphlet racks were placed on display. Since there have been a few changes in the past year, we have been unable to compile a complete list of where racks are & whether they need picking up or restocking!