



**Suffolk Intergroup Association
Of Alcoholics Anonymous**
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**Meetings & Events
In January**

01/02

* SIA Officers' & Chairpersons'
Meeting

7:30 PM – SIA office

01/09

* SIA Orientation - New Reps

7:00 PM -Cornell Cooperative
Extension-Riverhead

* SIA Meeting

8:00 PM –Cornell Cooperative
Extension - Riverhead

01/19

* GSO Orientation

7:30 PM – Trinity Lutheran
Church, Rocky Point

* Suffolk GSO Meeting

8:00 PM – Trinity Lutheran
Church, Rocky Point

01/17

* Public Information Mtg.

7:30 PM – SIA Office

01/24

* SIA Treatment Facilities

Meeting – 7:30 PM – SIA Office

THEY STILL CALL AA FOR HELP

Over 30 years ago the groups in Suffolk county came together to form an intergroup to answer calls for help from alcoholics in our area. Today, despite myths to the contrary, we continue to receive calls from the still suffering alcoholic almost everyday.

Despite some problems in the past, we have made good progress in making sure these calls are answered 24/7. Once the call is answered, we then turn to our 12 Step book to find an AA to call back the prospect and do whatever is needed. This is where we often run into problems. It is normal to make more than a dozen calls, not unusual to make 20 and I have seen logs where more than 30 calls were made before reaching someone who was both willing and able to provide help. Yet, I hear all the time folks saying they don't get 12 step calls anymore. This leads me to believe that the problem is not so much a lack of willingness as it is a failure to connect the dots.

The main reason we're having trouble is that the Group 12 Step forms in our current books

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From the Archives

2006 was a landmark year for your Archives. We picked up another enthusiastic volunteer in the person of John from Huntington West Neck who has been photographing various meeting places. You can help John and us along by taking photos of your own meeting place---inside and out---so we can create a visual record of AA in Suffolk County. Of course, we ask that these photos be without people in them.

The usual stalwarts continue to help us--Linda Z from Riverhead and Russell M from Sag Harbor. Michelle from St. James has started helping with typing. A great team but we still could use a ton more help. We are collecting stories of each group especially stories about the early days of your meeting. Maybe you know a funny story or even a sad story about your group. Imagine you are an AA 100 years from now who would like to find out what Alcoholics Anonymous was like in the year 2006. We could use some roving reporters who might be willing to scatter out there and gather these stories. We could use office help to collate and file our mounting collection.

Finally a tip of our hats to Jay W from East Northport Big Book who donated an old AA sign that had been in his possession since the 1970s. It is a truly magnificent artifact which will be displayed proudly in the SIA Office in Patchogue. This sign is old for sure and supposedly hung outside of a meeting in Northport but if any old timers could help us out, & identify the meeting location, it would be appreciated.

A happy and sober 2007 to all of us

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are outdated. This results in us calling many numbers that are no longer valid for one reason or another. This is exacerbated by the fact that many folks are changing their phone service. In addition, there are a significant number of groups that are not in the books at all.

We have been trying to put together a new set of books but as of this writing we have only collected about 75 forms, less than half the number we should have. The names of the groups we have received new forms from are published on page 4 of this bulletin. If your group is not listed, please submit a form as soon as possible. The form is available on our web site <http://www.suffolkny-aa.org/> under group forms. It can be filled out online or printed out and mailed or faxed to the office (see front of meeting list). It can also be emailed to phones@suffolkny-aa.org. In addition, a copy of the form is on the insert of this bulletin.

Also included on the insert are the phone numbers of all our committee members. Please call any one of us if you need any help getting these forms submitted.

Sober Superbowl 2007 !

The SIA Special Events Committee invites you to a Sober Superbowl Party to be held Sunday, February 4th at the SIA office in Patchogue – 113-8 Bay Ave. (entrance on Terrell St.), 5:30 P.M. until the fat lady sings!

Tickets are \$10.00 and must be bought in advance – limited to the first fifty people. **BIG SCREEN TV & FOOD!**

To purchase tickets contact your SIA rep or call Richard W, Special Events chairperson at specevent@suffolkny-aa.org or call the SIA office at 631-654-1150.

The AA Grapevine Statement of Purpose

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism, the Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another.

Widely known as a “meeting in print,” the AA Grapevine communicates the experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current AA experience with recovery, unity, and service. Founded in 1944, the Grapevine does not receive group contributions, but is supported entirely through magazine subscription sales and additional income derived from the sale of Grapevine items.

The awareness that every AA member has an individual way of working the program permeates the pages of the Grapevine, and throughout its history the magazine has been a forum for the varied and often divergent opinions of AAs around the world. Articles are not intended to be statements of AA policy, nor does publication of any article imply endorsement by either AA or the Grapevine.

As Bill W. expressed it in 1946, “The Grapevine will be the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement. Its editors and staff will be primarily accountable to the AA movement as a whole....Within the bounds of friendliness and good taste, the Grapevine will enjoy perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous...Like the Alcoholics Anonymous movement there will be but one central purpose: The Grapevine will try to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all its affairs.”

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**GROUPS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED NEW 12 STEP FORMS
AS OF 12/21/2006**

1	AMITVILLE	FRIENDLY GROUP	39	MASTIC BEACH	12 & 12
2	AMITVILLE	OPEN DOOR	40	MEDFORD	MEDFORD LOVE & SERVICE
3	AMITVILLE	COUNTY LINE	41	MELVILLE	MELVILLE
4	AMITVILLE	SUNRISE EARLY SOBRIETY MASSAPEQUA AT AMITVILLE BOTTOM LINE	42	MOUNT SINAI	MOUNT SINAI
5	AMITVILLE	MID-ISLAND	43	NORTH BABYLON	PHELPS LANE
6	BABYLON	BRIDGE TO SOBRIETY	44	OAKDALE	SOUTH SHORE SERENITY
7	BABYLON	NUTS & BOLT STEP GROUP	45	PATCHOGUE	MORNING GROUP
8	BABYLON	TOGETHER GAY GROUP	46	PORT JEFFERSON	PORT JEFFERSON
9	BOHEMIA	LADIES GROUP	47	PORT JEFFERSON	PORT JEFFERSON BIG BOOK
10	BRENTWOOD	GRATITUDE	48	PORT JEFFERSON	LIVING SOBER SAT. AM
11	BRENTWOOD	BRENTWOOD	49	RIVERHEAD	RIVERHEAD
12	BRENTWOOD	HAPPY HOUR	50	RIVERHEAD	FREEDOM
13	BROOKHAVEN	CENTEREACH GROUP IN SELDEN	51	RIVERHEAD	NORTHVILLE BEGINNERS
14	CENTEREACH	OPEN DOOR	52	ROCKY POINT	SERENITY
15	CENTEREACH	CENTEREACH LITTLE RASCALS CLUB HOUSE	53	ROCKY POINT	FELLOWSHIP THE SPIRIT
16	CENTEREACH	COMMAK	54	RONKONKOMA	CLEARLY SCHOOL
17	COMMAK	EVENING GROUP	55	RONKONKOMA	REBOS
18	COPLAGUE	GRATEFUL AFTERNOON GROUP	56	RONKONKOMA	BREAKFAST CLUB
19	COPLAGUE	PINELAWN GROUP	57	SAG HARBOR	THE FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP
20	CORAM	FARMINGVILLE OPEN ARMS	58	SANT JAMES	SANT JAMES
21	DIX HILLS	DIX HILLS	59	SAVILLE	SAVILLE WEST
22	EAST HAMPTON	EAST HAMPTON	60	SELDEN	EARLY COMMUTERS
23	EAST ISLIP	BRENTWOOD SUNDAY MORNING	61	SHOREHAM	SOBRIETY UNLIMITED
24	EAST MORICHES	WOMEN'S SERENITY GROUP	62	SMITHTOWN	AFTERNOON GROUP
25	EAST NORTHPORT	STEP GROUP	63	SMITHTOWN	SMITHTOWN
26	EAST NORTHPORT	VALLEY 8 O'CLOCK	64	SMITHTOWN	SMITHTOWN SERENITY
27	GREAT RIVER	GREAT RIVER NON-SMOKERS	65	SOUND BEACH	MAY YOU FIND IT NOW
28	GREENLAWN	VILLAGE GROUP	66	STONY BROOK	UNITY GROUP
29	HAMPTON BAYS	MORNING MIRACLES	67	STONY BROOK	LIVING GAY & SOBER
30	HAMPTON BAYS	STEP AT NOON	68	STONY BROOK	DISCUSSION
31	HOLBROOK	LOVE N' SHARE	69	STONY BROOK	WOMEN'S STEP MEETING
32	HUNTINGTON	WEST NECK GROUP	70	TERRYVILLE	LET IT BEGIN WITH ME
33	KINGS PARK	KINGS PARK	71	WADING RIVER	WADING RIVER
34	LAKE GROVE	LAKE GROVE	72	WEST ISLIP	WEST ISLIP
35	LAKE RONKONKOMA	LAKE RONKONKOMA	73	WEST ISLIP	EASY DOES IT
36	LINDENHURST	FREEDOM GROUP	74	WEST ISLIP	GOOD SOBRIETY
37	LINDENHURST	LINDENHURST	75	YAPHANK	BETWEEN THE LAKES

Help – 12th Step Work Available !!!

The Treatment Facilities chairperson still has the following facilities that desperately need people to chair meetings, if only for a month at a time :

Charlie Murphy's – Wednesday & Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

LI Head Injury Association – Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

St. Charles - Womens' meetings : Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, 8:00 p.m.

HOTLINE AREA ASSIGNMENTS & PHONE NUMBERS

Chair Person: Bob D. - Email: phones@suffolkny-aa.org

Hot Line Number 669-1124

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West End Coordinator: Teddy

District	West End Assigned Areas	Captain/Phone Number
30	Commack, E. Northport, Fort Salonga, Kings Park	John:
40	Centerport, Cold Spring Harbor, Greenlawn, Huntington, Huntington Station, Melville, Northport	Don:
50	Babylon, Deer Park, Dix Hills, North Babylon, West Babylon, West Islip, Wyandach	Jim G.:
60	Brentwood, Central Islip, Hauppauge	Dave B.:
70	Bay Shore, East Islip, Great River, Islip, Islip Terrace, Oak Beach	Chris I. /Mike N.
80	Amityville, Copiague, Lindenhurst, West Islip	Derek / John
90	Bayport, Blue Point, 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

East End Coordinator: Pauline

District	East End Assigned Areas	Captain/Phone Number
200	Cutchogue, Greenport, Mattituck, Orient, Southold, Aquebogue	Liz S.
210	Jamesport, Riverhead	Cathy
220	Middle Island, Rocky Point, Shoreham, Sound Beach, Wading River, Yaphank, Manorville	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, Remsenburg, Westhampton, Westhampton Beach	Mary
260	Sag Harbor, Shelter Island, Shinnecock, Southampton, Watemill	Nancy H.
270	Amagansett, Bridgehampton, East Hampton, Montauk, Springs, Wainscott	Bob W.