



# Suffolk Intergroup Association Of Alcoholics Anonymous Bulletin

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## Meetings & Events In February

**02/06**

\* SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

7:30 PM – SIA office

**02/13**

\* SIA Orientation - New Reps

7:00 PM – Cleary School,  
Ronkonkoma

\* SIA Meeting

8:00 PM – Cleary School

**02/16**

\* GSO Orientation

7:30 PM – Trinity Lutheran  
Church, Rocky Point

\* Suffolk GSO Meeting

8:00 PM – Trinity Lutheran  
Church, Rocky Point

**02/21**

\* Public Information Mtg.

7:30 PM – SIA Office

**02/28**

\* SIA Treatment Facilities Meeting – 7:30 PM – SIA Office



### ***From the Editor:***

This issue, as many others, includes calls for help needed by various chairs of the SIA. Most members have heard of the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, however, few know about or understand the 12 Concepts for World Service.

When I was a beginner & had achieved barely a year of sobriety, I had a choice on Thursday nights of a Beginner or a Step meeting. My then to be 2<sup>nd</sup> sponsor told me that I should “graduate from Kindergarten” and go to the Step meeting. Service work has been like that for me. I still took commitments for my group but also became the SIA rep. I eventually moved up to become Bulletin Editor. Each job has taken me out of myself & broadened my network of friends & enlarged my support group.

I hope, during the duration of my term, to introduce you, the reader, to the Concepts in the hope that an understanding of them, even at a

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**HELP NEEDED !!**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Step Work Available!**

***Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober & help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.***

**Treatment Facilities:**

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, Northport – Wednesday & Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

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

St. Charles Hospital, Pt. Jefferson - Women's meetings:

Saturday, 10.00 a.m. – Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, 1:30 p.m. – Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

The Outpatient Act. Team, Yaphank – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

**Corrections:**

The Corrections Chairperson needs speakers for most evenings as well as Chairwomen for the women's DWI facility in Yaphank:

Thursday & Friday, 7 p.m.

**Schools:**

Looking for young people with a minimum of 2 years sobriety to speak at schools.

**If ANYONE plans on speaking at a school, PLEASE call the SIA office at (631) 654 – 1150 for information as well as pamphlets & wallet Hotline cards to bring to the schools.**

**Public Information:**

Public Information comes down to “one drunk carrying the message to another drunk”, whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties & the media. Bill Wilson

Public Information work will not make you rich or famous but it could “save someone's life & it will help you keep sober. Service outside the group is very rewarding & can take as little as 1 hour a month.

***TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE OPENINGS, PLEASE  
CALL THE SIA OFFICE AT : (631) 654 – 1150 OR  
VISIT THE WEBSITE AT : [www.suffolkny-aa.org](http://www.suffolkny-aa.org)***

## **The Archives History Project**

**Do You Have A Favorite Story About Your Home Group?  
Please Share It With Us!**

**The story could be about the early days of the group or  
It could have happened yesterday.  
All stories collected will become a permanent part of the  
Archives.**

**Mail to: SIA Office  
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### **Grapevine items...**

“Grapevine items, ranging from books of collected articles to an annual wall calendar featuring member-submitted photographs, are produced from works that have appeared in the A.A. Grapevine magazine. Primary among these Grapevine items is the 434-page collection of Bill W.’s work, entitled *The Language of the Heart: Bill W.’s Grapevine Writings*, along with signs of the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble, which were introduced to the Fellowship in early issues of the magazine. With its recent production of compact discs, the AA Grapevine makes significant magazine articles available in audio format to A.A.s who cannot read, who cannot get to meetings, or simply want a meeting between meetings at home or on the road.”\*

**Grapevine items are for sale at the SIA office and at the SIA meeting each month.**

\* reprinted from the pamphlet “The A.A. Grapevine Our Meeting in Print”.

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basic level, will induce you to become more involved in service – over and above group commitments. Join the front end team – the folks that really make it happen!

The Concepts are where the rubber meets the road. They insure that the fellowship stays as vibrant, as active, as open & as inviting as it is today – that is their mission. They are all about helping us reach outside of ourselves. At the end of the day, it's all about love & service.

“As A.A. grew up, it began with the groups-first only a few, then hundreds and then thousands. Very early an Alcoholic Foundation, later renamed The General Service Board, was formed to be responsible for our affairs. And with Dr, Bob's death and Bill facing up to his own mortality, a General Service Conference assumed the leadership which had fallen to the co-founders. Meanwhile, a tiny publishing operation and service office had grown in size and importance to the Fellowship, and a monthly journal, the *A.A. Grapevine*, was being published.

Which of these entities was supposed to do what? Little wonder there was confusion! What was their relationship? Who was in charge? What were their responsibilities-and what were their rights? Bill W. himself sometimes took part in the pulling and hauling that took place, and so he saw the need to “reduce to writing” *his* concepts of the “why” of the whole structure, the lessons to be drawn from experience, the relationships and, above all, the spiritual principles.

As Bill set them down, the Twelve Concepts are a potpourri: Concepts III through V, IX and XII deal with spiritual principles; the remainder, though they have spiritual overtones, are devoted to describing the relationship of the various service entities and how they work together.” \*

Next month I will talk about how the Concepts fit into the whole and attempt to explain the basics of Concept I.

**We will gladly accept, review & consider, from any member, submissions on the Twelve Concepts. Please contact me at the SIA office or email me at: [www.bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:www.bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org).**

Yours in service,  
Terry L.

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**Thought to ponder:**

***The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears.***