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Of Alcoholics Anonymous**
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**Meetings & Events
In May**

05/03

Archives Committee 6:00 P.M.
SIA Office

05/08

Cleary School, Nesconset
* **Share-a-thon 7:00 P.M.**
* **SIA Orientation - New Reps**
7:00 P.M.
* **SIA Meeting 8:00 PM**

05/16

***Public Information Mtg.**
7:30 PM – SIA Office

05/18

**Trinity Lutheran Church,
Rocky Point**
* **GSO Orientation 7:30 P.M.**
* **Suffolk GSO Mtg. 8:00P.M.**

05/23

* **SIA Treatment Facilities Mtg.**
7:30 P.M. – SIA office



**From the Editor:
Concept II**

“When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference-excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter- the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.” *

Accepting the gifts of this program means that I have to do my part on a daily basis- through prayer, affirmation and a request for guidance. The Concepts ask us to become responsible & to embrace this gift. How? With little measured steps & affirming that we are responsible for the future of A.A..

The first 2 Concepts set the stage: giving the gift, embracing the gift & affirming that we have the

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From the Chair -

I know that everyone belongs to the “best group in the whole world” and you enthusiastically want to announce it to the world. Some even have their meeting schedule listed in other area meeting lists so everyone can attend. I would like to ask those that do list their groups meeting schedule in other areas or lists to exercise some restraint when doing so. The problem is not so much in listing the meeting, but in making changes or removing the listing when the group goes out of business or changes something, like where they meet, days, times, etc.

As an example, the New York City Intergroup (www.nyintergroup.org/meetinglist/) will take a listing from anyone from any group from anyplace in New York, New Jersey or Connecticut and list the group in their meeting list. They have over 60 Suffolk County meetings listed and **about 60% of the meetings that are listed are non-existent or incorrect.** This means that anyone looking for a meeting in Suffolk County using NY Intergroups meeting list has less than a 50/50 chance of finding a meeting.

Now comes the alky part – They won't unlist or change a meeting based on someone saying the info is incorrect. When I asked to have the non-existent meetings removed I was told that only the person that originally listed the meeting or a group member can change it by sending in a form. Some of these groups were listed as far back as 1988 and have been out of business for almost as long so finding those group members that belonged to those nonexistent meetings is a problem. I would bet that some groups don't even know that their group is listed on the NY Intergroup meeting list.

Please check the NY Intergroup website at

<http://www.nyintergroup.org/meetinglist> - maybe your group is listed or maybe you belonged to that nonexistent group that they list. If you are one of those that was (hint) , or could have been, if only for a day, (hint) a member of the nonexistent group, please download and print the form from - nyintergroup.org/groupinfo.cfm and send it in or I will send you a form to get your old meeting removed or updated.

We're Having a Party!

Is your group celebrating a group anniversary?

Do you know of a group anniversary?

Would you like to know about a group anniversary?

Contact **Archives** at the SIA Office & let us know all the details- **(631-654-1150)**. Let's get the word out there. Group Anniversary Central is now up & running, Get your dancing shoes out & let's get rocking! **Sobriety is a time for celebrating!**

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process of Tradition II – being able to elect and trust servants to serve us. If we couldn't develop trusted servants to act on our behalf we couldn't function as a fellowship. Once elected, we have to let them do their jobs – mistakes may be made, but we have to trust they'll do the best they can! Our assuming the responsibility for the future of A.A. starts in our home groups and the way we elect our trusted servants. It's all about delegation.

“Concept I establishes the “final responsibility and ultimate authority” of the A.A. groups; but, in actual practise, how are they to manage A.A.'s service affairs? By *delegation*, Concept II declares.” *

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.

Yours in service,
Terry L.

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From the Archives –

The Archives Committee will now meet on the first Thursday of every month at the SIA office at 6:00 P.M.. A great opportunity for anyone to help us preserve the wonderful history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Suffolk County & learn how to be an archivist.

We continue to ask all groups to share their histories with us. It is vital that we save this information for future generations so that our successors can learn from our mistakes & successes. We have great stories! Please share your favorites with us!

Our photo collection continues to grow, We now have two huge binders filled with pictures of meeting places & have only scratched the surface! It's a simple matter to click some shots (without people in them, please!). If it's digital, you can forward your photos to the Archives via : www.archives@suffolkny-aa.org.

Month after month we ask for your help and sadly not much comes forth, There are still papers that need to be filed and so much more work to be done. What a rewarding way to do 12 step work & put that gratitude we all have into action!

When we come to the edge of the light we know, and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, of this we can be sure...Either God will provide something solid to stand on or ...We will be taught to fly.

They were “Powers of Example” And will be missed –

David S. – Stony Brook Discussion Group, 3/17/07 We celebrate his life – one filled with joy, humor, generosity and serenity. He will be remembered with love.

Bob T. – Port Jefferson Group, 3/12/07 He will be missed by all.

Nell Wing, a non alcoholic who was Bill W's secretary & the first Archivist of A.A. on 2/14/07 at the age of 89. She began working at A.A. in 1947 & retired in 1982. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her work. Without her foresight & persistence, many valuable documents connected with A.A.'s early years would have been lost forever, Nell was famous for roaming the halls of World Headquarters after hours rummaging through the trash bins, retrieving letters that had been tossed out. Somehow she knew they would matter one day.

HELP NEEDED !!

12th 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 – Thursday & Friday, 1:00 p.m.

Talbot House, Bohemia – Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

V.A. Hospital, Northport – Wednesday, 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

The Outpatient Act. Team, Yaphank – 1st & 3rd 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 keep you sober. Service outside the group is very rewarding & can take as little as 1 hour a month.

Share-A-Thon

Needs Group Reps to participate in the planning & implementation of our 2007 Share-A-Thon. Meets 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of the month, before the SIA meeting.

**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**

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