



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

06/07

Archives Committee 6:00 P.M.
SIA Office

06/12

Cleary School, Nesconset

* **Share-a-thon** 7:00 P.M.

* **SIA Orientation - New Reps**

7:00 P.M.

* **SIA Meeting** 8:00 PM

06/20

**Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky
Point**

* **GSO Orientation** 7:30 P.M.

* **Suffolk GSO Mtg.** 8:00 P.M.

06/16

***Public Information Mtg.**

7:30 PM – SIA Office

06/27

* **SIA Treatment Facilities Mtg.**

7:30 P.M. – SIA office

About Me

It must be about ME
Don't you see? Or,
It's all about others
And how they see ME.
Family and friends,
They laugh and play,
But don't you see?
I must have the last say.
Anecdotes and events
That you want to share,
If they are not about ME
Why should I care?
Going through life without
Sisters or brothers, taught ME
That caring is not about others.
Now that I have spoken,
I hope you will see,
If it is all about anything,
It must be all about ME.

Jon G
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Home For Dinner Group,
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Service Opportunities Through Suffolk Intergroup Treatment Facilities

*I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there ...
and for that, I am responsible.*

Let's keep it simple here. Service equals sobriety. I've heard it said, and I say it to others. I know it is true, too. Faith without works is dead. Are you getting my point yet? That which we have been so freely given, we must in turn give away. To whom much is given, much is expected. Of course, there are no absolutes in A.A., but there is a Responsibility Declaration – to reach out a helping hand and to carry the message to the still sick and suffering. That's why I take my commitment as the Institutions Chairperson very seriously. And now my point:

The Institutional Reps meeting is held the fourth Wednesday of the month; at this meeting the reps are given information and requests for service to bring back to their own group. Sadly, the reps are too few in number; the message is not being carried back to the home groups, and as a result, those most vulnerable and in need of the A.A. message aren't getting it.

So how does this affect you? Try a quick moral inventory: Am I doing enough to carry the message? Am I "responsible" as the pledge declares I should be?

Service equals sobriety. That has been a simple formula that has worked for me for many years, and more importantly, for those who came before me and carried the message in service. When someone asks you those four questions about your sobriety: 1) Do you have a home group? 2) Do you have a sponsor? 3) What step are you working on? 4) Do you have a commitment?

Well – do you? If not, call Brian K at the SIA office and start giving back!

See the "Help Needed" insert in this Bulletin for open commitments!

Yours in service,
Brian K, Treatment Facilities Chair
treatment@suffolkny-aa.org

We're Having a Party!

6/09 72nd Anniversary of AA – SIA office, 10 am – 3 pm

View the Archives display – share your memories! Gratitude meeting at 12 noon. Food & good fellowship. For more info call the SIA office at: 631-654-1150

6/25, Monday Bay Shore – The Jane Doe's Women's Group is celebrating 25 years !

Share-A-Thon Update

The Share-A-Thon Committee is hard at work ironing out details for this year's event. Although still in the very early stages of development, there is the usual excitement about putting this all together. It is hoped that every home group will be part of this preparation. All groups are asked to send a Share-A-Thon representative to the monthly meeting to help us get this off and running. The meeting is held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. just prior to the regular meeting of Suffolk Intergroup and at the same location. For May & June this will be at the Cleary School in Ronkonkoma and July's will be held at the Cornell Cooperative Extension – 423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead.

Interested? Come to our next meeting or leave word at the SIA Office : 631 – 654 – 1150. What a great way to do service. Remember, service is our way of showing our gratitude!

Today's Gift

“It is clear the future holds opportunities – it also holds pitfalls. The trick will be to seize the opportunities, avoid the pitfalls, and get back home by 6:00.”

---Woody Allen

Sometimes we take ourselves far too seriously. We draw our lives in the absolutes of black & white, with no shadings of gray. We believe our whole life depends on every decision we make. When a problem comes along, we see it as a crisis rather than another of the ongoing issues that confront all people. If we are displeased with someone, or if a person is upset with us, we amplify the feelings until we rupture the whole relationship.

It would be helpful to look at today's tasks & problems as a game. Yes, we would like to play the game well, but we could have a good time while doing it. If we don't take our problems or ourselves too seriously, maybe we'll have some fun.

Help me learn that daily living needs the light of humor.

Yours in service,
Terry L



**Your
Suffolk Intergroup
Association**

AND

**Your
General Service
Organization**

Cordially invite you to the BIG Meeting. A celebration of service and AA's 72nd birthday. A free spaghetti and meatball dinner will be served. Since all service commitments will be rotating out at the end of the year, this is the perfect time to come out and hear the experience of those who now serve. All officers and committee chairs will be on hand to share how their sobriety has been maintained and enhanced by being part of AA in Suffolk County.

The event will be held on **Saturday, June 2nd** from **6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** at the **First Presbyterian Church in Smithtown.** The church is located at the corner of Route 25A and Route 111.

If you would like to help in making this event an even better one, feel free to call the SIA office at 631 – 654 – 1150 and leave a message for Richard W. (*Special Events Chairperson*). The next planning session will be held at the SIA office in Patchogue on **Tuesday, May 15th** at **7:00 p.m.**

6th and 7th Step Workshop

May 25th - 7:00 p.m.
SIA Office – Patchogue

Seating is limited, so please call & reserve your seat:

SIA office: 631 – 654 – 1150

or

www.suffolkny-aa.org

contact: Third Legacy Chairperson

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.

Monday thru Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

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

St. Charles Hospital, Pt. Jefferson -

Women's meeting: Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

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

Nursing Home in Yaphank – more info to follow

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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