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Meetings & Events In November

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*** Archives Committee**
6:00 P.M. SIA Office

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

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

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

11/28

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

2007 Share – A - Thon

The Suffolk Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous announces its annual Share-A-Thon will be held on Sunday October 28, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Share-A-Thon will be held at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue and is open to the general public. There is no charge to attend this all day event which will feature workshops by members of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon. The college's main entrance is on the Sunrise Highway service road just east of the Waverly Avenue exit.

For information contact the Suffolk Intergroup Association at 631 654-1150 or share@suffolkny-aa.org

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The Friends of Bill & Bob Committee would like to announce our 7th Annual Dinner Dance on Sunday, November 11, 2007 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. at: Restaurant Blue, 7 Montauk Hwy, Blue Point, NY 11715
www.RestaurantBlue.com

Tickets are \$45.00 per person, must be purchased in advance with cash only and are non-refundable. For information and/or tickets contact: Rand or Maura C. - phone #s are in October Bulletin or call the SIA Office.

From the Archives-

We hope to see you all at this year's Share-A-Thon on October 28th. Make a special point of stopping up and checking out the Archives display. Again this year we will be recording members' stories...maybe you have a favorite story of your home group or any group for that matter. Maybe you have some background data on a group: how it got started and who got it up and going.

Rummage through your cupboards and closets and encourage others to do likewise; we are always open to donations of any AA material. We are missing many old meeting lists and copies of the Intergroup Bulletin and would like to fill in the gaps. These are both valuable historical documents.

If you have any AA's in your group with over thirty years sobriety, drag them along and have them sign our Big Book from 1951. Right now we have approximately 180 signatures and we know there are more of you lurking out there just aching to become part of the Suffolk Alcoholics Anonymous record.

The Share-A-Thon looks to be another great occasion this year. Tons of hard work have gone in so far with still more to go. Why not be part of that? And since you will be at St. Joseph's College anyway, head on over to the Archives display and say "hi". Maybe, just maybe, you will catch a little archives fever and decide to assist with this important work. We sure could use your help!

From the Grapevine...

The Grapevine is the monthly international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Ever since it was first published in 1944, the Grapevine has played a vital role in the growth of the Fellowship and the personal recovery of countless alcoholics. In addition to reporting on the formation of new groups and on what those first members did to stay sober, the early Grapevine is where Bill W. published his first essays on the Traditions and shared his hopes for the future of A.A.

Today, the Grapevine and the bimonthly Spanish-language edition, La Vina, reflect the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous and show the hope and healing that AA offers alcoholics and their families worldwide. Along with personal stories of recovery, each issue contains articles on the Steps or Traditions, a special section on an important aspect of recovery, and departments such as "Along Spiritual Lines," "Around AA," "The Old-Timers' Corner," and "Youth Enjoying Sobriety".

And now you can listen to every new issue of the Grapevine online! AudioGrapevine, the recorded version of the magazine, can be downloaded from our website, www.aagrapevine.org. The website is also the gateway to the Digital Archive, containing every story, article and joke published in the A.A. Grapevine for the last 63 years.

In order to carry the AA message in all media, the Grapevine publishes articles from its magazines in books and Cds. These collections focus on such topics as emotional sobriety, young people in AA, and the home group. Two collections of articles that Bill W. wrote for the Grapevine are also available in English, French and Spanish.

In keeping with the Traditions, the Grapevine does not accept advertising or membership fees. Nor does it receive AA group contributions. It is supported by the sales of magazine subscriptions and related books and CDs. So when you order a Grapevine publication, you are not only supporting your own recovery, you are helping to ensure that AA's magazines will be there for other alcoholics as well.

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We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through congress. ---Will Rogers

Don't worry about avoiding temptation... as you grow older, it will avoid you.
---Winston Churchill

Baptizing A Drunk

A man is stumbling through the woods totally drunk when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river.

The drunk walks into the water and subsequently bumps into the preacher. The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of booze. Whereupon he asks the drunk, 'Are you ready to find Jesus?' 'Yes I am' replies the drunk, so the preacher grabs him and dunks him in the river.

He pulls him up and asks the drunk, 'Brother have you found Jesus?' The drunk replies, 'No, I haven't.' The preacher, shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again, but for a bit longer this time. He pulls him out of the water and asks again, 'Have you found Jesus, my brother?' The drunk again answers, 'No, I have not found Jesus.'

By this time the preacher is at his wits end so he dunks the drunk in the water again, but this time he holds him down for about 30 seconds.

When the drunk begins kicking his arms and legs, the preacher pulls him up. The preacher asks the drunk again, 'For the love of God, have you found Jesus?'

The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher, 'Are you sure this is where he fell in?'



Two meetings could use your support :

We're It... meets every Saturday afternoon at 3:30 859 Connetquot Ave, Islip Terrace

Kings Park Group... Friday beginners meeting..every Friday night at 6:45pm

HELP NEEDED !!
12th Step Work Available!
***Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober & help other
alcoholics achieve sobriety.***

Treatment Facilities:

Attention Group Secretary's Please Announce

Chair people we need you now !..... all meetings are one hour

Catholic Charities, Commack – 11:00 a.m. Wednesday

Charlie Murphy's, Northport - Monday to Saturday 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

John J Foley Nursing Home – Thursday - 2- 3 p.m. -next to Yaphank DWI facility

St. Charles Hospital – Sundays- women's mtg- 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. flexible start

Monday- men's mtg -1:30 p.m.

Treatment committee meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9/26, 7:30 p.m. at the SIA office. All chairs are urged to attend. Speaker exchange to be held after. If you can't attend contact Brian K at treatment@suffolk-aa.org

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 Janet - Schools Committee Chair at the SIA office (631) 654 – 1150 or contact her via the SIA website - schools@suffolkny-aa.org.

Public Information: 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. Meets 7:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the SIA office.

**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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