



# Suffolk Intergroup Association Of Alcoholics Anonymous Bulletin

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## Meetings & Events In December

**12/6**

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

**12/11**

**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.**

**12/21**

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

**12/26**

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

## About AA

AA helped my Mom.  
AA is fun.  
It is great.  
Come to AA you'll love it.  
Hope you come to AA.  
Try it!  
See you next time!

Angela S grad 3 N. Babylon

## Wit & Wisdom

Learn from the mistakes of other, - we won't live long enough to make them all ourselves!

The secret to a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. – George Burns

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge

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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:**

**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 Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Monday & 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.suffolkny-aa.org)**

## HOTLINE NEEDS SOME HELP

There are currently two districts in the county whose phone captains have retired without replacements. These same two districts are scheduled to cover the phones at the end of December: District 50 from 12/23/07 through 12/29/07 and district 240 from 12/30/07 through 01/05/08. See the chart for a list of groups in these districts.

Under the current schedule, each of the 17 districts in Suffolk County covers the phones three times per year. Phone captains work with the groups in their districts to provide coverage. As the phone captain for district 90, I can tell you that working with the groups in my community and seeing them fulfill every groups' primary purpose of helping carry the message to the next alcoholic has been one of the most rewarding service experiences I have ever had. Other captains have told me the same thing.

As hotline chair, I encourage outgoing captains to try to find their own replacements, since they are familiar with the folks in their areas who may be qualified for this important job. Whether or not outgoing captains are able to do this, it remains the responsibility of the groups to get someone.

Contact Bob D at the SIA office: 631-654-1150 or [phones@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:phones@suffolkny-aa.org)

### **SIA PHONE DISTRICT 50**

MID-ISLAND	BABYLON
OFF MAIN STREET	BABYLON
BRIDGE TO SOBRIETY	BABYLON
BRIDGE TO SOBRIETY	BABYLON
NUTS & BOLT STEP GROUP	BABYLON
BIG BOOK	BABYLON
ORIGINAL DEER PARK BIG BOOK GROUP	DEER PARK
HOME FOR DINNER	DEER PARK
PRIMARY PURPOSE	DEER PARK
DIX HILLS	DIX HILLS
SUNDAY SOBRIETY	DIX HILLS
WOMEN ON WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S' GROUP	DIX HILLS
ALIVE AGAIN GAY GROUP	DIX HILLS
PHELPS LANE	NORTH BABYLON
JUST FOR TODAY	NORTH BABYLON
MORNING GLORY	NORTH BABYLON
SUNRISE 12+12	NORTH BABYLON
WEST BABYLON	WEST BABYLON
DAY BY DAY	WEST ISLIP
WYANDANCH	WYANDANCH

### **SIA PHONE DISTRICT 240**

BELLPORT	BELLPORT
RAINBOW GROUP GAY AND LESBIAN	BELLPORT
LOVE & SERVICE AT BELLPORT	BELLPORT
BEAVER DAM GROUP	BROOKHAVEN
WOMENS MEETING	BROOKHAVEN
HAPPY HOUR	BROOKHAVEN
HAMLET	BROOKHAVEN
SUNDAY GROUP	BROOKHAVEN
SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE	CENTERMORICHES
SUNRISE SOBRIETY BYOC	CENTERMORICHES
EAST MORICHES	EAST MRICHES
WOMEN'S SERENITY GROUP	EAST MORICHES
PATCHOGUE EAST LOVE AND SERVICE	EAST PATCHOGUE
PRIMARY PURPOSE	EASTPORT
THE ONLY REQUIREMENT	MASTIC
NEIGHBORHOOD SOBRIETY	MASTIC BEACH
12 & 12	MASTIC BEACH
FRIENDS OF BILL W.	SHIRLEY

## Brookhaven Women's Group Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

The Brookhaven Women's Group celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary on Friday, October 12, 2007. This was the first anniversary ever celebrated by the group. It was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Brookhaven. The festivities started at 6:00 p.m. and ended around 9:30 p.m., not including set-up and clean-up time.

The tables were arranged in a manner so you could adjust yourself to take in the speakers, the music, or the food. Sitting atop each green-clothed table was the fall-themed centerpiece - colorful cornucopias and autumn-hued gourd candleholders. These were lovingly made by a member.

The smorgasbord included a collection of dishes prepared by members: hot and cold meals, vegetable and fruit platters, and chips and dips. The food would have satisfied any hunger, but then there were the desserts. Every delicacy that you could possibly imagine had a place on the buffet table.

Our esteemed speakers were Joann, with almost 32 years, and Angela with 6 months. They both spoke of their journeys and how AA works in their lives. Joann is a past member of the group. She was the one who taught me, and many others, that we can't get drunk if we don't take that first drink. She's got a rock solid foundation of AA, but always reminds us that she is just one drink away from hell. Angela is one of the newbies in the group; this was the first time she spoke. Listening to newcomers is what reminds me of where I came from. Both women spoke with the kind of grace and dignity that can only be found through sobriety.

The entertainment was impressive. Lisa J. kicked it off with her rendition of *Mustang Sally*. She was accompanied by Bruce (and his equipment). They performed several songs, and then turned the mike over to Karen K. Her repertoire consisted of songs she had written. The melodious tunes drifted softly throughout the hall, mesmerizing her audience. Lisa and Bruce came back and belted out some more tunes, then opened up the other mike for anyone who wanted to be a back-up singer. All of the performers are AA members and volunteered their services free of charge.

The overall feedback we received from the guests (non-members as well as members) was that it was the best anniversary they ever attended. I might be a little prejudiced, but I found myself having to agree. Of course that was not our intention. The main objective of celebrating this anniversary was to rejoice and embrace the spirit that makes this group so special. The fellowship that it took to organize this event in such a short time, and with very little money, is a testament to what we can do when we put our collective minds and hearts together. Happy Anniversary to the Brookhaven Women's Group!

Submitted by Debbie P

**Bayshore Staying Sober Group** is encouraging people to attend their meeting located at **Southside Hospital**, 301 East Main Street, Bay Shore (Cafeteria).  
Sunday OD at 7:30 p.m.