



Suffolk Intergroup Association Bulletin

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Meetings & Events In April

04/01

* SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

7:30 PM – SIA office

04/08

* SIA Orientation - New Reps

7:00 PM – Cleary School,
Ronkonkoma

* SIA Meeting

8:00 PM – Cleary School

04/18

* GSO Orientation

7:30 PM – Trinity Lutheran
Church, Rocky Point

* Suffolk GSO Meeting

8:00 PM – Trinity Lutheran
Church, Rocky Point

04/16

* Public Information Mtg.

7:30 PM – SIA Office

04/23

* SIA Treatment Facilities

Meeting – 7:30 PM – SIA Office

This is our Bulletin

I recently took over this commitment as Bulletin Editor and I look forward to being of service. I've listened to so many who have walked this path say that service is so helpful in staying sober. I'm asking my fellow AA's to please submit your group announcements, anniversaries, and milestones. Share a story about sobriety or as we like to say:

Share your experience strength and hope.

Feel free to call the SIA office or email me at:

bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org

I look forward to hearing from you and please remember it's our Bulletin.

Warm regards,

Chris W.

Things we cannot change

The Lindenhurst sadly acknowledges the passing of one of our members.

Kevin G. C. Passed away on February 18, 2008

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind always be at your back
May the sunshine warm your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand

SIA Officers & Chairpeople 2008-2009

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Concept Three

As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

Tradition Three

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

We always speak of taking a Group Inventory using the Twelve Traditions – we can also apply the Twelve Traditions to ourselves....

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new A.A. members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my A.A. group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overly impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at A.A. needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to A.A. before? What his other problems are?

*“ Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence, we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought our membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three gathered for sobriety may call themselves a group in our program, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.” **

Tradition Three defines the personal liberty of the A.A. member. It says, in effect, that any alcoholic can be an A.A. member the moment he says so. Neither can any of us deprive him of that membership, no matter what his behavior. Perhaps no other society has staked out such a broad expanse of liberty for the individual as this. Every A.A. newcomer feels at once that he is wanted and trusted and loved. How well we understand his needs; certainly we have had them ourselves. Seldom has any alcoholic taken unfair advantage of that unlimited charter for freedom. We took this decision for individual freedom years ago. We are glad that we did; there has never been any cause for regret.

Yours in service,
Terry L.

Opportunities for some 12th step work

From the Archives

A reminder that we have in our collection an original 1951 Big Book, which we are asking all Suffolk AA's with 30 or more years of sobriety to sign. This will be part of our permanent collection. Why not spread the word on that one!

In last month's Bulletin, we asked if anyone could help us with background histories on a slew of Bay Shore groups. It appears over the years that the town of Bay Shore is number one on the Suffolk AA hit parade. More groups have met there than any other town. We are still looking. Maybe you can provide some information...a memory maybe...a story perhaps. Whatever you can give is far more than what we have right now on that elusive town.

The Archives Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at the SIA office in Patchogue. Several groups have already decided to elect Archives reps and it is a delight to report that in February we had an enthusiastic 7 people show up for this meeting. You want to be part of this too? You don't even have to be elected--- just suit up and show next month or leave word at the SIA office that you want to climb on board. What a different way to do service!

Office volunteer needed at the SIA office

We need a Volunteer to answer phones Saturdays 9AM-1PM at the SIA office in Patchogue. Please call the SIA office for details

Suffolk Intergroup association has 2 opportunities for Committee Chairpersons

1) Hotline

2) Institutions

If you're interested in either of these opportunities to give back what was freely given please attend the next SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting April 1, 2008 7:30 PM at the SIA office or contact the offices.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

The Friends of Bill and Bob Committee's 9TH Annual Dinner Dance

The Friends of Bill and Bob Committee is looking for volunteers to help us organize our 9th Annual Dinner Dance and our annual Dinner Cruise on the Great South Bay. We need volunteers to keep the Committee going. Monthly meetings will begin in March with day & location of meetings to be determined. Please call: Nancy B. 631-654-1150

L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

Long Island Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous



Invites you to the first ever Rock-n-Bowl Event

Where: Massapequa Bowl - 4235 Merrick Road, Massapequa, NY

When: March 16th, 2008 4:30-6:30 p.m. Unlimited Bowling

Cost: \$14.00 ROCK-N-COSMIC Lights... includes shoes

All are welcome