



Suffolk Intergroup Association

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Meetings & Events In May

05/06

* SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

7:30 PM – SIA office

05/13

* SIA Orientation - New Reps

7:00 PM – Cleary School, Ronkonkoma

* SIA Meeting

8:00 PM – Cleary School

05/16

* GSO Orientation

7:30 PM – Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point

* Suffolk GSO Meeting

8:00 PM – Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point

05/21

* Public Information Mtg.

7:30 PM – SIA Office

05/28

* SIA Treatment Facilities Meeting – 7:30 PM – SIA Office

Have a great day, unless you have other plans.

Change is in the wind

As some of you may already be aware, in the next couple of months the Suffolk County Intergroup Association will be considering some major changes in the design of our Meeting List. It's become apparent that the current format of the Meeting List is at its maximum capacity and it's becoming difficult to find space to add more meetings. Also because of the size of the Meeting List it's becoming more and more awkward for some people to open up discreetly. One proposed idea is to follow the format of Nassau County. An example of the first 2 pages are illustrated below. Do you have an Opinion??? Thought so. Perhaps this could be brought up at your next business meeting. Even send your group's SIA Rep to the Next SIA meeting. Does your group have an active SIA Rep??? Perhaps this is a good time to elect one and get involved. Thanks for letting me share...

Chris W

Meetings in Suffolk County NY

Date 2008 – Date 2008

For Help in Suffolk County call our 24 Hr Hotline -- **631-669-1124**

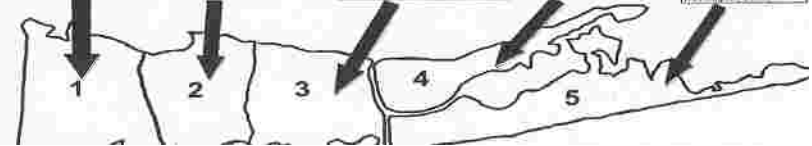
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Patchogue NY 11772
Mailing address:
PO Box 659 Patchogue NY 11772
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For Intergroup Business use only:
Business: 631-654-1111
Fax: 631-654-1110

Zone Map
To see map in greater detail see next page

For other area Hotline numbers see next page

ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5
Algonquin	Algonquin	Algonquin	Algonquin	Algonquin
Baiting Hollow	Baiting Hollow	Baiting Hollow	Baiting Hollow	Baiting Hollow
Croton	Croton	Croton	Croton	Croton
Greenport	Greenport	Greenport	Greenport	Greenport
Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica	Jamaica
Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville	Northville
Patchogue	Patchogue	Patchogue	Patchogue	Patchogue
Shirley	Shirley	Shirley	Shirley	Shirley
Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
Westhampton	Westhampton	Westhampton	Westhampton	Westhampton
Yonkers	Yonkers	Yonkers	Yonkers	Yonkers



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Tradition IV Checklist

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in A.A.?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of A.A.? Of nearby groups? Of loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvadore?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in A.A., I may to some extent represent our entire Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths – his lengths, not mine – to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of A.A. tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

Yours in service,
Terry L.

Tradition IV

*“With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. Group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.” **

This Tradition is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions I & II. The first sentence of Tradition IV guarantees each A.A. group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions and adopt any attitudes that it likes. The founders gave every group the right to be wrong, providing that the sole objective is sobriety. They knew that alcoholics didn't like rules. In Tradition IV of the 12 & 12, it quotes rule 62: “Don't take yourself too damn seriously.” No over-all or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our tradition. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely so, these most extreme privileges. We know that the familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate any radical departures from A.A. tradition.

An A.A. group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus A.A. opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only to *the group's own affairs*. Obviously, if any individual, group or regional committee could take an action which might affect the welfare of A.A. as a whole, or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy. Therefore, we A.A.s have universally adopted the principle of consultation.

There is a line between group conscience and plain old group lethargy. A lot of groups refuse to take a turn answering the Hotline phones. Others do not have a conscientious Group Service Representative or Intergroup representative. It's sad, because there is such joy in service. Chief Justice Warren was quoted about a law they were reviewing: “I know that it is legal, but is it right?” The same principle could apply to our autonomous groups that do not participate in the 1st Tradition, i.e., “---our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”

Concept IV

Throughout our Conference structure we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Opportunities for some 12th step work

From the Archives

Time for Spring cleaning!

The Archives is always on the lookout for old copies of the SIA Bulletin, Suffolk County meeting lists and announcements sent out by groups concerning group anniversaries etc. Great sources of information! So why not take the time and go through your cupboards...you might be surprised what has been tucked away all these years. Recently we became aware that the Port Jefferson group has a binder of all its business meetings saved. In that binder was an old SIA Bulletin from 1984. That Bulletin had notices about the start of three new groups and two other groups ending. That enabled the Archives Committee to pinpoint some dates more accurately. Take the time and check out your stash. It may be cluttering your closets but to us it's gold!

Just a reminder that we have in our possession a early copy of the AA Big Book which we are asking all Suffolk AAs with thirty plus years of sobriety to sign. We are rapidly approaching 200 signatures! A simple matter to arrange signing it.

Can anyone provide us with information on the women's group that met in Cold Spring Harbor in the 1990s?

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 office.

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

The S.I.A. Special Events Committee will be hosting a series of workshops on the Steps and other topics. The first 2 of these will be held at the SIA office in Patchogue from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16th – SPONSORSHIP

Friday, June 11th - STEPS 1,2,&3

Meeting Changes and announcements.

The Kings Park Group is happy to announce its 60th anniversary this year. We meet every Tuesday (Big Book at 6:45pm/ Step at 8:00pm) and Fridays Closed Discussion and Beginners at 6:45pm /Open at 8:00pm). Why not stop by and say hello

The 50th Anniversary ICYPAA is scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd - Sunday, July 6th of 2008 at the Cox Convention Center located at 1 Myriad Gardens, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73102. We will keep everyone updated as more news about the conference develops. We are excited to be hosting the 50th ICYPAA and look forward to seeing all of you in Oklahoma City July 4th Weekend! For more information please visit us at www.50thcypaa.org.

The Patchogue Group St Joseph the Worker Church, 510 Narragansett Ave, EastPatchogue Has changed the Saturdau Afternoon meeting from 1PM to 2PM EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

ONE CALL FILLS ALL

InterGroup's Third Legacy Committee was formed to promote service work beyond the group level. We have brought together several former Intergroup Chairs, General Service DCMCs and service committee chairs to take commitments to speak at 12th Step meetings, Traditions meetings or group business meetings. These speakers bring a wealth of experience of service work and of applying the principles of our Fellowship in the outside world.

If you are responsible for booking these types of meetings for your group, see us at the exchange meeting, call the SIA office at 654-1150 and leave a message for the 3rd Legacy Chair, or reach us on the Internet:

thirdleg@suffolkny-aa.org

Note: Suffolk General Service maintains a separate list of Traditions speakers which can be obtained at the monthly meeting in Rocky Point.

Al-Anon

CHANGE

2008

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

SATURDAY, May 24, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's College

155 West Roe Blvd.

Patchogue, N.Y. 11772

Sunrise Highway, (Rte 27) Exit 52, Waverly Ave., Service Rd. Eastbound

Please send donations to:

Choices

P.O. Box 94

Patchogue, N.Y. 11772

Admission: \$10.00 for day workshops (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), which if prepaid (mailed in), includes breakfast and lunch; an additional \$10.00 for the evening coffeehouse (4:30p.m. to 9p.m.), which if prepaid, (mailed in) includes supper, live music and motivational speakers. Supper will be at 4:30; the live music will start at 5:30. Enjoy!

THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES BREAKFAST, LUNCH, & SUPPER

Mail this completed form with

- Choices tickets with ***breakfast & lunch***

Check or money order and a

At \$10.00, for both = \$ _____

Self addressed envelope to:

- Choices tickets with ***supper***

At \$10.00 each = \$ _____

CHOICES TICKETS

(Breakfast, lunch and supper = \$20.00/per person)

P.O. BOX 94

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. 11772

Name _____

Street _____

Town _____

Phone # (safe to call) _____

REGISTRATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1ST, 2008

Breakfast, Lunch and supper only available with pre-registration

I would like to volunteer to help: (please circle) Literature Speaker

Greeter Hospitality Clean Up Coffee House Music