



Suffolk Intergroup Association

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Meetings & Events In July

July 1st 7:30 PM SIA office
*SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

July 8th Cornell Cooperative Ext.
423 Griffing Ave, Riverhead, NY
7:00 PM SIA Orientation
8:00 PM SIA Meeting

July 18th Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point
8:00 PM GSO Meeting

July 16th SIA Office
7:30 PM Public Information Mtg.

July 23rd SIA Office
7:30 PM SIA Treatment Facilities Meeting

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Have you called
your Sponsor
today???

They told me

"Get a Commitment, Get Involved... Stay Sober"
When I first came to AA I was directed by these words of wisdom by some folks who where serious about sobriety. The SIA has had 3 open commitments sense the beginning of the year with no takers. This is a great opportunity for someone who doesn't have a commitment in his or her Homegroup and could benefit from such an experience. Interested?
The next SIA meeting is: 07-08-08 at 8PM
Chris W

Lighthouse

(Because you are my sponsor)
Written by Tom B for "Pepsi" Greg K

There are many things I'd like to say
So you can understand
The change that you effected
When reaching out your hand
The life line that you offered me
Without a second thought
The selfless things that you have done
And the lessons that you taught

You have been stern and pitiless
Yet sometimes played the clown
But in these two years you are the only one
Who never let me down
You have lived the words you speak to me
And done the things you say
The best example you can give
For living by the day

So I am sitting here on my day off
With gratitude and tears
For the things that you have done for me
After all my wasted years
You tell me, "Don't regret the past"
But learn from it instead
If that's the case then because of you
I am a million years ahead

Now these are only rhyming words
Not much for folks to see
But I hope you feel the gravity
Of what they mean to me
Of all the gifts I would like to give
Just from me to you
I give you the greatest gift I can
Because I am sober too

SIA has opportunities for 12 step work

Office volunteer: Please call the SIA office for details

Committee Chairpersons

- 1) Office Manager
- 2) Institutions/Treatment Facilities

We also need to elect a Corresponding Secretary at the next Rep meeting.

**OPEN HOUSE
COME CELEBRATE
SUFFOLK
INTERGROUP'S
35TH
ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2008
From 10:00am to 3:00pm
SIA OFFICE
113-8 BAY AVENUE
PATCHOGUE
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OPEN HOUSE
COME CELEBRATE SUFFOLK INTERGROUP'S 35TH
ANNIVERSARY!

SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2008

From 10:00am to 3:00pm

FOOD!

GOOD FELLOWSHIP!

NOON TIME GRATITUDE MEETING!

TOUR OUR SPIFFY, NEWLY DECORATED INTERGROUP OFFICE!

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL SUFFOLK AAs WITH THIRTY PLUS YEARS OF
SOBRIETY TO COME DOWN AND SIGN OUR ARCHIVES BIG BOOK AND SHARE YOUR
MEMORIES WITH US

SIA OFFICE

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Tradition VI

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

When I got sober, I was unable to understand the importance of the Twelve Traditions to my sobriety. Since then, I've seen more people get glazed eyes when that topic is mentioned at a meeting — with the possible exception of “the importance of service.” These phrases are sometimes known as “room emptiers.” But as my own recovery process progressed, the Traditions took on a meaning that was special and personal.

One day my sponsor suggested quietly that I might want to read “*Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*” to find out how the traditions had been formed in the fellowship. I read the book and discovered anew the meaning of humility. I learned that the Twelve Traditions came from the school of hard knocks, A.A. is the way it is because that is the way A.A. works best.

The co-founder of A.A. wrote the following about pioneer members' thinking in those early, heady days of success with the program, when they, too, felt that maybe — just maybe — the world could be their oyster: “If alcoholism could be licked, so could any problem!—Having learned to live so happily, we would show everybody else how --- Our principles might transform the world!”

But alas, the best laid plans of mice & alcoholics often go astray. Yet how providential for those of us who followed that the founders' first flush of enthusiasm faded with experience. A.A. *did* involve itself in education, politics, hospitals, clubs, “Twelve Step houses.” But as the founders tell us, “The moment we lent the A.A. name to any outside enterprise, we got into trouble, sometimes very serious trouble.” A.A., at that point in its history, had not yet learned to mind its own business. The lesson, however, was finally learned, and with it, a paradox. The more we stick to our primary purpose, the more influence we have.

Many of those early experiences, painful as they were, led to the adoption of the Sixth Tradition, It took real courage and faith to accept the idea — as a working principle of the fellowship — to “--- never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name--- lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”

And

A.A.'s primary purpose is to “carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

I know that my continuing life in the program, and the very life of the fellowship itself depend on that principle. It reminds me that I must present myself to the still-suffering alcoholic as an expert in one — and only one — thing: What was I like as a practicing alcoholic, what happened to me when I picked up the tools given to me by A.A., and what I am like now. And as the newcomer begins to identify and see a way out of his personal nightmare, the miracle begins.

Yours in service,
Terry L

Workshop Steps 1, 2 & 3

When? Friday, July 11th, 2008

Where? SIA office: 113-8 Bay Avenue, Patchogue, NY

When? 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Please note: This is not the same as the last workshop on Steps 1, 2 & 3, nor the same presenter.

Please call to reserve a seat as space is limited:

631 - 654 - 1150 & leave a name & phone # or

email me at: www.suffolkny-aa.org

(go to contact us - special events) & leave your name & phone #.

If you have a topic you would like to see addressed at a workshop, or like to volunteer to lead a workshop, please contact me as per above.

Yours in service,

Terry L.

Special Events Chair

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

Meeting Changes and announcements.

GSO & SIA will be sponsoring the **BIG Meeting** this June – **Dinner & a MOVIE**

(Bill Wilson – His Own Story.) Date & time to be announced.

Committee members & Food donations are needed. Call the SIA office & 631-654-1150 / Terry, 631-654-1150 & leave a name & phone # for the Special Events Chair if interested & willing.

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.50thicypaa.org.

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

HANDS OF PEACE First United Methodist Church

51 Wheeler Rd.

Central Islip, NY 11722

Meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00pm could use some support. Why not stop in, say hello and check out one of our meetings.