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May Meetings & Events

May 5th SIA office
7:30 PM*SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

May 7th SIA Office
7:00 PM Archives

May 11th
90 Higbie La, W. Islip,
7:45 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

May 12th Cleary School,
Ronkonkoma
7:00 PM SIA Orientation
7:00 PM Share-A-Thon Meeting
8:00 PM SIA Meeting

May 15th Trinity Lutheran Church,
Rocky Point
8:00 PM GSO Meeting

May 20th SIA Office 7:00 PM
Public Information Mtg.

May 22nd SIA Office 7:00 PM
Treatment Facilities

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We're always looking for stories and announcements

It's just one of those Miracles in AA to say or write something that someone else needs to hear. Please keep them coming and they will appear in "Our Bulletin".
 Thanks, *Chris W*

EACY, EACY, EACY! **PAA, PAA, PAA!**

On the weekend of March 13, 14, and 15, those words were shouted out by hundreds of alcoholics from all over the country visiting the Holiday Inn in Ronkonkoma. The excitement was from being a part of EACY PAA, the Eastern Area Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. If you were there, then you experienced an entire weekend of fellowship, panels, workshops, rock music, dancing, drumming, yoga, and listening to speakers from all over the states.

The host committee which consist of members of the fellowship from Long Island and beyond came together by unity and put together an emotionally moving event(at least for me it was). We were honored to be a part of this amazing event, and hope to do it again in the future. At this moment, I'd like to thank the following Suffolk County groups who helped that weekend by speaking, supplying snacks and goods, who let this event be known to everyone, and most important, SHOWED UP & SUPPORTED!

Suffolk Intergroup Association
 Suffolk General Service
 Islip Terrace Group
 Deer Park Primary Purpose
 Centereach Group
 Holbrook Love and Share
 Patchogue East Love & Service
 Port Jefferson Group
 Selden Early Commuters
 Stony Brook Discussion

Ronkonkoma Cleary Group
 Ronkonkoma Breakfast Club
 Sayville West
 Bluepoint Dinosaurs
 Bayshore Non Smokers
 Quogue Men Tell it like it is
 The Lindenhurst Group
 Melville Sweet Air
 Bohemia Together Group
 West Islip Doing It Young

Of course a big thank goes to all who participated from other counties and states. If I did not mention a group who was involved, no pun intended. And once again, thank you all who showed up and had a good time. Take your experience and fell free to share it with everyone. God Bless!

In Service,

John V. EACY PAA7 Program Chair

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***Please send in
your Story, a
Miracle or an
Announcement
and it will
published in
this Bulletin.
Perhaps
there's
someone who
needs to read
what you have
to write...***

From the Archives

**Did you start a Meeting or know anything about the early days of any
Suffolk County A.A. Meeting?**

Do you have a favorite story about your home group or any other group?

Why not help the Archives Committee save our wonderful history?

We need your help!

**We need researchers, Photographers, interviewers, office help and lots more. Become
part of the Archives team!**

Contact the Suffolk Intergroup Archives Committee

At

631-654-1150

Or

reach us through the SIA website

www.Suffolkny-aa.org

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.

Of course, when you read this Concept, Bill talks about how it applies to our General Service Conference, Board of Trustees, Staff members, and Committee members. He started writing the Concepts in 1955 while this whole service structure was being developed and completed then in 1962. Most of these are things we can take with us to our Areas, Districts and Groups. This Concept deals with the “Right of Participation,” which means that in A.A., we don’t have any second class members. Our Warrantees also tell us this. On the Group level, this protects us from having dictators. This means that when we have our business meetings, all home group members are allowed to vote and every vote is equal. The guy who sweeps the y the chairs has the same voice as the guy who chairs the meeting or the group chair. We all have the right to speak up and have our voices heard no matter what the issue. There will be no secret meetings held behind closed doors. “ Finally, there is a spiritual reason for the “Right of Participation.” All of us desire to belong. In A.A., no members are “second class.” The “Right of Participation” therefore reinforces Tradition Two, that no member is placed in “ultimate authority” over another. We perform our service tasks better “when we are sure we belong-when our ‘participation” assures us we are truly the ‘trusted servants’ described in Tradition Two.” **

Yours in service,
Terry L.

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Hey... Psssssssst... You... Yeah you.....

Did you call your Sponsor today?????

**Opportunities for some 12th step work:
I Am Responsible...**

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Telephone Captain needed

for District 90: Bayport, Bluepoint, Bohemia, Oakdale, Patchogue, Sayville areas will be covered by this Capt. If interested please call Ted Phone Chair @ 631-654-1150 or email phones@suffolkny-aa.org

..... sometimes to fill in when the assigned group can't get enough people to fill their commitment, in which case you will have several days notice.

.....sometimes we will need you to fill in for emergencies or last minute cancellations, in this case you will not have much notice.

.....sometimes it will be for a full 12 hour shift, or sometimes for a few hours

If you are interested, please contact your phone captain or your group rep.

Call for Articles

The AA Grapevine is your meeting. Please feel free to share. If you would like to share a story with us, please keep in mind that we need to receive it at least three months prior to publication. The Grapevine welcomes articles on every aspect of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous. We are always glad to get stories about helping others and working with professionals. In addition, we always welcome articles about the Traditions and the Twelve Steps.

Suggested manuscript length is three to seven double-spaced pages. Include your full name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Please keep a copy of your work because manuscripts cannot be returned.

Refer to our Submission Guidelines for more information.

Mail to: Editorial Department, Grapevine 475 Riverside Drive New York, NY 10115

Announcements

Bulletin: will gladly accept, review & consider, from any member, submissions on the Twelve Concepts. Please contact me at the SIA office or email me at: www.bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org.

Archives: Are you a Suffolk AA with thirty plus years of sobriety? Please sign our old AA Big Book. Contact us at: archives@suffolkny-aa.org

A.A. phone meetings twice a day plus Friday and Saturday at midnight. Just call:1-641-715-3600 when prompted enter 744795. the meeting times are 12 noon and 10 p.m. everyday

Meeting changes

The Greenlawn Village Group that meets at: Bethany Presb Church in Huntington Station on: Mondays and Thursdays has changed the group name to: Huntington Station Bethany Group. Meeting place and meeting schedule will remain the same.

Things we cannot change

The Melville Sweet Air Group regrets to announce the passing of Stu. He was a long time member and he gave so much to our fellowship.

The Smithtown Afternoon Group Lost a true power of example. Joe L. He will be truly missed