



Suffolk Intergroup Association

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November Meetings & Events

November 3rd SIA office-7:30 PM*
SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

November 5th SIA Office-7:00 PM
Archives

November 9th 8:15PM
(400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville)
LI Committee of Young People in AA

November 10th Cleary School, Ronkonkoma
7:00 PM SIA Orientation
8:00 PM SIA Meeting

November 20th
Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point-8:00 PM
GSO Meeting

November 18th SIA Office 7:00 PM
Public Information Mtg.

November 25th SIA Office 7:00 PM
Treatment Facilities

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF SIA OFFICERS

This Election will take place at the SIA Meeting on November 10th 8:00PM at the Cleary School in Ronkonkoma

Qualifications:

Qualifications for nominees are: must be a member of an AA group in Suffolk county. Be an SIA rep, or previous SIA rep, or have other service experience in SIA. The Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson and Treasurer must have a minimum of five years continuous sobriety. The Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary must have a minimum of two years continuous sobriety. All officer commitments are for two years.

Chairperson

1. Shall preside at the regular business meetings of the Association and direct the conduct of business.
2. Shall preside at the monthly Officers and Chairpersons Meeting.
3. Shall make the following appointments, subject to the approval of the Group representatives: Chairs of all standing and ad-hoc committees.
4. Shall represent the Association at conventions, seminars and all other AA functions
5. Shall be an authorized co-signer of checks.
6. Shall be sole signatory of contracts on behalf of the Association.

Alternate Chairperson

1. Shall assist the Chairperson and, in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.
2. Shall attend the monthly Officers and Chairpersons meeting.
3. Shall be an authorized co-signer of checks.
4. Shall conduct the New Representative Orientation Meeting.
5. Shall function as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.
6. Shall arrange for the Speaker Exchange Meeting in March, June, Sept. and Dec.

Treasurer

1. Shall receive all funds and deposit them in a bank designated by the Groups.
2. Shall be an authorized co-signer of checks.
3. Shall be responsible for the payment of all authorized bills.
4. Shall prepare a monthly Treasurer's report and present it at the regular business meeting of the Association.
5. Shall be a member, but not the Chairperson, of the Finance Committee.
6. Shall prepare and submit the Association's tax forms by March fifteenth of each year.
7. Shall complete bank check reconciliations monthly.
8. Shall see that receipts and acknowledgements are sent for all contributions.
9. Shall attend the monthly Officers and Chairpersons meeting.

Corresponding Secretary

1. Shall publish and distribute notices.
2. Shall maintain and distribute the Association's mailing list.
3. Shall compile a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of secretaries and other officers of each AA Group in Suffolk County.
4. Shall conduct such correspondence as does not belong to other officers or committees.
5. Shall attend the monthly Officers and Chairpersons meeting.

Recording Secretary

1. Shall keep the minutes of each SIA meeting and present them at the next meeting.
2. Shall record each decision made by vote or by acclamation of the group Representatives in the "Group Conscience" book.
3. Shall maintain a roll of Member Groups and their Suffolk Intergroup Association Reps.
4. Shall be custodian of the records.
5. Shall attend the monthly Officers and Chairpersons meeting

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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

The Share-A-Thon is on the way! To make a comparison--- this is to the Archives what the day after Thanksgiving is to retailers---a big, big occasion. During the day we usually have many oldtimers sign the 1951 Big Book. Others people stop off to share stories about their home groups to be recorded for posterity. Many come over to provide group histories or donate wonderful A.A. related items for our collection. Yet others see the magic of what is being done and volunteer to help out. Why not stop up yourself to see what is on display, to check to see if your group has submitted a history or photos of=2 Oyour meeting place or just to chat. We are located near the coffee set up. Grab a cup of joe and say hi. It's a great time to make new friends or to reacquaint yourself with old ones. The Share-A-Thon is—as they say—the bomb.

If you haven't checked out the Archives website phooey on you. Why not see what is up there. Maybe there is a mistake or two that has slipped by our tired old eyes. Maybe we accidentally have a shot of the Follies Bergere where your meeting photo should be. Never can tell BUT we do want your feedback.

Here's how you can find it WWW.SuffolkAAArchives.Com

See you October 18, 2009 at the Share-A-Thon!

Concept X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

This concept is one we take with us every day – whether it be to the workplace or to a group we belong to. We all have areas of expertise and most have a position in society, even if it's just being a member of some group. What if you're placed in a position of no defined responsibility or authority? No direction? Or placed in a position of great responsibility but not given the equal amount of authority to discharge the responsibilities of the job? It's a loss all the way around.

We are taught in our Ninth Concept to seek people out with those special skills and to invite them to participate and to cultivate those skills towards helping others. This takes much time and effort on our part, not to mention the time training and sharing our experience with them. This Concept applies to all levels of service. If we trust someone with a job, teach them how and don't interfere unless we have to.

“To sum up: Let us always be sure that there is an abundance of final or ultimate authority to correct or recognize; but let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have a clearly defined and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities.

All of this is fully implied in A.A.'s Tradition Two. Here we see the “Group Conscience” as the ultimate authority and the “Trusted Servant” as the delegated authority. One cannot function without the other. We well know that only by means of careful definitions and mutual respect can we constantly maintain a right and harmonious working balance.” **

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Yours in service,
Terry L

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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

A Sign of the times

A friend of mine has been a member of a Homegroup for a few years, This friend is disturbed over the changes listed below.

Due to the downturn in the economy, Our group will NO LONGER be dues and membership "free" as has been the case for almost 75 years. Like many businesses, we will now be charging for some things that used to be free, such as:

1--Being Rocketed into the 4th Dimension---\$49.99 per trip, fuel surcharge applies, extra baggage NOT included. 5th dimension trips optional. See your sponsor for details.

2--Sponsorship - was free, NOW \$9.99 per month, with 4 visits/15 phone calls per month free, after that, \$2.00 each.

3--Membership Dues now \$29.99/month, 10% discount for a 1-year plan.

4--Seating charges - Each seat now \$1.00 per meeting, with a 20% discount for the 90-in-90 plan.

5--The "Pink Cloud" was free, NOW \$14.99 per cloud, with a \$5.00 per event environmental cleanup fee. These are the NEW ozone-free Pink Clouds that do NOT add to global warming.

6--Coffee to be \$1.50 per cup, with a 10% discount for 5 or more cups.

7--Hugs now will be \$2.50 each.

8--Conscious contact with GOD now \$9.99/month, with the first 450 minutes free, then 0.10 cents/minute fee over. New "double your minutes for life" plan is a low \$49.99 one time charge - holidays and weekends extra. See the current rate schedule, as GOD is VERY busy.

9--Accidental "cell phone going off during meeting charge" now set at \$25.00 per ring (not per call).

10--"I've Been Thinking" fees to now be \$3.00 each, with a relapse re-entry fee of only \$99.99 each, if you're lucky enough to make it back into the rooms.

11-Publication of Anniversaries in "The Bulletin" fees will be \$5.00 per 5 years of sobriety. \$5.00 for 1 - 5 years, \$10 for 5 -10 years, etc.

12-Give it away and remember: We're not a Glum lot

NOTE: The editor does not accept responsibility for your reaction to this article. Call your Sponsor....

Say it right here in The Bulletin

Tell your story or a story about your Homegroup. Make an Announcement or share your Anniversary Date.

Maybe just say: Thank You!!!There's probably someone who needs to read what you have to write

Thanks, Chris