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June Meetings & Events

June 1st SIA Office

7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

June 3rd SIA Office

7:00 PM Archives

June 8th Cleary School, Lake Ronkonkoma

7:00 PM SIA Orientation

7:00 PM Share-A-Thon Meeting

7:00 PM SIA Hotline Captains Meeting

8:00 PM SIA Meeting

June 12th SCCC, Parking Field #7 "Rain or Shine"

8:00 AM Speaker Exchange

June 12th SIA Office

9:00 AM Treatment Facilities Meeting

June 14th

400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville

8:15 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

June 16th SIA Office

7:00 PM Public Information

June 18th Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point

8:00 PM GSO Meeting

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I am proud to announce the following A.A. anniversaries:

Jim W. celebrated 41 years and Donna W. celebrated 37 years in April. Both AAs are from the Guys & Dolls Group in Selden.

Jim C. will celebrate 40 years at the Valley 8 O'clock Group in East Northport, on Saturday, June 26, at 8:00 p.m.

Have any of you signed the Archives vintage "Big Book"? It's for the fortunates in Suffolk County who have celebrated 30 years or more of sobriety. Congrats to all of you!!!!

The deadline for submissions for the following month is the 25th of the previous month. (i.e., for June's Bulletin, you would have to get the information to me by May 25th). You can e-mail me at bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org or call the office and leave me a message.

Glad to be in/of service. - Debbie P.

We have a theme!

Living in the Solution
will be the Share-a-thon theme
on Sunday, October 17, 2010
at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue.
Please mark your calendars for that date.

Step Five – Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition Five – Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity *having but one primary purpose* – that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept Five – Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" out to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

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The Smithtown Group
*(St. Patrick's R.C. Church,
 280 E. Main Street
 in Smithtown)*
 is celebrating their
 Group Anniversary
 of 39 years
 on Saturday, May 22, 2010.
 Feel free to join in
 the celebration!

Port Jefferson Big Book Group
 is proud to announce that they
 will be celebrating their
 Group Anniversary on
 Thursday, May 27, 2010
 at Mather Hospital.
 The festivities will begin
 at 7:30 p.m. and last
 until 10:00 p.m.
 All are welcome to join
 in this joyous event.

Here are just a few interesting facts about Alcoholics Anonymous that happened throughout history during the month of May:

- 1935, May 12 – Dr. Bob and Bill meet in Akron for the first time.
- 1940, May 5 – Washington DC Sunday Star reports the first A.A. group in the nation's capital.
- 1941, May 1 – First Wisconsin A.A. meeting is held in a Milwaukee hotel.
- 1941, May 2 – Jacksonville, FL newspaper reports the start of a new A.A. group.
- 1942, May 17 – The Journal-Herald in Dayton, Ohio runs a story on AA with photos of members in Halloween masks to protect their anonymity.
- 1943, May 2 – New Orleans Times reports the founding of the first Louisiana A.A. group.
- 1943, May 8 – Akron, Ohio A.A. group has their 8th anniversary with 500 attending.
- 1956, May 7 – The first English A.A. Convention is held in Cheltenham, England.
- 1974, May 28 – London holds the first A.A. World Service meeting outside of America.

Check back next month to find out what program-changing event happened on June 21, 1944!

"We read to know we are not alone." - C. S. Lewis

Big Books, Step Books, Living Sober, Daily Reflections - you want it - we've got it at S.I.A.! A.A. literature is available for sale, at cost, at our office in Patchogue. Office hours are 9-3 Mon - Sat. We stock all pamphlets and books in all different sizes and languages. We also have signage, regional directories, and other service resources. If you or your group's S.I.A. Rep would like to place a large and/or special order, please do so by emailing books@suffolkny-aa.org or leaving a message at the office- (631) 654-1150.

Love & Service, Rose

From the Archives This history and others like it can be viewed at www.suffolkaarchives.com.

East Islip Doing It Young Group
AMVETS 141 Carleton Ave., East Islip, NY 11730

Interview with Daniel (co-founder) on July 28, 2007
Interview conducted by Bob R. SIA Archives Committee

The meeting was started by me and Kevin G. in January 2003. (Note: The meeting was first listed in the March 2003 Suffolk Meeting List.) There was a guy named Loren from the Great River Group and also from Islip Early Sobriety. They had contacted him because they have an Access Program. They do chemical dependency outpatient for youth and they contacted us to see if they knew any young people they could contact in A.A.

I ran into Loren at a meeting again. We had been around for about a year at that point. A few of us from the Babylon Group had been trying to get a Young People's Meeting together. So Loren told me to talk to Maria at Access. I talked to Maria and it turned out she was a fifty year friend of my grandmothers. So it worked out pretty well and we started that meeting. They gave us Mondays at 6:30 PM in their lunchroom on the second floor. The deal was that they were going to send up kids from the Access Program, but since then it's turned into a lot more than that.

For about a year it was me, Kevin, Ron, Justin, Julie, and Nick. Maybe three or four of us at every meeting. We'd read literature to each other. We had a little stretch in the summer where it was just Kevin and me. We'd say, "All right, you go this week and sit there in case anyone shows up. I'd sit there and do my homework. We made it through the next winter and then I moved away the next winter to San Diego.

I was gone for about two years. When I left there were maybe five or six people at every meeting. A big meeting was ten. About two years later when I came back, Eddie was in the group. I came back in August and there were three 1 year anniversaries that September. All people who just got sober in that group.

Every Monday night thirty-five plus would attend. Thirty-five is an average size meeting. Last week I think we counted forty-four. We've outgrown our space and are about to move. We've added a Thursday. We have a Thursday Big Book Meeting. We do Traditions and through that in the last 4-1/2 years, LICYPAA (Long Island Committee of Young People in A.A.) has been refounded. It was not attached to the group but it is pretty much group members that started it.

We are hooking up with the International Conference of Young People and with A.A. World Service, and their Young People's segment. We just got our service committee back together doing service like trying to speak at schools and unifying the other Young People's groups on Long Island. Next year we may do a conference.

(The day of the interview, group members had met with the Presbyterian Church of Islip and were hopeful that would be their new location. The meeting list for 2010 shows the group at the East Islip location above for a Big Book meeting Thursday nights at 8:00 PM.)

The Annual S.I.A. Open House will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the S.I.A. Office in Patchogue. You can count on food, refreshments, and good fellowship there.

There will be a Gratitude Meeting at 12 noon. Come on down and join in the festivities!

For more information, please call the S.I.A. Office at 631-654-1150.

**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.**

If you would like to speak at a Treatment Facility, please contact Karen at treatment@suffolkny-aa.org or call the SIA Office and leave her a message. She is in the process of compiling a list of speakers who can be called upon to speak at treatment facilities. The second part of that process is that she is coordinating with all of the treatment facilities to find out who is chairing these meetings. It will no longer be a secret!

NOTE: I am the chairperson for the Women's A.A. Meeting at Seafield Treatment Facility (every other Monday), so if you want to speak there, please leave your name and number at the SIA Office for Debbie P. (Bulletin Chair/Seafield Chair). Thanks. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Meeting changes, updates, and additions that were made to the Meeting List this month:

Zone 1: *East Northport Step Group* – Monday 8 p.m. S has changed to 7 p.m. S. *Wyandanch Group* - no Sunday 8:00 T, just C & S; Wednesday 7 p.m. B was changed to 7 p.m. BB & T. *Bay Shore YMAA The Men's Room* - South Shore YMCA, Main Street at So. Clinton Avenue, Tuesday 8 p.m. M-C listing as been restored to the Meeting List.

Zone 2: *Port Jefferson Altered Attitudes* – name has changed to Back to Basics; special instructions – Main entrance/conf.room 2 South. *Bellport Rainbow Group* – Monday 8 p.m. CD has been **temporarily** changed to Tuesday at 8 p.m. *Stony Brook Living Gay and Sober* – Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 380 Nicolls Road, Tuesday 7 p.m. CD listing has been restored to the Meeting List.

Zone 3: *Manorville Back to Basics II* – added a new BB meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. *Shoreham Big Book* – Friday 12:30 p.m. S has changed to 10 a.m. S.

Zone 5: *Sag Harbor Friday Fellowship* – Friday 8 p.m. OD has changed to 6:30 p.m. OD.

Please check website for all updated meeting list revisions and additions.

If you have any meeting changes that need to be made to the Meeting List please submit them by June 1st in order to make the deadline for printing of the July 2010 Meeting List.

At that time you can also make a note on the form that this is your update for the year. It's just one little box that needs to be checked. Why not kill two birds with one stone, but make sure the group contact info is up-to-date. If you don't have any changes, you will still need to submit the yearly update form by October 1st to keep your meeting on the list. Norbert is the Meeting List Chair and you can contact him with any questions or concerns.

Did you know?

If you want to show your support to a new meeting in Suffolk County, simply check out the Meeting List and look for those meetings that have a check (✓) in the left hand margin. That check mark is an indication of a new meeting.

Now go and share this new-found knowledge with others.