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July Meetings & Events

July 1st SIA Office
7:00 PM [Archives](#)

July 6th SIA Office
7:30 PM [SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting](#)

July 13th Cornell Cooperative Extension, 423 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead
7:00 PM [SIA Orientation](#)
7:00 PM [Share-A-Thon Meeting](#)
8:00 PM [SIA Meeting](#)

July 12th
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville
8:15 PM [L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.](#)

July 16th Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point
8:00 PM [GSO Meeting](#)

July 21st SIA Office
7:00 PM [Public Information](#)

Don't forget about the Recognition and Appreciation Gathering on Saturday, June 12th at 9 a.m. at the SIA Office. Everyone invited for coffee and bagels...

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The Share-a-thon theme is *Living in the Solution.*

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, October 17, 2010 to attend the Share-a-thon at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue.

If your group doesn't have a Share-a-thon Rep, please encourage someone to come to the meetings (second Tuesday of every month directly before the S.I.A. Meeting) to represent your group.

If there is anything you want printed in the Bulletin, the deadline for submissions for the following month is the 25th of the previous month. (i.e., for July's Bulletin, you would have to get the information to me by June 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.

Step Six – Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition Six – 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.

Concept VI – On behalf of AA, as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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*The Things
We Cannot Change*

Our favorite mailman, Ollie B. from Bay Shore Non-Smokers, passed away May 2010. Now we can guarantee all Grapevines will be delivered on time to the Great Meeting in the Sky.

**Experience, Strength & Hope -
price reduction - originally
priced at \$9, now selling
for only \$5!!!**

The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous has been updated three times since it was released in 1939. This book is a collection of old-timers' stories removed from the first three editions to make room for more current E.S.H. Get the Boxed Set- Alcoholics Anonymous + Experience, Strength & Hope for only \$13, makes a great anniversary gift. "Let literature carry the message, too!"

Love & Service, Rose

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

- 1940, June 6 – The first A.A. Group in Richmond, Virginia was formed
- 1940, June 15 – First A.A. Group in Baltimore, Maryland was formed.
- 1941, June 7 – The first A.A. Group in St. Paul, Minnesota was formed.
- 1941, June 8 – Three AA's started a group in Kalamazoo Michigan.
- 1941, June 30 – Ruth Hock showed Bill Wilson the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by A.A.
- 1942, June 17 – New York A.A. groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting. Four hundred and twenty-four heard Dr. Silkworth and A.A. speakers.
- 1944, June 21 – The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.**
- 1945, June 11 – Twenty-five hundred attend AA's 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1949, June 1 – Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died.
- 2000, June 30 – More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th A.A. Anniversary in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ICYPAA- the International Conference of Young People in A.A. is coming to NY!

A New Life- the 52nd ICYPAA will be held in Times Square August 26-29, 2010! The number of young people suffering from alcoholism who turn to A.A. for help is growing, and ICYPAA helps to carry A.A.'s message of recovery to alcoholics of all ages. This meeting provides an opportunity for young A.A.'s from all over the world to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as members of Alcoholics Anonymous. A.A. members who attend an ICYPAA return home better prepared to receive young people who come to A.A. looking for a better way of life. For more information about the conference visit <http://www.icypaahost.org/>.

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

WORLD FAMOUS, Episcopal Church, 13225 Sound Avenue, Mattituck, NY 11952

Mon: S-1:00 BB-1:00; Wednesday: CD-7:30 p.m.; Friday: OD-12:30 p.m.

Mattituck Thursday afternoon meeting World Famous was started by Mary S. in 1978. The first speaker was Ray O., founder of the Men's Tell it Like it Is group of Westhampton Beach.

The group was originally called the Mattituck Afternoon meeting. Coming up on the first anniversary meeting, Ray O. started making announcements in other local meetings advertising it as the "World Famous" meeting. The name caught on and was later officially changed.

S.I.A. Archives Committee Research, 2005

In April of 1976, there was a Wednesday night meeting at the church near the infamous Broken Down Valise (a watering hole) in the hamlet of Mattituck. Some of the group members were older and didn't like the evening meetings, especially in winter when it got dark so early and the possibility of icy roads. A day meeting would be particularly convenient, so in April of 1977, Jack and Mary Lee, Ev G, and Bea L started a day group on Thursday afternoon at 12:00 noon, now at 12:30 p.m. It went for 45 minutes and then a 15 minute coffee break and the meeting ended at 2:00 p.m. They call the meeting "Mattituck World Famous". The serenity and the beauty of the North Fork as told by Freddy M.(2004) makes this meeting so special. He says that the group is truly dedicated to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. "I feel good presence in the rooms! As we say in the Marine Corps, "Semper Fidelis" always faithful; with respect".

One of the nice things about the location of this meeting is that during the summer season you will get visitors off their boats who are staying at Mattituck Inlet. The inlet has very deep navigable water so that many sober sailors can walk to Love Lane to buy provisions and make a meeting as well. The group loves to welcome "out -of-towners". In 1999 the group was graced with a newcomer by the name of Betty D. Betty is quite a baker and people come in just to sample her amazing cakes and cookies and sweets. Many retirees from especially Queens and Brooklyn have relocated on the North Fork of Eastern Long Island and enjoy the Mattituck afternoon meeting. On November 4th, 1986 Fred K., Ceil R., Jane S., Herman H, Connie c., and Heather T., decided to start another daytime meeting in the same location. It meets on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and covers the Traditions, Steps, and Big Book. It is one hour and is also popular to one and all. Submitted January 2005

Our website at www.suffolkaaarchives.com is anchored in the World Wide Web for you to drop by.

There are pictures, histories, a slide show, links, an artifacts' page, and current events as well as information for any history gatherers among you as to how to write one. Sign our guest book or read the Twelve and Twelve. By any and all means join us and...

While inspired by all the effort, organization, sorting, filing and delegation this offering took; think about putting your mind to service with us on Terrell Street in Patchogue. Yes, hollering out: You in Babylon, Deer Park, Kings Park, Huntington, Melville and all others sober bros and sistas north, south [forget the Mason Dixon Line] west and east. Get your group's history up-to-date. Join us on the Enterprise, archival that is. We need writers, photographers, organizers, and story tellers. We'll listen, and maybe even write it down, once, twice and thrice.

Join us at our regular Archives Committee Meeting, on the first Thursday at 7:00 PM, SIA Office on Terrell Street in Patchogue.

We'll be there, seriously, pens in hand and laptops on laps, well ya get the picture? For Temperance History-Buffs Hooray!

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.**

Attention Group Literature Chairpersons: We have Big Books, Step Books, Living Sober, Daily Reflections and more for sale, at cost, at the S.I.A. 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 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. If you order by the 1st of the month your order should be in by the next S.I.A meeting. If your group doesn't have a literature chairperson, get one!

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

Zone 1: *Happy, Joyous, and Free* – Special Instructions – Use Prospect St. Entrance. *Bay Shore Freethinkers* – Special Instructions – 1st & 3rd week only in June, July, and August. *West Babylon Group* – New name and location – *West Babylon Group at North Lindenhurst*, St. Boniface Episcopal Church, 100-46th Street, North Lindenhurst, 11757, Wednesday 8:00 O, Friday 7:00 C&B and 8:15 S. *Big Book at the Crossroads* is now defunct. (See Zone 2).

Zone 2: *Big Book at Brookside* – St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, 90 Edgewater Avenue, Smithtown, 11787, Basement – Tuesday 10:00 a.m. BB. *Love N' Share* – Meeting place town is changed from Holbrook to Holtsville; Friday 7:30 B&B has changed to B & BB. *God Calling* – Special Instructions - *Topic is now BYO *Topic.

Zone 5: *Big Book by the Beach* (New Meeting) – Amagansett Presbyterian Church, 17 Meeting House Lane, Amagansett, Friday 12:00 p.m. BB.

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

Dr. Bob's Way

Each year, thousands of people travel to Akron, Ohio to soak up some of the history of Dr. Bob, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. This year Akron will be naming part of a street after him – “Dr. Bob's Way.” This honor will help celebrate the 75th anniversary of AA. The section of Olive Street from North Main Street to North Howard Street is on the north end of St. Thomas Hospital, which featured the first hospital specialty unit to treat alcoholism as a medical condition is the designated area that will be renamed “Dr. Bob's Way.”

**Giving Back What Was So Freely Given To Me
(a true story of inspiration)**

I'm not sure why I ripped the hotline number off that meeting list before discarding it as I had the dozens of lists before. It was 12 hours and all my money later after just stopping for one. I did it again - -- and didn't want to go on. I was going to check out of this misery my life had become.

There were the train tracks, I had a plan, but something told me to call that number that was in my wallet. I did make that call and the gentleman on the other end told me, "It doesn't have to be like this." He kept me on the phone till I felt less desperate and a little hopeful.

People showed up like he said they would and the kept me alive that evening. I didn't get it just then, but eventually gave A.A. a chance, and for me it worked. 8 plus years of sobriety later I am answering the hotline and calls from the hotline as well.

By staying sober and helping another alcoholic I get a better "HIGH" than any drunk or binge ever gave me!

One of your friendly neighborhood phone captains.