



Suffolk Intergroup Association

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July Meetings & Events

July 5th SIA Office
7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

July 11th
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville
8:15 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

July 12th Cleary School in Ronkonkoma
7:00 PM SIA Orientation
7:00 PM Share-a-thon
8:00 PM SIA Meeting

July 15th Trinity Lutheran Church,
Rocky Point
8:00 PM SGS Meeting

July 20th SIA Office
7:00 PM Public Information

July 27nd SIA Office
8:00 PM Archives *New day and time



Something I heard at a meeting – *"The 12 Steps taught me how to live with myself. The 12 Traditions taught me how to live with all of you."*

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(SAVE THE DATE)

SPONSORSHIP BRUNCH WORKSHOP

ALL ARE WELCOME

Bring a friend, sponsee or sponsor.



"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail."

Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 89

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When:

Sunday, July 24, 2011

Time to be Announced (10:00A.M. or 11:00A.M.)

Where:

To be Announced. (Out East, maybe Riverhead)

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We will have more information at the next meeting.

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

Tradition Six – Our groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose

Concept VI – *The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.*

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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. Thanks.

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

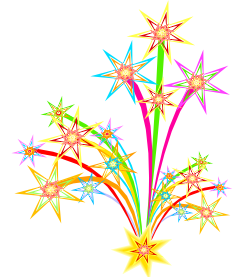
**The next SPECIAL
EVENTS COMMITTEE
MEETING is on**

**Thursday, June 23, 2011
at 6:30pm**

**At the SUFFOLK
Intergroup Office,
113-8 Bay Ave,
Patchogue, NY**

**Help choose and plan
your next event!**

Celebrating Sobriety Through Service



**Join us for food, fun, fellowship & service
at the SIA/SGS**

Big Meeting August 13, 2011

Look for Details @ www.suffolkny-aa.org

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

The Friday Fellowship, Old Whaler's Presbyterian Church, Union Street, Sag Harbor

Meeting Friday 6:30PM

The Sag Harbor Friday Night Fellowship was started in 1990 by Bruce M., Abby I. and Burke I. They tried to make it a young person's meeting but that did not work. The meeting became open for anyone who wished to come. In the first couple of years there were three or four people only. After a couple of years growth came with ten to twenty-five attending. The group had difficulty paying its rent obligations with the small numbers. In the summer larger meetings allowed the rent to be paid. In the first five years the same individuals took turns to Chair, make coffee or act as Treasurer. As of 2005 this group attracts between sixty to eighty people in the winter and eighty to one hundred in the summer!

Group member Russell M. has been making the anniversary cards for six years. It is a work of love and service. He customizes the cards with the person's name, years of sobriety and a picture of a pet if they like. Chris S., who came to the group just after it started, has always been very active. He has served as Treasurer on and off for eight years.

The following is from a handwritten letter about the late Abby I. written by her husband Burke I.

"My wife Abby and I moved to Sag Harbor in late 1989. We loved it but there was no closed meeting on Friday night so Abby started one. I learned later on, nothing could stop Abby. It started as a young people's meeting. We were both sort of young then! There were three or four people who knew each other's stories very well. Soon, that changed to an open meeting and grew through both good and hard times. Abby endured thirteen years of cancer, many of them in unbearable pain and fear. She carried on because of this group and the people in A.A. having given Abby her Higher Power. They sustained her to the end. She passed on, but the love of this group and the strength of her Higher Power will always be with us."

Her loving husband, Burke I.

SIA Archives Committee 2006

Recently the Archives Committee was asked to do a presentation at the Sixth Annual Seniors in Sobriety Convention held at the Holiday Inn in Ronkonkoma NY. Out of that participation grew a Web page that can be viewed at www.suffolkaaarchives.com "Seniors In Sobriety" (on the menu), which presents the viewer with a complete documentation of what took place during that four-day convention. Included on that page are Audio Recordings of the Speakers, photographs of the event, and a history of the occurrence itself. In keeping within AA's policy of attraction, committee members hoped to open to all AA's the beauty and age old wisdom of seniors who choose on a daily basis, to remain sober and the unique problems that confront these individuals as the golden years pass.

This documentation serves not only today's members, but can be reflected upon many years down the road, making this project a celebration of AA's rich history. If you find yourself interested in this kind of work, please contact the Suffolk Archives by emailing us at archives@suffolkny-aa.org or leave us a message at (631) 654-1150.

Our meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 8:00pm at the SIA Office in Patchogue.

Thank you.

John C., Archives Chair

Group Anniversaries This Month

If you would like to invite members of other groups to your Group Anniversary party, send me the details. I will combine your information with the other groups celebrating in the coming month. The combined list will be published in the Bulletin. Send me your Group name, time and place of the Anniversary party, Agenda and any special features (for example, coffee & desert at 6:00). Email me at corsec@suffolkny-aa.org , leave a message at the SIA office (654-1150) or mail your flyer to me at Suffolk Intergroup Association, 113-8 Bay Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772.

Ed L. - SIA Corresponding Secretary

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.

Is the history of your group waiting to be told, and immortalized for the rest of the world to know?

In an effort to complete our collection of Suffolk A.A. histories, members of the Suffolk County Archives Committee are reaching out for your support and contributions enabling us to preserve your groups' histories for present and future members of A.A. Each month we will publish a list of home groups, based on zones, whose history has yet to be recorded. (This means we have no history of those groups that are being printed.) We hope you will add to our collection by calling us at 631-654-1110 or emailing us at histories@suffolkaaarchives.com. After an initial contact from your home group, we will then make arrangements to collect your history and publish your information to our website located at www.suffolkaaarchives.com. Thanks for your cooperation. - The Archives Committee

ZONE 3: CENTER MORICHES – Living Sober Women's Group, Seaside, South Shore Sobriety, Thursday Afternoon: **HAMPTON BAYS** - Last Call, Midnight Miracles, New Beginnings, Saturday Night Solutions, The Spiritual Awakening Group, We Agnostics of the Hamptons: **MANORVILLE** - Back to Basics, Right Where We Belong: **MASTIC** – Tough Love: **QUOGUE** – Monday Big Book: **RIVERHEAD** – Live and Let Live, Riverhead Back to Basics Step Meeting, Riverhead Grange, Riverhead Group, Serenity, Flanders Riverhead Group: **ROCKY POINT** – Fellowship Of The Spirit: **SHOREHAM** - Shoreham Big Book & Step, Shoreham Group, Shoreham Ridge New Dawn, Sobriety Unlimited: **WESTHAMPTON BEACH** - Summer Share, The Next Right Thing, Westhampton Women's.

HELP WANTED

SIA LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Call (631) 654-1150 or email books@suffolkny-aa.org

Be part of the solution! Learn more about A.A. books, pamphlets, AV and service material. Join the SIA Literature Committee! Our literature is focused on the three legacies assure that our primary purpose remains the focus for successful A.A. groups and members.

“Recovery, Unity, Service- these are the Three Legacies given to the whole membership of A.A. by its founders and their fellow old timers.”

(A.A.'s Legacy of Service, Bill W., 1969)

A.A. LITERATURE- “Let literature carry the message, too!”

The Suffolk County Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous cooperates with the General Service Office to offer groups AA literature at cost. Literature can be purchased at the Suffolk Intergroup office during normal business hours; 9-3 Mon – Fri and 9-1 Sat. Call (631) 654-1150 or email books@suffolkny-aa.org to place your order or check availability. We accept cash or checks. Most items can be purchased at each monthly SIA meeting on a first come- first served basis. **Advance notice on book orders is appreciated and usually accommodated!**

Suffolk County Intergroup stocks Big Books, Step Books, Living Sober, Daily Reflections and much more. Most books are available in large print, pocket sized and foreign languages. We have all pamphlets as well as signage, audio/visual materials, committee workbooks, regional directories, and other service resources.

Your home group's literature representative makes certain that A.A. Conference-approved books and pamphlets are on hand for meetings and properly displayed. A literature rep can obtain more information on their responsibilities by writing to the literature coordinator at G.S.O. If you are the literature representative for your group, make sure you have a copy of the latest AA Conference approved literature catalog, which can be viewed at http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en_pdfs/aacatalog.pdf. If your group does not have a literature representative, consider volunteering!

-Love & Service, Rose