



Suffolk Intergroup Association

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August Meetings & Events

August 2nd SIA Office

7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

August 8th

400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville

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

August 9th Cleary School in Ronkonkoma

7:00 PM SIA Orientation

7:00 PM Share-a-thon

8:00 PM SIA Meeting

August 17th SIA Office

7:00 PM Public Information

August 19th Trinity Lutheran Church, Rocky Point

8:00 PM SGS Meeting

August 24th SIA Office

8:00 PM Archives *New day and time

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

"A service sponsor is usually someone who is knowledgeable in A.A. history and has a strong background in the service structure. Service sponsors can impart to their sponsees the pleasure of involvement in the work of Alcoholics Anonymous." (pages 25 & 27, Questions And Answers On Sponsorship, AA pamphlet P-15)

When:

Sunday, July 24, 2011

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (come early and stay late for setup, cleanup and fellowship 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

Where:

**Cornell Cooperative Extension
423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY
Suffolk County**

How:

This event is FREE.

Food and Beverages will be served.

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Something I heard at a meeting – *"Never forget that Illness is spelled with an I and Wellness with a WE."*

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Step Seven – Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition Seven – Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Concept VII – The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.

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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 August's Bulletin, you would have to get the information to me by July 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.

Effective 7/7/11, the time of the Patchogue Group Meeting at St Joseph the Worker Church in East Patchogue will change from 8:30 to 8:15. It's the Thursday closed meeting.

LOOKING FOR A SERVICE COMMITMENT?

It just so happens that the Corrections Chairperson has some openings for Chairs at the men's DWI facility and at the women's DWI trailer. If you are interested and you want more details, please contact Raymond at correct@suffolkny-aa.org.

Special Events - "Save the Date" for our next event!

When: Sunday, August 14th
 What: Fellowship Funday at Wildwood
 Where: Wildwood State Park in Wading River
 More will be revealed...

Groups Dropped From Meeting List

We do not want to send new-comers to meetings which are no longer active. For this reason we require that all groups contact us at least once per year or else be dropped from the Meeting List in October. You may contact us by email, telephone or Post Office. In addition, we monitor Meeting List changes and Contributions.

Each Group must supply a mailing address, telephone number, email ID and the name of the individual to be contacted. As October nears we will attempt to remind those groups that have not had contact during the year. However, the following groups do not have contact information on file. If you know the contact information for any of these groups or can get it, please send it to the Corresponding Secretary so that we can prevent these Groups from being deleted from the Meeting List.

Babylon	Nuts & Bolts Step Group	Kings Park	Kings Park Group
Brentwood	Gratitude	Patchogue	Spiritual Nature
Bridgehampton	East End Young People	Port Jefferson	Barnum Avenue Group
Brookhaven	Hamlet Group	Remsenburg	Basic Sobriety
Central Islip	Hands of Peace	Sag Harbor	Sag Harbor Whalers
Copague	Pinelawn Group	Sayville	Oldies But Goodies
Cutchogue	Conscious Contact	Southampton	Hill Street Blues
East Moriches	East Moriches Group	Stonhold	A New Beginning
Islip	There Is A Solution	Stony Brook	Sober Just For Today
Jamesport	North Fork Serenity	Wading River	Wading River Group

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

The Brentwood Group, United Presbyterian Church, 125 2nd Street, Brentwood

There were no A.A. groups in Brentwood in 1959. A group was started at St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church by Nick De F., with Tom G., Charlie E., John S., Bill B., and Jerry R. Nick was the only one with any sobriety and when he was unable to attend all meetings, there was no leadership and the group soon folded. John La F. tried again in 1960 with the help of Tom G. and John B. Jr. and secured a room at the Episcopal Church. But, as before, when John La F. moved away the group was in trouble again but Joe P. picked up the pieces and started the group at Grace Lutheran Church in Central Islip. That was the beginning of our group.

A short time later they found more suitable accommodations at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Brentwood. Here the group came into its own. Six months later they began an Al-Anon Group on Friday nights. This worked out very well since family members could attend meetings at the same time. After the meetings they would gather at someone's house for refreshments.

In 1967, the Brentwood Presbyterian Church was built and the group moved into its school hall. Now the attendance grew to 120-140 members. Here they experimented with different meeting formats such as California style (questions written down for the speakers to comment on) to three speakers at a closed meeting and then breaking into smaller groups for discussion. They even invited non-A.A. speakers. When I arrived at the group in 1972, the leadership had passed on to a different group of senior members including Jerry R., Dave H., Don S., and Tom Q., my first sponsor.

We had a closed and open meeting on Monday and Wednesday was an open speaker night with three guest speakers: a leader and two speakers each granted twenty minutes to share. At the same time there was a beginner's meeting.

Our group anniversaries were gala events. The men dressed up in jacket and ties and the women wore formal evening gowns. There was food and a live band after the speaker. The attendance grew and we had to find a bigger hall. Outsiders would ask months in advance when the anniversary would be. We moved the celebration to St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church with a fellowship hall that could hold 500 people.

At this time most Long Island groups were part of New York Intergroup and Brentwood was very involved in outgoing speaking commitments. They went to groups as far away as Westchester County and to Sag Harbor. Moreover it was not unusual to travel with many other members in a multiple car convoy, stopping for dinner first then on to the meeting.

The Brentwood Group parented many new groups in the area begun by Jack R. and Bill F. with the rebirth of the Candlewood group at the Prince of Peace Church and continuing with other groups such as the Hauppauge Group, The Nu Hope, 12 Steps of Peace, The Islip Terrace Group, Brentwood Spanish A.A., and Live Again in Brentwood.

There were few women in the group until a lady named Cathy S. joined the group and after she got a year or so of sobriety under her belt she showed us all how this program and its 12 steps should be practiced. She attracted many women to the group.

SIA Archives Committee, 2007

The 42nd New York State Convention is July 29 – 31, 2011 in Tarrytown, New York. Check the website for details. **The Big Meeting is August 13, 2011. Check the website for details. Flyer will appear in the August Bulletin.** Manhattan Share A Day is on August 27, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Manhattan. Check the website for details.

We're back home! The One and Only meeting has settled back into the church basement again at St. Thomas of Canterbury of Smithtown every Saturday afternoon at 3:15. Our nomadic period is over--although sometimes church activities do send us back to the parish house but those occasions are few. Come join us!

"We're a "now" people; we don't always think about the future in terms of preserving the past."

This quote is attributed to Nell Young the first AA GSO Archivist and secretary to Bill Wilson from 1947 to 1982.

We as a committee of archivists, representing Suffolk Alcoholics, realize the importance of reflecting upon our common heritage, assisting us on our continuing journey along the road of sobriety. We learn and grow from this experience and pass it on to others so that they too can prosper in this new found freedom.

Come join us by committing to our cause!

Meeting SIA Building

Fourth Wednesday of the Month

8:00pm

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 4: CUTCHOGUE – Conscious Contact, North Fork Women's Discussion: **GREENPORT** – Primary Purpose, Serenity By the Sea: **JAMESPORT** – North Fork Serenity: **MATTITUCK** – Mid Week: **SOUTHOLD** – A New Beginning, Graveyard Group, Weekenders, Spiritual Solution Step Meeting, Thursday Big Book.



Celebrating

Open to the Public

Sobriety Countdown

Professionals Welcome

Food, Fun and Fellowship

Learn How AA Works In The Community

Alcoholics Anonymous
SIA / SGS

presents
THE **Big Meeting**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Saturday - August 13, 2011

True North Community Church
1101 Lakeland Avenue Bohemia NY
Contact Joanne/Tom 631-447-9230



Suffolk Intergroup Association (SIA)
Hosts
2011 share-a-thon
St. Joseph College Patchogue NY
Sunday - October 16, 2011
9:00 am - 4:30 pm



Directions: **155 West Roe Boulevard, Patchogue, NY 11772**
FROM THE EAST - Travel west on Sunrise Highway (Route 27) to Exit 52. Turn left at the first light onto Waverly Avenue, over the overpass, then turn left again at the next light onto the Sunrise Highway service road. The College entrance and parking facilities are located 1,000 feet to the right.
FROM THE WEST - Travel east on Sunrise Highway (Route 27) to Exit 52 - Waverly Avenue. Continue on the Sunrise Highway service road. The College entrance and parking facilities are located 1,000 feet beyond the traffic light, past Waverly Avenue, Veterans Highway, Patchogue-Holbrook Road and Nicolls Road are the best routes from the north shore of Long Island via the Long Island Expressway (I-495).