



## Suffolk Intergroup Association

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### March Meetings & Events

March 6<sup>th</sup> SIA Office  
7:30 PM [SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting](#)

March 12<sup>th</sup>  
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville  
8:15 PM [L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.](#)

March 13<sup>th</sup> Cleary School for the Deaf,  
Ronkonkoma  
6:30 PM [SIA Orientation](#)  
6:30 PM [Share-a-Thon](#)  
7:30 PM [SIA Meeting](#)

March 21<sup>st</sup> SIA Office  
7:00 PM [Public Information](#)

March 16<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Rocky Point  
8:00 PM [SGS Meeting](#)

March 28<sup>th</sup> SIA Office  
8:00 PM [Archives](#)



Something I heard at a meeting

If you have something that you've heard that you would like to share with Suffolk County, please feel free to submit it to the Bulletin Chair, at [bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org)

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### Wanna make a difference?

The Special Events Committee is looking for people with ideas for Events you feel would bring us all together here in Suffolk County!

Please send a message to Paul H. at [specevent@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:specevent@suffolkny-aa.org)

### SIA Special Events Committee invites all interested Nature Lover's for a "Winter Hike"

Join us on **Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 9:30am** as we explore just one of many trails traversing the LI pine Barrens Preserve.

*You might want to dress warmly, LOL!*

Meet at the Manorville trail Information Center located 1/4 mile North of Exit 70 of the Long Island Expressway (County Rd 111 / Captain Daniel Roe Hwy)

Any questions please e-mail **Paul** at [specevent@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:specevent@suffolkny-aa.org)

We will have a Guide from the LI Greenbelt Trail Conference to ensure that nobody gets Lost!!

### There are lots of ways to get involved and do service! Here are just a few...

- Spread the message by forwarding this bulletin to another alcoholic
- Bring a newcomer to an AA event
- Attend a committee meeting
- Hand out event flyers at the meetings you attend

**Step Two** – Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

**Tradition Two** – For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

**Concept II** – The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

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A joint corrections committee meeting between Suffolk Intergroup Association and Suffolk General Service is being held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 10:00am at the Patchogue SIA office.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Unity Breakfast of Suffolk County General Service is being held at East Wind Caterers in Wading River on Sunday, March 4, 2012. Unfortunately, the Unity Breakfast tickets are no longer on sale.

For more information contact [unitybreakfast@AASuffolkGS-NY.Org](mailto:unitybreakfast@AASuffolkGS-NY.Org)

**Some Upcoming Events in the state of New York:**

The 44<sup>th</sup> SENY Convention (South Eastern New York Area 49 of Alcoholics Anonymous) "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age" will be taking place from Friday, March 23 to Sunday, March 25, 2012 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY.

NERAASA 2012 (The Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age" will be taking place from Friday, March 2, 2012 to Sunday, March 4, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Albany, NY.



**FROM THE ARCHIVES CHAIR**

The SIA Archives Committee is looking for enthusiastic people who are interested in a commitment that is both fun and informative. Have you ever wondered when AA began in Suffolk County or how they started the hotline? What about when Intergroup started or when the first meeting list was printed? Do you know the origins of your group? If you thought about these questions, we may have the answers to them in our archives. If we don't have the answers, then maybe you are the person we need to find them!

You might ask, "What can I bring to an archive committee?" We need people who don't mind doing the tough work of collecting, organizing, cataloging, and preserving our history through our documents. If computers are your forte, join our website team and work on digitizing our documents. If you like to speak to people we need interviewers for our group or oral histories. These are just a few of the exciting possibilities for commitment on our archive committee.

As always, contributions of old meeting lists, Bulletins, Share-A-Thon agendas, or any other SIA-related material that you have and wish to donate to the SIA Archives is greatly appreciated.

Currently, our Archive Committee meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 8pm at the SIA Office. Come down for a night of fellowship and history!

Cyndy F. SIA Archive Chairperson

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**From the Archives** - This history and others like it can be viewed at [www.suffolkaaarchives.com](http://www.suffolkaaarchives.com).

### **12 Steps of Hope**

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 3 Lawrence Lane, Bay Shore, NY

The 12 Steps of Hope group was started in September 1991 and appeared in the Suffolk Intergroup meeting list for the first time in February 1992. Richie, a retired detective who had gotten sober in 1977 in the West Islip Day By Day group, was having difficulty getting to night time meetings. At this time he was doing security work on Fire Island and would not be able to get to his home group from Memorial Day to Labor Day. He spoke to his sponsor and others interested in getting a meeting going. They approached the priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bay Shore who asked them "What days would you like?" Richie answered, "Monday and Saturday." According to the Intergroup meeting list, the group first met on Monday and two months later expanded to Wednesday and in November added Saturday.

The charter members were Richie, Lynn P., Terry D., and Margie S. Margie had been secretary of Richie's original group, West Islip Day By Day. Richie remembered when he joined that group Margie had asked him for his phone number. At that time, he thought this A.A. was a pretty cool thing with such a nice lady asking for a guy's phone number until Margie told him they needed his number "just in case you drop dead at a meeting and we need to call your family to tell them you are gone".

Over time, 12 Steps of Hope added additional meetings to its roster. At the time of this writing, meetings include Monday, Step, Wednesday, Big Book, and Saturday, Open Discussion. Saturday's attendance has gotten as high as 50-60 people but these days averages within the 30 and 40 range. Monday and Wednesday consistently attract somewhere between 15 and 25.

Over the years, TSOH had enjoyed a wonderful relationship with the various pastors in charge of St. Peter's. In the past year, the situation changed due to various issues so Twelve Steps of Hope moved in late summer 2008 to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Naturally they meet in the basement.

In sharing about this group, Richie spoke of a twelve step call gone wrong. At one of the meetings, Richie and another A.A. decided to help out another man by driving him home. On the way home, this man pulled out a beer from his coat pocket. He began drinking it, spilling it on his two companions. This did not sit well with either one of them and Richie's partner punched the beer drinker. Right after that, the man clutched his heart which scared the daylight out of them both. Their immediate response was to toss this man out of the car into some bushes and off they sped away. This may have seemed the perfect solution at the time but both of them were overcome with guilt and remorse. Richie spent a restless night, tossing and turning replaying the scene over and over in his head. Imagine his surprise the next day when he entered another meeting and this same man was sharing. Richie was so ecstatic that he ran up to the man and gave him ten dollars. He shared this story with his sponsor whose only comment was "next time just listen".

Phone interview with Co-Founder combined with S.I.A. Archives Committee research, December 13, 2008.

### **A Call For Help**

I was browsing the AA service links. I logged on to your telephone answering site. 30 years ago last March, when I lived in West- Hampton Beach, I called for help. The next day a guy came and took me to my first meeting. I have been clean and sober since. Two and a half years later I moved to Nevada. I have been active in service, serving as a panel 45 delegate. I write this so you can show it to those who answer phones. You never know whose life you are going to change.

Our HotLine Chair received this email message in November. If your group wants to answer these calls for help, call the SIA Office (654-1150) or email [phones@suffolkNY-AA.org](mailto:phones@suffolkNY-AA.org). The HotLine Chair will send your District Captain to your Group's Business Meeting. The Captain will answer your questions about what is required of you. In short, your Group will answer these calls for one week 24 hours/day, two 12 hour shifts per day (8am-8pm & 8pm-8am). The Captain will supply your Group with THE BOOK which includes the name and phone numbers of Suffolk County Professionals and proven AA volunteers by geographic area. Attendance at our NEW HotLine Informational Seminars will be open to all; watch this Bulletin for the time and place.

<b>New Groups</b>			
Sun	8:30a	OSP	Bridgehampton Hispano 2429 Main Street
Sun	10:00a	OSP	Bay Shore Hispano 1572 Fifth Ave. also M-Sat at 1 & M-Sun at 8
Sun	10:00a	OSP	Greenport Fuente de Vida 25 East 6 <sup>th</sup> Street also 8:00 Thu Fri Sat
Sun	10:00a	OSP	Huntington Station 22 de Mayo 1419 New York Ave. also Sun thru Sat at 8pm
Sun	11:00a	OSP	Mastic Beach Viviendo Sobrio 352 Mastic Rd also Mon thru Sat at 8pm
Sun	Noon	OSP	Brentwood Accion 752 Suffolk Ave. also M T W T Sat at 8pm
Sun	6:00	OSP	Riverhead Sano Juicio 537 Roanoke Ave. also 8:00 Wed
Sun	8:00	OSP	Central Islip Renacer 40 Carleton Ave also Mon thru Sat
Sun	8:00	OSP	Huntington Station Unidad Sin Fronteras 179 West Hills Rd. also Mon thru Sat
Sun	8:00	OSP	Huntington Station Latinos en Accion 1837 New York Ave also Mon thru Sat
Sun	8:00	OSP	Riverhead Nuevos Horizontes 204 East Main Street also Tue and Wed
Sun	8:30	B	Riverhead Fight Club "The Way Out" 103 East Main Street First Congregational Church
Mon	7:00	OBB	Northport Friends Of The First 100 270 Main St Paul's Methodist also OB Fri 7pm
Mon	7:00	B	Hauppauge Deliverance Too 300 Motor Parkway KPC Center For Recovery
Mon	8:00	OSP	Montauk Wilson # 2 850 Montauk Hwy. Fri also
Tue	8:00	OSP	Southampton Una Luz en Mi Camino 160 Main Street United Methodist Sat also
Wed	9:45a	OD	Port Jefferson Station Gratitude Meeting 255 Oakland Ave Pax Christi Hospitality Center
Wed	Noon	B	Patchogue Main Street Backdoor 475 Main St. Suite 101
Thu	8:00	OSP	East Hampton Unidos Venceremos 57 Buell Lane/Route 114
Fri	7:00	BB	Commack 12 Steps to Freedom Workshop 25 Old Indian Head Road Joe & Charlie tape
<b>Old Groups New Meetings</b>			
Wed	11:00a	CD	Mastic The Only Requirement 15 Herkimer Street Traditions 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed
Sat	7:30a	OBB	Southampton First Things First 30 Sanford Place also Sun
<b>Meetings Removed</b>			
Mon	8:00	CD	Smithtown Serenity 6 New Mill on Brookside Mon 6:30 B & S unchanged
Fri	Noon	CD	Amagansett AM Group Main St. & Meeting House Lane other meetings unchanged
<b>Groups Removed</b>			
Tue	6:45	S	Stony Brook Women's Step Meeting 380 Nicolls Rd.
Tue	7:30	CD	Shoreham New Dawn Defense Hill Rd.
<b>Group Name Changes</b>			
Tue	7:30	S	Manorville South Street Sobriety 150 South St. was Manorville Back To Basics II
<b>Location Changes</b>			
M&F	1:00	S&BB	Centereach Little Rascals Club House 101 Eastwood Blvd. Downstairs not Upstairs
M->F	1:00	C	Selden Day Meeting 18 Magnolia Pl, St. Cuthbert's was College Rd Farmingville
Wed	8:00	BB	North Babylon Doing It Young 158 Phelps Lane St Paul's was Thu in East Islip
<b>Time Changes</b>			
Sun	1:30	B	Copiague Evening Group 1 Molloy St. was 5:45pm
Tue	10:15a	OD	Lake Ronkonkoma Sobriety Plus 299 Rosevale Ave. was 10:00a Thu also 10:15a
Tue	7:30	CDBB	Southampton Big Book 100 S Main St John's Episcopal was 8:00
<b>Format Changes</b>			
Sun	7:30	C	Cutchogue Sunday 27150 Main Rd. & Highland no more Step on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun
Sun	7:00	OB	Water Mill Sunday Night Beginners 1225 Montauk Hwy. was Closed Beginners
Thu	7:00	B	Bellport Group Brown's Lane Mary Immaculate was Big Book
Thu	7:00	BB	Stony Brook Unity 1404 Stony Brook Rd was Step/Open Discussion
Fri	8:00	OB	Selden Guys & Dolls 425 Hawkins Rd. was Beginners

**\*\* B=Beginner BB=Big Book C=Closed D=Discussion O=Open S=Step SP=Spanish Speaking**

*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.*

