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April Meetings & Events

April 3rd SIA Office
7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

April 9th
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville
8:15 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

April 10th Cornell Cooperative Extension,
Riverhead
6:30 PM SIA Orientation
6:30 PM Share-a-Thon
7:30 PM SIA Meeting

April 17th SIA Office
7:00 PM Public Information
**Date has changed from 3rd Wed to 3rd Tues

April 20th Trinity Lutheran Church,
Rocky Point
8:00 PM SGS Meeting

April 25th SIA Office
8:00 PM Archives



Things I heard at a meeting...

"I wish you a slowbriety"

"Stick and stay and things will change"

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SENY Area 49

Corrections Connection Workshop

Carrying the Message of Recovery to the Incarcerated Alcoholic
Friday, April 20, 2012 from 9:00am to 3:30pm
Sing Sing Correctional Facility
Quality of Work Life Building
345 Hunter Street, Ossining, NY 10562
Corrections Personnel & AA Members
Network to Bring AA Meetings into Prison
Corrections Correspondence and
Bridging the Gap/Pre-Release Programs
Speakers • Panels • Videos • Questions & Answers
Lunch will be served
Hosted by Area 49, South East New York
General Service Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous
Questions? Contact John C. corrections@aaseny.org



SIA Special Events is doing it again!

Come join us for a 4 mile Hike through the Scenic Heckscher State Park in East Islip, NY on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 12:30pm.

This is a Free Event!

Once again bottled water will be provided as well as a Guide from the Greenbelt Trail Conference!

Directions: Take the Heckscher Pkwy (Eastern most end of Southern State Pkwy) to end. **We will be Meeting at Field 7 (Bay/ Beach Parking Area)**

Step Three – Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Tradition Three – The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Concept III – To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staff, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision."

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The 25th Annual Men's International Conference "Singleness of Purpose" is taking place April 19 - 22, 2012 at the Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. For more Information or to register, visit www.iaamclasvegas.org

Some Upcoming Events in the state of New York:

EACYPAA X (Eastern Area Convention of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) will be the 10th annual convention, which is going to be held at the Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Route 9 in Saratoga Springs, NY March 30 - April 1. For more information go to www.eacypaax.org

The 44th 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.



FROM THE TREASURER

Thank you so much for your group contributions to Suffolk Intergroup Association. Your contributions help *Carry the Message* in so many ways!

Please include your group's name and town as it appears in the meeting list along with your group mailing address when submitting you contribution.

Vikki B., Treasurer

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.

FUN CORNER
BIG BOOK TRIVIA
 SEE BACK PAGE FOR ANSWERS

Are you interested in writing something for the Bulletin?
 Do you wish to share your experience, strength, and hope with others?

Is your Home Group having an event you'd like announced?

If so, please email bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org

Please note:
 All submissions must be emailed by the 25th of the previous month.

- 1) How much was the selling price of the first Big Book?
- 2) What year was the Big Book first published?
- 3) How many copies of the Big Book were first printed?
- 4) How many editions of the Big Book have been printed?
- 5) What were the colors of the First Edition Big Book's dust jacket?
- 6) When was the Second Edition of the Big Book published?
- 7) What company printed the Big Book?

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

Longwood Love & Service

Middle Island Presbyterian Church, 19 Longwood Road, Ridge, NY 11961

Longwood Love & Service started the first week of March 2003, as an offshoot of the Shoreham group.

Longwood Love & Service started when the Shoreham group had to temporarily move from its meeting place at St. Mark's R.C. church, in Shoreham, because the church was undergoing renovations. So the group moved temporarily to the Presbyterian Church on Longwood Rd. in Middle Island.

When the meeting place at St. Mark's was ready for the Shoreham group to move back some of the group members wanted to keep the A.A. meeting at the temporary location and some wanted to go back. So after a business meeting it was decided that all members who wished to go back could, and those who desired to could stay, and the Longwood Love & Service group was formed. The new group conscience decided the name.

Longwood Love & Service meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00pm to 9:30 a ten-minute coffee break at 8:30. Tuesdays is a step meeting with the first Tuesday a tradition. On Thursdays we have a closed discussion, or an open meeting the first and last Thursday. First Anniversaries are celebrated on the first Thursday, and multiple years are celebrated on the last Thursday. If there are no celebrants then we have an open meeting with two speakers.

The group has approximately twenty members. Group conscience was we would keep the same format from the Shoreham group unless the group felt a change was necessary. Some of our format is we do not read the step or tradition from the big book or 12 & 12. But we do read the Traditions checklist from the Grapevine for the tradition meeting. We have one person read the preamble at the start of the meeting. Sharing, we go around the room with the speaker choosing the starting point, then at 9:00 we go to a show of hands. We have the usual group commitments and also a GSR, an SIA rep., a Greeter, and a speaker exchange commitment.



FROM THE ARCHIVES CHAIR

The theme for the 62nd General Service Conference, being held this April in Rye, NY, is, "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age." Maintaining anonymity on the digital level, namely our Archive Website (www.suffolkaaarchives.com) has been a fundamental principle that the SIA Archive Committee has upheld since the website went online in 2009. Every group history that is submitted for publication on the website is carefully scrutinized first to insure that there are no accidental anonymity breaks in the history, including the use of monikers that describe people, such as "Felix the Barber."

The website is not the only area in which the Archive Committee is concerned with anonymity and the digital age. Over the next two years, the SIA Archive Committee will begin to digitize all our past minutes, treasurer's reports, and other important SIA materials. Throughout the course of this process, insuring the anonymity of our AA members will be of the utmost importance. Not only is it essential that AA members of today are assured that we will not break their anonymity, but this committee will set precedent for how to maintain anonymity within digital documents that will continue to be used after this committee rotates out.

Regardless of whether it is on the website, or a digital document, in a group history or an archive report, there is one principle that will always be abundantly clear: anonymity is a spiritual responsibility that this committee takes very seriously in this digital age. We welcome anyone who would like to join the Archive Committee as we continue to preserve our history in Suffolk County. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 8pm at the SIA Office.

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.***



Secretary's Report

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| New Groups | | | | | |
| Fri | 7:30 | YP | Shirley Step Of Faith | 53 Surrey Circle | next to Tonino's Pizza |
| Tue | Noon | CD | Westhampton Beach Outstanding Sobriety | 41 Mill Road | also Thu Noon & Fri 1:00 OD |
| Mon | 7:00 | BB | Southold Spiritual Solutions | 51900 Rt 25 (at the Bend) | First Universalist Church |
| Tue | 6:30 | B | Lindenhurst Destiny's Group | 714 Rt 109 | THU OD 6:30 |
| Old Groups New Meetings | | | | | |
| Sun | 12:30 | BB | Rocky Point Unity Group | 89 Hallock Landing Road | other meetings unchanged |
| Groups Removed | | | | | |
| Tue | Noon | CD | Westhampton Beach Sobriety First | 41 Mill Road | Replaced by Outstanding Sobriety |
| Fri | 1:00 | OD | Westhampton Beach Outstanding Alcoholics | 41 Mill Road | Replaced by Outstanding Sobriety |
| Fri | 3:00 | OD | Yaphank John Foley Group | 14 Glover Drive | Nursing Home |
| Location Changes | | | | | |
| M>S | 7:30a | CD | Amagansett AM Group | 486 W Montauk Hwy | St Michaels Lutheran was Presbyterian Church |
| Time Changes | | | | | |
| Tue | 7:00 | PI | SIA Public Information Committee | 113-8 Bay Ave Patchogue | 3rd Tue was 3 rd Wed |
| Format Changes | | | | | |
| Tue | 7:00a | S | East Northport Eye Opener | 1025 Fifth Avenue | Tradition Meeting now last Tue |
| Mon | 7:00 | OBB | East Northport 164 Group | 189 Burr Road | Anniversary 4 th Mon Tradition Last Wed |



FROM THE AA HOTLINE

Suffolk has the only A.A. Hotline in the country that are answered by sober alcoholics 24 hours a day.

Suffolk Intergroup would like to thank the members of the following groups for volunteering their time answering the phones for the A.A. Hotline.

Just for Today, Phelps Lane, Morning Glory, Sunrise 12 & 12, all of N. Babylon. (combined for week)

The Centereach Group, and The Bluepoint Traditions who filled in at the last minute.

Patchogue Morning Group, Patchogue East Love & Service, Patchogue Spiritual Nature all combined to serve on the Hotline for a week.

The Wilson Group, Montauk Group of Montauk along with the Amagansett Sunday Night Beginners, The Men's Room and the East Hampton Group combined to share a week. How awesome to see five groups come together to share this commitment.

These groups combined to do service even though they weren't able to do all the time slots on their own. The District Captains worked hard to include smaller groups that normally may not have been addressed.

This is the goal and the responsibility of the Hotline:

Starting in March groups will be assigned weekly commitments for the Hotline as stated in Article VI, Section 1 paragraph F number 3:

"Shall arrange a schedule of participation for all Suffolk County AA Groups".

If your group has a "phone contact" and your District Captain has not been to your group please phone the Suffolk Intergroup Office or email: phones@suffolkny-aa.org or call at 631.654.1150 and a visit will be arranged to discuss your group commitment on the Hotline. We need all the groups in Suffolk to supply the Hotline with a "phone contact" who is a group member that we can contact to schedule the Captain to visit your group and to confirm group weekly commitment.

| Date | Area | Group |
|---------------|------|--|
| March 4 – 10 | 30 | EN Step, EN Serenity, EN BB Group, EN Valley, EN 164 |
| March 11- 17 | 230 | Mt. Sinai God Calling, Sobriety Seekers, Serious About Sobriety, Mt. Sinai Group |
| March 18 – 24 | 40 | Centerport Unity, Noon Group, Fellowship You Crave Group |
| March 25 – 31 | 50 | Oak Beach Group, Babylon Nuts & Bolt, Babylon Off Main Street |