



## Suffolk Intergroup Association

# Bulletin

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### May Meetings & Events

May 1<sup>st</sup> SIA Office  
7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

May 14<sup>th</sup>  
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville  
8:15 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

May 8<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

May 15<sup>th</sup> SIA Office  
7:00 PM Public Information  
\*\*Date has changed from 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues

May 18<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Rocky Point  
8:00 PM SGS Meeting

May 23<sup>rd</sup> SIA Office  
8:00 PM Archives



### "Catchy Quotes"

"I don't have to do the *yets* and I don't want to do the *agains*..."

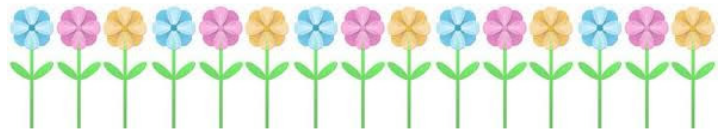
"Stick with the *winners*, not the *winers*."

Please submit your "catchy quotes" to:  
[bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org)

### "The Bulletin"

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Happy Spring!



### SIA Special Events Presents: "Explore the Scenic North Shore"

Join us on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at the "Nissequogue River State Park" for yet another outdoor excursion. Yes, you heard it right, another "Hike". Trail traverses the old Kings Park Psychiatric Center thru the Scenic Bluffs of Sunken Meadow, and back along the Beach! (Slightly Hilly) Bottled water will be provided. This is a free event!!!

Directions: From the expressway take the Sunken Meadow Parkway North to Pulaski Road East (County Rd 11). Go about 1/2 a mile, continue onto Old Dock Road (25A) for about 1 1/2 miles to Park Entrance. Meet at Main Building directly ahead (Park Office) once in Park. Nissequogue River State Park, 799 St. Johnland Road, Kings Park, NY. There is a rest room in the Park Office.

Contact Special Events Chair Paul H. at [specevents@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:specevents@suffolkny-aa.org)

### 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](mailto:corrections@aaseny.org)

**Step Four** – Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

**Tradition Four** – Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. Unity.

**Concept IV** – At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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**Some Upcoming Events**

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](http://www.iaamclasvegas.org)

Tri-State Round-Up 28th Annual "Fellowship on the River" May 17 - 20, 2012.

This is an annual Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) event with Al-Anon & Alateen participation held at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino. 1650 S Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV. There is a discount for registering online and for registering before April 15th.

For more info, visit: [www.tristate-roundup.com](http://www.tristate-roundup.com)

Special Events will be holding its committee meetings on the third Thursday of the month, beginning April 19th, 2012 at 7pm at the SIA Office in Patchogue, 113-8 Bay Ave, (entrance on Terrell St.)



**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 your contribution.

Vikki B., Treasurer

Are you interested in writing something for the Bulletin?

Do you wish to share your experience, strength, and hope with others?

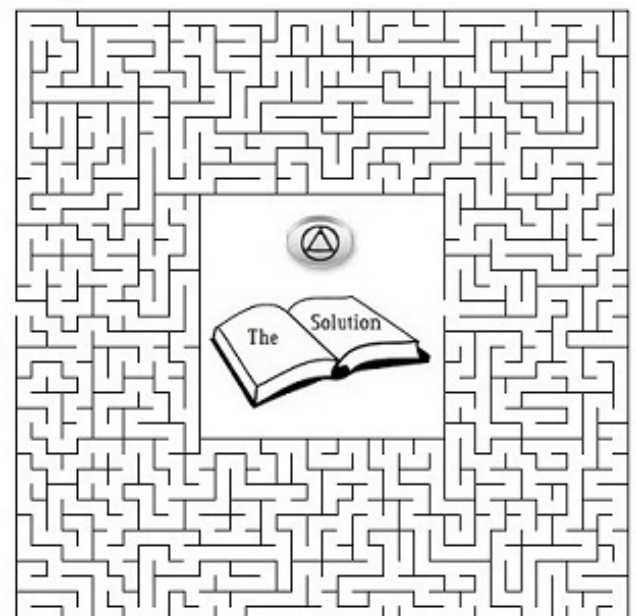
Is your Home Group having an event you'd like announced?

If so, please email [bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org)

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

**FUN CORNER  
 AA~MAZE~ING**

**Help the newcomer find the solution**



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

### **St. James Group**

St. James Methodist Church, 532 Moriches Road, St. James

One of the hallmarks of sobriety is a thing called consistency. For those of us in recovery, when we say we are going to be somewhere, we are there. Likewise when we say we aren't going to go somewhere, we are good as our word on that, too. The St. James Group is the model of that very consistency. It has been there as promised! For almost 50 years, it has had its doors open on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can set your watch to that, although the time on the watch would be set back from the St. James' original 9:00PM to its current 7:30PM.

In November 1963, the new group contacted Alcoholics Anonymous World Services to announce its existence. It met then in the St. James Episcopal Church on Route 25A and as was the custom of the time met at 9:00pm. It appears to have met only on Wednesdays in the beginning, but soon thereafter branched out to include Mondays. The new group boasted it had ten members.

The group moved to a new location sometime in spring/summer 1973 and St. James Methodist Church has been its home ever since. It travelled less than 1/3 mile away from its birth place to Moriches Road. Yet it still remained meeting Mondays and Wednesdays. It is not always an easy task to move to a different church and still be able to keep the same days and times. St. James pulled that one off.

The group has done much experimenting with times and different meetings--- as is the case many times with groups---until that right combination can be found. The present configuration has remained stable since the November 2004 meeting list. What wasn't stable was the location in the building of the meetings. According to one member, the church would shuffle them from room to room: one week upstairs in a spacious room, the next weekend crammed in a small crowded room downstairs. This did take its toll and membership dropped. Happily it has been on a steady rise since and now is located in the same room week after week. They have been consistent these St. James A.As and the message they have carried all this time is testament to that.

S.I.A. Archives  
January 15, 2011



## **FROM THE ARCHIVES CHAIR**

As a member of an Archive committee, I receive the quarterly Archive newsletter, Markings. This spring's issue had several interesting articles that I would like to bring to your attention. The first was highlights from the National AA Archive Workshop (NAAAWS) that was held in Montana this past September. Preserving the histories of our Long-timers, as well as how our history helps us to carry the message, were topics that were focused on. The SIA Archive Committee has these two topics as part of our 2012 goals, so we are right on target with the NAAAWS! The next National Archive Workshop will be held in October in Florida.

Another article of interest for our county was the "Survey about Our Collection." I have been going over the questions and will be bringing this survey to our Archive Committee when I return in April and asking if they would like us to participate in the survey. If you are interested in seeing the survey, please go to: [http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en\\_pdfs/f-151-markings\\_spring-2012.pdf](http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en_pdfs/f-151-markings_spring-2012.pdf) page 4.

Finally, last month, I mentioned the upcoming 62nd General Service Conference. I have often been asked whether anything about Archives is brought up at the Conference. The answer is yes! Last year, based on the need expressed by archive committees in the US and Canada, the Conference Archive Committee requested that an informational piece on the basic archival preservation procedures be created to help local area and district archive committees. The piece was developed by the G.S.O Archive staff and approved by the trustees' Archive Committee and is available for downloading at: [http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en\\_pdfs/en\\_archivespreservations.pdf](http://www.aa.org/lang/en/en_pdfs/en_archivespreservations.pdf).

Of course, I have already downloaded it and will be bringing it to the April Archive meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 8pm at the SIA Office. If you are interested in joining our committee and working on Archives, come down to the meeting! We look forward to seeing you!

If anyone would like to read the Markings newsletter, it is available at: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) (Archives and History Tab/Alcoholics Anonymous Archives) or sign up to receive Markings via email: [archives@aa.org](mailto:archives@aa.org)

***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.***





## FROM THE LITERATURE CHAIR

Hello Friends,

I want to thank you all for your patience and support while I get going with my new commitment as Literature Chairman. I want you to know that we are not just about Books. Please ask your SIA Reps for our free Literature Catalogs. I guarantee that you will be surprised and possibly amazed by the variety of material and items available to us. You can also visit our AA World Services Online Store at <http://aa.org>. You can place orders with your SIA Rep or contact me, Pete H. at [books@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:books@suffolkny-aa.org) and pick up your order at the next SIA Meeting or at our fully stocked office in Patchogue. Always call before coming down. Address and info are on the Meeting Lists. I also welcome questions and comments.

With gratitude,  
Pete H.



## FROM THE AA HOTLINE

The SIA Hotline would like to thank the following groups for their service for the month of March:

- East Northport 164 Group - we apologize that some East Northport groups scheduled were inadvertently omitted.
- Mount Sinai Groups including - Sober Start Group - Sobriety Seekers - God Calling - Serious about Sobriety
- Bayshore Sunrise Sobriety Group - this was the first time this group ever did the Hotline.
- The balance of the week was covered by trained Hotline volunteers who attended a Seminar in Riverhead sponsored by the new District #210 Captain Marianne S. **Thank you Marianne.**
- Centerport Noon Group - Fellowship you Crave Group - first time these groups ever did the Hotline also.
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It is amazing how many groups have never been asked or approached to do this tremendously rewarding commitment. ***If your group has not been asked to do this service***, please call the SIA Office 631-654-1150 to leave a message or email me at [phones@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:phones@suffolkny-aa.org) my name is "JJ".

We will contact your District Captain to get in touch with you to address your group. It is important for us to reestablish the "Group Contact" commitment we used to have with each group. The "group" should elect a "group contact", if you don't have one - get one!!!! Every group in Suffolk AA should have the opportunity to do this life-saving commitment. Speak up and get involved. CAUTION - ***the Hotline is not for sissys!!!*** We get to save lives.

The next "Hotline Instructional Seminar" will be held at the SIA Office located at *113-8 Bay Ave (entrance on Terrell St.) on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm sharp. Please call to RSVP as it is a limited seating workshop.*

Oopsies....

The March bulletin should have shown the April SIA Meeting, Share-a-Thon, and SIA Orientation taking place at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Riverhead, *not* the Cleary School for the Deaf in Ronkonkoma. Sorry for the error.

Meeting list corrections:

The Westhampton Group was incorrectly listed in the new meeting list. Please note the correct dates/times are as follows:  
Wednesday 7:30pm (CD, B)  
Sunday 8pm (CD, S & BB - on tape)

The Little Rascals group was incorrectly listed in the new meeting list. Please note the correct dates/times are as follows:  
Mondays & Fridays at 1:00pm  
Middle Country Library (Downstairs)  
101 Eastwood Blvd.  
Centereach, NY 11720

Please remember, we aim for *progress not perfection!*