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October Meetings

October 2nd SIA Office
7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

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

October 9th Cornell Cooperative Extension,
Riverhead
6:30 PM SIA Orientation
6:30 PM Share-a-Thon
7:30 PM SIA Meeting

October 16th SIA Office
7:00 PM Public Information
**Date has changed from 3rd Wed to 3rd Tues

October 19th Trinity Lutheran Church,
Rocky Point
8:00 PM SGS Meeting

October 24th SIA Office
8:00 PM Archives



"Catchy Quotes"

*"Anger is only one letter
away from danger."*

"Let go or get dragged."

Please submit your "catchy quotes" to:
bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org

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Suffolk County Intergroup 37th Annual
SHARE-A-THON
Sunday, October 28, 2012
St. Joseph's College, Patchogue
9:00AM to 4:30PM
Free Admission

KEEP IT SIMPLE

Agenda Summary

There will be over 65 workshops to choose from throughout the day! You will not want to miss this day, the gifts of program, fellowship and personal growth you will receive by attending and participating. Al-Anon, Latino and GSR and Young Peoples groups will be represented throughout the day.

Schedule as follows:

9:00am-9:30am Fellowship and Coffee
9:30am-3:30pm Groups meet in classrooms
11:30am-2:30pm Lunch will be served. Hero's and salads
3:30pm-4:30pm Spiritual Meeting and Countdown

Step Nine – Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition Nine – A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Concept IX – Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

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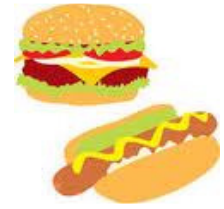
Special Events Presents

End of Season "FELLOWSHIP" Picnic

WHEN: Sunday Sept. 30, 2012

10:00AM-4:00PM

WHERE: Southaven County Park
In Brookhaven



- All are welcome to attend
(that includes Family, Friends, Children)
- No Charge for this event!!
- Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated to help cover expenses!
 - There will be an Open Meeting @ 3 PM
w/ Guest speaker TBA



- ❖ We will provide Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Soda, Bottled Water, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, cups, plates & utensils!
- ❖ Games for the Kids, and Adults (Big Kids) as well!
- ❖ All we ask is that you bring an APPETITE and a SMILE.
- ❖ Feel free to bring whatever else you would like to donate (Salads, Desserts, Etc.)
- Please RSVP Paul H. specevent@suffolkny-aa.org or
- Call the intergroup office @ 631-654-1150

The next **Special Events Committee Meeting** is Thursday, September 20th at 7:00PM at the SIA Office in Patchogue. Anyone interested in helping out with the Picnic on Sept 30th is urged to attend.

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community

PI/CPC Committee Workshop

"How to Present Alcoholics Anonymous in Schools and to the Professional Community"

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship as we listen to 'AA Presentations'; practice giving a presentation on 'What AA Is and What AA Is Not' in the safety of a small group; and learn how (& why) it's so very important that we Present AA to the Public.

Saturday, October 6, 2012

12pm-5pm

Cornell Cooperative Extension
423 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY

More info: pubinfo@suffolkny-aa.org

REMAINING TEACHABLE

Service and Your Sobriety

What is there to learn about yourself through service?

join us at The **BIG** Meeting

Sponsored by Suffolk General Service

In conjunction with Suffolk Intergroup Association

Food, Speakers, Entertainment and Fellowship

True North Community Church

1101 Lakeland Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716

Saturday – November 10, 2012

Doors Open 5:00pm, Food 5:30pm, Meeting 6:45pm

FUN CORNER
BIG BOOK TRIVIA
SEE BACK PAGE FOR ANSWERS



- 1) What name did Bill and Lois give to their home in Bedford Hills, New York?
- 2) What was the name of the hotel in Akron, Ohio where Bill made the call for help instead of giving in to his desire to drink?
- 3) Where did Bill W. have his spiritual experience?
- 4) Where was AA's Group #1?
- 5) Where was AA's Group #2?
- 6) Where was Bill W. born and where is he buried?
- 7) Where exactly was our first World Service Office?

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

Central Islip 12 steps Of Peace

St. John of God Church, 84 Carleton Avenue, Central Islip

"My name is Donald S. I am 38 years sober and one of the co-founders of the Central Islip Twelve Steps of Peace Group. We started the group on the 4th of July, 1976 out of resentment with another group. The original founders were Donald S., John M., Regina K., Ray S., and Jimmy F. The split was over money and whether or not to have separate accounts for anniversaries. A big howdy do took place and as they say 'If you don't like what you hear in one place, leave, buy a new coffee pot and start a new group'.

This I did. I was nine years sober. I went to my local church in Central Islip, St. John of God, on Carlton Avenue and spoke to the priest. We got one night a week on a Wednesday, for a closed meeting. It grew and more and more people attended. They gave us a small house of prayer meeting room. Many people came. We asked for another night and we got Friday. Wednesday was step meetings. We read, passed the book, shared and then questions for the speaker.

I had a dream where my higher power, which I call God, led me to The Twelve Steps of Peace group. I didn't say anything to nobody at the meeting. At an early group business meeting we were throwing out names and I threw out The Twelve Steps of Peace. Everyone liked it and it was voted in.

We had a variety of people in the group; policemen, firemen and working men. Friday nights we had an open meeting which was really well attended. It was the days of smoking and the best job in the place was cleaning the ash trays. We paid our rent. They wanted to give it to us for nothing but in the traditions we have to pay and we did.

There are many guys in that group that are still sober and sober a long time. They're spread out all over the place. There's one fellow up in Rochester, NY. He started a couple of groups up there (John M.)

We had a tradition to give to the newcomer a 12 and 12 and a Big Book to start him off and if he didn't have the money, that was ok as long as he came to the next meeting and if he has the money, throw it in the basket. He could pay when he could. If he never paid that was ok, too. That worked out pretty well. I was treasurer of the group at the start. The money poured in and doubled in my drawer. We bought literature and donated to Intergroup. We spent about \$2000.00 a year on literature. Most people come back and paid for the books we originally gave them free. There was no financial problem at all. We paid the rent. We had plenty of money to do everything. We elected a literature man. It really started to be a really nice group. The great thing about it was all the donations; wives baked cakes, people gave coffee, someone else the milk. We didn't even have to buy that stuff!

Now, it is smaller and still open one night a week. There were a lot of rehabs that opened half-way houses and a lot of fellows came from there. They didn't have funds and there was trouble paying the rent. There are only a few people left now in the group."

INTERVIEW WITH CO- FOUNDER DONALD S., JULY 2005

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What are you grateful for?

Please write to
bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org
 and share your gratitude! We'd love
 to read about what you're grateful for
 in next month's Bulletin!



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

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

IT WORKS IF YOU WORK IT

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

The Quogue Mens Tell It Like It Is group was incorrectly listed in the new meeting list.
 Please note the correct dates/times are as follows:
 Wed: B-6pm & M-CD 7:30pm
 Sat: M-Topic 7am & M-CD 9am



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

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.***



1) Stepping Stones, 2) The Mayflower Hotel, 3) Towns Hospital, New York, 4) Akron, Ohio, 5) New York City
 (6) East Dorset, Vermont, 7) Vesey Street in New York City, 8) 1940 at the 24th Street Clubhouse in NYC