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November Meetings

November 6th SIA Office
7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

November 7th SIA Office
7:00 PM Archives
**Date has changed from 8pm on 4th Wed to 7pm on 1st Wed

November 12th
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville
8:15 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

November 13th Cleary School for the Deaf,
Ronkonkoma
6:30 PM SIA Orientation
6:30 PM Share-a-Thon
7:30 PM SIA Meeting

November 20th SIA Office
7:00 PM Public Information
**Date has changed from 3rd Wed to 3rd Tues

November 16th Trinity Lutheran Church,
Rocky Point
8:00 PM SGS Meeting



"Catchy Quotes"

"To keep it, you have to give it away"

"Practice an attitude of gratitude"

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 Ten - Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition Ten - Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept X - Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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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 Ave, Bohemia, NY 11716

Saturday – November 10, 2012
Doors Open 5:00pm
Food 5:30pm
Meeting 6:45pm

Long Island Spirituality Through Service 2012

Sponsored by the General Services of
Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau & Suffolk Counties
Hosted by Queens County General Services

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012
FROM NOON TO 5PM
I.S. 49 - 7815 PENELOPE AVE.
MIDDLE VILLAGE, QUEENS, 11379

Affirming the spiritual benefits of
service to recovering alcoholics

Lunch & Refreshments, Roundtables,
Performance of "Carnivores Anonymous",
Exhibits, Meditation, Big Meetings,
Spanish Translation, Wheelchair Accessible,
ASL if Requested

For more information, contact longislandsts@yahoo.com

This is a summary of two notes
that were sent to the SIA
Treasurer (along with monetary
contributions) from The Wilson
Group in Montauk:

Suffolk Intergroup Association,

Please accept these gifts
[contributions] in loving memory
of our beloved friend and AA
Member Suzy L. and our
beloved friend and AA Member
Sunshine L.

Suzy was our "Honorary
Chairwoman" of the Tuesday
Afternoon "Group" (meeting),
took care of many newcomers,
always had a kind word, and a
beautiful smile. She is missed!
How grateful we are to have
known her...

Sunshine carried the message in
and out of the rooms. He wore
his cowboy hat to meetings, but
because of AA, he also wore a
fireman's helmet. He was active
in the Montauk Volunteer Fire
Dept. and he was an EMT. We
are grateful to have known
him....

Sincerely,
The Wilson Group in Montauk

Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community

PI/CPC Committee Workshop

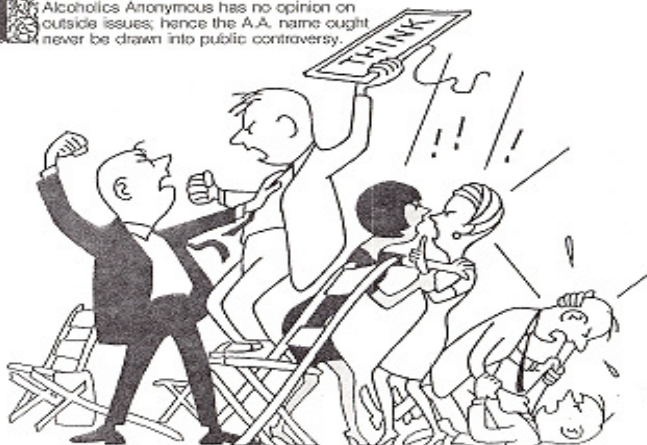
"How to Present Alcoholics Anonymous in Schools and to the Professional Community"

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

TENTH TRADITION
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outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought
never be drawn into public controversy.





FROM THE ARCHIVES CHAIR

The Archive Committee has been busy the last few months. We have completed cleaning the cabinets in the archive room and found many wonderful items! Some items have been placed in files for digitization and others are in binders in order to be compiled into one larger file. There were over 15 black and white 8x10 photographs that were found that we framed and placed on display in the SIA. Over the next month or two, we plan to catalogue and then display a number of books of interest that we found. One of the books we found was a 1st edition 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and a little book that was a pre-cursor to the As Bill Sees It that is now out of print and may be very rare. By the time you read this article, I will have attended the National A. A. Archives Workshop and have learned how to best preserve these two very rare and valuable books and whether they should be placed "out" on display or not. What I do know now, is that I will be creating a display for the Share-A-Thon with pictures of many of the items that have been uncovered so that you can see what the Archive Committee has been working on.

Recently, I was asked a few questions from A.A. members that, honestly, I did not have the answers for. I contacted Michelle M., the GSO Archivist and she graciously answered the two questions. The first was to determine whether a member's book had been signed by Bill Wilson (probably not) and the other was to determine how many 3rd edition books were printed during each printing (the list is long- contact me for the answer!). I was also asked by Pete, our Literature Chair, anything about the 2nd edition Big Book that SIA purchased several years ago. Yes, I do! In our fire proof file cabinets is the 2nd edition, 1942 Big Book signed by Bill Wilson. WOW! Thank you Pete for the question! I also received from Fred and Connie S. a 1974 meeting list in fabulous condition for our archives. Thank you both so much!

This week, Bob R., the SIA Archivist for over 10 years, formally rotated out of his position. His service to SIA and to the Archive Committee speaks for itself. The volumes of group histories that are in the SIA Office are a testament to the decade of passion and effort that Bob gave to preserving Suffolk County A.A. histories. Please join me and the SIA Archive Committee in wishing Bob well in any future endeavor he takes on or committee he chooses to serve with.

Finally, the Archive Committee has changed the day and time of the meeting. Please join us at the SIA Office on the **1st Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30pm** for an evening of history and fellowship. If you or a sponsee need a commitment but don't have a lot of time, this is a great commitment because it is one time month for 90 minutes working with people who love A.A. and history and have a desire to give something back to the program.

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

Center Moriches Sunrise Sobriety
St. John the Evangelist RC Church, 25 S. Ocean Ave., Center Moriches

During the early months of 1990, there were a few A.A. members in the Moriches to Westhampton area who were looking for an early morning meeting. In July 1990, Sandy S. & John M. secured the use of a room in the Lutheran Church on the Bypass in East Moriches. The first meeting was held on a Tuesday morning at 6:45am. The meeting was named "Sunrise Sobriety" and as no one volunteered for the coffee commitment, it was decided to make the meeting a BYOC.

Attendance was small but consistent and members asked for another morning meeting. Group conscience added Thursday's to the meeting list. Thursday became a Step meeting except the first Thursday, at which a Tradition is read and discussed.

In 1993, the Lutheran Church made plans to use the meeting room for a children's pre-school and Sunrise Sobriety was looking for a new morning home. The "Red Barn" at the St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Center Moriches was made available.

In early 1994, group conscience decided to expand to 5 mornings per week with anniversaries to be celebrated on the last Friday of each month. (A side note: Because of the cost of purchasing shades with the 12 steps and 12 traditions printed, a member hand wrote the 12 steps and 12 traditions on "butcher paper" and they are still being used today.)

During 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 the group continued to grow. During that time, a "Reflections" meeting on Tuesday, a Saturday morning meeting and a Sunday "Big Book" meeting, was added. As the new millennium began, the growth of the group continued with especially large attendance on the weekends. Group Conscience added a Tuesday evening meeting and a second Sunday morning "Men's" meeting. Also, anniversaries could be celebrated on Sundays.

In early 2000, discussions were held on celebrating our 10th Anniversary with a get together in July. A committee of Laura M. and Mark C. provided a wonderful catered breakfast that was enjoyed by all members present and our guests.

Group conscience then decided that every 10 years the group (Sunrise Sobriety) will have a large celebration and every even numbered year we will celebrate in the month of July with bagels, donuts and coffee.

In early 2006 a group inventory was taken. Through 4 short business meetings group conscience was re-identified and added where necessary.
The group continues to grow.

Up-dated May 2006 S.I.A. Archives Committee



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What do you like best about your home group?

Please write to bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org and share with us what you like best about your home group! We'd love to read about it in next month's Bulletin!

FROM THE ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Would you like to learn about the history of AA in Suffolk County?

The SIA Archive Committee is looking for AA members to join us to preserve our history and carry the AA message.

We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30pm at the SIA Office, 113 Bay Avenue in Patchogue. Questions? Contact Cyndy at archives@suffolkny-aa.org

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.*

LIVE AND LET LIVE

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.***



Please note:

Inclusion of articles and announcements in The Bulletin does not constitute AA endorsement. Rather, members of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous have been encouraged to share their experience, strength and hope through this humble publication. Opinions expressed are those of the writer unless otherwise noted. Suffolk Intergroup Association makes these announcements solely as a service to the reader, not as an endorsement.