



# Suffolk Intergroup Association Bulletin

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## December Meetings

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

January 2<sup>nd</sup> SIA Office  
7:00 PM Archives  
\*\*Date has changed from 8pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Wed to  
7pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Wed

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

January 8<sup>th</sup> Cornell Cooperative Extension,  
Riverhead  
7:00 PM SIA Orientation  
7:00 PM Share-a-Thon  
8:00 PM SIA Meeting

January 15<sup>th</sup> SIA Office  
7:00 PM Public Information

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



"Catchy Quotes"

"When you're in fear you're not in faith."

"Don't give up before the miracle happens."

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

### "The Bulletin"

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Unity Breakfast tickets will  
be available for sale at the  
December Suffolk General  
Services meeting in Rocky  
Point, Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>

**Step Twelve** – Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

**Tradition Twelve** – Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

**Concept XII** – The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

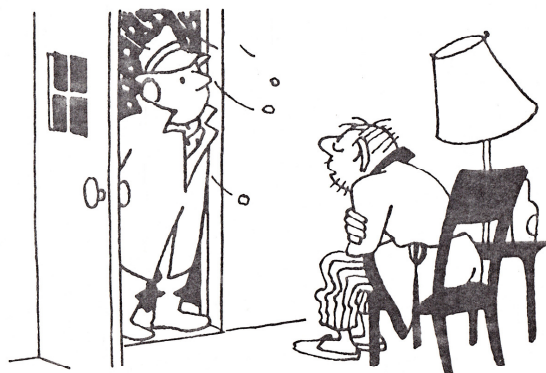
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We at the "pit" in Bay Shore will be hosting marathon meetings Christmas Eve day thru Christmas Day, and New Years Eve day thru New Years Day, same as we've always done. The regular schedule will also be in place. You know by your close connection to the room, we try as best we can to keep the room and meetings always available. We didn't take holidays from drinking or using when we were active, therefore we don't take breaks from meeting attendance.

Sincerely in service,  
John D. from Daytime Love & Service



**WELFTH TRADITION**  
Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



Based on a series of drawings by the S.A. Cupples. © 1984 by American Wind Services, Inc.

**Thank you all for your help with "Sandy"**

The week of the storm left us without a group or groups to do the Hotline for the upcoming week. After scrambling for two days, the miracle happened, as usual. Kitty H., of Brentwood Ladies Group enlisted Kathy and Eileen along with herself. District 200 Captain Marianne S. recruited Willie of Riverhead and Marianne took a shift herself even though she was devastated by "Sandy". District 270 Captain Scott G. sought help from Walter H., Lisa Z., Leslie A., Sean K., and former Captain Mary C. Werner L. of Hauppauge, who along with Kitty H. usually does a "fill in" every couple of weeks, took a shift also. Jennifer from "Doing it Young" took a shift as well. Former Captain Laura H. of district 100 helped out with sharing a shift with Willie of Riverhead. The total shifts accounted for here total 12.5 shifts. The rest were done by Willie of Riverhead who did two and a half shifts total.

**"Superstorms", lack of electricity, personal problems in their lives,  
DO NOT STOP AA's WHEN THEY CARRY THE MESSAGE!!!**



Thanks to each of you for your service. Most of these people do this year after year after year.  
Yours in service, the SIA Hotline

Beginning Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> the **Brookhaven Women's Group** Step Meeting will be starting at 6:30pm (instead of 6:45pm) and ending at 7:45pm (instead of 8:00pm) because we are starting a *new* Big Book Meeting from 8:00pm to 9:00pm on Tuesdays.

I am grateful for:

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# TUN CORNER

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ANNIVERSARY GROWTH INVENTORY  
HAPPY JOYOUS FREE  
HONESTY OPENMINDED WILLINGNESS  
HOMEGROUP AGNOSTIC CONCEPTS

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

## BLUE POINT TRADITON GROUP

Henrietta Acampora Sr. Citizen's Center  
Montauk Highway, Blue Point

(The following is an excerpt of the group history. It is based on an interview conducted by Meredith in 1987 with co-founder Barney and Patricia. To read the entire history, please visit [www.suffolkaaarchives.com](http://www.suffolkaaarchives.com))

Since Barney is one of the original co-founders of the Blue Point Group, we felt that getting it from the "expert" was the way to go. However, Barney insisted that Pat be at his side as he stated "Pat has always been my secretary when it comes to remembering things." Barney further stated that, "Pat and I spoke so much together at open meetings that Pat can tell my story better than I can!" And I suppose that Barney could tell Pat's story, if she let him.

The original co-founders of the Blue Point Group were Barney, Gladys, Frank, George, and John. The Blue Point Group was a branch off from the Bayport Group, as the co-founders of the Blue Point Group were originally members of the Bayport Group.

Bayport's group conscience did not want two meetings a week and Barney felt that two meetings a week were essential in allowing a group to grow. Barney was concerned at having availability of speakers to come in to the group as well as affording speakers from the group to go out and speak, that again two meetings a week were essential for the growth and development of an A.A. Group. Since the Bayport Group would not have two meetings a week, Barney decided to look for a new meeting place.

In 1973, Barney visited Father Charles Murphy of the Blue Point Parish at Our Lady of the Snow church. Father Murphy welcomed Barney and his fellow alcoholics cheerfully and with open arms. Father Murphy was a stringent supporter of A.A. He felt there was a need for it in the Blue Point community. Father Murphy, a non-alcoholic, and Barney, co-founder of the Blue Point Group, sat and discussed and finally decided to have the meeting nights established on Tuesday and Saturday nights. Those nights worked well around the parish's other functions. There was no rent at the very beginning, Then the group paid what it could afford as time went on. It was a very small group in the beginning and there was virtually no money.

A discussion between the co-founders of the Blue Point Group decided that an area between the Patchogue and Sayville Groups should not establish meeting nights that conflicted with those two already established groups. Since Sayville met on Monday and Friday nights and Patchogue met on Thursday and Sunday nights, it was then another deciding factor that Blue Point would meet on Tuesday and Saturday nights. In this way A.A. could continue to serve anybody who needed it, and it did not conflict with other groups.

Pat remembers the early meetings having 5 or 6 members. If only 5 or 6 people attended a Saturday night open meeting, and they were all alcoholics, very often the group would turn it into a closed meeting to allow for the sharing that was needed among those early members. This didn't happen for very long because the group started to grow. Barney says the attendance averaged 5 or 6 members for only several months.

The Blue Point Group of Alcoholics Anonymous today boasts a documented membership of over 70 members with newcomers joining frequently and many first anniversaries celebrated from month to month. On Tuesday nights, when all three meetings are running, there are usually over 100 people in attendance.

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

# One Day at a time

***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.

*Happy Holidays  
from the SIA Officers  
and Committee Chairs  
to all of you in the  
AA Fellowship.  
Remember the holiday  
marathon meetings if  
you start feeling blue.*

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