



# Suffolk Intergroup Association Bulletin

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## February Meetings

March 5<sup>th</sup> SIA Office  
7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

~~March 6<sup>th</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

March 11<sup>th</sup>  
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville  
8:15 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

March 12<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

March 19<sup>th</sup> SIA Office  
7:00 PM Public Information

March 15<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Rocky Point  
8:00 PM SGS Meeting



### "Catchy Quotes"

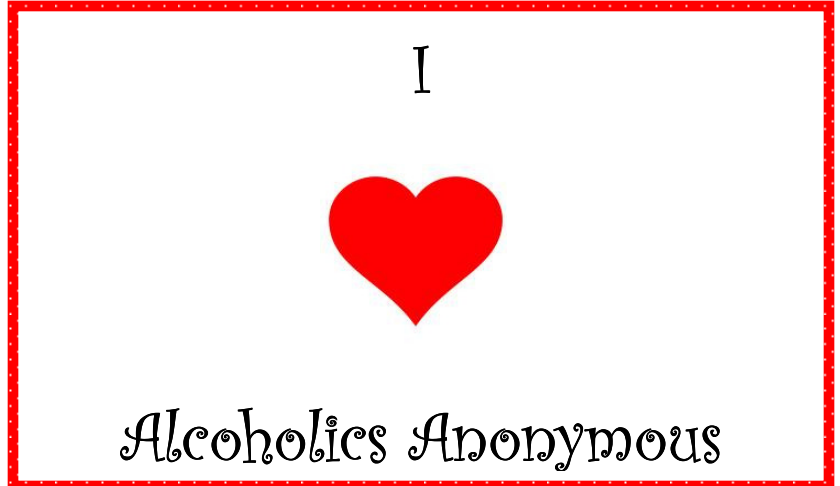
"Expect Miracles"

"Seven days without an AA meeting  
makes one WEAK"

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

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### **Please Note:**

The Archive meeting for February and April are cancelled and the March Archive meeting (regularly scheduled for March 6th) is rescheduled for March 16th at 11:00am.

**Step Two** – Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

**Tradition Two** – For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

**Concept II** – The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

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### From the Archives Chair

With the New Year comes a sense renewed optimism about this commitment. In looking at the goals that were set in my first Bulletin article, I am keenly aware that we are behind the schedule that I had set for the committee, although I know that the Higher Power had some other, more important, matters for the Archive Committee deal with this year. That being said, I am excited to announce that....

1. **The catalogue has been started.** Over the next 4-6 months, all the Bulletins, Meeting Lists, Share-A-Thon binders and flyers will be catalogued.
2. **Digitizing our older meeting lists has begun as well. This will continue until all the Suffolk and the older NY Metro Area meeting lists that list Suffolk County meetings are digitized.** The oldest NY Metro List I have found is a copy of one from 1947 and we have an original from 1953.
3. **Most importantly, we began encapsulating important documents.** While going through a "non-specific" binder, I came across several handwritten cards to a member of Bay Shore Sunrise Sobriety from Nell Wing. For those who may not know who Nell is, she was Bill W.'s secretary and AA's first archivist. This same member, Mike M. also contributed several pictures of himself with Lois Wilson and Sister Liz! Thank you Mike for your contribution to our Archives. While, I was amazed to find these wonderfully personal and HISTORIC pieces of correspondence and photos, it was heartbreaking to see that they had not been preserved and placed in the fireproof file cabinet along with our other valuable archives. This has been rectified!

One of the responsibilities of the Archive Committee is to "show" our archives. This is something that we have done a little of this year, at the Share-A-Thon and Big Meeting as well as at the SIA Meetings. In fact, I brought these newly discovered cards and pictures to the SIA meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> so that your reps would report back to you that we have these archive pieces. The response has been so positive, that I believe that our committee should begin to discuss a way in which we might be able to display these items safely along with our other items, or perhaps hold an Archive Day of Sharing so that all members of AA in Suffolk County can enjoy these archives. I will keep you updated!!! If anyone has a suggestion about how best to bring these archives to you, please feel free to contact me at [archives@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:archives@suffolkny-aa.org)

I wish that there were words to express the depth of my gratitude for being allowed to serve as your Archive Chair for these two years. Thank you does not seem to say enough, but it is heartfelt.

Wishing you peace in service,  
Cyndy F.

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

St. James Group  
St. James Methodist Church  
Route 25A, St. James, NY 11780

One of the hallmarks of sobriety is consistency. For those serious about recovery, when a promise to be somewhere is made, it is honored. The St. James group has been a model of that principle from its inception. For almost 50 years, it has had its doors open on Mondays and Wednesdays. Although the original meeting was 9 PM and the current meeting is 7:30 PM, the meeting itself has always been as reliable as the sunrise.

In November, 1963, the new group contacted Alcoholics Anonymous World Services to announce its formation. It met in the St. James Episcopal Church on Route 25A at 9 PM. It appears to have met only on Wednesdays in the beginning, but soon thereafter branched out to include Mondays. The newly formed group boasted 10 members.

The group moved to a new location in the spring or summer of 1973, and the St. James Methodist Church has been home ever since. It relocated only a third of a mile away from its original home, to Moriches Road. It continued to meet on Mondays and Wednesdays, which is remarkable considering that it is not always easy to move a meeting and retain the same schedule.

The group has thrived and has therefore not found it necessary or desirable to experiment with different formats. The description on the November, 2004 meeting list still applies today. However, the location has not been as static. According to one member, the church would often shuffle the meeting makers from room to room; upstairs in a spacious room one week; downstairs in a small, crowded room the next week. This resulted in an initial membership drop, but the drop was shortly replaced by a rebound and steady rise in attendance. Most importantly, the St. James members have advanced our primary purpose in carrying the message from the beginning, regardless of the church or the room they have been assigned to!



# The 45<sup>th</sup> S.E.N.Y. Convention

SOUTH EASTERN NEW YORK AREA 49 OF ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

March 22 – March 24, 2013

## RECOVERY, UNITY & SERVICE – OUR SOLUTION IN ACTION

### Convention Highlights

AA Panels & Workshops Spanish Workshops Hospitality Room  
 AI-Anon Meetings AA Videos & Archives Saturday Night Dance

Friday, 3/22: Kickoff & Welcome Meeting  
 Saturday, 3/23: Old-Timers Meeting,  
 Theme Meeting  
 Dinner Banquet & Meeting  
 Sunday, 3/24: Spiritual Meeting

All main meetings will be Spanish Translated  
 ASL, Polish, & Russian Translation  
 Available upon request (with pre-registration)

On-site Registration is available  
 Friday 3 pm – 11 pm  
 Saturday 8 am – midnight

**The Westchester Marriott**  
 670 White Plains Road  
 Tarrytown, NY 10591  
 Convention Room Rate: \$122 per night  
 [single, double, triple, & quad]  
**DEADLINE for room reservations: February 28, 2013**

**HOTEL Reservations**  
 Online: [www.marriott.com/nycw](http://www.marriott.com/nycw)  
 By phone: (800) 882-1042  
 When reserving rooms use code "SENSENA"  
 Early Registration for Convention Room Rate  
 \*Early Registration is suggested for Special Need Hotel Accommodations

No pets allowed in ANY Workshops, Meetings, Banquet or Hospitality rooms, EXCEPT on-duty service animals.  
 There is NO SMOKING anywhere within the hotel. Designated smoking areas are conveniently located near the exits on all sides of the hotel.  
 Facility is wheelchair accessible.

To register for Convention online:  
[www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org)

### CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration Deadline: March 6, 2013

One form per Person  
 Please make copies for each registrant

AA \_\_\_\_\_ AI-Anon/Aiateen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Please specify)  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Needs (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Translation Needs (please specify):  
 ASL  Polish  Russian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Old-timer with 25+ years? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month / Day / Year

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration..... \$15.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Registration & Banquet.....\$81.00  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian  
 (Please select one of the above)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Needs? (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 See reverse side of this form for information about registering & paying online OR for mail-in details.  
 Children 10 years old and under will be admitted to the convention and dance at no charge, but must wear convention badges  
 If you wish to be seated with a specific person (or persons) at the Banquet, submit your registration forms together.  
 Tables seat 10.

Please see the other side for additional important information – including public transportation and driving directions

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 service charges will apply

If remitting payment by mail, please make Checks or money orders payable to:  
 "SENY Convention 2013"  
 Mail payment and registration forms to:  
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 P.O. Box 610105  
 Bayside, NY 11361  
 For further information, please contact Convention Chair: at [convention@aaseny.org](mailto:convention@aaseny.org)  
 Or call the SENY office (718) 665-1253  
 For information about SENY, visit [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org)

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**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.*

# easy DOES it!

***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:***

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