



Suffolk Intergroup Association

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March Meetings

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

~~April 3rd SIA Office~~
~~7:00 PM Archives~~

**Date has changed from 8pm on 4th Wed to
7pm on 1st Wed

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

April 9th Cleary School for the Deaf,
Ronkonkoma
6:30 PM SIA Orientation
6:30 PM Share-a-Thon
7:30 PM SIA Meeting

April 16th SIA Office
7:00 PM Public Information

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

Please Note:

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



Special Events Presents

On Saturday, March 9th come down to
"Avalon Park and Preserve" in Stony Brook
and help usher in 2013 with a Brisk Walk (HIKE)!
Special Events committee to provide bottled water!
Hike 10:00 AM (Try to be there at 9:30 so you won't be
late) Our Guide from the Greenbelt Trail Conference,
Shari, will once again lead us on our excursion!
PLEASE RSVP Paul H. at specevent@suffolkny-aa.org
or you can call the SIA office at 631-654-1150

The Still Suffering Alcoholic Needs Your Help!

SIA Public Information Committee needs volunteers to
monitor literature racks in all the public libraries
in Suffolk County. Currently we have only covered 10 out of
74 libraries. For more information, please send a group
representative to our next meeting on March 19th at 7 pm
at the SIA office at 113 Bay Ave #8 Patchogue, NY 11772.

Step Three – Made a decision to turn our will and our lives
over to the care of God as we understood Him.

Tradition Three – The only requirement for A.A. membership
is a desire to stop drinking.

Concept III – To insure effective leadership, we should endow
each element of A.A. – the Conference, the General Service
Board and its service corporations, staff, committees, and
executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision."

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The following note was left in the Bulletin mailbox:

For the Bulletin

I know for a fact that when I was out there drinking, carousing and in general, was totally unreliable, the word "commitment" had no meaning whatsoever. If you believed that I was going to come through on a promise I made, well that was your misguided problem. Sorry, you should have known better than that.

Sadly, on a more and more frequent basis, many of those in the fellowship I love seem to be acting the way I did in my drunken revelry. On a regular basis those groups that had "committed" to come in and speak at my home group, don't show up, don't call to apologize, in fact they simply don't do much of anything.

Recently at the exchange meeting when I asked some group representative what happened, his speakers never showed up for their last commitment. He looked at me calmly and said "Yeah we have a reputation for that." I was dumbfounded. It was like a badge of honor. That is the way I used to act, an irresponsible person that no one could count on to follow through on any plans I made. I would hope in recovery we would have moved past that.

Anonymous
Smithtown

I am grateful for:



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

Amagansett A.M.
St. Michael's Lutheran Church
486 Montauk Highway, Amagansett
Sun – Fri 7:30 a.m.
Sat – 8:30 a.m.

This group was formed by Anthony, who had been raised in Amagansett but attended morning meetings at the Mustard Seed in midtown Manhattan. He liked the concept of starting the day with a meeting, and wanted to make a morning meeting available in Amagansett on the East End. His plan was ambitious - a "sunrise" meeting, six days a week, with a variety of structures. His vision was motivated by his general commitment to maintain his sobriety by advancing our primary purpose, his desire to give back to his community specifically, and to hopefully attract his mother, who still lived, sick and suffering, in Amagansett.

The minister of the church across the street from Anthony's house had reached out to Anthony before he got sober. After Anthony got sober, he enlisted the minister's help once again, to lend support in launching the meeting. The minister generously offered him the Parish Hall.

Although regrettably, Anthony's mother never walked through the door, the meeting was a great success. The core people at the beginning included Claire, Carol, Lolia, Mike, Arnold and David. There were about ten people there consistently every morning. Within a year, the meeting grew to thirty to forty people, even in the winter. In the summer, attendance was up to sixty people during the week and on Saturdays, up to a hundred people. Today, Amagansett A.M. offers an As Bill Sees It meeting, a Promises meeting, a Step study, a Big Book study, a Beginners/Sponsor meeting and an Open Discussion, and meets every day. Although Anthony relocated to Connecticut in 2001, he still has a strong emotional connection to the meeting and was kind enough to impart its history over the phone from Connecticut to an Archives Committee member.

FROM THE ARCHIVES CHAIR

The SIA Archive Committee has been very busy throughout January and February. To date, the entire Bulletin collection has been catalogued. Our next step with the Bulletins will be to determine what is already digitized and copy those files to a specific archive file.

We have also catalogued the entire set of Suffolk County meeting lists in our possession from 1974 to the present. Again, we will determine how many of these are already in digital form and then scan those that are not. This will be a more difficult process only because some of these lists are in fragile condition.

In addition to these projects, we started a Flyer Binder project. This is a binder that will document the history of the events that have been undertaken by SIA for AA's in Suffolk County. These include flyers for the Share-a-Thon over the years, Third Legacy Workshops, SIA Special Events etc. Currently, our binder is limited. So if any of you have a flyer that you can contribute or will allow us to copy for the binder, we would greatly appreciate it. You can bring them to the SIA meeting or drop the flyers off at the SIA Office and let the office know it's for Archives.

Finally, we are still working on interviewing long-timers. This project was discussed last year and is still being worked on. We will update you further as the project proceeds.

In love and service,

Cyndy F.

The 45th S.E.N.Y. Convention is taking place March 22 – March 24, 2013

“Recovery, Unity & Service – Our Solution in Action”

The convention will be held at

The Westchester Marriott, 670 White Plains Road, in Tarrytown, NY.

To register online go to www.aaseny.org

or call the SENY Office at 718-665-1253 for more info.

LICYPAA

Long Island Committee of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
is having a Membership Drive!

We're looking for participation from active service members!

If you're interested in joining LICYPAA, please attend our next meeting held on
April 8, 2013 at 8:15pm at 400 Sunrise Hwy in Amityville

**Please remember, “young” means “room to grow”!*

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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

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

First THINGS First

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.***



"Catchy Quotes"

"Just accept, don't expect."

"Your bottom just may be 6 feet under."

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

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.

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