



# Suffolk Intergroup Association

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## May Meetings

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

May 1<sup>st</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

May 13<sup>th</sup>  
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville  
8:15 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

May 14<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

May 21<sup>st</sup> SIA Office  
7:00 PM Public Information

May 17<sup>th</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Rocky Point  
8:00 PM SGS Meeting

### Please Note:

The Archive meeting for  
April is cancelled

### 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  
400 Sunrise Hwy in Amityville

*\*Please remember, "young" means "room to grow"!*



## 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 April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the SIA office at 113 Bay Ave #8 Patchogue, NY 11772.

**Step Four** – Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

**Tradition Four** – Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. Unity.

**Concept IV** – At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

113-8 Bay Ave. / P.O. Box 659, Patchogue, NY 11772 (631) 654-1150

## Motion to Amend Suffolk Intergroup Association By-Laws

Purpose; to align the Archives Committee with the other committees, having one vote and full accountability to the group reps. and the fellowship as a whole.

1.) Page 11 Section N. Paragraph 3.

Change the first sentence, leave the second sentence as is, and remove the rest.

Currently reads:

3. Recognizing that the preservation of archival material requires both experience and training, the Archives committee may appoint an Archivist who would be exempt from the two-year rotation. The Archivist is a non-policy making, non-authority position. The committee retains final responsibility and authority for the use of the archives, and exercises its group conscience in regard to matters of general policy.

Proposed:

3. Recognizing that the preservation of archival material requires both experience and training, the archivist is exempt from the two-year rotation. The Archivist is a non-policy making, non-authority position.

2.) Page 5, Section 4-A Paragraph 3. Include Archivist in the list of appointments.

Currently reads:

3. Shall make the following appointments, subject to the approval of the group representatives:

- i Chairs of all standing and ad-hoc committees except the By-Laws Committee.
- ii General Service Liaison
- iii Office Manager

Proposed:

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- i Chairs of all standing and ad-hoc committees except the By-Laws Committee.
- ii General Service Liaison
- iii Office Manager
- iv Archivist

3.) Page 15, Article X Voting Section 2.

Remove Archives from the list of positions entitled to one vote.

Currently reads:

Section 2. Each committee chairperson, the office manager, the Archivist, the Webmaster and the GSO liaison are entitled to one vote.

Proposed:

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**The Tri-State Round-Up - 29<sup>th</sup> Annual "Fellowship on the River" will be taking place May 16 – 19, 2013.**

This is an annual Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) event with Al-Anon & Alateen participation. It will be held at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino, 1650 S Casino Drive, Laughlin, NV 89029. There is a discount for registering online and for registering before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Website: [www.tristate-roundup.com](http://www.tristate-roundup.com)

REGISTER ONLINE: [http://www.tristate-roundup.com/register\\_online.html](http://www.tristate-roundup.com/register_online.html)

E-mail address: [tristateroundup@hotmail.com](mailto:tristateroundup@hotmail.com)

REGISTER BY MAIL: Print form: <http://www.tristate-roundup.com/TSRform.pdf>

Postal address: TriState Roundup, PO Box 2850, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405

A complete Tri-State Round-Up Flyer is available online <http://www.tristate-roundup.com/TSRflyer.pdf>

## FROM THE ARCHIVES CHAIR

April Bulletin Article

*March was a very busy month for the SIA Archive Committee. I am extremely grateful to the committee members for the extra effort that they put in throughout the month in order to meet the various commitments that we, as a committee, had. Without the committee member's dedication, it would have been impossible to complete so many of the tasks we were presented with.*

*On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, committee members brought a small display of SIA Archives to the Unity Breakfast that included old Bulletins and the GSO folio of old newspaper articles. They also took the names and numbers of people with over 30 years of sobriety in order to sign the 30 Year Sobriety Big Book. We'd like to thank Linda C., the Unity Breakfast Chair and Bob R. the SGS Archive Chair for inviting us to bring a display to the breakfast.*

*For the first time ever, the SIA Archive Committee was invited to bring their archives to the SENY Area 49 Convention in Tarrytown on March 23<sup>rd</sup> to display along with the area archives. Creating a display for this exciting event dominated our March meeting. This display included archive materials from SIA that spanned the decades 1970-2010, including Suffolk County Meeting Lists, Bulletins, and Share-A-Thon programs. In addition, the encapsulated cards and photos from Nell Wing were placed in a binder and brought to the convention. Once again, the committee would like to thank Kathy K. SENY Convention Chair and Roberto, SENY Archive Chair, for inviting us to display the SIA Archives at the convention.*

*While preparing these displays was a priority for the month of March, there were several other activities going on in Archives. Our first long-timer's interview was conducted by a friend of the Archive Committee and is in the process of being transcribed. We listened to this wonderful interview during our meeting and learned so much about how SIA first began back in 1973. It is our hope to create a history of the origins of SIA using this and other long-timer's interviews to commemorate SIA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary later this year. Another committee member has taken on the difficult and time consuming task of proof reading and editing our group histories as well as checking to insure their accuracy for meeting times, days and locations. This is an ongoing process that is expected to take several months. Finally, while considering items for the displays, it became known to the committee that the portable group map that was created for last year's Unity Breakfast was not in the office. Sandy B. contributed this map to the SIA Archives and we have now stored it in a safe location in the SIA Office and will be able to use it for upcoming events.*

*If you are interested in joining our very active committee, please attend our next archive meeting on May 1, 2013 at 7pm at the SIA Office. Feel free to contact me @ [archives@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:archives@suffolkny-aa.org)*

*Yours in Service,  
Cyndy F.*

## CHECK OUT THESE NEW GROUPS:

### **New Group:**

Our Dilemma  
Temple Beth David  
100 Hauppauge Road  
Commack, NY 11725  
NO SMOKING on Temple property  
Sunday C-11:30AM



### **New Group:**

Primary Purpose Group  
Southampton Veterans Hall  
25 Pond Lane  
Southampton 11968  
Friday C BB-9:00PM  
Handicap Access



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

Nuts and Bolts Group  
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church  
576 Deer Park Avenue, Babylon

The Babylon Nuts and Bolts Group is an offshoot of the original Deer Park Group, which met in the same location. It evolved from a segment of the Deer Park Group that wanted to incorporate "outside" literature, include cross-addicted people and utilize an open format.

Steve S. and Hank B. were two of the founders of the Nuts and Bolts Group. The name "Nuts and Bolts" was chosen over candidates "Cut the Crap" and "Back to Basics." On January 13, 1989, there were 13 members. The first meeting was step meeting, which ran for 90 minutes. The founders of the group also attended Deer Park Group meetings when their group wasn't in session.

The major stumbling block for the new group was the occasional loss of its meeting room, due to holidays and church functions. When that occurred, the members would wait outside and steer alcoholics who appeared to other meetings in the area, especially the Deer Park Group. A classroom in the school attached to St. Cyril's Church was used, followed by a basement in the convent next door. After three years, the group moved to its present location at the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Babylon Village. In addition to the Friday night step meeting, a beginners' meeting was formed and held on Sundays. Presently, there are still occasional meeting place problems, but in furtherance of both the group's tradition and the twelfth step, the group members continue to direct alcoholics to other area meetings, so that they will not miss a meeting due to temporary displacement of the Nuts and Bolts Group.

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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.*


**BUT NOT THE GRACE OF GOD**

***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"**

"You don't have to die *from* alcoholism, you can die *with* it."

**F.R.O.G.**   
**Fully Rely On God**

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

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