



# Suffolk Intergroup Association

# Bulletin

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## June Meetings

**June 4<sup>th</sup> SIA Office**  
7:30 PM SIA Officers' & Chairpersons' Meeting

**June 5<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

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
400 Sunrise Hwy, Amityville  
8:15 PM L.I.C.Y.P.A.A.

**June 11<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

**June 18<sup>th</sup> SIA Office**  
7:00 PM Public Information

**June 21<sup>st</sup> Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Rocky Point**  
8:00 PM SGS Meeting

## Big Meeting Volunteers Needed

At the May SIA Meeting I will be seeking any and all help in getting started in putting together a committee for our 2013 Big Meeting. Past and future volunteers are welcome. Bring your ideas, experience, or just yourself to this great commitment.

Thank you,  
Danny H., Big Meeting Chair

The **Institutions Committee** will have a meeting on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the SIA office at 7:00pm. Anyone who has a rehab commitment is urged to attend. Topics will include distribution of literature, speaker exchange for institutions and the start up of the Bridging the Gap program.

Thanks, Tommy M

## 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.

## LICYPAA

Long Island Committee of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous has a new committee meeting location  
Beginning Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> every first and third Saturday  
LICYPAA will meet at  
Church of Christ  
36 Bay Shore Road in West Islip  
The meeting time is 4:00-5:00pm

SPRING

**Step Five** – Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

**Tradition Five** – Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

**Concept V** – Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

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

## Changes As Of Now For The July Printing of The Meeting List

4/9/13

**Centerport - (The Fellowship You Crave)** Friday 7PM beginner meeting changed to Friday 7PM open beginner meeting.

**Central Islip – (Hands Of Peace)** Not handicap accessible, no tradition or open discussion. All meetings are now open.

**Commack - (OUR DILEMMA) New Group** Temple Beth David,  
100 Hauppauge Road, Commack, Sunday C-1130AM  
(NO SMOKING on Temple property).

**East Moriches - (East Moriches)** Open For Anniv. 4Th Sat. @ 7:45

**East Quogue - (East Quogue)** No more step meetings on 1st Monday.

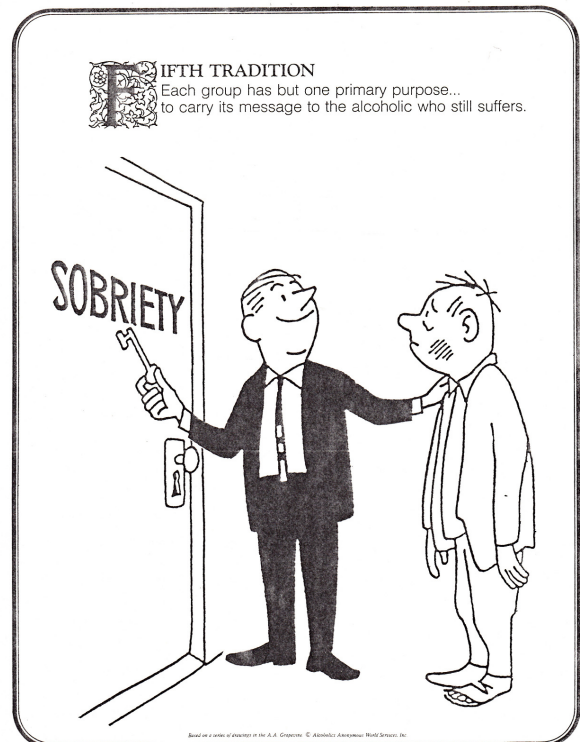
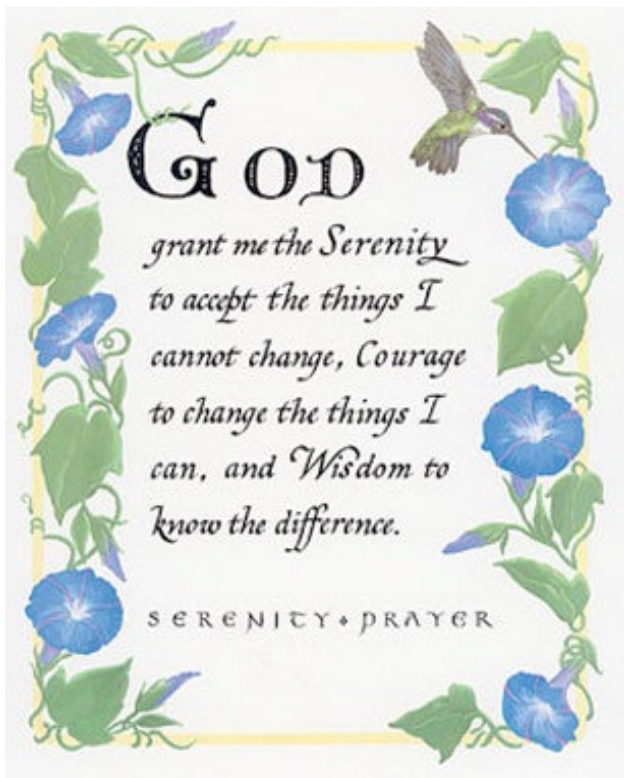
**Mattituck - (In The Solution) New Group** Mattituck Presbyterian Church, Main Rd & Love Lane, Mattituck, Thursday C-6:30

Joe & Charlie

**Shirley – (Step Of Faith) Group no longer exists.**

**Southampton – (Primary Purpose Group) New Group** Handicap Accessible. Southampton Veterans Hall, 25 Pond Lane, Southampton, Friday CBB-9:00 PM

Yours in service,  
Bryan E.



## SIA Hotline Request

Earlier this year we mailed over 400 requests to all groups to be included in the new volunteer book. We got back 68 groups that wanted to be in the book. The old book had over 2,651 names and the new book has 693 names and phone numbers. Most of those numbers were not working numbers. We urge you to please include your group in our new book. People over the years have told us how the Hotline saved their lives or helped to get them into AA. Don't let your group be left out of this life changing experience again. In April again over 400 new forms were mailed out. They can be mailed back to the SIA Office in Patchogue. Our address is PO Box 659, Patchogue, NY 11772. You also can fax them to 631-654-1110, although they are hard to read. In May, the form also will be available to download from our website. The deadline to be included in the new book is July 25th.

Thank you for your help in continuing this service to all seeking our help for over 38 years.

SIA Hotline Chair

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

### Aquebogue Back to Basics

Old Steeples Community Church, 656 Main Road (Rt. 25)  
BB/S Wednesdays 6:00

This group was founded by Paul M. on December 5, 1996. At the time of the meeting's establishment, Paul had 51 years of sobriety. Paul, who had actually met Bill Wilson, had attended some seminar at the Bill Wilson House in Vermont, and became inspired to begin a meeting on the North Fork, which he believed was in need of another meeting.

Bob, the second member of the meeting, became the coffeemaker, and held the position for the first five years. Bob and Barbara, a husband and wife (Barbara having actually gotten sober at this meeting), also held long term commitments, including the provision of homemade cookies!

The structure of the meeting was unique by today's standards: The book "Bottles and Stools" would be used for the steps 1 through 3 meetings, and the "Little Red Book" – the precursor to the "12 and 12" - for the remaining steps.

Paul even printed free handouts of the Little Red Book with an enclosed history of the "Interpretation of the 12 Steps." The meeting grew such that it eventually required a larger space within the church, and today it usually boasts 30 to 50 people. Though Paul is no longer with us, he left us a lasting piece of his sobriety, which was lengthy, charitable and sincere.

## CHECK OUT THESE NEW GROUPS:

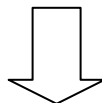
### New Group:

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



**New Women's Group:**  
"Freedom To Live"  
Saint Thomas Of Canterbury  
29 Brookside Drive  
Smithtown, NY  
Starts Wednesday, April 24th  
12:30-1:45 CD/S/W



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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.*

***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.



***"Catchy Quotes"***

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."

"The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday."

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

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