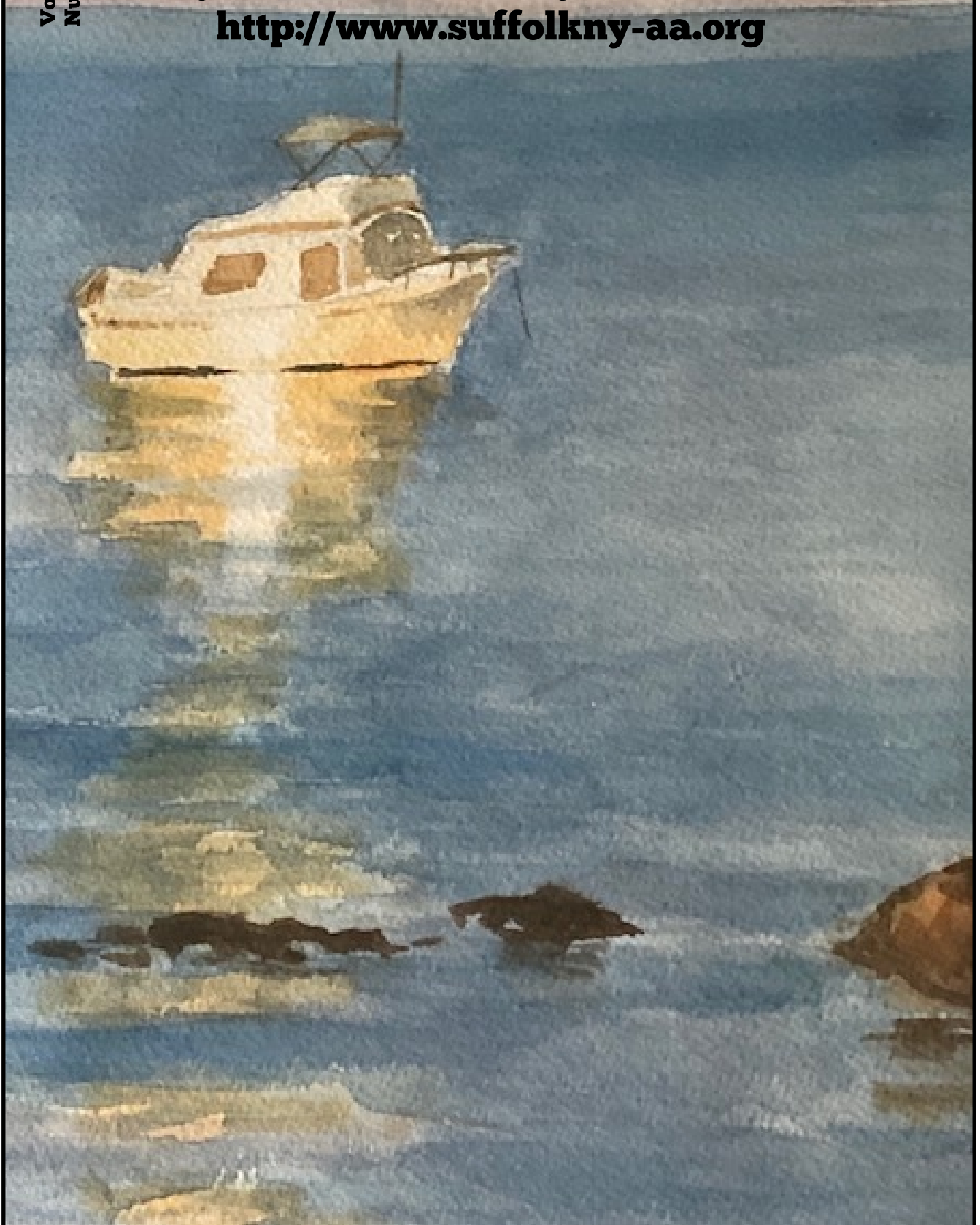


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<http://www.suffolkny-aa.org>



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July Business Meetings

Due to Covid-19 we do not yet know if these meetings will continue to be held online, at True North Church or both in the form of a HYBRID meeting. For further information visit:

<https://suffolkny-aa.org/groups/sia-general-meeting/>

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Tues. 8/25/20

SIA Business Meeting: 8:00 PM

Archives Committee meeting: 7:00PM

New Group Rep Orientation: 7:00 PM

True North Community Church

Public Information Committee:

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH

8/19/20 7:00 PM

SIA Office, 113-8 Bay Ave. Patchogue

SIA Officers & Chairs:

Treatment Facilities Committee:

THIRD TUESDAY OF MONTH

Tues. 8/21/20 7:00 PM

Suffolk General Service:

THIRD FRIDAY OF MONTH

Fri. 8/21/20 8:00 PM

New GSR Orientation: 7:00 PM

A Message from SIA Web Support

Visit our Website for the latest info on meetings, events service opportunities.

<https://suffolkny-aa.org/>

Please direct any comments, updates, corrections, or suggested changes to the Web Support:

websup@suffolkny-aa.org

Re-Opening Meetings

We have a total of 30 groups accounting for over 100 meetings that have resumed face to face meetings. Many more are hoping to reopen as soon as their meeting spaces allow it. Regardless if your group has just started to discuss restarting face to face meetings or is already there, please find useful information and resources on this critical topic here:

<https://suffolkny-aa.org/reopen/>

2020 Share-A-Thon moving Online

The Share-A-Thon will be held Online via Zoom on Sunday Oct 6th, 2020.

<https://suffolkny-aa.org/share-a-thon/>

Your Group and the Meeting List

It is unlikely that we'll have a Printed Meeting List until much later this year. The Online Meeting List is being updated constantly and is the best resource to get the most up to date information.

However, we can't keep the Meeting List current without your help!!

To find out more on how you can help keep your group's info up to date, visit

<http://suffolkny-aa.org/reopen/#meeting-list>

Online Contributions to SIA

Learn more about the why and the how continued 7th Tradition Contributions are necessary for SIA to continue its mission of helping groups carry the message. Please Contribute Today.

<https://suffolkny-aa.org/7th-trad/>

Around the AA Campus

Groups are starting to re-open again. ALL require that those attending follow the standard guidelines for safety, so please do comply with these. For updates check out the Suffolk Intergroup Association website. If you know of any changes, please forward information to Web Support and the meeting list chairperson. It is vital that we offer the most accurate information possible, so newcomers can find our meetings without any problems.

Northport Sobriety as such will no longer exist. It will merge with the Cow Harbor Group and use that name from now on. So its spirit continues. It meets every Monday evening at 6:00 PM

Things we cannot change department. Lee of Smithtown St Pat's has left us. Condolences to his friends and family.

Please share your coronavirus memories with the Archives, so we can let future generations know what it was like living and staying sober during these difficult times. Send stories to: Archives@suffolkny-aa.org

Until next month...

The Archives Committee is desperately seeking people to help with our website.

**Check it out at
suffolkAAArchives.com**

Announcement

**New meeting
Starting Aug 6
Thurs at 5-6 pm**

**Miracle Workers
329 So Country Rd @ Beaver
Dam, Brookhaven**

**Outdoor will be moved indoors
in case of rain.
Bring your own chair and coffee**

The Email Addresses of your Intergroup Chairs

Chair - Jean Marie - chairperson@suffolkny-aa.org

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Corresponding Sec. Stacey - recsec@suffolkny-aa.org

Archives - Jack - archives@suffolkny-aa.org

Archivist - Bob - archives@suffolkny-aa.org

Bulletin - Fran - bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org

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specevent@suffolkny-aa.org

Third Legacy - Jim - thirdleg@suffolkny-aa.org

Web Support - David - websup@suffolkny-aa.org

SIA Volunteers - volunteers@suffolkny-aa.org

SIA Institutions

Hello from the Institutions committee. We are asking for support from Institutions Reps, meeting chairs and all who are willing to do service. As we enter a new phase of this pandemic the hospitals and institutions are slowly opening their doors. With caution and care we are following their guidelines so we are all safe while bringing in the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. We ask for anyone who is willing to do service, or had a pre-pandemic commitment to contact the institution email. Please don't contact the facilities you are interested in helping or where you were helping prior to pandemic. We are trying to limit the calls that have been going into our institutions. There may or may not have been changes to your commitment.

We are in need of an Institutions SIA chair as well as looking to fill a few open commitments so please contact us! St charles detox has many slots to fill at the moment. They are having 3 more added meetings daily - 11am x 2, 1:30 x 2 and 7pm. Anyone interested please contact us at institutions@suffolkny-aa.org

Institutions Chair

Suffolk Intergroup Association of AA

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General Services

Cooperation with Professional Community

The history of A.A. is studded with the names of non-alcoholics, professionals and others who have interested themselves in the A.A. recovery program. Thousands of us owe our lives to these people, and our debt of gratitude knows no bounds. Alcoholics Anonymous in your Community, page 1, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) is an objective of A.A., and has been since our beginnings. We are always seeking to strengthen and expand our communication with professionals, and we welcome comments and suggestions. This helps us to work more effectively with professionals in achieving our common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

Professionals who work with alcoholics share a common purpose with Alcoholics Anonymous: to help the alcoholic stop drinking and lead a healthy, productive life. If You Are a Professional..., page 3, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.

According to the latest Membership Survey of A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada, "before coming to A.A., 59% of the members received some type of treatment or counseling (such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc.) related to their drinking.

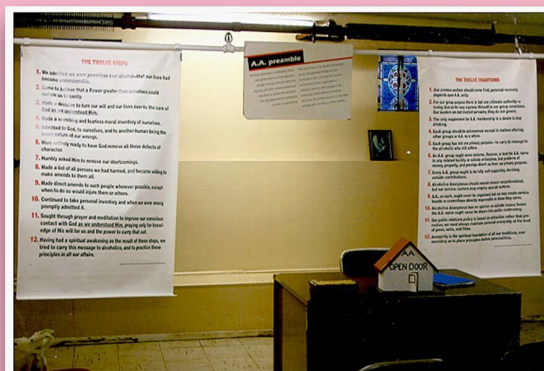
The finding means, probably, that more than one-third of our members are alive and sober in A.A. today because of A.A. cooperation with others in the field of alcoholism.

And millions more sick alcoholics are still out there "How AA Members Cooperate with Professionals, p 21-22, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Alcoholics Anonymous has members and committees to communicate and offer resources as a way to cooperate with professionals in the community.

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Open Door Hollywood Baptist Church 3504 Great Neck Road Amityville, NY 11701

Open Door first met on July 14, 1990. Kenny M. and friends had decided that another morning meeting in Amityville had drifted far from the Alcoholics Anonymous singleness of purpose. In addition to Kenny, the inaugural meeting had Ben, John and Trudy attending. Initially Kenny did all the commitments: made coffee, opened the meeting, was the speaker and did the treasurer's job. When the group was established he retired from much of that and other qualified people took over the various tasks.

Kenny petitioned the minister of the Hollywood Baptist Church after laying the groundwork for his vision of another Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in Amityville.

He had hoped one or two days would be available. The reverend extended an invitation to Kenny, asking him to join with the congregation the following Sunday.

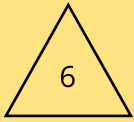
At the service the reverend proposed that instead of two days a week, AA be established five days a week. It has met Monday to Friday ever since.

From a simple four people attending, Open Door now has anywhere from thirty to ninety people attending each day at 10:00 A.M. The collection of meetings range from Big Book to Step to beginners depending on the day of the week. Since the village of Amityville straddles both Suffolk and Nassau Counties, these doors are open to a wonderful variety of experience, strength and hope

Original history written by Kim

Updated May 24, 2017

The Archives Committee is always looking for volunteers to help save our Alcoholics Anonymous history. Contact the SIA Office at 654-1150.



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My Covid Experience

My name is Michael and I have been sober since June 1995, though this was not my first stepping into AA. I was helped for sure by my AA family, friends, a good bottom and my Higher Power. I believed in the beginning of coronavirus pandemic that I would never be comfortable on Zoom. I planned on using the telephone and my AA support network. That changed.

I was already away from my home group for three months in March as I was staying in Florida. For nine years I have been going there, making meetings and had a friend visiting. During February I was attending meetings down there but come March there were few I could go to. My sponsor and AA friends got me into Zoom meetings, helping me with IDs and passwords. I have problems with my vision which added to my reluctance to do online meetings. I quickly changed my tune and got hooked on these Zoom meetings. I could see my New York AA friends, who I missed, and attending international meetings. Suddenly I was at meetings with people from Canada, Australia and Great Britain. I've always loved British accents especially the ladies. As well as their wit when teasing Americans.

One blessing was being able to be on a Zoom meeting on March 21. That day is special to me — as special as my sobriety date. I was very ill with diabetes and received the gift of a new life with a kidney, pancreas transplant. That happened on March 21, 2015. On the Zoom meetings, I shared even though I thought I could survive Covid-19, I was scared because my chance of survival would be very slim.

Zoom connected me with a suffering alcoholic who I was able to help even though he was still drinking. It was a super proud moment in June when on a Zoom meeting called 319 (so named because it started on March 19, 2020), this same suffering alcoholic was now chairing a meeting.

In closing, I mention three points: 1). During all this I celebrated my 25th anniversary on June 14, 2020. I now do two to three Zoom meetings here in New York. I started doing them as soon as I got home from Florida. I saw my doctors and I am in good health. And 3) like all in sobriety, I trudge the Road of Happy Destiny. I buckle my seat belt and wear my face mask as I travel.

Thanks everyone for listening. This is Little Mike from Kings Park Just for Today and Smithtown Afternoon and when I am in Florida, Delray Central House (Delray Beach).

**Suffolk Intergroup
Association of
Alcoholics
Anonymous presents
THE OTHER 24**

**Monthly workshops on
the traditions and
concepts will be held at
6:30 pm on the first
Tuesday of every month
at the SIA office in
Patchogue 118 Bay Ave (On
Terrell) Patchogue**

**The August workshop
will be held on Tuesday
August 4th at 6:30 pm**

**We will be covering
Concepts 7 & 8**

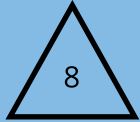
**A link to this is available
on our public calendar**

**DUE TO COVID-19 THIS
MEETING MAY BE HELD
VIA ZOOM**

**For more information visit:
<https://suffolkny-aa.org/other24/>**

The 12 Traditions

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. 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.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities



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SUFFOLK INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION
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VIRTUAL SHARE-A-THON

FREEDOM THROUGH SOBRIETY

A.A. AND ALANON INVITE YOU
TO JOIN ON

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Send your groups name,
contact person and email to
share@suffolkny-aa.org
with 3 topic ideas your group
would like to participate in.

Go to suffolkny-aa.org/share-a-thon for updates!

