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THE SUFFOLK INTERGROUP BULLETIN

Visit our SIA Website at:
<https://www.suffolknyaa.org>

*The Seasons Change
and so do We*

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May Business Meetings

**The SIA Business Meeting has gone
HYBRID both in person and online**

Our new location is MEDFORD VFW 507
Long Island Avenue Medford, NY 11763

Join via ZOOM

ID 941 2170 5886 Passcode Service

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Tues. 5/31/22 8:00 PM

SIA Business Meeting: 8:00 PM

New Rep Orientation: 7:00PM IN PERSON ONLY

Share-A-Thon: 7:00 PM

FEB - SEPT only

Schools and Public Information:

LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Thurs. 5/26/22 7:00 PM

SIA Virtual Meeting Space

Treatment Facilities

See Service page Treatment Facilities
box on the SIA website

Meets virtually every other Sunday at 12:00 PM

Currently scheduled meetings.

5/8/22 & 5/22/22 at 12pm virtual
meeting space

Third Legacy

Currently not meeting

Suffolk General Service:

THIRD FRIDAY OF MONTH

Fri. 5/20/22 8:00 PM

New GSR Orientation: 7:00 PM

Join via ZOOM

Mtg ID 932 6450 5176

Passcode 713704

Visit the SGS Website for more information:

<https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/>

Printed Meeting Lists Now Available !!

Pick them up at the [SIA Monthly Meeting](#) or the

[SIA Office](#) - 113-8 Bay Ave., Patchogue

PLEASE NOTE:

The printed meeting list contains IN PERSON aka
LIVE aka Face2Face meetings ONLY.

Limit of one bundle per visitor.

You may not pick up multiple bundles for multiple groups.

For the most current information, including all ONLINE meetings, please
visit the Meeting Finder using the QR Code to the left or the following
link:

www.suffolkny-aa.org/meetings



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Around the AA Campus

A few updates on groups

Discontinued and Suspended Meetings

A Moment of Clarity, online meeting 10:00 PM (seven nights a week) has stopped meeting

Womens Discussion in Westhampton Beach, which has met since around 1969, is no longer meeting.

Primary Purpose in Deer Park (St. Cyril and Methodius, Monday and Friday) has suspended activities. Stay tuned

Two new additions

By the Book, a Big Book meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Local Church 1070 Portion Road, Farmingville

We're No Angels, a Wednesday 7:00 PM men's group meets on Zoom ID 501 101 5434 Passcode 448049

Great News Department

Finally some sad news to report.

Tommy from Northport's Free at Last passed away. He will be missed



Spotlight on the SIA Office Manager

Hi, my name is Kathy and I'm an alcoholic. As the office manager my duties include picking up the mail and buying office supplies, snacks and beverages. I find suitable substitutes and replacements when necessary. I make decisions in the best interest of SIA. I respond to emails to siaoffice@suffolkny-aa.org. I attend chairs meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and I report at the SIA business meeting.

So where's the joy and how does this service enhance my sobriety?

I have a great group of volunteers that make most of my job easy. Not only are they wonderful to work with, they make suggestions and recommendations, help train new volunteers, keep the office nice and clean, alert me to any maintenance issues that need to be addressed and add things to my shopping list to keep the office supplied.

Every time I step in the office I have the opportunity to share someone's sober journey, whether it's chatting with a volunteer, a visitor or a caller on the phone, I always walk out with more than I went in with.

If you have a few years of sobriety I highly recommend this as a service commitment and you have 21 months to think about it. Or you can practice in the interim as a fill in volunteer. I can be reached by email at siaoffice@suffolkny-aa.org

The Email Addresses of Intergroup Chairs

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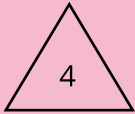
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A Message from SIA Webmaster Committee

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

<https://suffolkny-aa.org>

Please direct any comments, updates, corrections, or suggestions to the Web Chair

webmaster@suffolky-aa.org

Online Meeting List

Find in-person, virtual and hybrid meetings, with updated information on changes, closures and reopenings.

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

Service Opportunities in SIA

Learn more about how you can contribute your time and talent in helping SIA help others.

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

Web Committee

The Web Committee meets virtually every 2nd Thursday. If you would like to help with the SIA web site, ask questions, voice concerns, or make suggestions for improving SIA's digital outreach, join us at our next meeting!

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

<https://suffolkny-aa.org/members/committees/#meeting-schedule>

Upcoming Area Events

Check the events calendar for all upcoming events in the County and in the SENY area.

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

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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.

We can now accept Online Contributions by Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal.

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

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Guys & Dolls

425 Hawkins Rd, Selden, NY

The Selden "Guys & Dolls" group was established in April, 1973. Since our group logbook seems to disappear every few years and a new one is started, this history will be necessarily incomplete. The group originally met at the Greek Church on Dare Road in Selden. At some point (prior to 1977) it moved to Grace Presbyterian Church, 425 Hawkins Road, Selden and has been there ever since.

A women's group had started up in the Selden area and some of the local men became resentful at being excluded, so they decided to start their own group. The group was originally a men's group and was called "Guys". With the move to Grace Church, and at the urging of some of the local women who felt that it was against the third tradition to exclude women who had a desire to stop drinking, the decision was made to make the group co-ed and change its name to Guys & Dolls.

Guys & Dolls had an 8:00 meeting on Sundays, an 8:00 closed and concurrent big book meeting on Wednesdays, and on Fridays we had a 7:30 Beginners with concurrent step meeting followed by a 9:00 closed meeting. The 9 O'clock meeting had no time limit and often ran into the wee hours of the morning. It became difficult to get speakers for that meeting because no one wanted to lead a meeting that started at 9PM and often ran until 1 or 2AM so we voted to end the meeting at 10:30 and start another at Midnight on Fridays. It is no wonder that Grace Church got to be known as the house of pain. Many of us old timers didn't like this nickname and so we called it the house of joy.

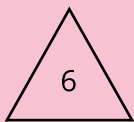
Guys & Dolls now has only three meetings per week. Our Sunday, Wednesday step and Friday beginners meetings are all at 8:00.

We have had some very unique members. One of our charter members, now deceased, named Bob B., was lovingly called by his nickname "quack-quack". In his early sobriety, quack-quack could not find any higher power other than the big duck that sat in Sag Harbor. He drove there to sit and commune with his higher power, the duck. The big duck was moved to Flanders. It is now a historic landmark. In time Bob found a conventional entity as his higher power and became an example of spirituality for many members but he is still a "local legend" and I often hear at some of the Western Suffolk meetings about a guy out east who had a duck as his higher power. I had the honor of knowing Bob for many years of my sobriety and he is missed as is the help and guidance that he has provided for many of us.

One night some of our members decided to leave the meeting early and drive up to Boston to get some ice cream. Who says there is no fun in A.A. Gas was much cheaper in those days.

Submitted by Bill M. (sobriety date 1-16-88) Telephone Interview with Co-Founder Frank M. March 30, 2008

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In 2008 the Archives Committee spoke with one of the founders and this is his recollections:

Frank got sober in Brooklyn in 1964. He hit bottom when he set a door on fire in a blackout and almost killed a family in the process. This escapade got him on page two of the Daily News. He was facing up to thirty years in prison but through the miraculous intervention of Alcoholics Anonymous and his own sobriety, he never had to go to jail at all. He got a job offer on Long Island to work in a bakery, bought a house and joined the Centereach Group, which was only a few years old at the time. Some of the people he remembered from the early days of Centereach were Terry McF., Kerry McG., Dennis C., Pete C. and Hattie W. He also went to a men's meeting at the American Legion Post on North Evergreen in Selden. The meeting was poorly attended and a few of them tried to-resurrect it in a different form. This new group became Guys & Dolls. One woman suggested that it be a coed meeting and that's how it turned out.

The original members of the Selden Guys & Dolls were Frank, Joe C., Vinnie McP, Bill W., two ladies named Sandy and Edie, and Tom and Joyce D. Tom and Joyce started what would end up becoming The Centereach Open Door group in their home.

Frank remembered one story from the early Guys & Dolls days. One day, a lady came in and said her son was in an accident and was in a hospital upstate. She wanted to visit him in the hospital and she didn't have the financial resources to do so. Frank and Joe decided it would be a nice idea to help her out and proceeded to give her the entire group treasury. Not too long after, reality set in and almost simultaneously they both came to the conclusion that it was not such a good idea after all. Joe and Frank repaid the group out of their own pockets.

**S.I.A. Archives Committee
December 24, 2021**



**The Archives Committee is always looking for volunteers to help save our history of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Contact us at 654-1150.**

SECOND CHANCE

I opened my eyes and what I saw,
Was a new place so right, so pure.

I once saw dark, now only light
Uplifted and soaring as high as a kite.

I was once lost, now I'm found.
I felt so stuck, I felt like I drowned.

Colors are brighter, I'm excited for
the future
In the past I was broken, could have
used a suture.

I am so grateful, I'm full of cheer
Excited for life and every new year.

It's in the plan, I see the way
If I persevere, I'll have it one day.

The past is gone, no need for regrets
My life is new, it's full of joyful yets.

Chrissy W.




Save The Date
Connect The Dots
6th Annual Birthday Brunch
Celebrating the 87th Birthday of Alcoholics Anonymous
Tickets \$30
SUNDAY JUNE 19TH, 2022
for tickets & info. contact Susanne at
ctdliny@gmail.com
Doors Open at 8:30am
POLISH HALL
214 Marcy Ave. Riverhead, NY

May 2022 marks the 49th Anniversary of Suffolk Intergroup


Thanks to the hard work, commitment and dedication of many members throughout the years our Association is still going strong. It has provided countless services to the Suffolk County community of AAs

YPAA WEEKEND

FELLOWSHIP BOAT PARTY – COHOSTED BY BIG APPLE BID FOR ICYPAA & ESCYPAA VIII
SATURDAY JUNE 11, 2022*



Saturday June 11, 2022
For \$145 (Bottle and NYIC) Includes 100 Club Pass

Tickets are only \$25 for the month of January!!
(Price goes up to \$30 on Feb 1)
Get your tickets now by scanning the QR code.
BIGGEST PARTY OF THE SUMMER!!!
MASSIVE DANCE PARTY ON A BOAT CIRCLING MANHATTAN
YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS!
CHECK IN AT 5:30P, BOAT LEAVES AT 7P. DON'T BE LATE



*Proof of vaccination is required to board the boat due to NYC Law.

followed by...

ESCYPAA VIII Presents
SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION \$10

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022 @8AM
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BEACH PARTY
Robert Moses State Park, Field 2
600 ROBERT MOSES STATE PKWY, BABYLON, NY 11702
(PICNIC AREA ON THE RIGHT SIDE)
PARKING FEE:\$8
MEETING STARTS AT:4PM
FOOD,FUN AND FELLOWSHIP
www.escypaa8.org