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THE SUFFOLK INTERGROUP BULLETIN

**Visit our SIA Website at:
<https://www.suffolkny-aa.org>**

*"It's simple, not necessarily easy,
but the rewards are endless"*
Alcoholics Anonymous

*Artist:
Paul Cezanne*

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March Business Meetings

SIA Business Meeting

The SIA Business Meeting has gone
HYBRID both in person and online
Our new location is St. Joseph the Worker
Church 510 Narragansett Ave. East Patchogue,
NY 11772

Join via ZOOM
ID 9412170 5886 Passcode service
LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
Tues. 3/28/ 23 8:00 PM
SIA Business Meeting 8:00 PM
New Rep Orientation:
7:00 PM IN PERSON ONLY

Schools and Public Information
EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
3/21/23 at 6:00 PM at the SIA office
113-8 Bay Ave. Patchogue

Treatment Facilities

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
3/28/23

Just prior to the SIA meeting at
7:00 PM at St. Joseph the Worker Church
510 Narragansett Ave. Patchogue, NY
Also via Zoom ID 941 2170 5886, Passcode service

Suffolk General Service

THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

FRIDAY 3/17/23
Join via ZOOM
Mtg ID 932 6450 5176 Passcode 713704

Vist SGS Website for more information:
<https://aasuffolk-ny.org>

Special Events Committee
FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
3/7/23 at 5:30 PM
via zoom
ID 9412170 5886 Passcode Service

A Message From the Bulletin

The bulletin invites all members of our SIA community to send in
Articles, Stories or Write-ups about your experiences in A.A.

Any AA topics, your personal story, something you heard at a
meeting that you'd like to share with us.

Photos, Drawings, Paintings and Poems are welcome too.

The editor can assist in writing any story or article, which will be sent
back to you for your approval.

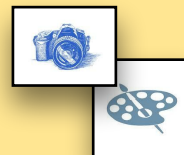
They can be as short as 200 words or as long as 800 words.

You'll be reaching out to AAs throughout Suffolk County and doing
great service!

Send to bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

The deadline for the March bulletin is February 10th.



Around the AA Campus

Group Updates

The Men's Room in Amagansett has dropped its Friday meeting. Still meets Monday (5:45 PM) Also on Zoom ID 992 780 763 Passcode: mensroom) and Wednesday (5:30 PM) at St. Peters Church 286 Montauk Highway

Just found out that Doing It Young in Amityville/online stopped meeting last year—after being around for about 20 years

Tuesday Topics which met at St. Anthony's in Rocky Point has found a new home at Mount Sinai Congregational Church 233 North Country Road every Tuesday at 10:00 AM

Dix Hills Group has discontinued its Thursday 6:30 meeting. They will still meet every Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the Methodist Church 400 Deer Park Avenue

After 34 years at its Rollstone Avenue location, the Sayville Group will be moving to Grace Chapel, 61 Overton Street Sayville. They will keep the same meeting schedule Monday 6:00 PM (Women), 7:30 PM (Step) and Friday 6:00 PM (Beginners) and 7:30 PM (Open Discussion). The move takes effect March 3.

Love and Tolerance (online meeting) has discontinued its Monday 8:00 PM and moved its Friday to 7:00 PM

The Things We Cannot Change

Mark B from Hauppauge Touchstones/Principles Before Personalities has left us. Condolences to his friends and family.

The Email Addresses of Intergroup Chairs

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The Archives Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM on Zoom
ID 996 096 9365. Password 799633

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S.I.A--Suffolk Intergroup Association

What is it? It is a group of alcoholics who get together and join committees that get the message of recovery to the "still sick and suffering."

How does it work? By getting people to speak routinely at rehabs, detoxes, jails even schools and addiction events in Suffolk County. By putting together the meeting lists and mailing out the bulletins and selling the literature from the office.

Why attend Intergroup meetings? Because this is where we come together and share information about what is happening in A.A. This is where we share ideas and communicate with every other group in Suffolk County.

Who needs to go? Anyone can attend S.I.A rep meetings they just can't vote unless they are a groups representative. New rep orientation is the hour before the rep meeting.

Where? The meeting is held the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm at St Joseph the Worker church 510 Narragansett Ave East Patchogue or by **ZOOM #941 2170 5886 PWD Service**

If you have any questions about the committees you can email them, their addresses are on the Suffolk AA website or in the monthly bulletin.

From the Grapevine

I'm Kevin, your SIA Grapevine chairperson. Please help me stay sober by allowing me to attend your meetings to help pass along the greatest AA magazines and books ever written. I will come to your group and set up a display, which you and your group members can browse. I can be reached through my email at Grapevine@suffolkny-aa.org Thank you for allowing me to serve



Celebrate Fellowship!

From the SIA Web Committee

SIA EMAIL ACCOUNTS (yourgroupname@suffolkny-aa.org) - SIA sends some news, reports and updates to the group email accounts that aren't sent via the usual announcement emails. Groups can also use their SIA email account to send announcements to other groups. If your group doesn't have an SIA Rep, you can appoint one of your officers or chairs to access your SIA email account.

TECH HELP NEEDED - SIA is looking for someone to run the virtual portion of our monthly SIA Business Meeting; if you have some experience using Zoom or virtual meetings in general and are able to attend the SIA Meetings in person, we can use your help.

We are always looking for ways to utilize our website and electronic communications to assist Suffolk groups and members. How can we help? Do you have an idea, question or special request? Email us at webmaster@suffolky-aa.org or join us for the next SIA Web Committee meeting (every 2nd Thursday, ZOOM meeting ID 941 2170 5886, passcode service)

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**Midnight Madness
United Methodist Church
107 East Main Street
Bay Shore, NY 11706**

Midnight meetings have been a Bay Shore mainstay for a long time. Attendance may fluctuate and they have stopped meeting, but ultimately someone steps in and starts another. Usually, the one in Bay Shore is the only midnight meeting in Suffolk County and sometimes even on all of Long Island. It requires a dedicated base of people to keep these going.

The last attempt at a separate night owl meeting like this was in 2016 when the short-lived Happy, Joyous and Free meeting began. It lasted a year. After that there was an almost midnight meeting at 11:59 PM that was part of Bay Shore Daytime Love and Service. People tend to get confused when you post 12:00 AM, thinking that means noontime. Here was an attempt to make it easier to remember. That too didn't last long.

Now along comes Midnight Madness. The starting date has been somehow lost along the way. An educated guess places the first meeting sometime between 2018 and 2020. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, it registered as a separate meeting. One moonlit Saturday night, a member of the Archives Committee ventured over to experience Midnight Madness. To his surprise, there were ten people in attendance—nine men and one lady. The format was Big Book. Each person read a



few paragraphs and after that it was open to sharing. It offered the perfect answer to a potentially slippery time for alcoholics—which is the prime reason these meetings are even started at that hour.

The basement area of United Methodist Church is legendary in Suffolk County AA. Affectionately known as the Pit, it has been the source of many wonderful stories. It also has been the source of many people staying sober. For many years, all meetings met in a different part of the basement. The Pit has moved. The same bottom area but in a different part. At best, its decor might be described as perfunctory. The room has never been a candidate for a cover story in Better Homes and Gardens. Usually, people going to a midnight meeting aren't too concerned about what the place looks like. They are mad about staying sober—and will go to any length, at any time, to do so.

S.I.A. Archives Committee

July 22, 2022

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

VISIT STEPPING STONES APRIL 6, 2023



REGISTER AT

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

TRIP CAPACITY: 10 DRIVERS + 30 PASSENGERS

\$25 PER PERSON – IN ADVANCE ONLY

DRIVERS TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS WILL BE

REIMBURSED FOR GAS & TOLLS

RAIN DATE APRIL 13 – NO REFUNDS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL

SPECIALEVENTS@SUFFOLKNY-AA.ORG

March 24-26, 2023

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55TH SENY CONVENTION



www.aaseny.org/2023-seny-convention



SUFFOLK COUNTY

Al-Anon

IN PARTICIPATION WITH

AA

"A JOURNEY THROUGH THE STEPS"

This is a **QUARTERLY** workshop focusing on 3 steps
at a time.

True North Church

1101 Lakeland Ave. Bohemia



Session 1 (steps 1-3)

March 18, 2023

10am-2pm

The basket will be passed
honoring our 7th Tradition

Have questions?
Put it in the "Ask It" Basket!

For information contact:

AAliaison@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org

*light refreshments
will be served