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# **THE SUFFOLK INTERGROUP BULLETIN**

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

**"Smell the sea, and feel the sky.  
Let your soul and spirit fly."**

**Van Morrison**

## July 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. 7/25/23 8:00 PM  
SIA Business Meeting 8:00 PM  
**New Rep Orientation:**  
7:00 PM IN PERSON ONLY

### Schools and Public Information Joint Committee Meeting

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
7/18/23 at 6:00 PM at the SIA office  
113-8 Bay Ave. Patchogue

### Share-A-Thon Committee Meeting

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
7/25/23

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

### Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
7/14/23 7:30 - 9:00 PM

SIA Office  
113-8 Bay Ave. Patchogue  
also via Zoom  
ID 9412170 5886 Passcode service

### Suffolk General Service

THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
FRIDAY 7/21/23  
Join via ZOOM

Mtg ID 932 6450 5176 Passcode 713704  
Vist SGS Website for more information:  
<https://aasuffolk-ny.org>

### Special Events Committee Meeting CANCELLED

Corrections Committee Meeting  
FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH  
7/4/23 at 7:00PM at the SIA office  
113-8 Bay Ave. Patchogue Also via ZOOM  
ID 9412170 5886 Passcode service

**Send your work to the  
Bulletin for publication!**

**Your experiences in AA. Any topics or your  
personal story. Your work will be edited by the bulletin chair.**

**Anywhere between 200 to 800 words.**

**Share your story with AAs across Suffolk County  
and do great service!**

**Send to [bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:bulletins@suffolkny-aa.org)**

## Around the AA Campus

### Group Updates

North Fork Serenity in Jamesport has stopped meeting after 30 years.

Early Bird Reflections will henceforth be called Early Birdies. They offer a variety of different formats seven days a week at 7:00 AM. You can find them on Zoom at 501 604 5434 ID 448049

By the Book has moved to Friday at 7:00 PM. It meets at St. Joseph's 25 Church Street Lake Ronkonkoma. In the back of the church on the left. Rear entrance

A new group: Fellowship of People meets in-person every Friday at 7:00 PM (Big Book) at Sound Beach Community Church 4 Great River Drive Sound Beach. They also meet Tuesday at 7:00 PM on Zoom (Daily Reflections) ID 815 2625 0519 Passcode 107741

True Friends now has both meetings in-person at Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson. Sunday at 11:30 AM and Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Both are held in Conference Rooms 4 and 5—and keep in mind, this is a women's group.

Welcome as You Are, an online Wednesday meeting has shut down.

### A Job Well Done

Hats off to the crew who put together the Suffolk Intergroup 50th Anniversary celebration.

Well-attended and will certainly be well-remembered. Here's to another 50 years.

See details and photos on p. 7

### Group Emails

If your group hasn't yet elected someone to be your group's Intergroup rep, why not bring it up at your next business meeting? When we all work together, we can best reach out to all who are still sick and suffering alcoholics

## The Email Addresses of Intergroup Chairs

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second

Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM on  
Zoom

ID 996 096 9365. Password 799633



## The Suffolk Intergroup

### 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.**

## From the SIA Web Committee

**WEB SITE MENU** - our web site Menu (blue bar at top) now includes a **SERVICE/COMMITTEES** section with links for each SIA Committee, and a **NEWS/EVENTS** section with links for upcoming events.

**SIA EMAIL ACCOUNTS** - SIA sends some news, reports and updates via the group email accounts only. Groups can also use their SIA email account to reach out to other groups. If your group isn't using your SIA email account, just email us and we will set you up.

**DO YOU NEED HELP?** We are always looking for ways to help groups & members, and would love to hear your ideas. You can email us at **webmaster@suffolkny-aa.org**, or join us for the next SIA Web Committee meeting (every 2nd Thursday, ZOOM meeting ID 941 2170 5886, passcode service)

**Thank you for allowing us to serve!**

## Cutchogue Sunday

27150 Main Road  
Cutchogue, NY 11935

The Sunday Night Group in Cutchogue has been meeting since at least June 19th, 1972.

This date was its first contact with the General Service offices in Manhattan. Tom W. and Harry R. started the Group. They had wanted a group in Cutchogue since there was no meeting in that town. When we asked about why they really started the Group, we were told by one of our old members, Vinnie, that they had a resentment but no details could be obtained.

Tom was the first Chair and Harry was the first Secretary. The meeting is still held in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church on the Main Road in Cutchogue, New York. This classic New England Steeple Church is across the street from the Town Green, a square grassy section surrounded by Historical buildings dating back to the late 1700's. The group is still well attended but has no original members left. A few members with over 30 years of sobriety remain loyal members today.

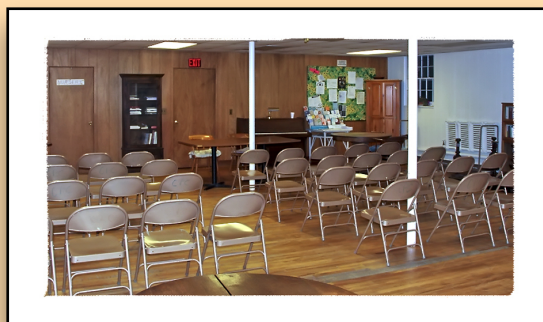
The original meeting time was 8:30PM but that was long ago changed to 7:30PM. The Step meeting has been eliminated because the group conscience felt there were too many step meetings in the area. The group in 2005 had approximately 15 active members. The room is always full, especially during the summer months when the summer residents (mostly from the five New York City Boroughs) roll into town to enjoy the boating, beaches and country living.

The group is proud of its annual Anniversary celebration. It takes place on the first Sunday in December and carries a Holiday theme. They do garland, candles & tinsel. The food is great and many come out to celebrate not only the anniversary but also the kick off the Season to be Jolly!!!

The group prides itself on solid support and rotation of its bi-yearly commitments.

They feel close knit and are very supportive of the group conscience. They participate in GSO on a full-time basis and Intergroup on a part time basis. They support their area 49 Delegate. Yes, they have deep roots.

S.I.A. Archives 2006





# The Suffolk Intergroup Bulletin

*"But there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful"*

*BB Ch. 2 There is a Solution*

*P. 17*

**BY THE BOOK**

*Alcoholics Anonymous*

**NEW DAY AND TIME!  
EVERY FRIDAY  
7:00- 8:15 PM**



**NEW CYCLE 5/4**

St Joseph's RC Church  
Parish Outreach  
South Shore Charter School bldg.  
In back of church on left, rear ent.  
45 Church Street  
Lake Ronkonkoma



**SHARE-A-THON**  
**OCTOBER 1ST, 2023**

**AL-ANON PARTICIPATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**IN PERSON & HYBRID**

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH  
510 NARRAGANSETT AVE., EAST  
PATCHOGUE, NY 11772

ZOOM ID: 941 2170 5886  
PASSWORD: service

**THE LAST TUESDAY EVERY MONTH @ 7 PM**

**GROUP DONATIONS NEEDED**  
(COFFEE, SUGAR, PLATES, NAPKINS, PLASTIC UTENSILS, SODA, WATER, COFFEE POTS, ETC.)

\*Dropped off at SIA office labeled SHARE-A-THON\*

**GROUPS CAN START SUBMITTING TOPICS TO E-MAIL BELOW**

**CONTACT TIFFANY:**  
[SHARE@SUFFOLKKNY-AA.ORG](mailto:SHARE@SUFFOLKKNY-AA.ORG)

**IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY  
TO BE THANKFUL**

or to set up a Thanksgiving Alcathon Sub-Committee!!

Suffolk Intergroup Association is grateful to bring you  
A Thanksgiving Alcathon Wednesday 11/22-Thursdays 11/23

**WE NEED YOUR HELP PLANNING!**

Join us every 3rd Wednesday on Zoom starting...

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH  
@ 8PM**

Zoom ID: 941 2170 5886  
Password: service

[ThanksgivingAlcathon@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:ThanksgivingAlcathon@suffolkny-aa.org)





## **The Suffolk Intergroup Association 50th Anniversary**

**was celebrated on Sunday, May 21st at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Patchogue and it was a great success thanks to Jeff A., our special events chair, and his 50th Anniversary committee.**

**The well attended event offered good food,  
great speakers and strong fellowship.**

**Bob R., SIA archivist, provided a great deal of the history of AA in Suffolk County and of Intergroup since it's founding. Bob T., Suffolk County's AA with the longest amount of sobriety at 56 years, talked about his first hand knowledge of SIA from it's inception. Past chair people shared their experiences in the role. It was a once in a lifetime event that will not be forgotten...**

SUFFOLK INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## SIA Fishing Trip August 13th 7am - 3:30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT COMMITTEE



Al-anon Participation welcomed

Date and Time August 13th 7 am to 330

Where Peconic Star Fishing Boat 3rd street Greenport ny 11944

Price \$150 includes : boat, food; drinks, bait; poles, tackle

Does not include tips for mates nor cleaning the fish.

Pay online first come first serve holds up to 65 people. Need payment by August 1st if you want to eat!!!!!! Register and pay online at <https://suffolkny-aa.org/> search events

Email [specialevents@suffolkny-aa.org](mailto:specialevents@suffolkny-aa.org) or call (631)  
875-8751 to learn more and to reserve your spot