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"Every Mountain Top is Within Reach if You Just Keep Climbing" Barry Finlay



## The Suffolk Intergroup Bulletin

## **August 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. 8/29/23 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 8/17/23 at 6:00 PM at the SIA office 113-8 Bay Ave. Patchogue

Share-A-Thon Committee Meeting LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 8/29/23 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 8/11/23 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 8/18/23 Join via ZOOM Mtg ID 932 6450 5176 Passcode 713704 Vist SGS Website for more information: https//aasufolk-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

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## Around the AA Campus

#### **Group Updates**

Cleary has moved its 7:00 PM hybrid Thursday meeting to Greenbelt Recreation Center 281 Patchogue-Holbrook Road. They still have a 7:00 PM meeting going on at St. Mary's 315 Lake Shore Road Ronkonkoma. Plus there is a Sunday 10:00 AM Zoom meeting ID 848 7903 1202 Passcode 12steps

In the Book is a brand new Big Bookmeeting held every Saturday morning at 10:00. This is a closed meeting being held at Holy Trinity 768 Main Street in Greenport.

The Only Requirement has shuffled around its schedule. Monday (Beginner hybrid), Tuesday Step online), Wednesday (Daily Reflections online), Thursday (closed topic), Friday (Big Book hybrid) and Saturday (Living Sober online).

In-person meets at the Library Annex 369 Neighborhood Road Mastic Beach. Zoom information: 461 401 9987. Passcode; SERENITY

Southold Settlers will no longer meet online Wednesday at 11:30 AM. That meeting will be in person at St. Peter's Lutheran Church 71305 Main Road Greenport

Sunrise Early Sobriety is back in the South Oaks auditorium every Friday at 7:00 PM. This is a closed discussion. South Oaks is at 80 Louden Avenue in Amityville

Your Journey Begins is back! Every Friday at 7:00PM at 18 Millay Lane Bay Shore. Enjoy a nice fire pit and some great sharing.

It was not a good month for Wednesday online meetings. Love and Tolerance a Wednesday 3:00 PM has decided to stop meeting. Likewise, We're No Angels Wednesday 7:00 PM has called it quits

#### Heard in the Rooms

Resentments are expectations under construction

#### **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 alcholics

### 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



## The Suffolk Intergroup

#### S.I.A--Suffolk Intergroup Association

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

<u>How does it work?</u> 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. If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

## From the SIA Grapevine Chair

Hi I'm Kevin, your Grapevine Chair. 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'll come to your group and set up a display which you and your members can browse. I can be reached at Grapevine@suffolkny-aa.org

## From the SIA Web Committee

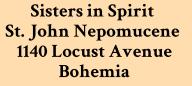
WEB SITE MENU - our web site Menu (blue bar at top) now includes a SERVICE/COMMITTEES section with links for each SIA Committee, and a NEWS/EVENTS section with links for upcoming events.

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@suffolky-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!

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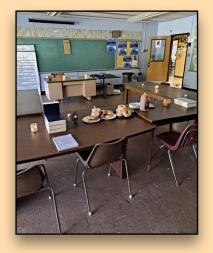
Alcoholics Anonymous in Suffolk County is a dynamic force. Our basic program of recovery may stay the same, but the means of carrying that message changes regularly. Working within the guidelines of the Twelve Traditions, established groups tinker with the times they meet and the format of their meetings. New groups are created to fill a need. All of this is designed to help others.

Change is ever-present and necessary.

However, the changes experienced during the pandemic years were unheard of. Groups came and went. We said goodbye to many long-time groups. Likewise, we welcomed an unprecedented number of new meetings. Whether online, on the phone or in person, the number of new meetings was twice the amount that normally happens over the course of two years.

These new meetings offered a variety of formats. Some zeroed in on the Big Book. Others replaced groups that shut down. Five of them were specifically set up for women. Four of those were online. Sisters in Spirit was the only face-to-face. It was also the only meditation meeting for any gender.

Natalie and Kelly are the two ladies who saw the need for this Saturday noon meeting for women. They made arrangements with St. John Nepomucene in Bohemia – a friend of Alcoholics Anonymous if there ever was. Many other AA - as well as other Twelve Step fellowships - regularly meet there. There was an opening for noon which suited this new meeting nicely. The format



decided upon was a beginners meditation.

On October 9, 2022, the first meeting was held. An atmosphere conducive to quiet contemplation was created with burning candles. There was apple cider and bagels to help ward off any distracting hunger or thirst. This allowed all participants to focus fully on the meditation. All eight in attendance seemed to get into the spirit of things—-which is the very reason Sisters in Spirit exists.

(According to the recent SIA Meeting list, the group has added a meeting on Wednesday evening at 5:45 PM which features a similar format for women, beginners, and 11th Step Mediation. Both meetings are listed as outdoor meetings, presumably if weather permits.)

S.I.A. Archives Committee

The Archives Committee is always looking for volunteers to help save our Alcoholics Anonymous history. Contact the SIA Office at (631) 654-1150.







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