



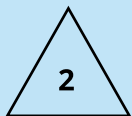
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**THE SUFFOLK
INTERGROUP BULLETIN**
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*"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake
it is necessary to stand out in the cold."*

Aristotle



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February Business Meetings

Important Notice

**The SIA office has moved to
33 Comack Circle Loop
Suite 1A-1
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
See page 8 for map and directions
The move took place in
early January 2024**

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**

**LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
Tues. 2/27/24 8:00 PM
SIA Business Meeting 8:00 PM**

**Join via ZOOM
ID 9412170 5886 Passcode service**

**New Rep Orientation: 7:00 PM IN PERSON
ONLY**

**Schools Committee Meeting
EVERY THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
2/20/24 at 6:00 PM at the
SIA Office 33 Comack Loop Ste. 11A-1
Ronkoma**

Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting

**SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
2/9/24 7:30 - 9:00 PM**

**SIA Office
22 Comack Loop Ste. 11A-1
Ronkonkoma
also via Zoom**

ID 9412170 5886 Passcode service

Suffolk General Service

**THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
FRIDAY 2/16/24
8:00PM**

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

**Corrections Committee Meeting
FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
2/6/24 at 7:00PM at the SIA office
113-8 Bay Ave. Patchogue Also via
ZOOM ID 9412170 5886 Passcode service**

The Archives Committee

**SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
2/13/24 7:00 PM
via Zoom
ID 996 096 9365. Password 799633**

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Around the AA Campus Group Updates

Twelve Steps of Peace, which was started back on July 4, 1976—America's Bicentennial—has announced it will no longer be meeting. They kindly donated their material to the Archives Committee. Their wooden signs will be displayed at the new Intergroup Office and other items will be given to new groups. That way their spirit will live on.

New meeting called 36 Principles meets at The Local Church 1070 Portion Road Farmingville. Every Monday at 6:00 PM. Why not come and support the new kid on the block?.

In fact, this year, how about checking out some meetings you haven't checked out before? There are many meetings that could use the support. Who knows? You might hear something you needed to hear or run into someone you hadn't seen in a long time. Invite your AA chums and head out on a road trip. Far too often, someone shares about how they feel like they are in a rut. This might be one way out.

Thank You Department

Thanks to all the AA's out here who took time out of their busy days to help Intergroup move to its new location. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks to Marty SENY Archivist for the generous donation of early (1973 to 1977) Suffolk Intergroup Bulletins that were missing from our own Intergroup Archives collection. They are a wealth of information.



Former SIA Office in
Patchogue



New SIA Office in
Ronkonkoma

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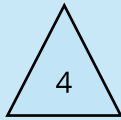
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The Suffolk Intergroup

Happy New Year everyone!

Hope you are all starting to settle in to this to this new year as I am. It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your Suffolk County Intergroup Association Chair for 2024-2025.

I'd like to take the time now to talk about some of the chapters in the Big Book

In the book ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS on p. 19, Chapter 2 "There Is A Solution" it states: "We feel that elimination of our drinking is but a beginning. A much more important demonstration of our principles (The TWELVE STEPS) lies before us in our respect of homes, occupations and affairs." With a few years of sobriety under my belt, this statement has a lot of depth and weight. It relates directly to how I "practice these principles in all my affairs" as it says in the 12th step. Meaning, how do I apply all 12 steps to everything I do, in all my affairs?

All the STEPS are applied in all my relationships by how I stay in UNITY (OUR SECOND LEGACY, in my home life (wife/partner/family), UNITY in my occupational life (with my coworkers, my boss, my clients etc.) and how I am in UNITY with the rest of the world; with my friends, going to meetings, restaurants bowling and driving down the Long Island expressway. The TWELVE TRADITIONS define ALL OF MY RELATIONSHIPS. These relationships in my 12th step are clearly defined in the book ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. In Chapter 7 learning how to be in UNITY "Working With Others," trying to help others, service work through commitments, sponsoring/service, sponsoring others etc. If I can START to be in UNITY in my home group and with others in the fellowship that I'm trying to help, then maybe I could bring it home and be in UNITY like it talks about in Chapter 8 "To The Wives": to my wife, fiancé, significant other or partner- whatever you're persuasion is. This chapter is in relation to the intimate relationships we have or strive to have. It is the same also about bringing it home to the family. Can I be in UNITY and practice these principles with my immediate family and extended family as is talked about in chapter 9: "THE FAMILY AFTERWARDS". Again in Chapter 10 "TO THE EMPLOYERS". Can I be in UNITY with my coworkers, my boss, my clients or whoever I am in contact occupationally. Then finally in Chapter 11, "A VISION FOR YOU", how do I take it out into the world (all my affairs)? I may be the only BIG BOOK person somebody sees by my actions being aligned with my mouth. I get to create the fellowship I crave.

I remember early on in my sobriety that when I walked into a meeting, and found out that it was a tradition meeting, 9 times out of 10, I turned around and I walked back out. I'm selfish and I'm self-centered and when somebody tried to present the value of these spiritual principles to me, the first thing I said is what the hell does this have to do with me? I may not be much but I'm all I think about.

The tool that began to give me value where those spiritual principles of the TWELVE TRADITIONS started to apply to me, is when I was able to answer questions on the GRAPEVINE TRADITIONS CHECKLIST (www.aagrapevine.org). They were originally published in GRAPEVINE in conjunction with the series of articles on the TWELVE TRADITIONS, that ran from November 1969 through September 1971. Additionally, while they were originally intended as suggestions for individual use, many AA groups have since adopted them and use them as a basis for wider discussion.

In a series of articles for the rest of the year I will be addressing those TRADITIONS CHECKLIST Questions.

THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE!
Love and Service, Peace and Blessings, Jim S.
SIA Chair
Panel 74 Area 49 South Eastern NY

From the SIA Web Committee

YOUR GROUP'S SIA EMAIL ACCOUNT (yourgrouppname@suffolkny-aa.org):
works just like a regular Gmail account

can be accessed from any computer, tablet or phone
can be used to exchange announcements and celebration dates with other groups
receives important information from SIA

Please contact us if you don't know how to access your group's SIA email account!
SIA WEB COMMITTEE - if you need help from us, OR if you would like to help us, join us at our next Web Committee meeting, every 2nd Thursday, ZOOM meeting ID 941 2170 5886, passcode service

Contact: webmaster@suffolkny-aa.org Thank you for allowing us to serve!

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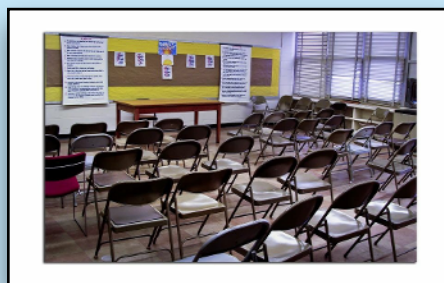
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**Sunrise 12 + 12
Senior Center Town Hall Annex
281 Phelps Lane
North Babylon, NY 11703**

Sunrise 12 + 12 first met in 1990. The original spot was at the Agape Ministries Store. Today, in that same location is a pet grooming store. The group still uses the “sunrise” in their name despite long ago moving away from Sunrise Highway. For its first three years, the group schedule was Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 7:30 PM. In 1993, they moved to the North Babylon Annex, the home of several other Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. With the move came a slight adjustment to its schedule. Now it became Tuesday 6:30 PM (Beginners), Friday 7:00 PM (Step), and Saturday 9:30 AM 9 (Open Discussion).

The Annex became off-limits to all meetings during the pandemic, but happily most of those meetings found a new home across the parking lot at the senior center. This was a welcome change. Renovation work at the Town Annex has been ongoing for years with the end nowhere in sight. Their new home is much more spacious. This large room gets rave reviews from all, as does this group which has kept the home fires burning now for 33 years.

**SIA Archives Committee
Original History written May 13, 2016
Update written July 27, 2023**



Sunrise 12 + 12

**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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Connecting with Love,
Unity & Service



2024 AREA 49
56TH GEN CONVENTION
March 15-17, 2024
Westchester Marriott

A NOTE FROM: SUFFOLK GENERAL SERVICE CHAIR

FEBRUARY



A trusted servant came to me and asked "What is the right of decision?" I directed them to our AA Service Manual Concept III which states: "This really means that we ought to trust our responsible leaders to decide, within the understood framework of their duties, how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises. This sort of leadership discretion should be the essence of "The Right of Decision".

This was quickly followed up with "How do we know if its within their duties? You can find each trusted servants responsibilities in the county bylaws:

Suffolk Intergroup: https://suffolkny-aa.org/about_us/by-laws/

Suffolk General Service: <https://aasuffolkgs-ny.org/aa-service-material-gsr-orientation-material/>

Concept 3

You should be familiar with the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board as background for this Concept, both of which are found in *The AA Service Manual*. For, except for the specific directions in these documents, every trusted servant and every AA entity — at all levels of service — has the right "to decide . . . how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises." That is, they can "decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions." This is "the essence of "The Right of Decision."

But this right also means the Fellowship must have trust in its "trusted servants." If the groups *instruct* their G.S.R.s rather than giving them a "Right of Decision," then the area conference is hamstrung. If the G.S.R.s *instruct* the area delegates rather than giving them a "Right of Decision," then the General Service Conference is hamstrung. As Bill points out, "our Conference delegates are *primarily* the servants of AA, as they should . . . cast their votes . . . according to the best dictates of their own judgment and conscience at that time."



Bill W. warns against using "The Right of Decision" as an excuse for failure to make the proper reports of actions taken; or for exceeding a clearly defined authority; or for failing to consult the proper people before making an important decision. But he concludes: "Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust AA, and we trust each other."

Similarly, if the General Service Board, acting through its subsidiary boards, "were to attempt to manage" the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine "in detail, then . . . the staff members . . . would quickly become demoralized; they would be turned into back-passers and rubber stamps; their choice would be to rebel and resign, or to submit and rot."

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EIN and/or 501 C3 for your Group?

This past couple of months the topic of Bank Accounts, Employee Identification Numbers and 501 C3's have been brought to my attention. I have found that AA Members are not informed of best practices. Come join January to hear all about it as we discuss a new pamphlet from AAWS.

Open Service Positions

ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR
ARCHIVES CHAIR
CORRECTIONS CHAIR
GRAPEVINE CHAIR

Open DCM Positions

105, 106, 109, 110, 112, 113
114, 115, 116, 117, 119, 121

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON MAKING CHANGES TO BILL W'S WRITINGS?

There were so many proposed agenda items to make changes to Bill W's Writings. Our Delegate Jo Ann M is holding multiple sharing sessions to hear the voice of our AA Members with regards to the changes and how we feel.

The time is from 7:30- 9:30 PM on the following dates:

Friday - January 13th
Monday - January 15th
Wednesday - January 31st
Thursday - February 8th
Saturday - February 17th

<https://www.aaseny.org/new-events-1?view=calendar&month=01-2024>

Does your group have a GSR?

When your group does not have an active GSR Representative, your groups voice cannot be heard..

There are some proposed agenda items coming to the 74th General Service Conference that you want to be part of so **COME SERVE AS AN ACTIVE GSR!!!**

What is a Proposed Agenda Item?

Please email me at the email below and I will set up some time for great conversation

Scan Below to see the
up coming proposed changes



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

Kimberly Jean DCMC@AASUFFOLKGS-NY.ORG

References:

- AA Service Manual SKU: BM-31 <https://online.literature.aa.org/Service-Manual-12-Concepts>
- Twelve Concepts Illustrated P-8: <https://online.literature.aa.org/Twelve-Concepts-Illustrated>



Sunday
March 10, 2024
9am - 1pm

East Wind Long Island
5720 NY-25A, Wading River, NY



Tickets to be purchased at aasuffolkgs-ny.org
or
Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets

Suffolk Intergroup Association Office and Speaker Exchange New Locations



Suffolk Intergroup Association of Alcoholics Anonymous

Effective January 8th, 2024
SIA Office has moved to:

**33 Comac Loop
Suite 1A-1
Ronkonkoma**

Tel: (631) 654-1150

**call ahead to confirm we're open*



For more info, visit
<https://suffolkny-aa.org/siaoffice>



Effective March 9th, 2024
Speaker Exchange will move to:

**True North Church
1101 Lakeland Ave
Bohemia, NY**

starts 8 AM sharp !!

**indoors with hospitality*



For more info, visit
<https://suffolkny-aa.org/speaker-exchange>

