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SUFFOLK INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

Bulletin

**“There shall be
eternal summer
in the grateful heart”
- Celia Thaxter**



Visit us at
suffolkny-aa.org

SIA Business Meeting

(NEW LOCATION)

Held last Tuesday of every month

June 25th, starting 8:00 p.m.
 New Rep Orientation 7:00 p.m.



IN PERSON

True North Church
 1101 Lakeland Ave
 Bohemia, NY 11716



VIRTUALLY

(see page 5 for zoom info)

Speaker Exchange

(NEW LOCATION)

Held quarterly on the 2nd Saturday of
 March, June, September and December

June 8th, starting 8:00 a.m.

True North Church
 1101 Lakeland Ave
 Bohemia, NY 11716

Begins promptly indoors at 8:00 a.m.
 with coffee and hospitality
 Doors open 7:45 a.m.

DO NOT exchange in the parking lot!

SIA Bylaws Committee

Please join us in our quadrennial assignment, to:

- ✓ Review the SIA Bylaws
- ✓ Propose desired changes
- ✓ Publish proposed amendments
- ✓ Report on the anticipated effects
- ✓ Present amendments to the body for approval by substantial unanimity

Your participation and input in this crucial process are highly valued.

The committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month - **June 11th, 6:30 p.m.** at the **SIA Office**.

Email Allison, Alt-Chairperson with any questions
alt-chair@suffolkny-aa.org

View Bylaws via QR code or visiting:
<https://suffolkny-aa.org/bylaws>

Scan or click me



for SIA By-laws

CORRECTIONS SERVICE

CARRY THE MESSAGE
 TO THE **STILL SUFFERING**
ALCOHOLIC



CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

1ST TUESDAY
EVERY MONTH 7 PM
*****ONLINE ONLY*****
ZOOM: 941 2170 5886
PW: service



TO GET INVOLVED CONTACT:

Ashley Corrections Chair

CORRECT@SUFFOLKNY-AA.ORG

NO PREVIOUS JAIL TIME
REQUIRED

I AM RESPONSIBLE...

The *Responsibility Declaration* reminds me of the story of the Good Samaritan. In the story, the traveler was simply going about his business when he was brutally beaten, robbed, and left for dead on the side of the road. I was the same as the traveler when I ended up in a cage like an animal with officials ready to throw away the key. I was dead inside: at the jumping off place. God had another plan...

The parable of the Good Samaritan serves as a metaphor for the hand of AA bringing meetings into the jail. Both are powerful examples of compassion and support in times of need, planting a mustard seed of hope that marks the beginning of recovery.

The Samaritan brought in the traveler and took care of him until he recovered, just as those in Alcoholics Anonymous did for me and millions of others. Do I treat the alcoholic like the priest and the Levite, or like the Good Samaritan? Many well-meaning people treat alcoholics like the priest or the Levite, viewing them as low lives who are weak. But aren't we just like the traveler who was beaten up by alcohol when we became alcoholics?

AA members attending meetings, serving in their home groups, sponsoring individuals, and bringing meetings into jails, rehabs, and detox centers (along with providing other services outside the group) embody the spirit of the Good Samaritan.

To me, this is the core essence of the *Responsibility Declaration*:

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.

And for that, I am responsible."

Are you responsible?

Next year, God willing, I will be in Vancouver, BC, Canada for the AA 2025 International Convention. Hope to see you there...

Love and Service Peace and Blessings,
Jim S., SIA Chair

The Responsibility Declaration was written for the 1965 International Convention in Toronto by Al S., a former Grapevine editor and trustee. AA co-founder Bill W. spoke of "the immensity of our task and of the responsibilities with which we will always be confronted" when it comes to helping suffering alcoholics. This statement also holds deep personal meaning for me and for many other sober alcoholics. One writer puts it: "This statement became a challenge for me, personally bolstering my commitment to remain responsible in all of my endeavors, at home, at work and within the group."

*Some excerpts reprinted with permission from AAWS, Inc., and the Grapevine Inc.

June Calendar

June 4 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Corrections Committee Meeting
(virtual)

June 4 @ 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Special Events Committee Mtg
(virtual)

June 8 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Speaker Exchange
(True North Church)

June 11 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Bylaws Committee Meeting
(SIA Office)

June 11 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Archives Committee Meeting
(virtual)

June 13 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Web Committee Meeting
(virtual)

June 14 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Treatment Committee Meeting
(virtual + SIA Office)

June 17 @ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Schools Committee Meeting
(virtual)

June 18 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Officers & Chairs Meeting
(virtual + SIA Office)

June 21 @ 8:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Suffolk General Service Meeting
(virtual + Emanuel Lutheran
Church Patchogue NY)

June 25 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Public Information Cmte Meeting
(True North)

Share-A-Thon Cmte Meeting
(virtual + True North)

Treatment Committee Meeting
(virtual + True North)

New Intergroup Rep Orientation
(virtual + True North)

June 25 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
SIA Business Meeting
(virtual + True North)

Around the AA Campus

Group Updates

The Joy of Living

There's a new group The Joy of Living at St. Paul's Church 31 Rider Avenue Patchogue. Every Friday at 7:30 PM (see photos below).

Come out and support the new kid on the block.

Discontinued Groups

Rule 62 online Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 PM has decided to call it quits.

Dix Hills (Tuesday) has shut down after 52 years.

Happy Hour in Hampton Bays has bowed out after about 43 years.

Twelve Steps of Hope Online has stopped meeting.

Sobriety Seekers

Serious About Sobriety has merged with Sobriety Seekers. Both meetings are now called Sobriety Seekers and meet Monday 10:00 AM (Big Book) and Friday (Step) at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center 739 Route 25A Mount Sinai.

Rocky Point Unity

Rocky Point Unity has discontinued its Friday meeting but still meets Monday (Beginners 7:30 PM) and Saturday (Step 7:00 PM). They meet at the Trinity Evangelical Church 716 Route 25A Rocky Point.

We Can Recover

We Can Recover has opted to discontinue its hybrid Wednesday 7:00 PM Big Book meeting. Henceforth it will be online only Zoom 283 023 1736 Passcode 253666 Their Saturday Beginners 6:00 PM remains hybrid. In-person at Bethel Lutheran Church 10 Pinetree Road Huntington Station. The Zoom information is the same.

Things We Can Not Change

We mourn the loss of two AA friends

Dominick S Home for Dinner and Pat D Dix Hills Group. Both will be missed so much.



St. Paul's Church



The Joy of Living

Rocky Point Unity — Group History

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

716 Route 25A

Rocky Point, NY

11778



If ever there comes a day when Alcoholics Anonymous issues a dictionary, one of the definitions of the word

“resentment” might be “how to start a new meeting.” Such was the case here. The original two co-founders harbored such feelings against their former group and as a result Rocky Point Unity came to be. Interestingly enough, the exact reasons have been lost over time.

Unity made its first appearance in print in the March 2009 Suffolk meeting list. And an impressive beginning it was. The group started off meeting three days a week (Monday, Friday, and Saturday). Each day there were two different meetings. Today they have a much more streamlined schedule with Monday (Beginners) and Saturday (Step) – both at 7:30 PM.

The original meeting place was at the Parish Resource Center, an interesting spot to meet with colorful wall hangings and wall to wall bookcases filled with books. That building was sold and around November 2017, the group moved to the Trinity Evangelical Church known for its distinctive architecture. Many call it the fish church due to its resemblance to a large fish.

Through a move and even the pandemic, the group has held it together. Our mythical AA dictionary might have another word for that: “unity.”

S.I.A. Archives Committee

Original history written August 8, 2016

Updated May, 2024

SIA Committee Meeting Schedule

Archives (virtual)

2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm

Bylaws (SIA Office)

2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm

Corrections (virtual)

1st Tuesday 7:00 pm

Public Info (True North)

last Tuesday 7:00 pm

Schools (virtual)

3rd Monday 5:30 pm

Share-A-Thon (virtual + True North)

last Tuesday 7:00 pm

Special Events (virtual)

1st Tuesday 8:30 pm

Treatment (virtual + SIA Office)

2nd Friday 6:00 pm

Treatment (virtual + True North)

last Tuesday 7:00 pm

Web (virtual)

2nd Thursday 6:00 pm

SIA Business Meeting

(virtual + True North)

last Tuesday 8:00 pm

SIA Virtual Meeting Space



Zoom ID 941 2170 5886

Passcode service

Tel Dial-In (929) 205-6099

The AA Hotline Needs You

Email: phones@suffolkny-aa.org



Join Us Today!
**Help Others
Find Sobriety
and
Support.**

The AA Hotline needs YOU and especially your group to sign up to answer the phones.

With a whopping 300+ AA groups, Suffolk County has a large and vibrant AA community. There are no doubt thousands if not tens of thousands AA members who understand the importance of the 5th tradition.

If only a small fraction of the groups and their members raised their hands and volunteered their service, the AA hotline would have the entire year fully covered.

We thank the groups that have recently signed up. However from mid-June onward, the schedule is unfilled. We need groups to pick up the slack.

Even if your group can't fill all 14 shifts in a week, you can lend a hand! The hotline chair is happy to work with you to fill all remaining slots.

To sign up as a group or for any other inquiries, email phones@suffolkny-aa.org

To sign up as an individual, scan or click the QR code to the right :



To learn more about the hotline and access all pertinent forms scan or click the QR code to the left or visit :



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

June Sober

In early sobriety in the summer we remember beach days, barbecues, family and friends gatherings with drinking. How can I do that without alcohol?

Am I romancing a drink? Remembering only how much fun I had? Why can't I concentrate on all the pain it caused me and others? How my life became unmanageable.

You can! Be kind to yourself, stay connected to other alcoholics, be honest and put your sobriety first.

Alcoholics Anonymous was born in June.

“The spark that was to flare into the first AA group was struck at Akron, Ohio in June 1935 between a New York stockbroker and an Akron physician. ”

- Forward to Second Edition p. xv

They were our Forebears

- Fran H.

SAVE THE DATE

**Make plans to attend the
2025 A.A. International Convention
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
July 3rd - 6th, 2025**



**Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur**

Visit aa.org/international-convention to learn more

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AA History – June

June 10, 1935 - Dr. Bob’s last drink and celebrated as AA’s Bday. There is some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually June 17.

June 26, 1935 - Bill D. enters his last detox and his first day of sobriety.

June 28, 1935 - Bill W. and Dr. Bob visit Bill D. (AA #3 - *The Man In The Bed*) at Akron’s City Hospital.

June 16, 1938 - Jim B., “The Vicious Cycle” in BB, had his last drink.

June 13, 1941 - Ruth Hock shows Bill W. the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA.

June 17, 1942 - Four hundred and twenty-four attend the first annual NY area meeting

June 21, 1944 - The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.

June 11, 1945 - Twenty-five hundred attend AA’s 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio.

June 13, 1945 - Morgan R. gives first radio appearance for AA with large audience. He was kept under surveillance to make sure he didn’t drink.

SHORTCOMINGS and their OPPOSITES

Fear	C	—	—	r	—	—	—
Anger	—	—	t	—	—	—	e
Selfishness	G	—	n	—	—	—	—
Dishonesty	H	—	—	—	t	—	—
Resentment	F	—	—	g	—	v	—
Jealousy	C	—	—	t	—	—	t
Impatience	—	—	r	—	n	—	y
Arrogance	—	—	—	i	—	—	y
Manipulation	A	u	—	—	—	—	c
Control	—	—	r	r	—	—	r
Perfectionism	—	c	c	—	—	—	c
Judgment	—	—	—	—	s	s	—
Isolation	—	—	n	n	—	—	n
Greed	—	—	—	t	—	t	t
Cynicism	—	p	—	—	m	—	m

SIA
Announcements



view latest announcements by clicking or scanning the QR code or visiting:
<https://suffolkny-aa.org/announcements>

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

Upcoming Events in the Area

SUFFOLK INTERGROUP
ASSOCIATION
SPECIAL EVENTS
COMMITTEE

Zoom ID: 941 2170 5886
... Password: service



Every First Tuesday of
The Month
@ 8:30 pm

specialevents@suffolkny-aa.org

ALATEEN

"Alateen, part of the Al-Anon Family Groups, is a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism in a family member or close friend. Alateens help each other by sharing experience, strength and hope. By applying the Twelve Steps to their lives, they begin to grow mentally, emotionally and spiritually."

**When you're affected by
someone else's drinking**

Click or scan QR code
or Email:

AlateenChair@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org



Connect The Dots
Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
District 120 Area 49
presents

CELEBRATING
THE 89TH
BIRTHDAY OF
ALCOHOLICS
ANONYMOUS

TICKETS
\$30

8th Annual Birthday Brunch

Sunday June 16th, 2024
doors open at 8:30am

Polish Hall

214 Marcy Avenue
Riverhead, NY

for tickets & info. contact John B. at
ctdliny@gmail.com



Suffolk County Al-Anon in participation with AA "Let's Talk Traditions"

This is a QUARTERLY workshop focusing on 3 traditions at a time.

FREE
EVENT

True North Church

1101 Lakeland Avenue
Bohemia, NY 11716

Session 2 (traditions 4-6)

The basket will
be passed
honoring our
7th Tradition

June 29, 2024
10am-2pm

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

For information contact:
AAliaison@al-anon-suffolk-ny.org