



SUFFOLK INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

Bulletin

**If it is not happening now
It is not happening!!!**

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Montauk Group
 Montauk Community Church
 850 Montauk Highway
 Montauk, N.Y. 11954

For 31 years, the Wilson Group in Montauk was the Alcoholics Anonymous go to spot in town. There were the regulars all year and they would be joined by vacationers during the summer months. It was a nice relationship beneficial to all.

Problems started brewing over Traditions and contributions to the church. Despite attempts to resolve the issue, the inflexibility of one member in particular, worked against settling this amicably. Out of situations like this, new groups have been known to form. Once again, history repeated itself here.

During February 2001, the Montauk Group was born. When the original history was written, the co-founders opted to remain anonymous. They gave credit to a Higher Power, who steered them to start this. They saw themselves as instruments only. Whoever was behind it, what started with 10 members quickly grew to 20, in one year. Plus, the influx of visitors over the warmer months added to that total. It successfully offered a safe haven for those with a desire to stop drinking.



At first, the meetings were limited to an open discussion on Tuesday at 7:30PM. A Big Book meeting was added in Spring of 2022. During the coronavirus years, the group created an online presence to keep them afloat. That too, proved to be successful and the Montauk Group continues 22 years later.

S.I.A. Archives Committee
 Original history written January 2008
 by Russell M
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You Ought to Be in Pictures

The Suffolk Intergroup Archives Committee has been saving photographs of all Suffolk meetings to post on our website.

Many of the ones we have are between 15 and 20 years old.

We cordially invite all groups to submit new ones.

Take a bunch inside and outside of your meeting place
without people in them, please!

Send to archives@SuffolkNY-AA.Org



The new rep orientation starts at 7PM



True North Church
1101 Lakeland Ave
Bohemia, NY 11716

IN PERSON

APRIL 28 @ 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

SIA Business Meeting
(virtual + True North)



Zoom ID 941 2170 588

Passcode service

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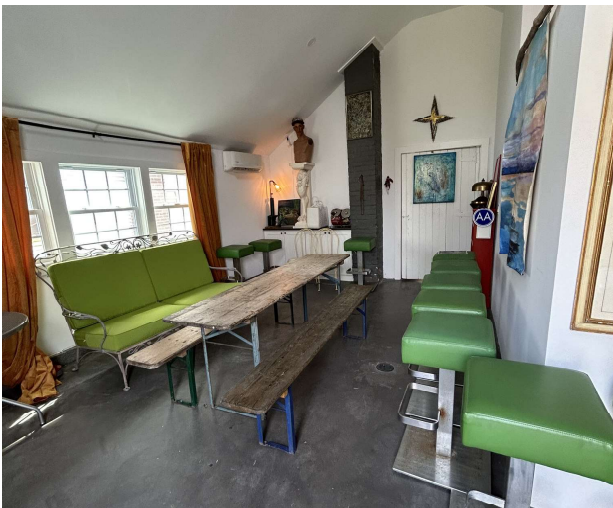
Around the AA Campus

A new addition to the Greenport AA scene called Rock Steady now meets every Tuesday at 11:00 AM. This Open Beginners is located at 214 Front Street, but enter through the back entrance. Why not head over and give support. (See photo below).

East Islip's Young at Heart in Islip has made some major changes. Its focus will no longer be on young people. Henceforth its new name will be Freedom Within. It will continue to meet as an Open Discussion at One Hope Church 127 Country Village Lane with a time change to 7:15 PM

Changed schedule for Hampton Bay's Corona Beach. From April to October, it will meet at Maritime Park-Shinnecock at 1:00 PM. Note a time change the rest of the year. These will be held at noon at Villa St Agnes 79 Foster Avenue. Meetings are seven days a week.

St. Annes Coming Together has canceled its Saturday 6:00 PM meeting. This may be a temporary measure, so look here for any updates. Its Sunday 6:00 PM meeting will continue as usual, so stop in. You can find them in the church basement at St. Anne's 88 Second Avenue Brentwood.



A change at Big Commack. From now on the Saturday 6:30 PM will be a Closed Discussion. This is addition to the Monday Beginners at 7:00 PM and the Wednesday Step at 7:00 PM. All of this can be found at the Commack Methodist Church 486 Townline Road .

Early Birdies, the seven-day-a-week online group, has added an Open Beginners meeting to its schedule. This takes place on Friday mornings at 8:00 AM, immediately after its 7:00 AM Topic Its usual meetings continue all week long at 7:00 AM. This is how to access --> Zoom ID: 394 509 0344. Passcode: blessings

The Trudge Group of Islip has lost its meeting place. Reportedly, they are looking for a new home. Stay tuned.

There is a change in the Beach Bums schedule. Henceforth its Saturday meeting is a Beginners. The group meets at Corey Beach 1 Corey Avenue Blue Point seven days a week at 8:00 AM

Oops Department. Last month this column mentioned the new Church Street Group which meets 7:30 PM every Tuesday at the Orthodox Presbyterian Church 906 Church Street Bohemia. We forgot to include a photo of the meeting. Better late than never. (See photo below).



From the Editor's desk: Tim D

The Amber Days

We used to call it comfort— that soft amber glow in a chipped glass, the way it warmed the throat like an old song you shouldn't love but still hum when no one's listening.

Nights blurred into a kind of sepia, edges softened, voices gentler, the world a little less sharp than the daylight that waited outside. We laughed too loudly at nothing, held onto each other like the room might tilt, and maybe it did.

There was a sweetness in the beginning, a syrupy promise that tomorrow could stay far away. But the bottle kept time better than we did, and nostalgia has a way of lying — turning the cracks into golden seams, forgetting the mornings that tasted like regret and metal.

Still, sometimes I miss the version of us who believed we were just having fun, that the glow was ours and not borrowed. Memory is a soft-focus camera, and even the worst nights can look beautiful from far enough away.

But the truth is:
The past only shines because we survived it.

May arrives without asking- splits through the cracks of April's doubt, soft as green unfurling on stubborn branches, quiet as a promise the earth kept to itself.

The air remembers how to begin again. It carries the scent of turner soil, something breaking- not in ruin, but in release.

Bud by bud, the world rehearses courage. Petals push past their folded fears, risking color, risking bloom, as if winter had never spoken.

And you- standing somewhere between what was and what might still be - feel it too

Not all at once, not like lightning or revelation, but like roots drinking deep in the dark, like breath returning after forgetting. May does not demand transformation. It Whispers: try again.

And so you do- not the same, not entirely new, but alive in a way that leans toward light.



SAVE THE DATE



Saturday, June 20th, 2026

11 AM - 2 PM

Lunch Provided

IN PERSON



Nassau Intergroup Office
361 Hempstead Turnpike
West Hempstead, NY 11552



VIRTUALLY

Zoom ID 554 670 5116
Passcode 870607
(click or scan QR code)



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How do we give back?

We Should give back to what has so freely been given to Us!

START DATE: February 6th

The 2026 12 Traditions Workshop

First Fridays
Each Month in 2026

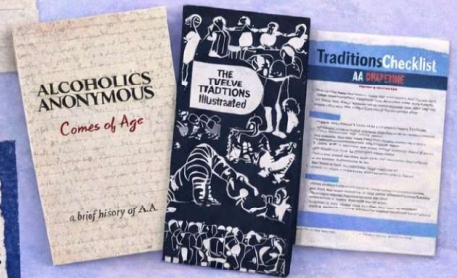
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ZOOM Meeting ID:
941 2170 5886

PWD: service

- Q&A sessions
- Handouts provided
- Resources to take others through AA's Traditions

Contact Natalie S
for handouts & info
thirdlegacy@suffolkny-aa.org



*This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
to keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives
and the lives of those to come.*



Bridging the Gap

The Treatment Facilities Committee is ramping up the county's BTG program. We need your help to be:

Temporary Contacts - bring prospects coming out of a Treatment facility to their first six meetings & get them connected with a sponsor, home group & commitment.

BTG District Captains - remember the SIA hotline district Captains who used to go around recruiting A.A. members for 12 step calls via the hotline? Same thing - only recruiting Temporary Contacts for Bridging the Gap instead. Must have working knowledge of A.A. traditions or be willing to learn.

BTG Facilitators - communicate with prospects before they leave an institution over the phone, and arrange for a Temporary Contact to call, & take the prospect to their first meeting on the outside. Follow up with the prospect to make sure the Temporary Contact completed the 12 step call a few times and the prospect got a sponsor.

To learn more about service opportunities w/ Treatment Facilities Committee scan or click QR code, or visit:

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



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Fri1 May 1 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Third Legacy 12 Traditions Workshop

May 5 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 SIA Bylaws Committee Meeting (hybrid)

May 7 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Treatment Facilities' Bridging
 The Gap Outreach
 Subcommittee Meeting
 (virtual)

May 8 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Treatment Facilities' Bridging
 The Gap Committee Meeting
 (virtual + SIA Office)

May 21 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Treatment Facilities' Bridging The Gap
 Outreach Subcommittee Meeting
 (virtual)

May 26 @ 6:20 pm - 7:40 pm
 SIA Treatment Facilities Committee
 Meeting
 (virtual + True North Church)

Historical Context

The Responsibility Statement was formally introduced at the 1965 International Convention in Toronto by Bill W., co-founder of AA. It was designed to be emotionally compelling and emphasize personal choice, using “I” instead of “we” to make the commitment individual. The statement arose from concerns about AA’s future ability to reach alcoholics and the need for members to actively participate in carrying the message.