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SUFFOLK INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

Bulletin



**“The trees are about to show us
how lovely it is to let things go.”**

– Anonymous

**“Every moment
is a fresh beginning.**

– T. S. Eliot



**Visit us at
suffolkny-aa.org
tel : (631) 654-1150**

SIA Business Meeting

Held last Tuesday of every month
September 29th, starting 8:00 p.m.
 New Rep Orientation 7:00 p.m.

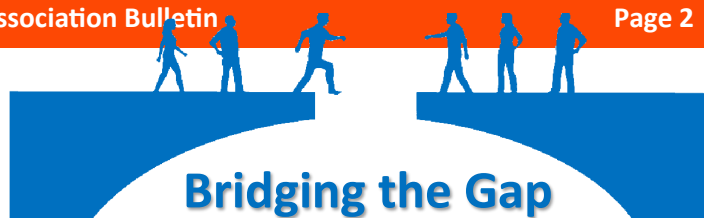
VIRTUAL ONLY IN SEPTEMBER



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Please **check the website** for details on **when and where** the **October meeting** will be held.



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>

HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

*Volunteering to answer the Suffolk County
 A.A. Hotline is easier than you think!*

- ✓ calls are automatically forwarded to your phone
- ✓ no one will see YOUR phone number
- ✓ most callers are looking for help finding a meeting or to be connected with a **12 Step Volunteer**
- ✓ all the resources you need are available on our website

We will show you how to take calls and provide you with all the necessary tools.

To sign up as a **Phone Volunteer**, scan or click the QR code to the right :



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

*We're rebuilding our 12-Step Volunteer list
 — and we need YOU on it!*

- ✓ YOUR phone number is never shared
- ✓ you'll be given the caller's number to return their call
- ✓ you choose what level of help you're comfortable offering:
 - return a phone call to share your experience, strength, and hope
 - arrange to meet them at an AA meeting
 - pick someone up and bring them to a meeting—with another AA member

To sign up as a **12 Step Volunteer**, scan or click the QR code to the right:



To learn more about the hotline visit :

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

“... the irresponsible had become responsible”

Greetings, Fellow A.A. Members. Many of you know that the above phrase is taken from the final sentence of Tradition Seven in the Twelve & Twelve, page 165. The primary focus of T7, as most of you know, is the reliance on our Fellowship itself to provide contributions, enabling our groups (as well as our various service entities, both General Service and Intergroup), to act as laid out in Tradition Nine. And one more thought, from Tradition Eight (p. 168): “The job was not to do Twelfth Step work; it was to make Twelfth Step Work possible.”

And so, from these three linked Traditions, we know in a broad sense a) whence we receive our contributions, and b) for what purpose we should be using them. There are even free pamphlets (F-3, Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix, and F-96, The A.A. Group Treasurer), which provide basic principles of handling and disbursing these contributions, and they apply to all levels of A.A. finances. But what the literature does not address is a vital core principle of our fellowship: who is responsible for the management of this process? Or, to use a more spiritual term: who are the stewards?

This year in our monthly SIA membership and officers/committee chairs meetings, we’ve had some lively discussions around our annual budget, specifically around several line items in the budget. I can assure you that “lively discussions” regarding money and budgets exist at every level of A.A. Every level. Over and over. So let’s do a deep dive, and try to answer two questions: who is, indeed, responsible for the budget? And, who are SIA’s stewards?

In Suffolk Intergroup, the Finance Committee, as spelled out in your By Laws (Article VI, section G, part 4) is responsible for preparation and presentation of next year’s budget. The Treasurer usually creates the draft, because of their intimate knowledge of the finances and direct access to all the records. The Committee Chairs, the Office Manager, past Treasurers, et al, contribute their feedback on what each committee or area of responsibility will need for the coming year – and why. So is everyone I just mentioned a steward?

Yes. And no. And some people are not going to like what comes next.

All of the above people present the budget each year, and in doing so do their best to honor the Traditions (and SIA customs) with the individual line items and the overall budget. **But it’s ultimately the Groups**, specifically their SIA Reps (who, with our quorum system, always have a significant majority of votes), who vote on and approve the budget each year. That’s what brings the budget to life. If you don’t like a line item, or anything else in the budget for that matter, **the time to address it** – after getting your Group’s thoughts about it, of course – **is during the discussion before the budget is voted on, not a year later.** You vote on it, and you own it.

We’re all stewards; we’re all responsible. But only if we accept the responsibility.

In Grateful Service, **Tom B., SIA Chairperson**

October Calendar

Oct 2 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Third Legacy

12 Traditions Workshop (virtual)

Oct 3 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Suffolk County Big Meeting,
(Robert Reid Rec Ctr, Shoreham)

Oct 5 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Schools Committee (virtual)

Oct 6 @ 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Special Events Committee
Meeting (SIA Office)

Oct 6 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

SIA Bylaws Committee Meeting
(hybrid)

Oct 9 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Treatment Facilities Committee
Meeting (virtual and SIA Office)

Oct 13 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SIA Web Committee Meeting
(virtual)

Oct 16 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Suffolk General Service Meeting
(hybrid: virtual + Emanuel
Lutheran Church Patchogue NY)

Oct 26 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Treatment / Bridging The Gap
Outreach Subcommittee (virtual)

**Please check the website for
the date, time, and location
of the following meetings
near the end of October!!**

SIA Treatment Facilities
Committee Meeting

SIA Business Meeting

Around the A.A. Campus

Group Updates

****NEW** Women Walking Together**

New online group called Women Walking Together. The group will be meeting seven days a week at 8:30 PM. Each night will offer a different format. ID: 7388 7100 443. ID: 8wupvv

Amagansett Round Robin

... has shuffled things around a bit. The Sunday 9:00 AM is now a rotating Step/Tradition meeting. Join them on Zoom. ID: 858 8392 9409 No passcode.

Brentwood Gratitude

... has found a new home! Adelante 10 Third Avenue is the place to be every Wednesday (Step 6:00 PM) and Friday (Beginners 6:00 PM). (See photo on page 5)

Big Book at Brooksite

Big Book at Brooksite @ St. Thomas of Canterbury 29 Brooksite Drive Smithtown could use support. This Tuesday 10:00 AM meeting has been in existence for at least twenty-six years. Let's help it stick around for another hundred years or so.

Morning Mustard Seed

Name and Address Change Time. Organic Mustard Seed in Riverhead is now called Morning Mustard Seed. The group now meets Monday to Friday at 10:00 AM at The First Congregational Church 103 1st Street. Bring your own coffee. (See photo below)



Morning Mustard Seed

We Stay Sober Together

Zoom ID Change Time: We Stay Sober Together has changed its ID to 842 030 9137 Passcode: 532292. The group meets Tuesday (Beginners), Thursday (Beginners) and Friday (Daily Reflections). All meetings are at 7:00 PM

Whoopee Party

Kings Park's Whoopee Party will now be meeting every Sunday at 2:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus 44 Church Street.

East Islip's Freedom Within

... also has added a "bring your own coffee" notice to its listing. The meeting can be found Fridays at 7:15 PM. Where? One Hope Church 127 Country Village Lane. Please be careful not block any neighbors' driveways when you park.

West Neck in Huntington

... has readjusted its schedule. Thursday's 7:00 PM will be Big Book with the third week being anniversaries. This goes along with its Monday (7:00 PM Step and Beginners). All of this can be found at the United Methodist Church 180 West Neck Road.

Keep It Simple/Early Birds

... which meets week days at 7:00 AM and Saturday at 8:00 AM is no longer offering a phone-in option. Strictly in-person from now on at St. Mary's Episcopal Church 26 St. Mary's Road Shelter Island.

Hampton Bays Afternoon

... is no more. Sad to report that this fifty-one year old meeting shut down. Many people sober today can thank this Sunday 3:00 PM meeting for helping them along the way all these years.

Kings Park's Just For Today

Another sad goodbye. Kings Park's Just For Today has called it a day. For forty-one years, this group was there for those in need. A great loss for all.

Daytime Love & Service Group History

United Methodist Church
107 E. Main St.
Bay Shore, NY 11706

Just as in the corporate world, there have been mergers in the world of Alcoholics Anonymous. Some meetings have found that in the spirit of cooperation - and for survival - it is a wise move to join forces. That is what happened in Bay Shore with Daytime Love & Service.

Bay Shore is a hamlet with a long AA history going back to the mid-1940s. It has had the most meetings of any town in Suffolk. From the early seventies to mid-seventies, there were various meetings at the New Bethany Church as well as what was then known as Penataquit Church. The job of rallying them all together under one umbrella is credited to Bobby O'N. The groups merged together as of the August 1978 Suffolk meeting list. They were Hope for Today, Bay Shore Afternoon, Islip Afternoon, Love and Service, and Young People's Discussion - all of their earlier histories can be read elsewhere on the Suffolk Intergroup Archives site. This new conglomerate became Daytime Love and Service. Now that their basic lineup was in place, there would be lots of changes in formats over the years.

There would be lots of memories, too. Their home has become a legend in Suffolk County. Affectionately known as The Pit. It is a rough and tumble basement hangout where men in three-piece suits would sit next to people who hadn't bathed in days. This clearly demonstrates the democracy of alcoholism. They met in a room with ratty couches and old empty cat food cans used as ash trays. In the mid-2000s the room was spiffed up. Those men in suits would share about how in their alcoholism, they too hadn't bathed in days and how the magic in this room helped transform them. Around the 2020 pandemic, the Pit was relegated to another part of the basement - no less lacking in glamor - but once a Pit always a Pit. The love in their name continues to serve those in need on a daily basis.

S.I.A. Archives Committee

Original history written 2011

Updated August 11, 2023



SIA Committee Meeting Schedule

Archives	(virtual)
2nd Tuesday	7:00 pm
BTG	(virtual + SIA Office)
2nd Friday	6:00 pm
BTG Outreach	(virtual)
1st & 3rd Friday	6:00 pm
ByLaws	(virtual + SIA Office)
1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Schools	(virtual)
1st Monday	7:00 pm
Special Events	(SIA Office)
1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Treatment	(virtual + TBD)
last Tuesday	6:30 pm
Web	(virtual)
2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm
SIA Business Meeting	(virtual + TBD)
last Tuesday	8:00 pm

SIA Virtual Meeting Space



Zoom ID 941 2170 5886
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2027 BUDGET - PROPOSED (for review by Groups)

Ordinary Income/Expense	2026		2027 Budget	
	Budget		Proposed	
Income				
Income				
*Funds from Prudent Reserve		\$	10,000	
Group Contributions	\$	115,200	\$	105,000
Individual Contributions	\$	800	\$	800
Literature Sales	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
Grapevine Sales	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Total Income	\$	147,000	\$	146,800
Less: Cost of Goods Sold - Literature	\$	30,000	\$	30,000
Less: Cost of Goods Sold - Grapevine	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Gross Profit	\$	116,000	\$	115,800

Expenses				
Committees Expense				
Hotline	\$	700	\$	500
Archives Expense	\$	3,000	\$	2,200
Big Meeting (odd-number years)	\$	-	\$	1,200
Corrections / JAILS Expense	\$	1,000	\$	3,500
Grapevine Exp (Chair, Shipping, etc)	\$	250	\$	250
Literature Exp (Chair, Shipping, etc)	\$	250	\$	250
Public Information Expense	\$	15,000	\$	7,000
Schools	\$	1,000	\$	1,000
Share - A- Thon	\$	14,000	\$	10,000
Special Events	\$	2,500	\$	2,500
Special Needs	\$	-	\$	-
Third Legacy Expense	\$	500	\$	500
Treatment / Institutions Exp	\$	20,000	\$	10,000
Total Committees Expense	\$	58,200	\$	38,900

Office Expenses	2026		2027 Budget	
	Budget		Proposed	
Bank and Card Processing Fees	\$	500	\$	1,000
Bulletin Expense	\$	7,200	\$	6,500
By-Laws	\$	1,000	\$	808
Conventions Expense	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
Copier Lease	\$	1,900	\$	1,900
Insurance Expense	\$	5,000	\$	5,500
Maintenance Expense	\$	3,500	\$	4,000
Meeting List	\$	8,500	\$	8,000
Miscellaneous	\$	100	\$	100
Officer Expenses	\$	3,000	\$	500
Optimum/Cablevision	\$	3,000	\$	3,600
Postage Expense	\$	1,500	\$	1,500
Rent Expense - Office	\$	31,050	\$	32,292
Rent Expense - Reps Meeting	\$	1,800	\$	1,800
Rent & Refresh - Spkr Exchange	\$	700	\$	900
Supplies Expense	\$	4,500	\$	4,500
Utilities Expense (included in rent)	\$	-	\$	-
Web Master Expense	\$	4,615	\$	2,500
Total Office Expenses	\$	79,365	\$	76,900
Total Expense	\$	137,565	\$	115,800
Excess of Income Over Expenses (Net Income)	\$	(21,565)	\$	-

Prudent Reserve Calculation:

New Basis: Operating Exps ONLY	\$	115,800
6 months - max per SIA By-Laws	x	50%
	\$	57,900
*Increase in available funds against 2026 Budget	\$	10,000

SUFFOLK INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

SCHOOLS Committee

★ CARRYING THE MESSAGE INTO OUR SCHOOLS ★

..... EDUCATE • INFORM • INSPIRE



Help bring A.A. literature and our message of hope to students and educators in Suffolk County.



MEETING SCHEDULE

Held the
FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
7:00 PM
(2nd Monday in Sept)

Held Virtually

 **ZOOM ID:** 941 2170 5886

 **PASSCODE:** service

 **URL:** suffolkny-aa.org/schools

Your service makes a difference!

 **UNITY SERVICE RECOVERY**

 *Get Involved. Make An Impact.*
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



2026 — 2027 Officers & Chairpersons

Chairperson	Tom B. chairperson@suffolkny-aa.org
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Upcoming Events in the Area

view latest announcements by clicking
or scanning the QR code or visiting:

[https://suffolkny-aa.org/
announcements](https://suffolkny-aa.org/announcements)



★ SUFFOLK COUNTY ★ BIG MEETING

PRESENTED BY SUFFOLK INTERGROUP
AND SUFFOLK GENERAL SERVICE

Join Us for a Special Event!

DATE: October 3, 2026, Saturday

TIME: 9a.m. – 2p.m.
Refreshments will be served.

LOCATION: Defense Hill, Shoreham NY –
Robert Reid Recreation Center

SERVICE TABLES
2 SPEAKERS
JUMP INTO SERVICE!

All are welcome!
Don't miss this chance to connect, reflect,
communicate and "JUMP" into service!

For more information, contact
DCM111 at DCM111@suffolkgs-ny.org

The 2026 12 Traditions Workshop

First Fridays
Each Month in 2026
6pm

ZOOM Meeting ID:
941 2170 5886
PWD: service

Tradition 10
October 2nd

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

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Comes of Age
a brief history of A.A.

THE TWELVE TRADITIONS
Illustrated

Traditions Checklist
At a Tradition

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.

XLIV CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CDH AREA 49

HOST DISTRICT 114 COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
OCTOBER 31st & NOVEMBER 1st, 2026
Saturday from 2:00pm to 12:00am / Sunday 8:00am to 12:00am

MARRIOTT HOTEL
1350 Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, NY 11747
Penn Station to Ronkonkoma
Stop: Farmingdale

CONTACTS:
Coordinator: 631-935-4921
Programming & Syllabus: 631-220-9384
Transport: 631-512-6513

Save the Date! UNITY BREAKFAST 2027

AA SUFFOLK GENERAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2027
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

MARRIOTT MELVILLE
1350 Walt Whitman Road
Melville, NY 11747
2ND FLOOR BALLROOM

FELLOWSHIP SPEAKERS SERVICE BREAKFAST UNITY

ONE DAY. ONE FELLOWSHIP. ONE PURPOSE.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

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AA SUFFOLK GENERAL SERVICE
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