

SOBER NEWS

NEW YORK INTER-GROUP NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2001

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Please read this important announcement about your group's meeting listing in N.Y. Inter-Group's Meeting Book.

The following motion was passed by group representatives attending the September 8, 2001 quarterly Inter-Group Delegates' meeting:

That Inter-Group put the Meeting List in its entirety on the Inter-Group web site. That the web site version of the Meeting List contain the same information contained in the paper version.

That groups who do not wish to have some or all of their meetings listed on the web site so inform Inter-Group of those meetings they want listed in the paper version and those meetings they want listed on the web.

That after November 10, 2001 the ongoing maintenance of the paper and web versions follow Inter-Group's existing procedures.

A Group Information form is enclosed for your convenience. In addition to updating your group officer, meeting schedule/location and Twelfth-Step contact information – please indicate, in writing when applicable, any difference between your group's meeting information to be included in the printed version of the Meeting Book and your group's meeting information to be included in the web site version of the Meeting Book.

The deadline for revisions to the December 1 edition of the printed Meeting Book is October 15. The deadline for information for the web site version of the Meeting Book is November 10.

Please telephone Inter-Group if you have questions.

Fourth edition of The Big Book scheduled to be available for sale early in December 2001.

The fourth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book)* is expected to be available for sale in the Inter-Group office by the first week in December. The hardcover edition will cost \$5.00; the portable edition will cost \$4.60.

How did the “Big” Book get its nickname?

When *Alcoholics Anonymous* was published, the founding members wanted purchasers to be sure they were getting their money’s worth. Thus, they instructed the printer to run the job on the thickest paper he had. “The original volume proved to be so bulky that it became known as the ‘Big Book.’”

How much has the price of the “Big Book” increased since 1939?

In 1939, the Big Book First Edition cost \$3.50; the Fourth Edition hardcover will cost \$5.00.

Where did you first hear the A.A. message of recovery?

Was it in a psychiatric facility? A jail? A detox? Did A.A. members supply literature and Meeting Books? Did A.A. members share with you their experience, strength and hope?

For many of us those men and women with clear eyes and clean clothes were the first glimmer of hope for a solution to our active alcoholism.

Did you know that institutions have requested that meetings be brought to their patients/clients and that there are no meetings taking place because there are no A.A. members available to perform the service?

As this is written, Inter-Group’s Institutions Committees have 200 meeting requests unfilled. This means that there are suffering alcoholics in 200 locations throughout New York City and Westchester waiting for an A.A. member to share that they don’t have to drink – that there *is* a solution to active alcoholism. Many meeting requests have been on the “waiting list” for two, three, four or even five years.

Here’s what the Institutions Committee’s “waiting list” looks like, by Area:

Bronx, 34 meeting requests unfilled.	Spanish, 4 meeting requests unfilled.
Brooklyn, 39 meeting requests unfilled.	Staten Island, 6 meeting requests unfilled.
Manhattan, 56 meeting requests unfilled.	Westchester, 33 meeting requests unfilled.
Queens 28, meeting requests unfilled.	

If you and/or your group are looking for ways to work Step 12; to carry the A.A. message to those who still suffer, adopting an institutional meeting is rewarding and nourishing service. Inter-Group’s Institutions Committees hold monthly meetings in each New York City Borough and Westchester. To find out more about Institutional service attend a monthly meeting in your Area (times and locations are listed in the Meeting Book) or phone the Inter-Group office for more information. The Institutions Committees will provide free A.A. literature and Meeting List Books to Institutions Meeting Chairs.

I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that: I am responsible.

THANKS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE QUARTERLY INTER-GROUP DELEGATES’ MEETING

This is a Gratitude List of the names of 83 groups that were represented at Inter-Group's quarterly Delegates' meeting on September 8, 2001. By their presence at the Inter-Group Delegates' meeting these groups participated in setting the policies by which the Inter-Group office functions.

MANHATTAN (41)

Alive Again
Atlantic
Chelsea Riverside
Completely Sober
Dyckman
East Midtown Plaza
East Village
Eightieth Street
Exchange Views
Fireside
First Things First
Gramercy
Grand Central
Hell's Kitchen
High Noon
Into Action Manhattan
Lambda West
Living Now
Manhattan
Mid-Harlem
Murray Hill
Never Too Late
New Life In Sobriety
Ninety-Sixth Street Workshop
Ninth Avenue
Nu Garden
P.A.X.
Potpourri
Regency
Riverton
Seventy-Ninth Street Workshop

MANHATTAN (CONT'D)

Spotlight On Sobriety
Straight 12
Studio 27
Sutton
T.G.I.F. & S.
The Workshop At 12th Street
Twenty-Two Below
Village Agnostics
Young And Wise
Youth Enjoying Sobriety (Yes)

BRONX (15)

A Better Life
Early Morning Sobriety
Growing Up
Gunhill
Jughead
Marble Hill Kingsbridge
Never Too Young
Riverdale
Saturday Afternoon
Sobriety First
South Bronx
University Heights
We Agnostics Of The Bronx
Woodlawn
Young And Old In AA

BROOKLYN (9)

Bedford
First Step Workshop

BROOKLYN (CONT'D)

Flatbush Dorchester
Greenwood
Pass It On
Refuge
Sidney Place
Sober Living
We Can

QUEENS (12)

Alive Again
Astoria Topic
Cambria Heights
Forest Hills
Forty-Sixth Street
Gardens Group Of Forest Hills
Keep It Green
Little Neck-Douglaston
Rich Haven Splinter
Rosedale Springfield
Sobriety First
Sobriety Plus

STATEN ISLAND (4)

Another Alternative
First Step Group
Four O'Clock Lounge
H.O.W.
(Honesty, Open Minded,
Willingness)

WESTCHESTER (2)

Croton Harmon
Pelham

Manhattan Share-a-Day, Saturday, February 9, 2002

The Manhattan Share-a-Day will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2002 at Martin Luther King Jr. High School. The theme will be "Recovery, Unity, Service: Through the Steps, Traditions and Concepts".

General Service Representatives (GSR) of Manhattan groups sponsor the day of workshops and fellowship.

Anyone interested in service opportunities can phone John K., (212) 564-4235.

Overheard in the Inter-Group office

"I reached my bottom when things got worse faster than I could lower my standards."

NEW YORK INTER-GROUP CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2001

- Nov. 7 & 15
Dec. 5 & 20 Office Telephone and Call Forwarding and Volunteer Orientation, 6 P.M., N.Y. Inter-Group office, 307 7th Avenue, (28th Street), Room 201, Manhattan, 10001. (Orientations are held 1st Wednesday, 3rd Thursday each month, any Thursday night between 6 P.M. and 10 P.M. and any Saturday afternoon between 1:30 P.M. and 6 P.M., same time and location. (No appointment necessary. One-year continuous sobriety required.)
- Nov. 7
Dec. 5 Westchester Area Institutions Committee Meeting, 7 P.M., First Baptist Church, South Highland Avenue, (Route 9) (Corner of Church Street), Ossining, 10562. (Meeting is held 1st Wednesday each month same time and location.)
- Nov. 10 & 24
Dec. 8 & 22 Spanish Language Institutions Committee Meeting, 7 P.M., Spanish Intergroup Office. (Oficina Central Hispana de A.A.), 2306 Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard, (between 135th & 136th Streets). Manhattan, 10030. (Meeting is held 2nd and 4th Saturday each month, same time and location.)
- Nov. 12
Dec. 10 Institutions Literature Packing, 10 A.M., N.Y. Inter-Group Office, 307 7th Avenue, (28th Street), Room 201, Manhattan, 10001. (Literature packing is done on the 2nd Monday of each month, same time and location. Newcomers always welcome.)
- Nov. 13
Dec. 11 Queens Area Institutions Committee Meeting, 7 P.M., Our Lady of the Cenacle School Cafeteria, 87-25 136th Street, Hillside Avenue and Van Wyck Expressway), Richmond Hill, 11418. (Meeting is held the 2nd Tuesday each month, same time and location.)
- Nov. 14 Telephone Volunteer Committee Meeting, 6:30 P.M., N.Y. Inter-Group Office, 307 7th Avenue, (28th Street), Room 201, Manhattan, 10001. (Meeting is held 2nd Wednesday every other month, same time and location.)
- Nov. 15
Dec. 20 Manhattan Area Institutions Committee Meeting, 6:30 P.M., N.Y. Inter-Group office, 307 7th Avenue, @ 28th Street, Manhattan 10001. (Meeting is held 3rd Thursday each month, same time and location.)
- Nov. 16
Dec. 21 Bronx Area Institutions Committee Meeting, 8 P.M., St. Phillip Neri School Cafeteria, 3031 Grand Concourse, (202nd Street, 10468.) (Meeting is held the 3rd Friday each month, same time and location.)
- Nov. 16 Queens Area Forum, 7:30 P.M., Old St. James Annex Church, 86-02 Broadway (@ 51st Avenue, 11373), opposite Elmhurst Library. Elmhurst Group meeting place. (Meeting held 3rd Friday every other month, same time and location.)
- Nov. 17 Bronx Area Forum, 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., Bedford Park Congregational Church, 3008 Bainbridge Avenue, (at East 201st Street), 10468, (Gunhill group meeting place.) (Meeting is held 3rd Saturday every other month, same time and location.)
- Nov. 24
Dec. 29 Brooklyn Area Institutions Committee Meeting, 1 P.M., St. Peter Claver Church, 29 Claver Place, (Jefferson Avenue, 11238.) (Meeting is held last Saturday each month, same time and location except July and August.)
- Nov. 26
Dec. 24 Staten Island Area Institutions Committee Meeting, 7:30 P.M., Staten Island University Hospital, 475 Seaview Avenue, 10305, 4th floor Conference room. (Meeting is held 4th Monday each month, same time and location.)
- Dec 4. Manhattan Area Forum, 7 P.M., N.Y. Inter-Group Office, 307 7th Ave., (28th Street), Room 201, Manhattan, 10001.
- Dec. 8 Exchange Meeting, 7:30 A.M., Public School 41, Sixth Avenue & 11th Street, Manhattan, 10011. (Meeting is held 2nd Saturday in March, June, September and December, same time and location.)
- Dec. 8 Institutions Information/Orientation Workshop, 9 A.M., Public School 41, Sixth Avenue & 11th Street, Manhattan, 10011. (Meeting is held 2nd Saturday in March, June, September and December, same time and location.)
- Dec. 8 Inter-Group Delegates' and Group Officers Workshop, 10 A.M., Public School 41, Sixth Avenue & 11th Street, Manhattan, 10011. (Meeting is held 2nd Saturday in March, June, September and December, same time and location.)
- Dec. 8 Public Information Orientation Workshop, 11 A.M., Public School 41, Sixth Avenue & 11th Street, Manhattan, 10011. (Meeting is held 2nd Saturday in March, June, September and December, same time and location.)
- Dec. 8 Inter-Group Delegates' Meeting, 12 Noon Public School 41, Sixth Avenue & 11th Street Manhattan, 10011. (Meeting is held 2nd Saturday in March, June, September and December, same time and location.)
- Dec. 15 Brooklyn Area Forum, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM , Our Lady of Refuge Church, 2020 Foster Avenue (@ East 21st Street, 11210.) (Refuge group meeting place.)
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve all-night Alkathon, 10 P.M. until 9 AM, January 1, 2001 at N.Y. Inter-Group Office, 307 7th Avenue, (28th Street), Room 201, Manhattan. Open Discussion meetings will be held in English and Spanish. Come in and celebrate and fellowship!!!