

# QUEENS INTERGROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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## A Message from QIAA's Chair

Greetings and Happy New Year 2016 from Queens Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous. Hope the year is filled with abundance, good health and many days of sober living. We have an opportunity to live two lives in one lifetime, and that's quite extraordinary.

I am honored and humbled to serve in the position of QIAA Chairperson. I look forward to participating in exciting events including QIAA 25th Anniversary, which will take place in September, 2016.

To recap, our 2015 Thanksgiving and Holiday Share-a-thons were a great success. There were 78 Thanksgiving Share-a-thon meetings, attended by 1,554 people. Our Holiday Share-a-thon had 266 meetings over the course of 11 1/2 days, attended by 4,589 people. Feedback surveys were distributed at the Holiday Share-a-thon, and the majority of responses received were positive, especially as it related to location, and parking.

We encountered some minor glitches which the QIAA Steering Committee solved expeditiously. We will strive to improve communications with groups so that they are informed earlier regarding the importance of group representation at the lottery planning meetings in order to secure a slot at the Share-a-thons.

Please feel free to contact me at QIAA with any questions, or comments. Till then, I look forward to seeing you all on this incredible journey.

Best,  
Diane S.  
Chairperson QIAA

## Boston Receives a Treasure

Sober since July 11th, 1952 Liz Bailey has been a magnificent demonstration of all that is A.A. Liz is a true blooded New Yorker (born in Brooklyn, raised in The Bronx, and living in Queens for the last Four decades), but she is also a true blooded alcoholic who grew up in our program. At the age of twelve she had her first drink and that's all it took. Her nineteen years of drinking was messy, chaotic and volatile. Liz' drinking drove her to despair. She remembers feeling so low that when her son was about 8 months old, she planned to jump in front of a train. She screamed out for help. It was in that moment that the God of her understanding told her she better try A.A. and so at the age of 31, this suicidal young mother walked through the doors of A.A.

She has enjoyed 63yrs of sobriety. However, over the years she has really been tested. Her son was shot and killed, her father hung himself and her sister jumped 30 floors from a Manhattan skyscraper. Her doctor diagnosed her with cancer and gave her six months to live, and now Liz has 49 years as a cancer survivor. Liz is one of the best loved speakers, not just by her Queens A.A. family, but worldwide. Her story is one of moving from incomprehensible demoralization to an insistence on being happy, joyous and free.

On February 29th, 2016, Liz Bailey moved to Boston, MA to live with family. Liz has helped many recognize the disease of Alcoholism, and how to learn and grow in the program. One of her wonderful sayings "without you there is no me" resonates within all of us.

We love you Liz, and wish you the very best. Boston is getting a treasure! A very Phenomenal Woman.



### **Upcoming Events**

*QUEENS SPEAKER EXCHANGE  
AND  
DELEGATES MEETING*

**\*Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016\***

7:30 AM: Exchange Meeting

9:00 AM: Delegates Meeting

#### **Location:**

All Saint Lutheran Church  
164-02 Goethals Ave.  
Jamaica, NY 11432

**ALL ARE WELCOME  
REPRESENT YOUR GROUP!**

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**March 18-20<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Westchester Marriott**

**SENY  
CONVENTION**

*Our spiritual way of life.*

For further information contact:

SENY Convention Chair

Jarrett D.,

**(718) 665-1253**

Or Email:

**convention@aaaseny.org**

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*QIAA Celebrates 25 Years*  
**Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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**6:00 PM**

Interested in doing service?  
Would love to be a part of the  
planning?

Want to learn more?

Email us at:

**25thAnniversary@queensaa.org**

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**Tradition 4:** Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

**Tradition 5:** Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

**Tradition 6:** An A. A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

## The History of Queens Intergroup: The End of an Era

Changes in QIAA office arrangements, Steering Committee objectives and leadership separate the period that may be called the Pioneer Years between 1993 and 2001 from what may be called the End of an Era which began in 2002 and concluded in 2011.

In 2001 the lease for space above the Cinemart Theatre on Metropolitan Avenue in Forest Hills expired without possibility of renewal. From 1992 the office and meeting room had been a vital center of AA activity in Queens. Usually open eight plus hours a day, seven days a week, the office and meeting room brought together AA's from all parts of Queens to meet and to perform various interoffice functions. The Cinemart space promoted personal bonding and identification with the organization, much as an AA clubhouse might do.

The ten independent AA groups using the meeting room had to find new locations. The business office was relocated to a smaller storefront across the street. The Share-a-thon was moved to Our Savior Lutheran School on Woodhaven Boulevard in Rego Park. Increasingly popular, the Share-a-thon required a much larger facility, new operating procedures and additional leadership.

During the first decade of the new millennium the main objectives of the Steering Committee shifted from promoting support and establishing a new organization to managing people and administering existing services. This presented new challenges. Providing 24/7 hotline service, producing a newsletter, managing a bookstore, maintaining computer data files, et cetera, required talents, attitudes, methods and rules common enough in the business world, but not necessarily in the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous. In this context Hank's Notes, a procedures manual for managing many of QIAA's intergroup functions, were written in 2005.

As membership in the Steering Committee became more open and diverse, disruptive behavior and/or inadequate performance sometimes became a problem. Personnel turnover sometimes placed an excessive burden on a few. Also, as founding and pioneer leaders ceased to participate in QIAA, a new generation of trusted servants sometimes struggled to find their way. Thru it all, Queens AA individuals and groups always responded to the plea "It's your intergroup. Support it."

The End of an Era was celebrated on September 24, 2011 in grand style at a Twentieth Anniversary Meeting. The guest of honor was Frank R, a founder and leader of QIAA. A videotape of his memories of Queens Intergroup was the highlight of the evening. Also on the dais sharing their recollections were trusted servants Bob C, Greg F, Hank G, John F B, Manny A, Michael L, Peter C, Richie P, and Rob C. In the audience were many old-timers whose service to QIAA may have been less applauded but was no less appreciated. Also present were a number of relative newcomers to service outside the home group who were encouraged to undertake the work of Queens Intergroup.

The Twenty Fifth Anniversary will be celebrated on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. More details to come.

**Learn more about our great team!**

**Here's a list of QIAA 2016 Committee members**

Office Position	Committee Member
Chairperson	Diane S.
Vice Chair	Bert L.
Treasurer	Jeff M.
Vice Treasurer	Barbara B.
Secretary	Patti A.
Office Manager	Matthew M.
Advisor	John F.
Advisor	Manny A.
Special Events	Adina C.
Website	Greg F.
Newsletter	George M.
Archives	Allen C.
Meeting Book	Bob A.
Institutions	Richie P.
12 Step Coordinator	Doug B.
Daytime Hotline Coordinator	Yolanda R.
Nighttime Hotline Coordinator	Peter C.

## Phone Volunteers



### **We Need Your Help!**

Queens Intergroup provides a **24-HOUR Hotline** for any suffering alcoholic who needs someone to talk to.

This hotline is **100% Staffed by volunteers** and we need **YOUR** help to maintain it. Help us help the still suffering alcoholic!

Call the Hotline  
**(718) 520-5021**  
And leave your contact information.  
Thank you!

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



To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the original Big Book in 1939, a replica of the first Big Book has been printed. Your copy of the Special Edition may be purchased at your Queens Intergroup office.