

**OVER 60 GROUPS EXCHANGED MEETINGS  
AT THE QUARTERLY EXCHANGE ON SEPT 8<sup>TH</sup>  
SHARE-A-DAY TERMED "MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER."**

A quiet and orderly group of nearly three hundred A.A. members [ed.note: About 300 people came up the street.] from all over Queens gathered in the early morning hours of a beautiful, late summer day recently in front of All Saints Lutheran Church on 164<sup>th</sup> Street in Jamaica to exchange an estimated 700 meetings. The September 8<sup>th</sup> Exchange Meeting was followed by the Quarterly Intergroup Representatives Meeting where Queens Intergroup officers were elected and/or volunteered to serve as Chairman, Treasurer, Newsletter Chair and Meeting Book Chair for 2008; several others volunteered to continue in interim positions as Institutions Chair and Office Manager. (The full slate of new officers will be announced in November's **QIAA News**.) All A.A. members are invited to attend the monthly meeting of QIAA's Steering Committee. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Queens Inter-group's office at the address in the masthead. (Please call ahead: limited seating is available.) The Institutions Committee meets at 6:30 pm, and there are several institutions commitments that remain unfilled. These may be filled as Group or Individual commitments.

**THE NEXT EXCHANGE MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**34 MEETINGS, BREAKFAST AND A LUNCHEON**  
**Queens Share-A-Day** was a remarkable success this year with at least 250 people attending the Old Timers Meeting alone! Thirty-four Meetings, an Old Timers Meeting and a Workshop were held between 9am and 5pm on Saturday, Sept.15<sup>th</sup> at I.S.5 on Jacobus Street just off Queens Blvd in Woodside. The Day-Care Committee made it possible for about 10 families to attend who might have had to skip it. It was a wonderful thing to see. Thanks to **Queens County General Service Office** for a great sober day, great planning and execution. A lot of gratitude was shared.

**IMPORTANT:** The **PLANNING MEETING** for the **THANKSGIVING SHARE-A-THON** is on **Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior Lutheran School at 11:30 am.** Your group should be represented in order to schedule a shift during the Share-A-Thon.

→ **SEE DETAILS IN THE FLYER ENCLOSED** ←

**PLANNING MEETING for the THANKSGIVING  
SHARE-A-THON: Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, will be  
held at Our Saviour Lutheran School at 11:30 am.**

**The Following Groups Have Asked For Support:**

**Bellerose/Glen Oaks:**

"Glen Oaks"

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
263rd. Str. & Union Tpke.  
Mon. & Sat. 7:30 P.M.

**Forest Hills:**

"Women Living  
in the Solution"

St. Luke's Church  
85 Greenway  
Tuesdays. at 7:15 P.M.

**Springfield Gardens:**

"Newcomers Welcome"  
Christ the King Center  
145-02 Farmers Blvd.  
(off South Conduit &  
Farmers Blvd.)  
Saturdays at 1:00 P.M.

**Flushing:**

"Men on the Move"

Dutch Reformed Church  
167<sup>th</sup> Str. & 35<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
(2nd Floor Library).

Tues. at 7:00 P.M. Closed

**Queens Village:**

"Hollis Bellaire"

Incarnation Meeting Rm.  
89-43 Francis Lewis Blvd  
Thurs. & Sat. at 8:00 P.M.

**Woodhaven:**

"Living Sober" (Men)  
St. Thomas Apostle  
Parish House. 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
87-04 88th. Ave. (use side  
entr. door on 87th. Str.)  
Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.

**MEETING CHANGES: SIX MONTH ROUND-UP**

Pg.13 - **Flushing Unity** The correct address is 149-49, as indicated in the Meeting Book, not 19, as we had on the Web. This was updated via announcement of their **Fourth Step Workshop on Sat.10/13 at noon.** See next page for details.)

Pg.14 - Flushing: **Men On The Move Group** meets at the Dutch Reformed Church, 167th Street & 35th Avenue, upstairs, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor library. Closed Meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm  
Pg.14 - **Forest Hills Group** now has a Open Meeting on the last Monday of the month.

Pg.14 - **Forest Hills Lambda Group** is now a Beginners' Big Book Meeting, Mondays at 7:15 pm.

Pg.18 - In Maspeth, **Nadzieja Group** is a new meeting. Entire meeting is Polish speaking at Holy Cross Church, 61-21 56th Road (Basement) Mondays: Closed Disc. at 8:30 pm. Sundays: Closed Discussion at 4:30 pm.

Pg.20 - **Our Primary Purpose** has left Queens Village and relocated to St. Albans. **Our Primary Purpose** is now meeting at Grace United Methodist Church, 200-08 Murdock Avenue (at 200th. St.) with a Closed Meeting on Saturdays at 3:00 pm.

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(MEETING CHANGES, *cont'd.*)

Pg.9 - **Astoria Group** has eliminated the Big Book Meeting on Monday and the Beginners on Friday. Both of these meetings had been at 7:30 pm.

Pg.11 - **Bayside Hills** no longer has an 8:30 pm Closed Mtg. on Monday. The Closed Mtg. is now at 7:15 pm, on the 2nd., 4th. and 5th. Mondays. This becomes a Beginners Meeting on the 1st. and 3rd. Mondays.

Pg.15 - Forest Hills - **Women Living In The Solution** now meets at 7:15 pm, on Tuesdays, 15 minutes earlier than previously announced.

#### **FOURTH STEP WORKSHOP IN FLUSHING:**

**The Flushing Unity Group** will hold a Fourth Step Workshop on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at St.John's Episcopal Church, 149-49 Sanford Ave. @ 167<sup>th</sup> Str., from noon until 4 pm. Free coffee.

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#### **Volunteers needed for Institutions Meetings:**

--- **JAMAICA HOSPITAL, Psychiatric Wards I & II**  
Saturdays and Sundays at 3:30 pm.

--- **ST.JOHN'S Detox Unit, Far Rockaway**  
Wednesday and Thursday Evenings

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## **A.A. Fact Sheet**

### **The Preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous**

Service Material from the  
General Service Office

*Alcoholics Anonymous* is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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#### **What A.A. Does**

Nonalcoholic guests are welcome at "open" A.A. meetings.

Attendance at "closed" meetings is limited to those who are alcoholic or think they may have a drinking problem.

At meetings A.A. members share their recovery experience with anyone seeking help with a drinking problem, and give person-to-person services or "sponsorship" to the alcoholics coming to A.A.

The A.A. program, as set forth in the Twelve Steps to recovery, offers the alcoholic an opportunity to develop a satisfying way of life free from alcohol.

#### **What A.A. Does NOT Do**

1. Make medical or psychiatric diagnoses or prognoses, or offer advice.

2. Provide drying-out or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs, housing, jobs, money or other welfare services.

3. Accept any money for its services or contributions from outside sources.

4. Provide letters of reference to parole boards, lawyers, court officials, social agencies, employers, etc.

5. Engage in or support education, research, or professional treatment.

Our recovery is based on sharing our experience, strength and hope with each other, that we may solve our common problem; more importantly, our continued sobriety depends upon helping others to recover from alcoholism. Rev.1/14/03

COUNTDOWN TO THE **THANKSGIVING SHARE-A-THON: FORTY-FOUR DAYS !!**