

## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In-Person Meeting Updates

#### Focus on Recovery (formerly at St. Pat's in Newburgh)

Now meeting at the  
Jewish Community Center  
290 North St., Newburgh  
Mondays (ST) at 6:00PM  
Tuesdays (BB) at 6:00PM

#### New Meeting at Rick's Place

74 Frozen Ridge Rd.  
Newburgh  
Sundays at 6:30PM (12 & 12)



### Orange County Intergroup Officers & Chairs

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#### Next Meeting:

Thursday, Oct 7th

1st Thursday of every  
month at 7PM

#### **Zoom ID:**

817 7899 9971

**Password:** 051222

Sept 2021

Orange County  
Intergroup



## Orange AAid

### STEP 9

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others

Orange County General Service  
Virtual Spiritual Breakfast

**Sunday, September 26th**  
**9AM—11AM**

*You feed the body, WE'LL feed the Spirit!*

**ZOOM ID: 937 8893 6868**  
**PW: Spirit**



#### ATTENTION ALL GROUPS:

The Orange County Meeting List will resume printing in-person meetings in October. If your group wants to be included and you are NOT on the Orange County AA website, **you must notify Dani no later than Sept 30th at webmaster@orangenya.org**.

#### OPEN INTERGROUP COMMITMENTS

**Booker**

**Homegroup  
Liaison**

**Archives**



## ANNIVERSARY CORNER

### September celebrants

#### Cup & Saucer Goshen

Cynthia A—24 years  
Barry C—7 years  
Wendy V—3 years  
Joe M—2 years

#### SIOGA

Bill A—17 years  
Laura—1 year

#### Balmville Fellowship Group

Ricardo—31 years  
Eileen M—20 years

#### The Newburgh Group

Dave—7 years

#### Greenwood Lake

Gina—3 years  
Dave D—4 years  
Dani D—4 years  
Susan—30 years

## Came to Believe

Every new day that I don't have to drink, I come to believe that God 'could and would if he were sought'. There were days I did not want to drink, and told myself I wouldn't, only to be intoxicated sometimes before noon. It was August 31, 2010 when I surrendered and asked God to help me, not knowing who or what God was.

The day before I could not consume enough alcohol to conquer oblivion, knowing it no longer worked and that I was defeated. Alcohol used to take the pain away. I wanted to be done, I wanted to stop, I just didn't know how to stay stopped. I had been in and out of AA for 3 years prior. My sponsor, from day one, adamantly suggested I pray for the obsession to be lifted. So it began, I prayed to this God because it sounded and felt right. "Please God, do not let me drink, remove the obsession." Upon awakening that's what I did. And the next 10 days I did not drink. I thought about it constantly - but immediately asked God to remove those insane thoughts. I'd show up at the meetings telling people I don't want to drink but that I might have to - in between, saying that simple prayer. "God please don't let me drink, please God don't let me even think about it."

As I was leaving work one beautiful September afternoon, I thought about heading down to the Jersey shore for a night or two. It dawned on me that I love to drink at the Jersey shore and it might not be a good idea to go. I didn't tell my sponsor about it, I already knew what she would say. My mind said, "Go, and if you don't drink, then maybe this God is really listening to your prayers." But what if I do drink? Perhaps it won't be so bad, perhaps I can just have a few, (knowing very well I never had a few!) GO, NO DON'T GO, maybe you won't drink, maybe you will. It was pure madness in my head. As I sat in the car trying to make a decision, a friendly face from AA showed up and asked if I'd join him for lunch. So the decision was made.

God sent him to stop me from going to the shore and to stop me from the possibility of drinking.

As we sat and had lunch, I had no desire to drink but was still thinking about it. I looked around the restaurant. A beautiful couple with a toddler girl caught my attention. Looking back on my life, that's what I dreamed of—being a good wife and mother - that was supposed to be my life. Feeling useless and sorry for myself, I looked across the table and caught the eye of the girl who was coloring on paper. As I watched her scribble the red, green, and blue crayons, I had this feeling that everything was exactly how it was supposed to be. She put a smile on my face, and that feeling of uselessness and self pity disappeared at that very moment. She grabbed her portrait, came over to me, and sat on my lap.

That was almost 11 years ago. I have not had to drink since, and Sydney's portrait is *My Came to Believe*. I look at it on my refrigerator every day, confirming that God, my Higher Power has removed my obsession, restoring me to sanity. Today I pray that God keep me sober, allow me to be useful, and show me what I need to know. I'm no longer struggling with decisions - I'm guided and directed because I still come to BELIEVE. ~Sherry A., Greenwood Lake Group



*Tradition 9— "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."*

## TRADITION 9 —LONG FORM

"Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is best... All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole...Universal respect is the key to their usefulness."

- 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, p. 191



**N.U.T.S**  
Not  
Using  
The  
Steps

## AA PHONE SERVICE - GROUP NEEDED

The 5th of each month is OPEN for a group to volunteer to cover the AA helpline. If interested, contact Tommy at [phoneservicerep@gmail.com](mailto:phoneservicerep@gmail.com)

