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NEI NEWSLETTER



New England Intergroup of S.L.A.A.

**"The only tyrant I accept
in this world is the still
voice within."**

Mahatma Ghandi



NEI Upcoming Events NEI is planning some fellowship-building events in the coming months.

March 2014

-- March 9-- NEI Business Meeting, 5 PM

April 2014

-- April 13 -- NEI Business Meeting, 5 PM

-- April 26 -- NEI Spring Gathering

May 2014

-- May 11 - NEI Business Meeting 5 PM

--May 17 -- Mt Wachusett Hike



Upcoming Vermont 12-STEP Weekend Retreat Schedule

March 28-30, 2014

July 18-20, 2014

October 3-5, 2014

December 19-21, 2014

*In Chester, Vermont
(2 1/2-3 hours from Boston)*

The retreats are not only about sharing experience, strength, and hope, but a chance to have lots of fun and laughs as well! We not only work the Steps, but also provide an opportunity to get to know ourselves, as well as other S&L addicts in a safe place. There is also ample opportunity for "down" time if your schedule is overwhelming you - for more information, visit our retreat web page at www.slaanei.org/vtweekend.html

Get Ready for NEI's Annual Spring Recovery Gathering!

New England Intergroup, P. O. Box 1375, Brookline, MA 02446

617-625-7961, <http://www.slaanei.org>

The Conference is open to anyone who is recovering from sex and/or love addiction or wants to find out more about Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous.

This Spring's Theme:

The 5S's – Sobriety, Steps, Sponsorship, Spirituality & Service

Saturday, April 26, 2013

8:30 am *Conference Registration begins*

9:00 am – 6:30 pm *Keynote speakers / Recovery topic meetings*

Getting Started on the Steps
Sponsorship
Healthy relationships
Romantic Obsession
Internet Sobriety

Love Addiction
How does a higher power fit into my life?
Setting Bottom Lines
Creating Bottom Lines
Service

Conference Service Opportunities. Please consider the opportunities to do service. NEI needs volunteers to help with registration, literature sales, raffle table coverage, setup, and cleanup. Speakers and Topic Chair people needed, **WE ALL NEED TO HELP AND WE ALL HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE.** please write email to activities@slaanei.org. Or call 617-625-7961 and leave a message for Peter.

NEWS BRIEFS

**** Facilitators Needed for Institutional S.L.A.A. Meetings in Bridgewater, MA –** The Massachusetts Correctional Treatment Facility in Bridgewater, MA holds two S.L.A.A meetings every week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They are looking for S.L.A.A. members to come in and facilitate the meetings. Without anyone to facilitate the meetings, the State will cancel the S.L.A.A. program. Volunteers must be male, have no criminal record, and be willing to submit to a background check (including full name). If you are interested, please email slaa.bridgewater@slaanei.org or call the NEI answering service at 617-625-7961 and leave a message for Wil.

**** THE FELLOWSHIP-WIDE SERVICES WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER IS NOW AVAILABLE.** Subscribe to the quarterly F.W.S. Newsletter via email at www.slaafws.org/newsletters/subscriptions. You can subscribe to the print version for a \$20 fee. Feel free to take a newsletter to your meeting.

**** NEI ACTIVITEES COMMITTEE** is planning a number of activities over the next several months including the **Spring Gathering** on April 26 at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, a hike up **Mount Wachusett** on May 17 and a summer **NEI Barbeque** in August. These events are planned to enhance fellowship and sobriety and to have fun. Take advantage of these events and actively participate. All are welcomed.

**** NEI SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE** Two officer positions are available for qualified SLAA members. The office of Vice Chair and Corresponding Secretary are important and rewarding positions for the right person. Please contact www.slaanei.org for further information. There are also many other opportunities for service at NEI. Please inquire to find out how you can share your experience, strength and hope to help yourself and others in this fellowship.

STEP AND TRADITION OF THE MONTH

STEP 3: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God.

TRADITION 3: The only requirement for S.L.A.A. membership is the desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. Any two or more persons gathered together for mutual aid in recovering from sex and love addiction may call themselves an S.L.A.A. group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.



Conference Prison Outreach Committee (CPOC)

The Mission of the Prison Outreach Committee (Updated Apr 9, 2012):
To carry our message of recovery from sex and love addiction to the addict who still suffers inside and outside the legal system.

Please consider this type of service to the fellowship. Contact the CPOC at:
<http://www.slaafws.org/contact/Conference+Prison+Outreach+Committee>

CONSIDER THOSE ADDICTS

who are isolated or shut ins or otherwise unable to get to meetings.

There are online and telephonic meetings. **Attend online and telephonic meetings as often as possible.** You will find a list of these at:

<http://directory.slaafws.org/>

LOCAL MEETING CHANGES

SUNDAY, RI. WARWICK , 7:30 PM (CD12) All Saints' Episcopal Church, 111 Greenwich Ave **Needs Support**

THURSDAY, MA. TOPSFIELD, 7:00 PM (OSDT,h) Topsfield SLAA. Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 River Road, Library Room. **New Meeting**

THURSDAY, MA. BARNSTABLE, 7:00 PM (CSD12,h) Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod, 2391 Iyannough Rd. Effective 02/06, this group **IS CLOSED**. Please contact Wil at (508) 801-7186 for more information.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL GROUPS All changes to the meeting list will require an NEI Meeting Registration Form to be completed. This applies to any time, date, place or address changes as well meeting name changes and contact changes. A form can be downloaded at www.slaanei.org/neiforms.html

Does your group need S.L.A.A. Basic Texts, pamphlets or chips?

Local S.L.A.A. meetings in Eastern MA and Rhode Island are encouraged to order their S.L.A.A. literature through New England Intergroup (NEI). Simply fill out the order form found at the NEI website, <http://www.slaanei.org>. email an order to literature@slaanei.org. Orders may alternatively be mailed to our P.O. Box and picked up at the next NEI business meeting as long as it's ordered 3 weeks in advance. Or place your order through Fellowship Wide Services at <http://www.slaafws.org> or at 1-210-828-7900.



GET ALL YOUR NEI INFORMATION BY EMAIL

Contact us at mailinglist@slaanei.org to be added to our emailing list. Thank you.



SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME TO THE NEI BUSINESS MEETINGS TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING. THIS IS YOUR FELLOWSHIP.

Our next NEI business meeting is **Sunday, March 9, 2014 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM**. We invite all S.L.A.A. members to join us **AND PARTICIPATE** at Newton - Wellesley Hospital - Room AR 345 in the Allen-Riddle Building.



PENPALS NEEDED

Please consider doing service by being a pen pal to a prisoner. There are 2 prisoners in Massachusetts looking for a pen pal and 14 across the country. Contact prison outreach at www.fws.com



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