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NEI NEWSLETTER



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

"Selfishness, self-centeredness! That, we think, is the root of our troubles"

--AA Big Book



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



June 2014

--June 8 – NEI Business Meeting 5 PM

July 2014

--July 13 – NEI Business Meeting 4 PM Special meeting to discuss ABM items, followed by regular 5-7 Business meeting

August 2014

--August 10 – NEI Business Meeting 5PM
--August 16 – NEI Barbecue

Upcoming Vermont 12-STEP Weekend Retreat Schedule

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. For more information, visit our retreat web page at www.slaanei.org/vtweekend.html



The Prison Outreach Committee needs you!

We are overloaded with request from inmates for Pen Pals across the country. As of this writing, we have requests for 17 Pen Pals. Each member of the CPOC is expected to be a Pen Pal for 1 or 2 inmates. Some members are writing to 15+ inmates a month. They should not have to carry this burden by themselves. *We need your help.*

These offenders are not all pedophiles or murderers, they have just acted out on their addiction and got caught. Some of us have done the same thing and got away with it. Please try being a Pen Pal to a fellow sufferer in prison. I attend 2 meetings a week in prison myself, the inmates are like you and me. "There but for the grace of God go us". Many of us, if we acted on our fantasies would have been in trouble with the law. Or maybe you have.

The CPOC suggests S.L.A.A. members who have 3 or more months of sobriety consider becoming a Pen Pal for an inmate (this may be waved in certain cases). Interested members need to contact the CPOC Chair or the NEI Outreach Coordinator to let them know that you would like more information on becoming a Pen Pal.

If your pen-pal does not write back after you contact him/her, don't take it personally. Some inmates might lose interest or may be interested in pen pal as a friend. We remind them that we provide only recovery pen pals.

Pen Pals will normally be of the same gender. This avoids his/her sexual orientation leading to intrigue or acting out. We avoid 'falling in love' with the inmate.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or difficulties with the Prison Outreach program, please contact the CPOC Chair, Vice-Chair, or NEI's Outreach Organizer.

To contact the CPOC go to the slaafws.org website. There you will find a section on "contacting conference committees". By U.S. mail, "Fellowship-Wide Services - 1550 NE Loop 410, Suite 118 - San Antonio, TX 78209"

-You can contact NEI's Outreach Committee through our website at slaanei.org or use our information line at (617) 625-7961

NEWSBRIEFS

**** NEI SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE** One officer position is available for qualified SLAA members. The office of Corresponding Secretary is an important and rewarding position for the right person. Please contact www.slaanei.org for further information. There are also many other opportunities for service at NEI including but not limited to phone service volunteers, group reps and alternative reps. Please inquire to find out how you can share your experience, strength and hope to help yourself and others in this fellowship.

****NEI IS IN NEED OF TELEPHONE RESPONDERS:** This is a rewarding way to do your 12th step in terms of service. All can do this. Contact Peter S @www.slaanei.org or at 617-625-7961 for more information.

NEW MEETING INTEREST

**** I AM INTERESTED IN STARTING A NEW MEETING IN WALTHAM ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STARTING THIS MEETING, CONTACT CHRIS (christojo58@yahoo.com).**

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.



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



OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

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, June 8, 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.



CONSIDER THOSE ADDICTS --

--who are isolated or shut-ins or otherwise unable to get to meetings. There are online and telephone meetings. **Attend online and telephone meetings as often as possible.** You will find a list of these at: <http://directory.slaafws.org/>.



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STEP AND TRADITION OF THE MONTH

Step 6 We're entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

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

Character Defects to Consider

This is a partial list of defects to get ready to remove. Some, all or others may apply

Anger	Fear	Aloofness
Avarice	Anxiety	Cruelty
Dishonesty	Trust	Faith
Cheating	Cold-heartedness	Conceit
Controlling	Criticalness	Gluttony
Gossiping	Backstabbing	Greed
Impatience	Immodest	Revengeful
Lustful	Lazy	Manipulative
Pessimistic	Prejudice	Possessive
Resentful	Sarcastic	Secretive
Isolating	Unfaithful	Unreliable
Ungrateful	Vulgar	Perfectionistic

WEBSITE HELP NEEDED

NEI is planning on an upgrade of the website www.slaanei.org. Currently the Website committee is meeting telephonically every other week. A decision has been made to work with Wordpress. Content is being discussed and some has been selected.

We are looking for an experienced person who can volunteer his/her time to help develop the site so it can better serve the membership and newcomers. Experience with Wordpress is preferred but not absolutely necessary. Please contact Lisa P at <http://www.slaanei.org> or at: **617-625-7961**

LOCAL MEETING CHANGES

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

MONDAY MA. STOUGHTON, 7:00 PM (CL,h) Going to Any Lengths Meeting. First Congregational Church, 76 Pierce Street. Enter church through left door down ramp. Room 5 is straight ahead **Needs Support**

FRIDAY MA. NEWTON, 7:15 PM (OSTLD12,h, 75 minutes), Friday Night Women's Meeting **This meeting has disbanded as of April 2014**

SATURDAY MA. BOSTON, 8:00 PM (OSDTh, 60 min) 74 Kilmarnock St. As of 03/23/14 group is now a coed meeting and **no longer men only.**

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