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NEI NEWSLETTER



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

"It is the highest form of self-respect to admit our errors and mistakes and make amends for them. To make a mistake is only an error in judgment, but to adhere to it when it is discovered shows infirmity of character."

- Dale Turner



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

August, 2015

- August 9 - NEI Business Meeting
- August 16, NEI Barbeque

September, 2015

- September 13 - NEI Business Meeting
- September 25-27, Vermont Anorexia Weekend Retreat

October, 2015

- October 2 -4, Vermont Weekend Retreat
- October 11 - NEI Business Meeting



Upcoming 12-STEP Weekend Retreat Schedule

September 25-27 VT
October 2-4, 2015 VT
December 18-20, 2015 VT

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

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S.L.A.A. 12 Step Weekend Retreat with ANOREXIA FOCUS

September 25-27, 2015

SEE FLYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS

NEI APPLIES TO HOST THE ABM/C IN BOSTON FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

THE NEI BUSINESS GROUP HAS APPLIED TO HOST THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY ABM/C IN BOSTON, A SPECIAL PLANNING GROUP VOLUNTEERED TO WORK ON THE DETAILS.

THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST TIME THE ABM/C WOULD BE HELD IN BOSTON SINCE THE FWS MOVED ITS BUSINESS OFFICE TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. IF APPROVED HELP FROM THE NEI FELLOWSHIP WILL BE MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

NEI BARBEQUE SUNDAY, AUG 16,

11 AM - 4 PM

HOUGHTON'S POND Site #3

TAKE EXIT #3 OFF OF INTERSTATE 93 IN MILTON

NEWSBRIEFS

****NEI NEEDS A TREASURER AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - ASAP** Please inquire to find out how you can share your experience, strength and hope to help yourself and others in this fellowship. A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR SOBRIETY IS NEEDED FOR THESE POSITIONS

**** NEI SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:** There are opportunities for service at NEI including but not limited to phone service volunteers, group reps and alternative reps. ANYONE CAN HELP

****NEI BARBEQUE SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, HOUGHTON'S POND SITE #3** - HOT DOGS, BURGERS, SALADS, CAMRADERIE, GAMES. Enjoy food, fun, walk through a beautiful, natural habitat. A getting current meeting will be held. Bring something to share, from food to yourself for recovery.

**** IS YOUR MEETING REPRESENTED IN NEI? **** CHECK WITH YOUR MEETING. IF NOT **YOU** CAN REPRESENT YOUR MEETING AS A GROUP REP OR ALTERNATE REP AND ATTEND NEI BUSINESS MEETINGS.

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS OF THE FELLOWSHIP FOR ANY SLAA RELATED NEWS OR INFORMATION

**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, August 9, 2015 from 5:00
-7:00 PM.** We invite all S.L.A.A.
members to join us **AND
PARTICIPATE** at Newton -
Wellesley Hospital – Room AR 100
in the Allen-Riddle Building.



**TELEPHONE AND ONLINE
MEETINGS --**

There are those of us who are isolated or otherwise unable to get to meetings. Consider 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 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

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S.L.A.A. Tradition Eight: S.L.A.A. should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Our program is a spiritually-based program. The professional tasks performed by social workers, therapists and doctors are very important, and should be performed by professionals, but they are different than what a spiritually-based 12-step program provides. If we take money for talking about our program we become professionals. There is a whole other quality to being a professional that is not what our program is about. We carry the message after having the "spiritual awakening" described in Step Twelve.

Also, there is administrative work that needs to happen to support an international organization. If S.L.A.A. is to fulfill its mission someone must package the literature for mailing to intergroups in a timely manner. Someone must answer the telephone at the office. To give these tasks solely to volunteers is not practical.

The Twelfth Step teaches us "to carry this message to sex and love addicts..." We are more effective in doing this if we do it with humility. As addicts we are more receptive to the S.L.A.A message when it comes from other addicts. If a professional talks to me about my problems I may listen but I listen differently, and maybe with more interest, if someone who has been in my own situation shares their experience with me. I am more willing to listen to someone who has struggled with the same things I have. "We naturally trust people who have had similar experiences as we have. Our message is more powerful when it comes from a like-minded person. I think this is the reason for the Eighth Tradition. Peter S.

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LOCAL MEETING CHANGES

SUNDAY -NH. CONCORD, 5:00 PM (CSD,NS,H) Big Book Step Study. Unitarian Universalist Church, 274 Pleasant Street (Route 9 West). Group meets in library. **Newly Added to NEI Meeting List**

MONDAY - NH. PORTSMOUTH, 7:00PM (CDTNS, 60 min) Topic/Discussion Meeting. Christ Episcopal Church, 1035 Lafayette Road (Route 1 South). Enter at the door on the south side of the building. Meeting room is on the 1st floor and is the 3rd door on the right side of the hallway. **Newly Added to NEI Meeting List**

TUESDAY – NH. SALEM, 7:30 PM (CSD12,NS) NH Originals. United Methodist Church, 8 Pleasant Street, Parlor Room. **Newly Added to NEI Meeting List**

THURSDAY - MA. BOSTON, 12:00 PM (CD12), St. Anthony's Shrine, 100 Arch Street, Basement via elevator, in classroom next to kitchen. **NEEDS SUPPORT**

SATURDAY - MA. WORCESTER, 7:00 PM (CL12,h) All Saints Church, 10 Irving Street, Guild Room. Park in lot on Pleasant Street **NO LONGER MEETING**