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NEI NEWSLETTER



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

...“Many of us were so numbed that only a blast of physical and emotional intensity from a sexual or romantic “hit” could penetrate and animate our progressively deadened, dissipated beings”.

-S.L.A.A. Basic text Step 1 reading, page 69

NEI Sponsored Calendar of Events 2016
(Check with NEI to confirm date & times or changes.)

January 2017

8 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm
Election of Officers

February 2017

12 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm

March 2017

12 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm
24-26 VT 12 Step Retreat

April 2017

7-9 MA 12 Step Retreat
9 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm

May 2017

7 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm

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S.L.A.A. Inspiration Line

215-574-2120

Your 24/7 Sponsor

A daily recorded message of experience, strength and hope with an opportunity to share by leaving your own message. Topics are brought up that one wouldn't think about or share on otherwise. Great for the drive to work!

S.L.A.A Fellowship-Wide Services Newsletter

If you love this newsletter, the fellowship's main office puts out a great newsletter as well.

<https://slaafws.org/fwsnews-previous>

Don't Give Up Patriots Football to Join NEI

I know, NEI meetings are late on Sunday afternoons and the Patriots play on Sunday afternoon. Perfect excuse not to get involved with NEI, right? Well all of that is changing. Now you can have your cake and eat it too!

Beginning at 5:00 pm on January 8, 2017, NEI meetings can be attended in person at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Allen-Riddle Building, Room 100, 2014 Washington Street in Newton **AND ON THE PHONE**. NEI members, new and old, can call-in to a conference call number:

(712) 432-6100

Enter Participant Code: 74128638#

and be part of the monthly NEI meeting. And NEI needs your HELP and SUPPORT and your IDEAS. Plus the January 8th meeting will include the election of NEI officers for the year so you can influence the future of NEI as well.

NEI puts on six to seven 12 Step Retreats a year. We put on recovery-based outings like picnics, hikes, and possibly more exciting things to come (a canoe trip?). We do two yearly Gatherings, which involve fellowship with recovering members, often from the East Coast and Canada. And NEI supports over sixty meetings in the New England area by publishing meeting lists and providing information on recovery from addiction to the addict who still suffers.

Is your meeting represented in NEI? It should be. Remember the 1st tradition – Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on S.L.A.A. unity. S.L.A.A. is a Fellowship and meetings with no representatives at NEI form a collection of lone groups with no connection to the Fellowship as a whole. That's not a fellowship. Sharing the responsibilities of making the meeting run, having a vested interest in the work done by our trusted servants, giving back what was freely given, all make S.L.A.A. a whole lot stronger. Making it a true Fellowship.

So now you can do service and give back what you have freely received. You can represent your meeting and your voice can be heard. You can get connected. And, the easy part is, all you have to do is just pick up the phone and participate.

If you have trouble calling in, please email NEI at NEIphonein@gmail.com.

Submitted by Seth S.

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). To save on shipping and handling, 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, January 8, 2017 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.** Telephone meetings are a perfect driving companion! You will find a list of these at:

<https://slaafws.org/meetings/>

The views expressed in the NEI Newsletter are the opinions of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of New England Intergroup.

STEP & TRADITION OF THE MONTH

STEP 1: We admitted that we were powerless over sex and love addiction – that our lives had become unmanageable.

TRADITION 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon S.L.A.A. unity.

S.L.A.A. celebrates 40 years December 30, 1976!

The first meeting of S.L.A.A. was held 12/30/1976. Two men and two women sat together in a room and shared their stories, finding comfort in the knowledge that they were not alone. From that day until today we have meetings all over the world and the original meeting still exists in Newton, MA.

In recognition of the 40th anniversary, NEI worked with FWS to put on an International Recovery Convention (IRC) this past summer. It was a wonderful event with over 40 recovery topic sessions and keynote speakers during a 3 day period. The theme of the convention was *40 Years: Evolving & Growing in Recovery* and you can still hear some great speakers sharing their experience, strength, hope, and gratitude for these many years of S.L.A.A. recovery. Speakers represented 4 decades of recovery with varying levels of sobriety in celebration of this program.

You can still own a piece of history. From the IRC, we have on a commemorative flash drive:

- The complete set of 40 audio recordings (\$134 w/ free shipping includes t-shirt & tote bag)
- 13 Keynote speakers (\$20)
- Steps 1-10 (\$20)
- 6 popular workshops—1) Building Intimacy (with God, ourselves & others); 2) I have no Time to Rush (Dating: When, a Plan, Setting Boundaries); 3) Healthy Sex with Self and Others; 4) Do I dare Disclose? When, Why, How & Who; 5) Defining our Sobriety: Setting Bottom, Accessory, and Top Lines; 6) Relationships in Recovery (\$20)

Visit our website for more details or to order any of these items: <http://slaanei.org/events-and-retreats/international-recovery-convention-2016/irc-items-for-sale/> Your purchase helps NEI continue to help the meetings grow and assist the addict who still suffers through the phone line, mailings, recovery events/gatherings, and outreach.

For us, we want to share our recovery and gratitude with all members of S.L.A.A. and with the addict who still suffers. Help us spread the word by sharing your gratitude for the courage the founding members had 40 years ago and for those of us who have benefited from the gift of this program.

Submitted by Jenny R.

LOCAL MEETING CHANGES

SATURDAY- MA. BROOKLINE, 10:30 AM (OSDT12,nf, no food) Speaker-Discussion Group, All Saints Parish Church, 1773 Beacon St. at Dean Rd. Block room, basement level. Last Sat is step of month. C-Train Green Line

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. You can submit updates online at <http://slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/>