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# NEI NEWSLETTER



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

"You guys are awesome!  
Thanks to Amy P who is  
going to speak at the  
Haverhill meeting in  
December. Thanks to Al L  
who is going to speak in  
Beverly Sunday night.  
Peace."

- Joe G, Newburyport

Joe's comments were shared  
via email with those partici-  
pating in the new speakers  
initiative written about in the  
previous two NEI newsletters  
(see website for back issues.)

#### Want to be a speaker?

Email [jmgn2@yahoo.com](mailto:jmgn2@yahoo.com) to  
get calendar announcements  
about speaking opportunities.

#### Need speaker for meeting?

Email [jmgn2@yahoo.com](mailto:jmgn2@yahoo.com) for  
a speaker request form that  
asks for the date, meeting  
type, sobriety requirements,  
etc. so an appropriate match  
can be made.

### NEI Events

#### December 2017

10 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm\*  
15-17 12-Step Retreat, Chester, VT

#### January 2018

13 A Meeting & A Movie (p. 2)  
21 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm\*

#### February 2018

10 We Are Not Alone Event (p. 2)  
11 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm\*

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Newton-Wellesley Hospital  
Open to all S.L.A.A. members.  
Allen-Riddle Bldg, Rm 100  
(Small brick building adjacent  
to main hospital)  
Or participate by phone.  
Call the conference line  
(712) 432-6100  
Passcode: 74128638#

## Rewarding NEI Service Positions Open to All in January Election

It's lucky for us all that NEI's bylaws require the periodic election of new officers! Why is this good news? Because it is an example of the Twelve Traditions of S.L.A.A. in action – putting our common welfare first and ensuring that our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

But they definitely do serve, and many have served long tenures. As current NEI chairperson Seth S. likes to say, "service feeds sobriety."

This nourishing "meal" of service is open to all who wish to get more deeply involved in the fellowship. Being elected to a service position is also a great way to learn about Intergroup and how it is part of the larger Fellowship Wide Service (FWS) organization that seeks to provide support to the still sick and suffering addict anywhere in the world.

A full description of the duties of each position can be found on the NEI website at [slaanei.org](http://slaanei.org) and searching for bylaws. The open positions in the January elections are listed below. The sobriety requirement is in parentheses.

- Chairperson (1 year)
- Vice Chairperson (1 year)
- Recording Secretary (no sobriety requirement)
- Corresponding Secretary (1 year)
- Treasurer (1 year)
- Outreach Chairperson (no sobriety requirement)
- Newsletter Editor (no sobriety requirement)
- Web Site Coordinator (6 months)
- Literature Secretary (no sobriety requirement)
- Telephone Coordinator (6 months)
- Activities Chairperson (no sobriety requirement)

Interested? As always, you and every member of S.L.A.A. is encouraged to attend the monthly NEI meetings, held at 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month (except when there is a holiday). Location and how to participate by phone are detailed in the calendar of events at left. Please consider taking a position.

**It would be great to have you!**

### STEP OF THE MONTH

**STEP 12:** Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to sex and love addicts, and to practice these principles in all areas of our lives.

## Meeting News & Notes

### Invitation To Quincy's Men's Meeting

The North Quincy Saturday Men's 12 Step Study Meeting extends an invitation to join them. The group uses the **S.L.A.A. Basic Text** and another S-related 12 Step workbook to work steps 1-12. Attendees read and share on one step each week. On the 13th week, a speaker shares his experience, strength, and hope. The next week, the group starts with Step 1 again.

Saturdays, 9:30-11 a.m.  
Atlantic Evangelical Church  
65 Newbury Ave., Quincy  
(Corner of Sagamore & Newbury)

### Newburyport AWOL Group Forming

A new AWOL (A Way of Life) will be starting in Newburyport as soon as 6-8 people sign up. It will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturdays from 9-10am. The group will be using **A Gentle Path through the 12 Steps** by Patrick Carnes. Interested? Email Laura at [laurae1967us@yahoo.com](mailto:laurae1967us@yahoo.com)

### Healthy Relationships Committee (HRC) working on "No Contact" literature

The HRC is devoted to developing resources that enhance our capacity for healthy relationships. They're interested in knowing your feedback on the following points:

1. What does no contact mean?
2. What do you get out of no contact?
3. With whom should you establish no contact?
4. What are you willing to do?
5. To block or not to block?
6. How does no contact interact with withdrawal?
7. How to create a boundary and enforce no contact.

Please send your comments to [CHRC2017@yahoo.com](mailto:CHRC2017@yahoo.com)

We look forward to your feedback!

## Join in the Fun with the Activities Committees in 2018!

Want to go bowling with program friends? Hiking? See a movie? Why not join the Activities Committee and share your ideas for new activities as well as help plan events like the Vermont Retreat (March 23-25) and the Spring Gathering in April. Planning meetings happen by phone. Next is Thursday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. **Call (605) 468-8004; Passcode: 263895# Questions? [info@slaanei.org](mailto:info@slaanei.org)**

**Save the Dates: Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018** 3-6 p.m. "Meeting & A Movie"  
**Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018** 6-10 p.m. "You Are Not Alone Get Together"  
Both events at Grace Episcopal Church, Newton, Mass.

Visit [www.slaanei.org](http://www.slaanei.org) for details and directions.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL GROUPS

All changes to the meeting list require an NEI Meeting Registration Form to be completed. This applies to any time, date, room or address changes as well meeting name changes and contact changes.

To ensure that meeting information can be kept accurate, all groups are required to have a GROUP CONTACT. The GROUP CONTACT'S information will remain CONFIDENTIAL and will NOT be shared. It is for NEI's monthly mailing list or if NEI needs to get in touch with a group.

There are currently a number of groups that do not have a group contact. NEI volunteers are trying to gather this information, but it would be very helpful if each group submits updates online at [slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/](http://slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/)

### LOCAL MEETING CHANGES

#### SUNDAY – BEVERLY, MA 7 p.m. (CDSL)

To Tell the Truth, Memorial United Methodist Church, [2 Dane St](#), Across from HESS Gas. Parking in back, enter through white door and proceed downstairs on right.

**Meeting changes from open to closed.**

#### TUESDAY – BURLINGTON, MA 6 p.m. (CD, 1 hour)

Please contact meeting contact, John, for location information at (617) 549-6847 or [johnma384@gmail.com](mailto:johnma384@gmail.com). **Group starts meeting as of 12/05/17.**

#### TUESDAY - DANVERS, MA , 7 p.m. (OSD12)

Lahey Health Behavioral Services (LHBS), Meeting in first room on left, inside lobby. Directions: Rt 62, westbound from US1, left at first traffic signal, turn at 1st right, go up hill 0.2 mi. to first stop sign. Bear right after stop sign (Hawthorne Circle, not marked). Go 0.2 mi. to first right hand turn, the entrance to LHBS. (Note: Mapquest will locate the entrance with the official address: [111 Middleton Road](#), but there are no Middleton Road street signs.) **Name change of facility where meeting is held—same location.**

#### THURSDAY BOSTON, MA , 12 p.m. (CDSH12)

St. Anthony's Shrine, 100 Arch Street, 2nd floor via elevator, around corner to the right, room 22. Newcomer questions contact Kurt at [bleu.anvil@gmail.com](mailto:bleu.anvil@gmail.com)

**Change of meeting room – same meeting location.**

**FRIDAY PROVINCETOWN, MA, 5:30 p.m. (CSD12H, 60min).** This group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. United Methodist Church, 10 Shank Painter Road. Rear meeting room. **As of 11/03/17 meeting at 5:30 p.m. (instead of 6:30 p.m.) until further notice - 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.**

### TRADITION OF THE MONTH

**TRADITION 12:** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.