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NEI NEWSLETTER



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

"Self-love, my liege,
is not so vile a sin as
self-neglect."

-- Shakespeare

2018 NEI Events

May 6 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm*

June 10 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm*
Special Pizza/Brainstorm Meeting – All Welcome!

July 8 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm*

20-22 12-Step Co-ed Retreat
Chester, VT

31– Annual Business Meeting
Aug 3 San Antonio, TX

* NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm
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#

Have an article suggestion
for this monthly newsletter?
Or what about a new name?
See "Naming Contest" on
page 2. We'd LOVE
to hear from you
newsletter@slaanei.org

It's Your NEI, All Welcome! Enjoy Pizza and Brainstorming at NEI's June 10th Meeting

NEI's fiscal year runs July-June, so June's meeting will mark the closing of one set of books, and the beginning to envision what's wanted and needed in the year ahead. NEI meetings are *always* open to any and all members of S.L.A.A. You do not have to hold an elected position to attend. In fact, if you're new to the fellowship, attending an NEI meeting is a great way to be introduced to service and nurturing fellowship in the spirit of the first Tradition: *Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on S.L.A.A. unity.*

So come have pizza, laugh, share ideas, and experience the second Tradition in action: *For our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as this Power may be expressed through our group conscience. **Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern*** (emphasis added).

Want to start a new meeting? Want to help plan and run a 12-Step Retreat in Massachusetts? Want to suggest new types of social activities for the Activities Committee? Want to be a delegate to this summer's Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio? These are the topics that can be discussed at June's meeting if there's interest among members of the S.L.A.A. fellowship at large. Let us hear from your group. Let us hear from you! Come join us for pizza. No need to R.S.V.P. We order *lots* of pizza!



STEP OF THE MONTH, STEP 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

TRADITION OF THE MONTH, TRADITION 5: Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the sex and love addict who still suffers.

Webmaster Needed to Carry the Message ... Online!

NEI has been grateful to have had Lisa P. serving as our webmaster for many years now, updating information and coordinating responses to email inquiries to the NEI website www.neislaa.org in a timely manner. But Lisa, and others, have pointed out a key tenet of service: positions should rotate on a regular basis, bringing into the fold newcomers -- as well as long-timers -- who are ready to give back what has so freely been given to them. Lisa has been continuing to serve as "interim webmaster" but is hoping to help train one or more volunteers to take over the management of the website.

What's required? Six months continuous sobriety and a willingness to learn and participate in NEI monthly meetings. Whether you're a seasoned techie or a newbie to website design and maintenance, your energy and interest in helping to spread the message of S.L.A.A. recovery via electronic channels is more important than your technology skills. That said, those who have ideas for making the user interface more SmartPhone-friendly or integrate Apps would be awesome! There are so many ways to carry the message -- we just need messengers. Lisa listed some of the current responsibilities as:

- Answering newcomer emails (don't worry we have pre-canned responses you can use).
- Making regular updates/uploads to website, using Manage Wordpress software which is user friendly. Some html knowledge would be helpful, but enthusiasm to learn is just as valuable.
- Work with Corresponding Secretary/ mailing list coordinator to maintain NEI email list (adds and deletions) -- this is managed through Go Daddy email management system.
- Update Gravity forms on web site, also through Wordpress NEI mailing list.

Interested? Visit the website <http://www.neislaa.org> and follow the links
Or attend the May 6th or June 10th NEI Meeting and learn more first hand!

Contest!

Name the NEI Newsletter

Come on, all! There's got to be a more fun and creative name for the NEI newsletter other than ... **NEI Newsletter**.

Thoughts? Ideas? Email your suggestion to newsletter@slaanei.org on or before our June 10th NEI pizza meeting where we'll take a vote.

Contest winner gets \$25 worth of S.L.A.A. pamphlets delivered to the S.L.A.A. meeting of your choice.

Like to write? Edit? Design? Your skills and interest would be very much appreciated in putting out this monthly publication in hard copy and digital formats. Please get in touch today!

newsletter@slaanei.org.

New Local Meetings & Meeting Changes

FRIDAY – NATICK, MA 8 p.m. (OD12,h,nf, ns) Stepping Forward.
Christ Lutheran Church, 113 Union St. **Enter through church office door behind church. Take hallway to right to Christmas Room. Effective 01/26/18 – meeting room change and new name for the meeting.**

SATURDAY – NEWBURYPORT, MA , 9 a.m. (CSD12,h. 45 min.) Changing Tides.
Newcomer and Beginner's Meeting, St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Basement.
Use main entrance in church courtyard, take right and go downstairs. Meeting room is to the left at the bottom of the stairs. **Effective 01/18/18 change in building entrance - we no longer use the Adult Daycare entrance off Summer St.**

Is Your Group Mtg. Contact Info Current?

NEI service volunteers do our best to keep information updated, but we need help from each group, while always keeping in mind Tradition 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or S.L.A.A. as a whole.

The GROUP CONTACT'S information will remain CON-FIDENTIAL and will NOT be shared. It is solely 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.

Submit updates online at [slaanei.org/ meetings/register-or-update-meeting/](http://slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/)

NOTE: 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 as meeting name changes and contact changes. Again, submits updates online at slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/