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# NEI NEWSLETTER

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Jean Baptiste Lacordaire

NEI Upcoming Events NEI is planning some fellowshipbuilding events in the coming months.

#### 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 Houghton's Pond, Blue Hills

#### September 2014

--September 14 – NEI **Business Meeting 5PM** 

July	/ 18-2	20, 20	14	

October 3-5, 2014 December 19-21, 2014

In Chester, Vermont

(2 1/2-3 hours from Boston)

#### Annual Business Conference/Meeting (ABC/M) Houston, TX August 5-8, 2014 (Tues-Fri)

### What is the Annual Business Meeting/Conference (ABC/M)?

Delegates and non-Delegate members of the Fellowship Wide Services Conference (FWS) meet once a year at the Annual Business Meeting to conduct the business of the Fellowship.

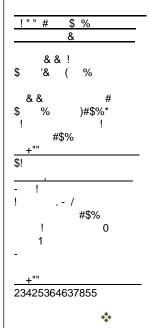
There is valuable information about the Annual Business Meeting (ABC/M) in the Conference Service Manual (CSM). It is highly recommended advance reading for anyone who attends the ABC/M. A wealth of information has been compiled over the years to help people understand the terminology and how the Conference is conducted. The front part of the CSM is a good starting point.

- Any Intergroup any collection of 2 or more S.L.A.A. meetings in the same locality may be represented by one or more Delegates at the Conference. If your Intergroup or area does not have a Delegate, bring it up a meeting, volunteer, and attend the ABC/M! Attending the ABC/M can give you an opportunity to get involved in service at the Fellowship-Wide Services level
- Besides conducting business, being present at the ABC/M also means meeting other members of S.L.A.A. – an opportunity to make new friends with common interests and have a great time. If you are interested and need more information than is provided here, email Fellowship-Wide Services with 'ABC/M Question' in the Subject Line. Or contact the F.W.S. at slaafws.org, all information about the ABC/M can be found there including the CSM."

This year's theme is Tradition 12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

This year NEI is sending 1 delegate (Wil C).

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http://www.slaanei.org/library/NEI Bylaws Nov09.pdf . 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.						
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<u>, -</u> I AM INTERESTED IN STARTING A NEW MEETING IN WALTHAM ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STARTING THIS MEETING, CONTACT CHRIS						
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	An SLAA member in the					
Boston area is looking for others who might be interested in starting new coed meetings on						
weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights) in the Boston area. If you share this interest please						
contact Cindy at bostoncoedmtgs@slaanei.org						



Contact us at

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, July13, 2014 from 4:00PM 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

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#### **HUMILITY**

For almost all of my life (that I can remember) I have struggled with humility. What is it? Do I have it? Who has it? How can I get it? I have come to know and realize that through Program and Spirituality there is a Source to help me.

The 12 Steps are a definite guide to positive self-development, not only for oneself but also to doing service and helping others. In the 12 steps Humility is inherent in all of them. Yet the word is mentioned only in the 7<sup>th</sup> step.

In searching for the meaning of humility I came across numerous quotes on it. Examples are:

"BEING HUMBLE DOES NOT MEAN YOU THINK LESS OF YOURSELF, IT MEANS YOU THINK OF YOURSELF LESS." -- UNKNOWN

"BEING HUMBLE DOES NOT MEAN BELIEVING THAT YOU CAN'T, IT IS KNOWING THE SOURCE OF YOUR STRENGTH." – JOANNA OBLANDER

"BEING HUMBLE MEANS RECOGNIZING THAT WE ARE NOT ON THIS EARTH TO SEE HOW IMPORTANT WE CAN BECOME, BUT TO SEE HOW MUCH DIFFERENCE WE CAN MAKE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS." – GORDON HINKLEY

ALTHOUGH WE HAD COME A LONG WAY IN OUR RECOVERY, WE WERE, HOWEVER, STILL UNNABLE, BY OUR UNAIDED WILL, TO SHAPE OUR LIVES IN A CONSISTENTLY POSITIVE MANNER. THE REALITY OF THIS ESTIMATION OF OURSELVES WAS A TRUTH WE COULD NOW ACCEPT, IF NOT GREATFULLY, AT LEAST WITHOUT STRUGGLE. THIS ACCEPTANCE OF TRUTH, AND WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW A **POWER** OUTSIDE OF OURSELVES CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE COULD NOT DO FOR OURSELVES, **WAS** HUMILITY. – BASIC TEXT OF THE AUGUSTINE FELLOWSHIP.

As I see it now, humility is a trait that is given as a fruit (gift) of working the program from the 5 S's (Sobriety, Sponsorship/Meetings, Steps, Service and Spirituality) to the 12 Steps. I know that Steps 6 and 7 are not resting steps but they are deeply introspective and spiritual. They require a deepening faith and trust in God (Higher Power) and myself to allow truthful evaluation of my actions as well as reactions and motives and asking God to remove my shortcomings so I can better serve God's will.

In gratitude, Rich N.

#### **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

<u>TUESDAY MA. WEYMOUTH, 7:00 PM (C)</u> Commitment to Reality East Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial Street. Recovery Zone Workbook meeting. <u>Needs Support</u>

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

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

<u>IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL GROUPS</u> 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 <a href="https://www.slaanei.org/neiforms.html">www.slaanei.org/neiforms.html</a>