



*"This pain is
never permanent."*

-- Teresa of Avila

2019 NEI Events

October

4-6 12-Step Retreat (Co-ed)
Chester, VT

20⁺ NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5-7pm
Newton-Wellesley Hospital*
+ Note 3rd Sunday due to
previous holiday weekend

26 Fall Gathering, 12:30-6pm
Newton, MA
See article at left

November

17 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm*

December

8 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm*

13-15 12-Step Retreat (Co-ed)
Chester, VT

*All S.L.A.A. members, especially
Group Reps, can attend NEI
meetings in person or by phone at:
Newton-Wellesley Hospital
2014 Washington St, Newton
Bowles Conference Room #6
(Main hospital building)
Conference call: (605) 313-4446;
Passcode: 774308#

**Recorded S.L.A.A. phone
messages of hope available 24/7**

Inspiration Line: (215) 574-2120
5-minute share and the opportunity
to leave a getting current message.

Story Line: (215) 574-2121
A 20+ minute share of experience,
strength, and hope. Worth a listen!

Fall Gathering has New Format

Starts with potluck, ends with raffle, and chock full of healing, sharing, and fellowship in between!

The Newburyport Changing Tides Group of S.L.A.A. has volunteered to join NEI in co-hosting this Fall Gathering and is bringing fresh ideas to how the half-day day will flow. Here's a rough outline of the event along with ways for you to get involved. It's always helpful to have participants register in advance and sign up for volunteer slots, but as with every S.L.A.A. event, all are welcome, especially newcomers.

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 26, 12:30–6pm

WHERE: Grace Episcopal Church, 76 Eldredge St., Newton, MA

12:30-1:30pm Registration and Potluck Buffet

COST: \$15 in advance, download registration form at slaanei.org
\$18 at the door (More if you can, less if you can't policy.
No one will be turned away!)

Service opportunities: Help with registration and set-up; bring your favorite dish to share at the potluck.

1:30-5:30pm Speakers from around New England, Q&A panel, and lots of fellowship. Fun new format. Come see!

Service opportunity: Speakers with at least six months of continuous sobriety from their bottom-line behavior are needed to share their experience, strength, and hope.

5:30-6pm Raffles and Closing

Service opportunity: Donate a gift basket for the raffle; help with clean up.

All day: S.L.A.A. books, pamphlets, chips, etc. will be available for purchase. Stock up for your group!

Service opportunity: Take a "shift" staffing the Literature table

To volunteer for service, call (617) 625-7961 or email Newburyport S.L.A.A. at jmgn2@yahoo.com or NEI at activities@slaanei.org. There will also be the opportunity to volunteer the day of the event. Please spread the word, invite others, and attend the event!

Newburyport Anniversary a Success; Donates 50/50 Raffle Proceeds

When the Newburyport Anniversary planning team shared that it planned to donate its portion of the 50/50 raffle donations to NEI, we felt tremendous gratitude. The event was a huge success, and inspired some of the formatting changes to this year's Fall Gathering as described in the article on page one. Newburyport's share of the pot was \$122. This amount, like all group contributions, helps NEI underwrite S.L.A.A. events, print meeting lists, sponsor scholarships to the Vermont 12 Steps retreats, operate the 24-hour S.L.A.A. hotline, and so much more. But when the winner of the 50/50 raffle also gave NEI their \$122 share as well, it felt like a double blessing! Newburyport plans a 50/50 raffle at the Fall Gathering as well.

S.L.A.A.'s 24-hour Hotline Now Staffed Every Day of the Week!

NEI sponsors a 24-hour telephone hotline that provides callers with a live person who can share information such as meeting locations and times, details about 12-Step Vermont retreats, and more. Callers can also choose to leave their contact information and receive a call back from a trained S.L.A.A. phone volunteer. Previously, there were not enough trained volunteers to return the calls the same day, but new S.L.A.A. members have stepped forward. Volunteers need to have six months of continuous sobriety from self-defined bottom line behavior to return calls, but the training can happen anytime. Interested? Contact info@slaanei.org and we'll get in touch!

Meeting Updates

Group Contacts are responsible for completing an updated Meeting Registration Form and filing it with NEI whenever there is a change to a meeting time, date, address, changes as well as meeting name changes and contact changes. Link to form is: slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting. Consider representing your meeting!

MONDAYS

New Meeting: PROVINCETOWN, MA, 6:30-7:30pm, "Monday Providence" (Open, Lit. Study, Speaker, Step). ASGCC at corner of 6 Bedford St/493 Commercial St. **NOTE: Meeting is only from May-Nov.** Info, call David at (203) 536-8822

FRIDAYS

Discontinued: PROVINCETOWN, MA. 6:30-7:30pm. United Methodist Church at corner of Shankpainter & Commercial.

Change of location: NEWTON, MA, 8pm. "Friday Night Steps for a Sober Weekend." Still at Newton-Wellesley Hospital (2012 Washington St., Newton), but now meeting in main building in Bowles Conference Center, Room #6 (second floor, past the cafeteria.)

STEP OF THE MONTH, STEP 10:

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

TRADITION OF THE MONTH, TRADITION 10:

S.L.A.A. has no opinion on outside issues;
hence the S.L.A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.