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# NEI NEWSLETTER



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

"Never ruin  
an apology  
with an excuse."

-- Benjamin Franklin

## NEI-Sponsored Events 2017

### October 2017

15 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm\*  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital  
Allen-Riddle Bldg, Rm 100  
(Small brick building adjacent  
to main hospital)

### November 2017

4 Fall Recovery Gathering  
Newton, MA

19 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5 pm\*  
Newton-Wellesley Hospital  
(Full address above)

### December 2017

15-17 12-Step Retreat  
Chester, VT

*To confirm date, time or note any  
changes to any of the events above,  
please call NEI at (617) 625-7961  
or visit [www.slaanei.org](http://www.slaanei.org)*

### \*NEI Monthly Meeting

Participate by phone!  
Call the conference line at

**(712) 432-6100**

and then enter

**Passcode 74128638#**

### S.L.A.A. Inspiration Line

**(215) 574-2120**

Your 24/7 Sponsor

Check out this recorded message of  
experience, strength and hope. At the  
end of the share (that is changed  
almost daily) you have the chance to  
leave comments or get current.

### S.L.A.A Fellowship-wide Services Newsletter Available

Read past issues or subscribe  
online by visiting:

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

## Does your Meeting Need a Speaker?

Initiative matches speakers willing to travel with S.L.A.A. groups throughout New England eager for fresh voices.

S.L.A.A. program members have put together an email list of people interested in sharing their experience, strength, and hope at other meetings in New England in need of a speaker. One of the volunteers involved in the effort is Joe G. who goes to meetings in Newburyport. Joe attended the NEI September business and explained that the idea is modeled on the "commitment meeting" format that has been used by Alcoholics Anonymous for many years. In AA, groups "book" speakers from other groups to share at their meetings.

In S.L.A.A., there are neither as many meetings nor as many active members as in A.A. For a lot of S.L.A.A. groups, Joe said, there are only a few program members who meet the sobriety requirement to share their story. The same speakers end up sharing meeting after meeting.

Joe said the S.L.A.A. initiative has a number of benefits. It brings new voices to meetings in other geographic areas and it allows those interested in sharing their stories more opportunities to speak to new audiences. So far speaking engagements have been booked in York, ME; Northampton, MA; and Portsmouth, NH, among others.

Speakers are encouraged to carpool with other program friends to the event, Joe explained, allowing for camaraderie before the meeting as well as on the ride home. The group that requested the speaker also gets an influx of participants that night and new connections are made.

"We will do our best to help you fill the need. We are also interested in adding new speakers to the list if you know anyone who may be interested. It is a great way to share our message and receive the blessings of doing 12th step work," Joe said.

### Interested in being a speaker?

Email your contact info to Joe ([jmgn2@yahoo.com](mailto:jmgn2@yahoo.com)). You'll receive calendar announcements about upcoming speaking opportunities, including all the meeting's specifics.

### Interested in a speaker coming to your meeting?

Email your contact info to Joe ([jmgn2@yahoo.com](mailto:jmgn2@yahoo.com)) and he'll email you the speaker request form that includes questions such as the date, meeting type, sobriety requirements, etc. so an appropriate match can be made.

## STEP & TRADITION OF THE MONTH

**STEP 10:** Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

**TRADITION 10:** S.L.A.A. has no opinion on outside issues; hence the S.L.A.A. name out never be drawn into public controversy.

## NEI Opportunities To Get Involved

Feel free to come to the NEI business meetings to see what's happening in the S.L.A.A fellowship. All are welcome – new voices, new ideas!

**The next NEI business meeting is Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 5-7 PM** at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. (Full address on front)

Can't make it in person? No problem! Join us by phone calling:

**Conference Call-in Number  
(712) 432-6100**

**Enter Participant Code:  
74128638#**

## Help Wanted: NEI Vice Chairperson

**Interested in service?** Please consider stepping into the role of NEI Vice Chairperson. Come learn how a business meeting functions and how group conscience is used for decision making. Not to worry if you've not participated in something like this before. You'll have help from others in NEI and you'll have fun!

According to NEI bylaws, the Vice Chair position requires one year of continuous sobriety in order to serve. In addition to having your voice become part of NEI, the Vice Chair serves as the primary back-up for the Chair. When the Chair is unable to attend, the Vice Chair presides over NEI business meetings and is able to sign checks in conjunction with the NEI Treasurer.

## Join in the fun with the Activities Committees

Want to go bowling with program friends? Hiking? Catch a movie? Go out to dinner? Why not join the Activities Committee and share your ideas for new activities as well as help with the planning of regularly scheduled events like the **Fall & Spring Gatherings**. Planning meetings happen by phone. Next two are:

**Thursdays, Oct. 5 & 26 at 7:30pm**

**Call in number: (605) 468-8004  
Passcode: 263895#**

**Questions?  
info@slaanei.org**

# Strengthen Your Recovery at the Fall Recovery Gathering

**Saturday, November 4, 2017 – 12:30-5:30 PM**

Grace Episcopal Church  
76 Eldredge St., Newton MA

Once again, New England Intergroup is hosting a Fall Recovery Gathering. This year's theme is **First Things First**. This is a half-day event with keynote speakers and meetings on various recovery topics. These events are **always** a great way to meet new S.L.A.A. friends outside of your usual meetings and hear new insights as people share their experience, strength, and hope.

Topics include:

- "Looking at the Person in the Mirror (Steps 4-7)
- Fools Paradise (Fantasy, Intrigue & Obsession)
- It's Okay to be Me (Sexual, Social, & Emotional Anorexia)
- Show Me the Love (Love & Relationship Addiction)
- Happy Destiny (Intimacy with God, Ourselves, and Others)
- Do I Really Need a Sponsor/Sponsee?

Cost is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door.

*More if you Can, Less if you Can't.* No one will be turned away!

**There will be S.L.A.A. Literature for sale.** Come pick up books, pamphlets, and chips for your meeting!

**Download the Flyer to take to your meetings:**

[http://slaanei.org/wp-content/uploads/Fall\\_gathering\\_2017.pdf](http://slaanei.org/wp-content/uploads/Fall_gathering_2017.pdf)

**Service opportunities.** We need topic speakers and volunteers to help with registration, literature sales, raffle table coverage, setup, and cleanup. If you'd like to help, email [activities@slaanei.org](mailto:activities@slaanei.org) or call 617-625-7961 and leave a message.

## LOCAL MEETING CHANGES

**1) FRIDAY MA. CAMBRIDGE, 7 PM (OT, 60 min) Check In, Don't Check Out Men's Beginner's Meeting.** First Church Cambridge Congregational, 11 Garden St. Questions/info contact [checkindontcheckout@gmail.com](mailto:checkindontcheckout@gmail.com) **\*\*As of 9/15/17 the group has been back at its regular meeting space.**

**2) SUNDAY MA. BROOKLINE, 8:00 PM (OSLD12NF, 75 min) Women's meeting.** Literature, step study, and speakers, 4th Sunday of the month focuses on sexual anorexia. All women suffering from sex and love addiction are encouraged to attend. Contact Tina at [btina6650@gmail.com](mailto:btina6650@gmail.com) for the location and more information. As of 09/10/17 group is meeting in person again.

### 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, place or address changes as well meeting name changes and contact changes. Please submit updates online at [slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/](http://slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/)