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NEI NEWSLETTER



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

"Working hand in hand with our new partner, God, it was time to begin making our peace with other human beings".

--S.L.A.A. Basic text Step 8 reading

NEI Sponsored Calendar of Events 2016
(Check with NEI to confirm date & times or changes.)

August, 2016

5-7 40th Anniversary
International Recovery Convention
Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor
Hotel (airport)

14 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm

September, 2016

11 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm

23-25 Anorexia 12 Step Retreat
Chester, VT

30- Oct 2 12 Step Retreat
Chester, VT

October, 2016

9 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm

November, 2016

13 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm

TBD NEI Fall Gathering
1-6 pm

December, 2016

11 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm

16-18 12 Step Retreat
Chester, VT

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S.L.A.A. Inspiration Line
215-574-2120

Your 24/7 Sponsor

A daily recorded message of experience, strength and hope with an opportunity to share by leaving your own message. Topics are brought up that one wouldn't think about or share on otherwise.
Great for the drive to work!

The International Recovery Convention is here!

The convention runs from 6:30 pm on Friday August 5th to 12:30 pm on Sunday August 7th at the Boston Hyatt Regency Harbor Hotel at Logan Airport. Cost is \$79 for all 3 days or for partial days.

Registration is from 5 pm to 8 pm on Friday and 8am to noon on Saturday.

Tell your recovery friends! Announce the upcoming convention in the announcement portion of your meetings. Print this newsletter and the IRC schedule to distribute at your meetings. Let's get the word out!

This convention celebrates a milestone in our fellowship. S.L.A.A is 40 years old! The convention is back where it all began - in Massachusetts. There are going to be great workshops on subjects that increase our knowledge and energize our recovery. There is a banquet on Saturday night with keynote speakers representing the 4 decades of S.L.A.A. Just being in this environment of recovery is going to be so powerful. What incredible energy and feeling of hope!

In these workshops, we will inevitably hear something that gives us new insight into our own recovery. The experiences and insights our fellow addicts share may even help you take your recovery in a direction that spurs even greater growth! For the good of your recovery, it will be well worth taking the time to attend. Attending this convention will be but another example of whatever we put into our recovery, comes back to us in spades. This convention is what sharing our experience, strength and hope is all about!

NEI will also have a store where you can buy t-shirts, books, pamphlets, chips, tote bags, pens and even recordings of the workshops you miss. Credit cards will be gladly accepted.

Apology:

NEI apologizes to those of you who receive our monthly information by US mail. The information did not get mailed at the end of May due to printing difficulties. The items that would have been mailed - June Newsletter and April meeting minutes - were included in the mailing at the end of June. We try our best to serve our community, but we're not perfect and sometimes problems come up. NEI will try to make sure this does not happen again.

Does your group need S.L.A.A. Basic Texts, pamphlets or chips?

Local S.L.A.A. meetings in Eastern MA and Rhode Island are encouraged to order their S.L.A.A. literature through New England Intergroup (NEI). Simply fill out the order form found at the NEI website, <http://www.slaanei.org>. Email an order to literature@slaanei.org. Orders may alternatively be mailed to our P.O. Box and picked up at the next NEI business meeting as long as it's ordered 3 weeks in advance. Or place your order through Fellowship Wide Services at <http://www.slaafws.org> or at 1-210-828-7900.



Contact us at mailinglist@slaanei.org 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, August 14, 2016 from 5:00 -7:00 PM. We invite all S.L.A.A. members to join us **AND PARTICIPATE** at Newton - Wellesley Hospital – Room AR 100 in the Allen-Riddle Building.



TELEPHONE AND ONLINE MEETINGS --

There are those of us who are isolated or otherwise unable to get to meetings. Consider online and telephone meetings. **Attend online and telephone meetings as often as possible.** Telephone meetings are a perfect driving companion! You will find a list of these at:

<https://slaafws.org/meetings/>

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STEP OF THE MONTH

STEP 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

When we first encountered this step, we thought it's easy to make a list of the persons we had harmed, as that was clearly evident in our 4th step inventory. At first we thought this was going to be another listing away and writing exercise, just as we originally thought that was what our 4th step was to be. But just as our 4th step forced us to look inward and own our part in how we related to the world, the 8th step requires the same level of honesty, introspection and humility. In some respects, the 8th step is even more difficult. Here we are listing the people we have truly harmed. We are reflecting upon how badly we hurt them. And just like in previous steps, we are willing to take action and right our wrongs so we can live a better life. Once again, we are willing to address what blocks us from our Higher Power. Craig G

LOCAL MEETING CHANGES

SUNDAY - MA. BROOKLINE, 7:15 PM) "One breath at a time" Women's meditation meeting. This meeting is currently on hold for the summer and will resume as of 09/11/16.

SUNDAY - MA. BROOKLINE, 8:00PM Women's meeting. This meeting moves to Thursdays at 7:30PM through 09/08/16 and then back to Sundays as of 09/11/16 (please see Thursday meeting listing for more details).

TUESDAY - MA. BOSTON, 12:00PM (ODL12H,60 min). Tuesday Golden Dome meeting, Paulist Center, 5 Park Street, 3rd floor library (near Park Street train -green and red lines) New meeting.

WEDNESDAY - MA. TISBURY (Martha's Vineyard), 5:15 PM (O). Meeting has disbanded

WEDNESDAY - MA. BOSTON 7:00 PM (OSDHF) Sharing Our Strength (Men's Meeting). Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury St. Second Floor Library. Enter Newbury Street door. If door is locked ring church office bell. For questions, information and tips on parking contact Mass4334@gmail.com Meeting time clarification

THURSDAY - MA. BROOKLINE, 7:30PM (OSLD12nf, 75 min) Women's meeting. All women suffering from sex and love addiction are encouraged to attend. The 4th Thursday of the month focuses on sexual anorexia. Please contact email Kim for the new room assignment and for more information. Meeting has changed from Sunday 8pm to a summer schedule. New meeting day and time same location until its regularly scheduled time of Sunday 8pm begins again 9/11/16

THURSDAY - MA. BOSTON, 12:00 PM (CD12), St. Anthony's Shrine, 100 Arch Street, Basement via elevator, **in classroom to the right of the kitchen (not in the AA room) More details on room location**

THURSDAY - MA. BARSTABLE, 7:00 PM (CLD) S.L.A.A. by the Sea, Unitarian Church of Barnstable, 3330 Main Street. Enter through front door, downstairs room is on the left in the rear of the basement. New meeting

SATURDAY MA. NEWBURYPORT, 9:15 AM (CSD12,h. 45 min.) Changing Tides Newcomer and Beginner's Meeting, St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Basement. Use Harborside Adult Day Health Center entrance on Summer Street New beginner's meeting

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL GROUPS 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. You can submit updates online at <http://slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/>