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NEI NEWSLETTER



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

"The nature of humility - which once had been so elusive, complicated, or undesirable to us - was now clearly apparent",
-S.L.A.A. Basic Text, Step 7 reading, page 87

NEI Sponsored Calendar of Events 2017
(Check with NEI to confirm date & times or changes.)

July 2017

9 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 4pm
14-16 12 Step Retreat
Chester VT

August 2017

13 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm
26 Houghton's Pond BBQ & Outdoor Meeting

September 2017

8-10 Anorexia Focused 12 Step Retreat - Chester VT
10 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm
29-Oct 1 12 Step Retreat
Chester VT

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617-625-7961 OR www.slaanei.org

**NEI Monthly Meeting
Conference Call-in Number
(712) 432-6100
Enter Participant Code:
74128638#**

**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!*

S.L.A.A Fellowship-Wide Services Newsletter

If you love this newsletter, the fellowship's main office puts out a great newsletter as well.

Looking for Volunteers for Annual Business Meeting in Framingham, MA – July 25-28, 2017

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) for the S.L.A.A. Annual Business Meeting (ABM) is looking for volunteers to help support the ABM which will be held in the Boston area, at the Framingham Sheraton Hotel from July 25 through July 28, 2017. The LPC is looking for about 15 volunteers starting on Monday, July 24th through Friday July 28th mid-afternoon at various times throughout the day from early morning through late evening. NEI will be responsible for providing volunteers at the event including staffing the hospitality suite, organizing and facilitating a bus trip for all the ABM delegates to go to the original Founder's Meeting Tuesday night in Newton, MA, etc. Volunteers will be needed in the following areas:

- Assistance with setting-up S.L.A.A. literature at the Fellowship-Wide Services store, unpacking, lifting boxes, etc.
- Administrative help at ABM registration table.
- Coverage of the hospitality suite—including opening room during ABM meeting down times, making coffee, ensuring snacks and drinks are stocked (coverage needed throughout the day from early morning to late evening).
- Assistance with Thursday night's S.L.A.A. Fellowship-Wide Services auction

If you are able to volunteer please contact Seth or Lisa on the ABM LPC Committee at abmframingham2017@slaanei.org or contact them via NEI's 24-Hour Answering Service at (617) 625-7961.

Annual Business Meeting – Member Feedback

Every summer, S.L.A.A. holds an Annual Business Meeting (ABM) to discuss finances, committee meetings, and vote on new motions. The 2017 ABM is in Framingham, Massachusetts. New England Intergroup is sending a representative to the ABM, and we'd like input from members on the agenda items.

This year's agenda has several literature items for conference approval. If these items pass, they will be available for purchase from the S.L.A.A. online store. Conference approval is the last step in a long process for S.L.A.A. literature. Literature goes through multiple revisions in the Conference Literature Committee, and it gets reviewed and re-reviewed by members of the fellowship. This is necessary to make sure we have literature that presents a unified message from S.L.A.A., provides help to addicts in recovery, adheres to the Steps and Traditions, and is not triggering. The process can take time because it can be difficult for addicts to come to a consensus on what should or should not be approved.

NEI would like your help in reviewing the literature motions on this year's ABM agenda. Please try to make time to review one or more of these literature items. Make note of your feelings on the drafts, e.g. is it useful for your recovery? Is it clear? Give your feedback to your Group Representative, or come to the NEI discussion on July 9, or send your feedback directly to NEI. The motions can be found at: <http://www.slaafws.org/abminfo>, by clicking on Agenda 3rd Version and Agenda 3rd Version Appendix

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). To save on shipping and handling, simply fill out the order form found at the NEI website, <http://www.slaanei.org/intergroup/ordering-literature/> 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 store.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 July 9, 2017 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. We invite all S.L.A.A. members to join us in person or by phone **AND PARTICIPATE** at Newton - Wellesley Hospital – Room AR 100 in the Allen-Riddle Building or call in.

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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/>

STEP & TRADITION OF THE MONTH

STEP 7: Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.

TRADITION 7: Every S.L.A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Humbly Ask God=Serenity

“Humbly ask God”. The 7th Step is so powerful! As an addict, being humble was a concept I was not even remotely familiar with. This program has made me intimately familiar with humility. Bottoming out in the powerlessness and unmanageability was painfully humbling. Finally recognizing the insanity was equally humbling. Admitting complete defeat and realizing that I have no idea how to run my life was humbling. Even the 3rd Step was humbling – my efforts to control life have failed so spectacularly that I need to turn my entire life and will over to my Higher Power. Discovering the depth and tenacity of my character defects in the 4th Step was humbling. My entire journey in recovery has been one long lesson in humility, But being humble is such a wonderful place to be. I don't have to control anything. My Higher Power has gotten me this far. He has my back. In retrospect, He has always had my back. Now that I realize that truth, the only thing I need to do is, in complete faith, continue to humbly ask my Higher Power for help. When I approach every area of my life with surrender and humility, I am blessed with a deep serenity. And for that, I am grateful. Craig G

Vermont 12 Step Retreat July 14th-16th

NEI is hosting a 12 Step retreat in Vermont Friday July 14th – Sunday July 16th. Vermont is spectacular all year long, but summer is especially nice with break out discussion sessions often held outdoors. Relaxing in the hammock can be memorable as well. Treat yourself and your recovery to a summer weekend in Vermont! See the NEI website and flyers for details.

Connecticut Intergroup Augustine Alchemy August 12th

The Connecticut Intergroup is hosting a day long recovery retreat with workshops and speakers on Saturday August 12th from 8 am to 5 pm at the United Methodist Church at 941 Old Rock Hill Rd in Wallingford, CT. Suggested 7th tradition donation is \$18. Please contact NEI if you are interested in carpooling or for more information.

Houghton's Pond BBQ August 26th.

Please join your fellow members for NEI's annual summer BBQ at Houghton's Pond. Besides delicious food and great people, the meeting held under the towering pine trees is something to be experienced! Recovery in wide open spaces! Please join us in August!

LOCAL MEETING CHANGES

1) **SUNDAY MA. FITCHBURG 6:00 PM (CD12)** ~~Restore to Sanity, Unitarian Universalist Church, 923 Main St.~~ **Meeting has disbanded**

2) **MONDAY. MA. CAMBRIDGE, 7:00 PM (CD12, 60 min) Men's Step Meeting.** Harvard Epworth Church, 1555 Massachusetts Avenue. Follow the path at the right side of the building to the side door. Press button #4. ****New meeting location as of 05/29/17****

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/>