



*"Dreams are the  
touchstones of our  
character."*

*-- Henry David Thoreau*

## 2018 NEI Events

### November

**3** Fall Gathering, 12:30-6pm  
Grace Episcopal Church  
76 Eldredge St., Newton, MA



### **Finding Clarity in the Heart of Your Recovery: Quiet the Noise Inside**

Keynote speakers and workshop leaders needed with at least six months continuous sobriety from bottom line behavior. Or consider volunteering for the bake sale, raffle, set-up/clean-up, or staffing the literature table. Interested? Contact Activities Committee via (617) 625-7961 or [activities@slaanei.org](mailto:activities@slaanei.org).

### December

**9** NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm\*

**14-16** 12-Step Retreat (Co-ed)  
Chester, VT

\* Newton-Wellesley Hospital  
Allen-Riddle Bldg, Rm 100  
Or participate by phone

**Dial (712) 432-6100 and enter  
Passcode: 74128638#**

## Treasurer's Report & Rotation of Service

by Michael T

This quarter brings to a close my tenure as Treasurer of NEI. The end of December 2018 marks three years that I'll have had the honor of serving in this role. It's a well-established tradition within S.L.A.A. to rotate service positions, so I am asking each of you to consider stepping in and taking this role. There's a one-year sobriety requirement, but no previous experience in finance or accounting is necessary. *Really? Yes!*

The heavy-lifting accounting work is done by the magic of software that NEI can share with its next Treasurer. What there is for the Treasurer to do is: deposit checks, pay bills, and make entries in the accounting software file. It's just like managing your own checkbook. If you can do that, you can do this job. I will be there to train the next Treasurer, showing you how to use the software – most can pick it up in less than an hour.

Treasurer is a critical role for the continued functioning of NEI. If you meet the sobriety requirement and want to help in a big way, please come forward either to your group's NEI rep or by emailing [info@slaanei.org](mailto:info@slaanei.org). There's also a job description on the NEI website at [slaanei.org](http://slaanei.org).

## NEI in strong fiscal shape, thanks to you!

NEI's fiscal year 2018 (which ran July 2017–June 2018) was another financial success. Through the hard work and kind generosity of so many within S.L.A.A., NEI's checking account went from \$12,036 at the beginning of the year to \$14,116 at the end of the year, a net increase of \$2,080.

As always, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions from local groups brought in the most revenue, a little over \$4,000. The five Vermont Retreats brought in about \$2,800 (income minus expenses), we received \$746 in scholarship contributions, and sold \$460 in literature. The Spring and Fall Gatherings generated \$476 in revenue.

The biggest expenses are telephone and answering service, sending a rep to ABM, printing, and postage. NEI also made a \$600 contribution to Fellowship Wide Services to support the work they do for all of us. Our strong financial position enabled a new budget line item for the current fiscal year: \$1,200 for 'special projects' like outreach to area therapists. The retreat scholarship budget will also be doubled.

NEI's financials are fully transparent to its members. Feel free to view the budget and other fiscal information on the NEI website at [slaanei.org](http://slaanei.org).

# Spotlight: 24-hour S.L.A.A. Hotline

by Geri C., S.L.A.A. Hotline coordinator

Did you know NEI sponsors a 24-hour telephone hotline? It provides the important service of giving people a live person to speak with to get information such as meeting location and times, details about the 12-Step Vermont retreats, and more. People can also choose to leave their contact information to receive a call back by a trained S.L.A.A. phone volunteer.

Being a phone volunteer is an amazing way to do 12-Step work. The Hotline Committee is always open to training additional volunteers. Volunteers need three months of continuous sobriety from self-defined bottom line behavior. They are trained in how to make their callbacks in a welcoming, compassionate energy and how to share experience, strength, and hope. This is fundamental because it may be the first contact that a sex and love addict has with someone about what they are going through.

It's a great way to do service and is very rewarding at the same time to know that you have made a difference in the life of an addict who suffers. Want to volunteer? Contact [info@slaanei.org](mailto:info@slaanei.org) and we'll be back in touch! Thank you for considering this very important 12-Step work.

## Meeting Updates

### SUNDAYS

**Meeting needs support, both women with six months continuous sobriety to speak and others with no sobriety requirement to attend and participate.** BROOKLINE, MA, 7pm (OL12DNF) 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. Please contact Pat (603) 505-5319 or Tiffany (207) 699-6170 for more info and location.

### TUESDAYS

**Disbanded Meeting:** PROVIDENCE, RI — As of 8/29/2018 the Tuesday 7am "Sunrise Serenity Meeting" at Mathewson Street United Methodist Church has been disbanded.

**New Meeting:** JAMAICA PLAIN, MA — "Tuesday Hope Meeting" has launched. It meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm. Closed meeting, Step format. Location: Keltie Chapel, 85 Seaverns Ave, Jamaica Plain. Newcomer information, contact: Rich C. at (617) 901-5028.

### THURSDAYS

**Change of location:** HAVERHILL, 7:30 PM (CSD12NFH) Gentle Path Group now meets at the All Saints Parish Church, 120 Bellevue Avenue, still in Haverhill.

### SATURDAYS

**Time change:** NORTH QUINCY, (CS12, 60 min) Men's Step Meeting, Atlantic Evangelical Church, 65 Newbury Avenue, corner of Sagamore & Newbury Street **now meets at 9am rather than 10am.**

**NOTE: All changes to the meeting list require an NEI Meeting Registration Form to be completed.** This applies to any time, date, room or address changes as well as meeting name changes and contact changes. Again, submits updates online at [slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/](http://slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/)

**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.