



*"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past."*

-- Thomas Jefferson

## 2019 NEI Events

### January

- 13 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm\*  
**SPECIAL ELECTION** of Service Positions listed below (sobriety requirement)
- Corresponding Sec'y (1 year)
  - Treasurer (1 year)
  - Newsletter Editor (none)
  - Web Site Coordinator (6 months)
  - Literature Secretary (none)
  - Activities Chairperson (none)

- 26 Meeting & A Movie  
Grace Episcopal Church  
76 Eldredge Street, Newton  
2:45pm Getting Current Meeting  
4pm Yes Man, comedy  
Free. Popcorn provided.  
More info: [activities@slaanei.org](mailto:activities@slaanei.org)

### February

- 9 We are Not Alone  
Meeting & Game Night  
6-10pm, Grace Episcopal Church  
76 Eldredge Street, Newton

- 10 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm\*

### March

- 10 NEI Monthly Mtg @ 5pm\*

- 22-24 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#

## Share in Sober Fun and Fellowship

by Lisa P.

In just a few weeks, NEI will be hosting meeting and movie – this year we will be seeing the movie *Yes Man*. What I like about the event is getting to connect with other program people without having to be on a schedule –work, meeting and going home after long day.

It's getting to meet other program people in a more relaxed atmosphere - what I appreciate so much. My connections with program friends feed my soul, helps me feel more connected and not so alone. What I like too about the event is that we have a formal meeting as well. So we can be serious and real and have fun too – all at the same event.

Details listed at left. I hope to see you there!



## NEI Still Needs a Treasurer

NEI treasurer Michael T has stepped down after three years of dedicated service. It's a well-established tradition within S.L.A.A. to rotate service positions. This position requires one year of continuous sobriety to serve -- **but no other previous experience in finance or accounting is necessary!**

The heavy-lifting accounting work is done by the magic of software that NEI can share with its next Treasurer. The treasurer deposits checks, pays bills, and makes entries in the accounting software file. It's like managing your own checkbook. If you can do that, you can do this job.

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).

**STEP OF THE MONTH, STEP 1:** We admitted we were powerless over sex and love addiction -- that our lives had become unmanageable.

# REACHING OUT

By Seth S.

*You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody*  
-- Bob Dylan, refrain from *Gotta Serve Somebody*

In recovery I have set myself a goal of remaining connected and not isolating. This connection takes many forms. I go to meetings, I make phone calls to other Fellowship members, I have periodic dinners with Fellowship members, I am active with the New England Intergroup (NEI) as well as Fellowship-Wide Service, often just referred to as FWS at meetings. (If FWS is new to you, you may want to check out the organization's website at [slaafws.org](http://slaafws.org). There are a lot of helpful resources available.) REACHING OUT and being of service has been instrumental in how my recovery has progressed.

Just as many individuals have found some recovery in staying connected, it is just as important for meetings to stay connected as well. The overall health of meetings depends on being well connected to the Fellowship. NEI is looking to improve that connection by increasing the two-way communication with the meetings in the New England area. To that end, we need the help of each meeting to provide accurate contact information for an individual person (or even a group email address) so that the flow of information can get from NEI to the individual meetings. The process is described below under Meeting Updates.

Please help your meeting stay connected by serving as the **Group Contact**. Go ahead, REACH OUT, *you gotta serve somebody*. It just may help your recovery!

## Meeting Updates

**DISCONTINUED: Barnstable, Sunday night. 7pm, Unitarian Church.**

**Group Contacts** are responsible for submitting updates, like the discontinued meeting in Barnstable on Sunday nights listed above, via the form posted at [slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/](http://slaanei.org/meetings/register-or-update-meeting/) Keeping the online meeting list updated is a priority. It is the most visited page on the website. Those answering the 24-hour S.L.A.A. Hotline refer to this list to find meetings for those who may be seeking help for their sex and love addiction for the first time.

Printed meeting lists are updated quarterly and distributed by mail to Group Contacts. Also included in this mailing are flyers about upcoming 12-Step Retreats and special events like **A Meeting & A Movie** later this month. Group contacts are encouraged to announce these activities at their meetings and make copies for distribution.

**A reminder:** NEI doesn't know when someone new has assumed the role of Group Contact for your meeting unless you notify us. All contact information is kept confidential. Not sure if your Group Contact information is accurate? Send NEI an email and we'll check it for you.

We'd love to hear from your group, email: [mailinglist@slaanei.org](mailto:mailinglist@slaanei.org).

**TRADITION OF THE MONTH, TRADITION 1:** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon S.L.A.A. unity.