



God, Grant me the  
Serenity to  
accept the things  
I Cannot Change,  
the Courage to  
change the things  
I can, and the  
Wisdom to know  
the difference.

# Pipeline



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## Your... Roving Reporter

Returning from hiatus, your Roving Reporter attended the Area Election Assembly and asked **What Is the AA Message?**

Sharing the message of strength and the promise of a better life through sobriety.

*Anonymous*

To freely give back what was so freely given to me by past and present active AA members - to share my experience, strength, and hope. "He who no give, no get."

*Anonymous*

Don't drink, go to meetings, and ask for help. Help another alcoholic. Experience, strength and hope. You don't have to drink even if you want to. Think, think, think.

*Lorraine G. of B & M Honesty Group*

Go to meetings and listen to the experience, strength and hope that is shared. Take the suggestions that are offered and most important get a sponsor and trust in a Higher Power.

*Jeanne L. of Mon. Night Merrimack Group*

Don't drink - no matter what, don't drink! Go to meetings, get a sponsor, join a group, take a job, work the steps, don't drink, don't drink, don't drink!

*Layne B. of Nashua Young People's AA*

The AA message is recovery from alcoholism through the program of recovery as outlined and practiced in the 12 Steps.

*Laura F.*

You can journey for years and years into the Heart of Darkness, but it's only 12 Steps out.

*David C.*

The message of AA is that there will come a time when no power on this earth will keep you sober. Therefore, in order to stay sober an alcoholic MUST establish, maintain, and cultivate a faith in a Higher Power that will keep them sober.

*Devin M. of Newcastle*

Hope: Joy and pain are a growing part of life, but suffering is optional. To the sick and suffering, we offer hope.

*Mike K. of Raymond Recovery*

If you're a drunk there is hope. Don't drink. You don't have to do it alone. We've been there. come along with us and we'll do it together.

*Karen of Courage to Change Group*

The 12 Steps in 6 words: Trust God, clean house, help others.

*Nannette of Sun. Morning Half & Half*

The message is to stay sober and help another alcoholic attain and maintain sobriety.

*Ed H.*

Hope - working the 12 Steps saves our lives and opens our hearts to all around us - fellowship becomes reality.

*J. C.*

Come in, listen, learn, and give back.

*Jen B. of Lee Discussion Group*

### Do I Carry the AA Message or My Own?

There is a way out of the darkness into life. 12 Steps to freedom by those who walked before us.

*George B. of Laconia Saturday Nite Alive*

Sharing the message of strength and hope is easy. I use the whole body of AA. I find my strength in AA members and encourage new people to follow me. As far as promising a new person in AA a better life, I never do. They might be as sick as I used to be. When I heard a person say you can have a life second to none, I envisioned a blonde on each arm, a big house and a lot of money. When that did not happen I said AA does not work! Today I point out that life is life. Sometimes life is great. Sometimes life is tough. You change. I changed. I learned to accept life on life's terms. I try to help the newcomer do the same. When I expect a better life or life to change I am disappointed. When I change with life I am happy.

*Bert K.*

You don't have to drink even if you want to.

*Anonymous*

Less talking, more doing. I remember the most powerful examples in my life by what they *did*, not what they talked about doing.

*Anonymous*

For me, the AA message is that I have a way out of the misery of my alcoholic nightmare. Hope that "one day at a time" my life will be joyful and fulfilling. That I can survive adversities with dignity and grace. That with the help of my sponsor, the steps and traditions and most of all my Higher Power, I can stay sober today. As I walk hand in hand with those in the fellowship, I realize the true meaning of the word "love". This I humbly pass on to the newcomer.

*Cathy S. of Sunday Half and Half Group*

To me, the AA message is to stay sober, be able to accept life on life's terms and to help another suffering alcoholic as somebody did for me.

*Tom H. of Dover*

The message is to stay sober NO MATTER WHAT and when you "get it" be willing and available to give it away and help newcomers.

*Rick T. of Dover*

The message I try to pass on and the message I've heard is that one day at a time I don't have to pick up a drink *no matter what!* It's my responsibility to give away what I've been given which is a daily reprieve from the hell of active alcoholism contingent on my spiritual condition. God has done for me what I could not do for myself.

*Susan C-P, Ait. DCM District 15*

The AA message is recovery, unity, service, sobriety, and fellowship. Reach out anywhere, any time when the hand of AA is needed.

*Daryl P. of Dover*

Trust God, clean house, serve others.

*Patti R., DCM District 9*

The AA message is an option to listen and learn, rather than doing it your way. Suffering is optional.

*Cheryl R. of Nashua*

This article concludes our 2005 theme on "The Home Group" - we hope you enjoyed the series.

The January issue's featured topic is Mixed Bag - please submit any article about recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous to: [froggyk@netscape.com](mailto:froggyk@netscape.com) or snail mail to the Pipeline, c/o Service Office, 1330 Hooksett Road, Hooksett NH 03106.

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## Group Information

### New Groups

No new groups this month.

### Meeting Changes

#### District 13

Nashua Saturday 7:00PM - 8:30 PM SDH  
New Alternative, United Methodist Church, 63 Arlington St.  
Moved from Manchester St. at the Faith Baptist Church

#### District 15

Durham Thursday 7:00PM - 8:00PM  
Fresh Beginnings, St. George's Church, Park Court/Main St.  
Name change from Fresh Beginners, now an open meeting.

Northwood Saturday 7:30PM - 9:00PM HB\*

Sat. Big Book Mtg., Northwood Congregational Church, Rte 4  
Now an open meeting.

#### District 16

Wolfeboro Thursday 7:30PM - 8:30PM HD  
Thurs. Night Womens Group, Huggins Hospital, S. Main Street  
End time changed from 9pm and type change to discussion.

#### District 20

No. Conway Tuesday 11:00AM - 12:00PM DB  
New Sunlight Group, 1st Church of Christ Cong., 2503 Main St  
Type Change: Big Book added.

### Disbanded Meetings

#### District 13

Nashua Su/M/ W/Th 6:30PM - 7:00PM  
Day By Day, Palace Pizza, 300 Main Street

#### District 14

Portsmouth Wednesday 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM D  
As Bill Sees It, Karnan House, 206 Court St

## Need to Strengthen Your Commitment to Step 11?

The Friday 11th Step Prayer and Mediation Meeting at St. Christopher's Church in Hampstead, NH is back in service, and looking for your support! It meets from 8 - 9 pm with a 10-minute silent meditation by candlelight after a series of AA prayers. Attraction with God's help is always our best source of promotion, but e-mail and the Pipeline certainly help.

*Paul B. of the Candlelight Spirituality Meeting*

## Subscribe to your Pipeline!

Thanks to groups who bought new subscriptions to the Pipeline, we have once again achieved our bulk mail minimums! Your subscriptions help support this Area publication. Already subscribe? How about donating a subscription to a treatment center, halfway house, correctional facility, homeless shelter or school in your community? Your support is greatly appreciated!



## Greetings From Your Service Office

Please remember your Service Office when Christmas shopping for your AA friends! Popular gifts include the **2006 Grapevine wall calendar or pocket planner**; ***I Am Responsible: The Hand of AA***, a collection of Grapevine articles on carrying the message and being in service; ***The Home Group: Heartbeat of AA***, newly revised this year; ***Spiritual Awakenings***, a collection of stories on the spiritual nature of our program; and ***Experience, Strength and Hope***, which includes the stories published in earlier editions of the Big Book. We also carry a **wide assortment of audiotapes and CDs** produced by AA World Services and the *AA Grapevine*. We are now carrying the **large print edition of the AA Service Manual**, as well as the **Big Book, 12 & 12, As Bill Sees It, Daily Reflections, Came to Believe, Living Sober, and Best of Bill**. We'd love to help you pick out the perfect gift for your sponsor or sponsee!

You'll note on the back page of the Pipeline that many holiday events are being held, including alcathons and dances. There are flyers for all of these and more at the office! If you're interested in attending an event but need more information, don't hesitate to call us at 623-8252 or check out the website at [www.nhaa.net](http://www.nhaa.net). We also have information on events that didn't make the submission deadline - if a district didn't submit their alcathon information before the Pipeline went to press, the event won't be listed. But chances are the flyer is at the office and we can provide you with the latest information!

We'd like to thank Dale K. of Woodsville, Geri F. of Candia, and Cynthia R. of Manchester for their help in the office.

*In grateful service, Karen, Mary Anne and Amy*

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## October Donations THANK YOU!

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How To 12 & 12	Bedford
Come As You Are	Ctr Conway
Derry Original Group	Derry
Clean Sweep Group	Dover
Fresh Beginners Group	Durham
Exeter Serenity	Exeter
Women In Need Of Sobriety	Gonic
Saturday Nite Original	Hampstead
Women's Joy Of Living	Hampstead
Rock & Rye	Hampton
Keep Coming Back	Henniker
Kingston 12 & 12	Kingston
What's Good About Today	Kittery
4th Edition Twilight	Laconia
Tri-Step Beginners	Laconia
Up Close & Personal	Laconia
Wed Night Step Mtg	Lebanon
Open Discussion Grp	Lisbon
First Light Of Day	Manchester
Free At Last	Manchester
Joy Of Living	Manchester
Queen City Group	Manchester
Sunday Serenity	Manchester
B & M Honesty	Merrimack
Merrimack Step	Merrimack
Milford No-Name Group	Milford
Souhegan Sunrise	Milford
Friday Night Group	N. Conway
A New Day Group	Nashua
New Alternative	Nashua
Remember When Group	Nashua
Terrace Group	Nashua
40 Plus Group	New Castle
12 Step Women's Group	Pelham
Early Morning Big Book	Peterborough
Sunday Morning Daybreak	Portsmouth
Courage To Change	Raymond
Raymond Grapevine	Raymond
Safe Harbor Women's Beg	Salem
Suncook Common Ground	Suncook
Warner Group	Warner
Living Sober Group	Warren
Noontime Group	Wolfeboro Falls

## Welcome Incoming Area Officers

Area 43 elected new officers on October 22 at the Election Assembly. Your 2006-2007 Area Officers are:

**Delegate:** Dale K. of Woodsville  
**Alternate Delegate:** Joyce C. of Mont Vernon  
**Chairperson:** Kevin S. of Windham  
**Alternate Chairperson:** Carol B. of Hudson  
**Secretary:** Ken L. of Springfield  
**Treasurer:** Paul S. of Manchester  
**Registrar:** Jerry L. of Manchester

Thank you to those who attended the elections and made them a smashing success - this was one of the best-attended Area Assemblies in recent memory, and we can trust that the true voice of the fellowship spoke in choosing these members to serve.

A very special thank you to GSRs, DCMs, District/Area Officers or Committee Chairs who are finishing their 2004-2005 terms. We appreciate your service and hope to see you as you rotate into new positions!

### Express Service

District 12, in conjunction with Area 43, is sponsoring a GSR orientation workshop to answer any questions you may have about the duties and the importance of having your group represented at different service levels.

Did you know that your one vote on an AA matter will carry your group's conscience all the way to the General Service Conference in New York City? The individual GSR vote counts on every issue that affects the way Alcoholics Anonymous conducts its affairs; from creating or updating pamphlets to editing a new edition of the Big Book! We need you, the collective voices of AA in New Hampshire, to be informed when making sound decisions for the AA members in your group.

Ask your DCM and look for the flyer for directions to this workshop on December 3. It is asked that you pre-register, so as to give us an idea as to how many might be attending.

*Yours in service, Ken L. of District 12*

### The Pipeline Rotates Leadership Too!

January 1 brings not only new Area Officers to serve, but new Pipeline leadership as well. Are you interested in working on future issues of the Area 43 newsletter? We need a new Pipeline Committee Chair as well as new committee members! Computer skills are helpful, but like all AA service positions, the job can easily be learned. If you're interested - or would like to volunteer your sponsee - please contact the Service Office at 622-6967, or Karen (the current chair) at 623-8252. Thank you!

# HOLIDAY EVENTS - ALCATHONS\*, DANCES AND MORE!

\*Alcathons are AA events where meetings are held back to back for periods of time. THEY ARE FREE!

This is a partial listing - call your Service Office at 622-6967 for more information!

*District 7*  
**Christmas Alcathon**  
 Christmas Eve 6 pm - 1 am

**New Year's Alcathon**  
 New Year's Eve 6 pm - 1 am

Both events held at:  
 Monadnock Community Hospital  
 Old Street Rd., Peterborough

*District 8*  
**Christmas Alcathon**  
 Sunday December 25  
 West Street Ward House  
 41 West Street  
**Concord**

6:00 am - 9:00 pm  
 Meetings around the clock!  
 More info - Bert 228-2231

**New Year's Eve Celebration**

**Saturday December 31**  
**Bow Community Building**  
 (same building as Fire Station)  
 Knox Road & Logging Hill Road  
 \$8 advance tickets or at the door  
 6 - Coffee Hour  
 7 - Potluck Supper  
 8 - AA & Al-Anon speakers  
 9 - Midnight - Dancing with DJ  
 More info - Dana 783-0295

*District 9*  
**Christmas Alcathon**  
 Christmas Eve 6 pm  
 thru  
 Christmas Day 6 pm  
**Friendship Center**  
 45 E. Broadway  
**Derry**

food and refreshments  
 will be served  
 Info - Diana 887-0194

*District 10*  
**New Year's Eve Dinner Dance**  
 Saturday December 31  
**United Methodist Church**  
 8 Pleasant Street, Salem  
 Italian Dinner, Potluck Dessert  
 Dinner: \$10 adults/\$5 kids  
 6:30 - 8:30  
 Dance Only: \$10 donation  
 8:30 - 12:30  
 Info: Dave at 893-9616

**New Year's Alcathon**  
 6 pm December 31  
 thru  
 Noon January 1  
**Ste. Julie Hall**  
 St. Joseph's Church,  
 Route 97, Salem  
 Coffee, soda, water provided.  
 Food donations needed!  
 Info - Dan 978-375-0593

*District 12*  
**Christmas Alcathon**  
**Christmas Eve**  
 6 pm - Midnight  
*continues*  
**Christmas Day**  
 6 am - 6 pm

**New Year's Eve Dinner Dance**  
**New Year's Eve**  
 6 pm - 1 am  
 Prime Rib Dinner  
 Guest Speaker  
 Live Band  
 Advance Tickets \$20  
 Tickets at the door \$25

Both Events held at:  
**Assumption Greek Orthodox Church**  
 111 Island Pond Rd. (off Huse)  
**Manchester**

For Information or  
 Dinner Dance Tickets call  
 Jamie 232-6356

*District 14*  
**Christmas Alcathon**  
 Christmas Eve 6 pm  
 thru  
 Christmas Day 11 pm  
**Meadowbrook Lounge**  
 Portsmouth Traffic Circle

**New Year's Alcathon**  
 New Year's Eve 6 pm  
 thru  
 New Year's Day 11 pm  
**Meadowbrook Lounge**  
 Portsmouth Traffic Circle

**New Year's Eve Dinner Dance**  
 Sat. December 31  
 6 pm - Midnight  
**Frank Jones Center**  
 (across from Meadowbrook Inn)  
**Portsmouth Traffic Circle**  
 Advance Tickets Only - \$29  
 Includes Dinner, Meeting & Dancing

More info on any of these events:  
 Serina 848-3991  
 Remember, no cameras allowed.

*District 11*  
**Christmas Alcathon**  
**Christmas Eve**  
 8 pm thru  
**Christmas Day**  
 6:30 pm  
**Congregational Church**  
**Parish Hall**  
**Depot Square**  
**Laconia**

*District 19*  
**Christmas Alcathon**  
**Christmas Eve**  
 6 pm thru  
**Christmas Day**  
 6pm  
**Community Kitchen**  
 Mechanic Street  
**Keene**

## AA Trivia Corner

What was New Hampshire's first official AA group? When was it founded?

While the first **unofficial** AA meetings in New Hampshire were held in a lawyer's office in Portsmouth, those members belonged to groups in Boston. New Hampshire's first **registered** group was the Manchester Original Group, first meeting in August 1947. Manchester Original still meets today, making it the oldest group in the state. (And they could use your support!)