

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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Unity Weekend Oct. 17th & 18th

Recovery binds us together through the Traditions and Concepts

Hello everyone,

At your request, Area 43, New Hampshire is happy to announce a **Unity Weekend, October 17 and 18, 2008**. The theme of the weekend is **“Recovery binds us together through the Traditions and Concepts.”**

As a lot of you know, there has been a lot of controversy and acrimony in our Area lately.

Among the questions that are troubling our members are:

Can individuals remove groups from meeting lists? How? Is this punishment? Do we as an Area and District have the right to police groups? What is the difference between group conscience and group opinion? Tradition 6: What is the difference between cooperation and affiliation? Can one group tell another group how to run their meeting? WHO DECIDES ALL THIS AND HOW?

Area 43, New Hampshire has tried to address all this, but many are not satisfied. It has become quite apparent that we need some unity and education also that we all may do what is best for AA as a whole. **We hope to provide you with the materials and experience to address these questions through the “Unity Weekend.”**

For the **“Unity Weekend Panel,”** we have asked a select group of experienced trusted servants to come to New Hampshire and share with us. These long recovering members are serving, and have served AA on the highest level for countless thankless hours and traveled great distances strictly for the benefit of AA as a whole. They do it without self promotion, financial reward or public recognition. They serve honestly without any exaggeration, or sensationalism, adhering strictly to AA’s Traditions and Concepts. They don’t manufacture or interpret history to benefit a point of view. They are all honest open-minded and willing, have long term sobriety and are well schooled in our Traditions and Concepts.

This panel will conduct all workshops and answer all questions during the day on Saturday,

followed by a Unity Dinner in the evening with an AA speaker.

The weekend will actually start **Friday evening, October 17th at 7 p.m.** with a “meet and greet” pizza social that will give you a chance to meet the panelists and learn a little about them. Following the “meet and greet,” Hal G. from the panel will share AA facts and history. The Friday night event will take place at Harbor Holmes, 45 High Street, Nashua, NH and there will be no charge for this evening event.

The **Saturday event** will take place at **Bow Community Center**. This is very conveniently located off Route 89, Exit 1 in Bow, NH. The directions are simple: From Concord take 93 South to 89 Exit 1 and head toward Bow. The Community Center is located one mile down on the left hand side of the road next to the fire station. From Salem, take 93 North to Route 89 Exit 1 and head toward Bow. The Community Center is located one mile down on the left hand side next to the fire station.

The workshops will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 18th and end at 3:30 p.m. There will be a \$5 registration fee to cover lunch.

The Unity dinner, on Saturday will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the same location. Arnold R. will be the **evening speaker at the 8 p.m.** meeting, following the dinner. The dinner will be Italian consisting of lasagna, meatballs, chicken and salad followed by desert. **The price of the dinner will be only \$10. Tickets will be limited to 200 due to the capacity of the hall, so please buy your tickets early.**

The Panel participants are:

John K. is a past Delegate from Northern NH and our current Regional Delegate. As such, he is responsible for the Northern Region (as represented at NERAASA). You may have met him at the latest NERAASA. John lives in Collingswood, NJ.

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Statement of Purpose

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Group Information

New Groups

District 11

Plymouth Wednesday 7:30 PM 8:30 PM T285 HDCBSX
Live Free, Not Dry!, Church of the Holy Spirit, 263 Highland Street

District 12

Manchester Tuesday 7:00 PM 8:00 PM T282 X
Back to Basics, Cypress Center, 401 Cypress St

District 17

Berlin Tuesday 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 684182 BX
Women's Big Book, Step, St Ann's Hall

District 19

Nelson Tuesday 7:00 PM 8:00 PM T284 D
Nelson Common, Nelson Congregational Church Basement, on the Common

Meeting Changes

District 8

Concord Thursday 7:30 PM 8:30 PM 147968 HDX
Stepping into Today, Concord Hospital Conf Rm 5A, 250 Pleasant St.
Location changed from 4th fl ODI

District 18

Charlestown Saturday 7:00 PM 8:00 PM 668511 HDSX
Congregational Church, Main St. *Location clarified.*

Greetings from Your Service Office

One of the lesser known items in Alcoholics Anonymous is the set of "yellow guidelines." Produced by the General Service Office in New York, these yellow sheets are very useful for anyone active in service or wanting to better understand how AA works. They contain useful guidelines and shared experience on AA-related activities. Guidelines are 15 cents each or \$2.40 for a full set. They are always in stock at that Service Office. Topics include:

- Central or Intergroup Offices
- Clubs
- Conferences, Conventions, and Roundups
- Cooperating With Court, DWI, and Similar Programs
- Correctional Facilities Committees
- Public Information
- Relationship Between AA and Al-Anon
- Literature Committees

- For AA Members Employed in the Alcoholism Field
- Cooperation with the Professional Community
- AA Answering Services
- Carrying the AA Message to the Deaf Alcoholic
- Treatment Facilities Committees
- Finance
- Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs
- Archives
- And the new Internet Guideline

Time to order the summer/fall goldenrod colored statewide meeting lists. You can also start planning your Christmas list because we are ordering the Grapevine 2009 Calendars and Pocket Planners.

A big thank you to Geri F. of Candia for her help in the Service Office.

In grateful service,
Ingrid and Mary Anne

We need your help!

We need at least one hundred group subscriptions to make our minimum for bulk mailing, and we've been short. If just one more group in each district ordered, we'd be all set! Already subscribe? How about donating a subscription to a treatment center, halfway house, or correctional facility in your community? Your support is greatly appreciated!

Group Number: _____

Group Name: _____

Send to: _____

If for group, please use your GSR for the addressee

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

Send \$6 for each group subscription (10 copies/mo annually) or \$3.50 for each individual subscription (2 copies) to NHAA, 1330 Hooksett Rd., Hooksett, NH 03106. Thank you for your support!

July Donations _____ Thank You!

BB STEP STUDY
SUNDAY 12 & 12
HOW TO 12 & 12
BELMONT ORIGINAL
GUARDIAN ANGEL BIG BOOK
SAT MORNING STEP MTG
NEWFOUND LAKE GRP
LIVE LOVE & LAUGH
EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH & HOPE
BIG BOOK 12 STEP STUDY
CRAZY IN AA YOUNG PEOPLE
DAILY REFLECTIONS
EXP. STRENGTH & HOPE
FRI NOON ACCEPTANCE
MON. NITE STEP
KEEP IT SIMPLE
DEERFIELD 12 STEP MTG
AFTER WORK GROUP
DOVER ORIGINAL
RESURRECTION GROUP
TUESDAY NOONTIME GROUP
DURHAM ORIGINAL GROUP
AMETHYST 12 & 12 GROUP
LIVING BY THE BOOK
EXETER SERENITY
TWIN RIVERS
WOMEN IN NEED OF SOBRIETY
TUESDAY BEGINNERS GROUP
WEDNESDAY BIG BOOK GRP
WORKING THE STEPS
BIG BOOK STEP STUDY
CHESHIRE GROUP
MEN'S 12 & 12
BEGINNERS AWARENESS
SATURDAY NITE ALIVE
WOMEN'S STEPPING UP GRP
ORDINARY WHOOPEE PARTY
LEE DISCUSSION GROUP
LISBON MONDAY NIGHT
AS BILL SEES IT
ORIGINAL SUNDAY NITE GRP
OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH
THURSDAY STEP GROUP
LAKE MASSABESIC
HEARD THRU THE GRAPEVINE
FIRST LIGHT OF DAY
MENS 12 STEP INTRO
NEW LIFE GROUP
NO NAME GROUP
NORTH END GROUP
QUEEN CITY GROUP
SUNDAY SERENITY
MERRIMACK GROUP
MILFORD BEGINNERS
SOUHEGAN SUNRISE
MILTON 12 & 12
GOOD SHEPHERD
SOBER AND FREE

AMHERST
ATKINSON
BEDFORD
BELMONT
BERLIN
BRADFORD
BRISTOL
COLEBROOK
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EARLY BIRD GROUP
NEW ALTERNATIVE
AS BILL SEES IT
NEW LONDON ORIGINAL
DISCUSSION MEETING
TUES. NIGHT 12 STEP
12 STEP GROUP
SATURDAY NITE LIVE
FRIDAY NITE LIVE
PLAISTOW AFTER SCHOOL
WOMEN'S MEETING
GOOD MORN. PORTSMOUTH
HAPPY HOUR GRP
HIGH NOONERS
PORTS. ORIGINAL GRP
REBORN GROUP
SUN MORNING DAYBREAK
COURAGE TO CHANGE
STEP INTO THE WEEKEND
GENESIS 12 STEP
SALEM NOONTIME GROUP
SISTERS OF SOBRIETY WOMENS
BAIGIS GROUP
BURLEYVILLE AS BILL SEES IT
WARNER CAP GROUP
WARNER GROUP
FIRST THINGS FIRST
SUNDAY MORNING SERENITY
NOONTIME GROUP

NASHUA
NASHUA
NEW LONDON
NEW LONDON
NEWPORT
PETERBOROUGH
PETERBOROUGH
PETERBOROUGH
PLAISTOW
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PLYMOUTH
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RAYMOND
ROCHESTER
SALEM
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STRATFORD
TAMWORTH
WAKEFIELD
WARNER
WARNER
WEARE
WINDHAM
WOLFEBORO FALLS

12th Anniversary
Keep It Simple Group
Sunday, September 21, 2008
6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
United Methodist Church
Main Street, Contoocook
Potluck Supper at 6 p.m.
AA & Al-Anon Speakers at 7 p.m.
Questions?
Call Tom at 848-0859 or Marty at 856-7550

Think it over!

Then there was the woman who thought she only needed 10 of the 12 Steps. The other two were for the suckers and she decided she could skip them.

She stayed sober, but didn't get complete release and happiness.

One day, as she was struggling up the stairs (56 of them) from cellar to attic, bowed under the weight of a heavy box spring and mattress, she had a sudden flash of illumination.

"I'd be in a heck of a mess," she reflected, "if I thought I could skip two of these steps!"

Arnold R is a familiar figure at NERAASA also. Arnold is a past Delegate from the Washington D.C. area. He has served GSO as a Grapevine Director and has recently completed a term as a General Trustee.

Hal G. is a past Trustee and has served in other positions assisting GSO. He is a noted historian and educator of the Traditions and Concepts. He is a frequent participant at NERAASA and is often asked to speak of AA's history of the Traditions and Concepts at various AA conferences and conventions. Hal is from Annapolis, MD.

Valerie O'N is a knowledgeable and respect long-time member of our GSO staff. The other panelists have all worked with her, and feel that she is one of our best staffers at GSO. Since Valerie has worked there for some time, she has gained valuable experience through the staff rotation which occurs every two years, as well as through the national traveling required by her position.

The workshops will have an open mike after every workshop for any and all questions by attendees. The last workshop will be an "Ask It Basket" workshop answering questions that you have put in the "ask it basket" during the day. This session will also have an open mike.

Do you just belong?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed? Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock? Or do you meet in private and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along? Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?

Do you work on committees? To this there is no trick. Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?

Please come to the meetings often, and help with hand and heart. Don't be just a member. Take an active part.

Think this over members. You know what's right from wrong. Are you an active member. Or do you just belong?

Anonymous

The panel has been assembled at our request by Tom K., a past delegate of Area 43, NH.

Area 43, NH hopes to promote Unity and Fellowship with the weekend.

Yours in service

Richard P.,

Function Chair, Area 43

Unity Weekend Workshops

Workshop 1

How does upside down triangle work of A.A. service work?

- What is the difference between an informed group conscience and group opinion?
- What should you do if you think a group is violating A.A. Traditions?
- What is a "punitive measure" (see Concept 12, Warranty Five) and what recourse does A.A. have for Tradition violations?
- What is "the right of decision"?

Workshop 2

Lead by example, not my mandate

- Do we as an Area or District have the right to police groups?
- Bleeding Deacon or Elder Statesman?
- What is the difference between cooperation and affiliation?
- When do "matters affecting other groups or A. A. as a whole" outweigh group autonomy?

Workshop 3

Unity and the 36 Spiritual Principles

- Does being listed on a non A.A. website constitute affiliation?
- Restraint of tongue, pen and internet keyboard

Workshop 4

Ask it basket question and answer session

Open mike after all workshops