



Pipeline



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Self - Support: The Basket and Area 43

When I first started coming to Alcoholics Anonymous, my sponsor urged me to contribute to each meeting I attended. She knew that like many AA newcomers, I might not be able to throw in a dollar when the basket came around (the standard amount when I first came to meetings in 1989), so she suggested that I dig for change instead. Sometimes that was impossible too. My sponsor suggested that when I walked into a meeting knowing I had nothing to throw in the basket, I better ask the chairperson if I could help by reading the Preamble or putting away chairs after the meeting was over. There was always some way I could contribute, and feel like I was part of something bigger than me.

So it is also true of AA groups when it comes to participating in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. What does your group do with its seventh tradition contributions? After paying for rent on your meeting space and other group expenses, does your treasurer make regular contributions to your district, Area 43, and GSO? If your group cannot afford to do so, do you instead contribute with members volunteering for service at the district and/or area levels? Why, or why not?

Area 43 receives contributions from roughly 70 groups each month - out of a total of nearly 500 groups across the state. Contributions support vital services that your group alone cannot provide itself - things like the operation of the statewide hotline which alone costs \$17,000 each year. Other services provided by Area 43 include outreach to the public by the PI/CPC committee, support for meetings held in various

correctional institutions around the state, production of the Pipeline, support of the traveling Grapevine/Literature display, and a variety of other service-related expenses.

It saddens me that since the groups voted to have Area 43 take over the statewide hotline, contributions have not significantly increased. There are many groups out there that used to contribute to the old Consolidated Hotline, and Area 43 expected to receive most of those contributions. Yet the money hasn't kept up! There are two possibilities - the easy answer is that groups do not yet understand how badly the Area needs their support, but call me an optimist: I think this only applies to some groups. I think the bigger problem is that we're still throwing a dollar in the basket, and meeting expenses have gone up. Coffee is more expensive, rent is more expensive, literature is more expensive. This leaves fewer dollars to support district, area, and worldwide activities.

When my sponsor asked me to throw a dollar in the basket, that was roughly the cost of a cup of coffee at the diner we used to frequent after the meetings. Today, that same cup of joe is nearly three bucks. So I do as my sponsor would want me to do - I throw in a few bucks when I can afford to, and when I can't I dig around my purse, and when I can't do that I make sure I volunteer to help with the meeting. I think that if the Area prudent reserve is going to stop falling, it is only going to be through the solid sponsorship advice regarding the basket.

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Statement of Purpose

The New Hampshire Area Pipeline will be the voice of Alcoholics Anonymous within Area 43. Its editors and staff will be primarily accountable to New Hampshire A. A. Area 43 as a whole. Within the bounds of friendliness and good taste, the Pipeline will enjoy perfect freedom of speech on all matters directly pertaining to Alcoholics Anonymous within Area 43. Like the A.A. movement it mirrors, the primary purpose of the New Hampshire Pipeline will be to try to carry the A.A. message to alcoholics and practice the A.A. principles in all its affairs.

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Group Information

New Groups

District 12

Manchester Wednesday 7:00 PM 8:30 PM SDG
The Rainbow Group Unitarian Church 669 Union Street

District 14

Durham Tuesday 6:30 PM 7:30 PM DCBX
Tuesday Night Step Meeting 20 Madbury Road

District 17

Berlin Friday 12:00 PM 1:00 PM HDBSX
Dealers' (Chairpersons') Choice St Anne's Hall 260 School Street

Meeting Changes

District 7

Peterboro Thursday 7:00 PM 8:00 PM
Peterborough Original Union Congregational Church 33 Concord St.
Time changed from 8-9 pm.

District 17

Berlin Friday 7:00 PM 8:00 PM HDBSX
Berlin Friday Night Group St. Anne's Hall 260 School Street
End time change from 8:30 to 8pm

Disbanded Meetings

District 7

Peterboro Wednesday 5:30 PM 6:30 PM
Happy Hour Group All Saints Episcopal Church 51 Concord St



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Manchester Has the Only
**Spanish Speaking
AA meeting in NH**
Meeting Day: Sunday
Time: 4-5 PM
Place: St. Augustine Church
383 Beech St, in back

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DERRY	DERRY ORIGINAL GROUP
DOVER	SAT. NITE COMMITMENT
DOVER	WEDNESDAY NOON GROUP
DOVER	DOVER BEGINNERS GRP
FARMINGTON	GRATITUDE GROUP
FRANKLIN	AS BILL SEES IT
GONIC	WOMEN IN NEED OF SOBRIETY
HAMPSTEAD	SATURDAY NITE ORIGINAL
HAMPTON	MONDAY EVENING BIG BOOK
HAMPTON	ROCK & RYE
KEENE	CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
KEENE	FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP
KEENE	ON AWAKENING
LITTLETON	THURSDAY STEP GROUP
LITTLETON	12&12 STEP GROUP
MANCHESTER	HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE
MANCHESTER	WOMENS NEW BEGINNINGS
MANCHESTER	LIVING-LOVING-SHARING
MANCHESTER	THERE IS A SOLUTION
MANCHESTER	QUEEN CITY GROUP
MANCHESTER	SUNDAY SERENITY
MANCHESTER	WOMEN'S DAYTIME
MANCHESTER	OVER 50 GROUP
MANCHESTER	FREE AT LAST
MILFORD	MILFORD NO-NAME GROUP
MILFORD	MILFORD BEGINNERS
MILFORD	SOUHEGAN SUNRISE
NASHUA	SO NASHUA TODAY GROUP
NASHUA	REMEMBER WHEN GROUP
NASHUA	OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH
NASHUA	EARLY BIRD GROUP
NASHUA	TERRACE GROUP
NASHUA	SOBER & FREE
NORTH CONWAY	MON NIGHT BIG BOOK
NOTTINGHAM	NOTTINGHAM ORIGINAL
PELHAM	12 STEP WOMEN'S GROUP
PETERBOROUGH	EARLY MORN. BB
PORTSMOUTH	PORTS. ORIGINAL GRP
PORTSMOUTH	WING DING GROUP
PORTSMOUTH	HIGH NOONERS
PORTSMOUTH	REBORN GROUP
RAYMOND	COURAGE TO CHANGE
SALEM	PEACE OF MIND
TAMWORTH	BAIGIS GROUP
TILTON	TILTON-FRANKLIN GROUP
WARREN	LIVING SOBER GROUP
WOLFEBORO FALLS	NOONTIME GROUP
DISTRICT 13	
DISTRICT 18	
DISTRICT 20	

Greetings from Your Service Office

It is with mixed emotions that we mention that Karen, one of the most competent and knowledgeable members of our office staff has moved on to another position. We really wish her well as she moves forward to the next part of her life, but we also feel the pain of her loss at the Service Office. After working here for eight years, Karen has made friends in the AA community all over New Hampshire. Everyone who has visited us at the Service Office or who has called with orders, questions or group changes over the last eight years has met Karen and understands how essential she has been to our work in the office. We all want to thank Karen for her hard work at the office and wish her well as she moves on to a new era in her life.

Do you know what your District Public Information Committee is up to? Chances are they're distributing meeting lists all over town. Many districts have seen their Public Information Committees become more active, increasing awareness about Alcoholics Anonymous. In recent years we've been able to publish new meeting books more frequently because Public Information Committees are distributing more of them.

Meeting lists are provided to various professionals, agencies and businesses that come in contact with alcoholics who may want help. Obviously, Public Information Committees are in touch with treatment facilities, courts, probation/parole departments, and counseling agencies. But this is only the beginning! Meeting lists are also provided to schools, police departments, hotels, halfway houses, hospitals, doctors, and airports. If you want to be active in carrying the message by helping with distribution of meeting lists, contact your DCM or the Service Office.

And speaking of meeting lists – the next version of the statewide list is in the works and should be released in early February. Make sure to get meeting lists for the newcomers in your group!

Thank you to Geri F. of Candia and Don H. of Manchester for their help in the office.

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

From Your New Pipeline Chair

Hi, My name is Bert K. and I am an alcoholic. This is my first letter serving as your new Pipeline Chair. I am very new at this part of AA service. I am enlisting all the help I can get. My knowledge of computers is very limited. I am at times very unsure of what I am doing.

Luckily, I have been getting some excellent help from Karen P., a past Pipeline Chair. Thank God for her help. Also, just as important, Mary C. is staying on as the person doing our calendar, the most important part of our Pipeline. I thank my higher power every day for her.

As I say I am new at this and inexperienced. With a lot of help I will get through, after all being there for each other is the AA way. So I ask for your patience and acceptance until I get my feet wet. Also, our proofreader, Christine G., has been very ill, so please pray for us.

Yours in service,
Bert K.
Pipeline Chair

Join us for our anniversary!
Courage to Change Group
VA Hospital
Smyth Road, Manchester
Saturday February 16
8:15 pm - 9:30 pm
Gratitude Meeting
Pizza
Fellowship

Call for Articles!

The Pipeline needs YOUR help!

Have an AA event you wish
to report on?

Have an idea about AA?

Want to relate a recovery story?

WRITE for the Pipeline!

We need at least two articles for every issue - almost anything about recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous is fair game.

**Submit your article to
nhaaPIPE@yahoo.com**

or mail to

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24th Anniversary

Pathway to Sobriety

Tuesday March 25th, 2008

South Main St. Church

Manchester (West Side)

6:30pm Socialize

7:00pm Meeting

Break, Pot Luck Supper, Raffles

Bring your favorite dish to share

Call Eva or Sue for more information

624-4832

NERAASA

Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly

February 22 - 24

West Atlantic City, New Jersey

Clarion Hotel & Convention Center

"Communication and Participation -

The Key to Unity and Self-Support"

Registration forms available

at the Service Office!