



PIPELINE



2010 NERAASA Report—The Spirit of Service

What do you get when you mix a three-day blizzard, 512 alcoholics, and Niagara Falls? NERAASA 2010! Those of us who drove waited anxiously to see if our Delegate and other Trusted Servants would land on time, if at all, at the airport. But nothing can stop those of us in service and everyone arrived safely. A little snow never kept me from drinking, so it sure wasn't going keep me from NERAASA on February 26th-28th!

For this alcoholic, being in the same room with 511 drunks in the spirit of service with the goal of helping the alcoholic who still suffers – perhaps even one right outside our meeting facility – was awe-inspiring.

NH Area 43 had fantastic representation at the 19th Annual NERAASA Convention, held in Area 50, Niagra Falls, NY. Many thanks to Jonathan P. of District 18 who has been voted Chair of the Woo Hoo Committee!

The panelists from the Northeast Region were very well prepared and thought provoking. Meeting and sharing ideas with other Area Committees is so helpful in all our service positions. For example, John K. (Trustee), Area 45, came out with a novel idea that stuck with me. With all the Areas facing diminished donations, instead of worrying that we only receive \$1 in the basket from each alcoholic, we should concentrate on service in hopes of attracting more alcoholics—as membership grows, not only do more sick and suffering alcoholics begin recovery, but there are more members to contribute to each district and area.

Our representatives attended their respective workshops, even though it was past many of our bedtimes! We met

some wonderful counterparts and found that most attendees were just coming into their new service positions as we were. It seemed as though all the Areas in our region face similar challenges despite the fact that we are so diverse. The consummate alcoholic, I tend to think I'm the only one, so it was comforting to know that there were hundreds of others that shared the same feelings and experiences.

For me, NERAASA is always the kick-off of the upcoming year that sparks my service enthusiasm—from picking up the chairs at my home group the other night, to preparing my reports and passing along the "service spark" to

my District. I know for me, in order to keep "It", I have to give "It" away, which I hope allows me to be a good example of the importance of service to the newcomer.

Our NH Area 43 has so much to offer in its committee structure. We encourage everyone to take a peek at what it's all about, get involved, and pass it on: Treatment, Bridging the Gap, Corrections, Grapevine, Hotline, PI/CPC - there is truly something for everyone and your help is

much needed and appreciated! Check your meeting list or www.nhaa.net to find the schedule of District and Area meetings where you can learn more about how to get involved – service is the secret!

Next year's NERAASA will be in Tarrytown, NY (Area 49) on February 25-27, 2011 – mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Yours in Love and Service,
- Lynne D., Area 43 Secretary, District 20 DCM



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AA & Grapevine Struggling for Funds

My name is Pat D., and I serve as DCM for District 9 in NH. Although I have been involved in General Service off-and-on for about 15 years, this year's NERAASA was my first – and what an experience! I was impressed with how the assembly was run – panels of speakers who presented on specific topics followed by open mike time for the attendees to chime in and ask questions. There was quite a range of topics. Some examples are: *AA members and drugs; Atheist/Agnostic – is AA getting too religious vs. spiritual?; How do we protect our anonymity on the web?; Are we supporting ALL levels of service? I attended all of the panels as well as the DCM roundtables.*

Although I enjoyed the assembly very much, I left with a sense of dread – fear of losing our fellowship. The topics of self support and the state of the Grapevine really rattled me.

Did you know that in order for AA to be truly self-supporting based on contributions, we would need each member to contribute \$7.70 per year? And, did you know that the actual average amount that is contributed per member per year is only about \$4.00? Yes, only FOUR dollars.



Did you know that the Grapevine lost \$136,000 last year and that they want to be forgiven a \$50,000 loan from the previous year? Did you know they have requested another \$250,000 to have proper working capital? That puts the Grapevine about a half a million dollars in the hole. And did you know that only 5% of the fellowship subscribe to the Grapevine?

Over and over again we heard how much people love the Grapevine and how they would hate to lose it, but yet only 5% subscribe. Are you one of the 5% or one of the 95%? And what about self support? Are you like me – someone who went to 13 meetings a week in early sobriety, contributing \$1 per meeting for a total of \$13 per week; but, now having been sober a while and going to fewer meetings, even though I have doubled my contribution to \$2, I'm still only contributing only half as much? Do you send in a birthday envelope to GSO every year on your anniversary to thank Alcoholics Anonymous for everything they have given you? During one of the discussions about self support, which was very emotional, a man walked up to the mike and said, "I am an optimist. I believe that AA will survive. All it takes is two alcoholics to have a meeting."

Well, I'm an optimist, too. We all have to contribute to make a real difference. I have made a commitment to send in a birthday envelope each year to GSO, and even to make up for the years I've missed. I will also continue my subscription to the Grapevine. Finally, I will increase my contributions at meetings – especially to the meetings that support service entities because I want AA to be alive-and-well for the next men and women who come through the door.

So now that you know, what will you do?

- Pat D., DCM for District 9, Area 43

Quarterly Donation List

December 1, 2009—February 28, 2010

- GATEWAY TO SOBRIETY - ALTON
- COVERED BRIDGE GROUP - ASHLAND
- SUNDAY 12 & 12 - ATKINSON
- BARNSTEAD ORIGINAL
- HOW TO 12 & 12 - BEDFORD
- DERBY DISCUSSION - BERLIN
- GUARDIAN ANGEL BIG BOOK - BERLIN
- SAT MORNING STEP MTG - BRADFORD
- KINGSTON 12 & 12 - BRENTWOOD
- NEWFOUND LAKE GRP - BRISTOL
- CANAAN SAT. MORNING
- BACK TO BASICS - CENTER OSSIPEE
- CHICHESTER 12&12 - CHICHESTER
- LIVE LAUGH LOVE GROUP - COLEBROOK
- DAILY REFLECTIONS - CONCORD
- HEART OF THE HEIGHTS - CONCORD
- MON. NITE STEP - CONCORD
- NEW WOMENS STEP GRP - CONCORD
- SUNDAY AM BEGINNERS - CONCORD
- WEDNESDAY NOON BB - CONCORD
- ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT - D11
- FARMINGTON DAILY REFLECTIONS
- DERRY ORIGINAL GROUP
- DERRY WOMEN'S GROUP
- EAST DERRY 12 & 12
- SAT. NITE LIVE - DERRY
- BIG BOOK STEP STUDY - DOVER
- DOVER BIG BK STEP STUDY
- DOVER ORIGINAL
- EYE OPENER GROUP - DOVER
- MEET US HALFWAY - DOVER
- SAT. NITE COMMITMENT - DOVER
- SATURDAY NOON GROUP - DOVER
- TUESDAY NOONTIME GROUP - DOVER
- SIMPLY GRATEFUL - EPSOM
- AS BILL SEES IT - EXETER
- EXETER BEGINNERS
- EXETER BIG BOOK
- EXETER MONDAY NIGHT
- EXETER SERENITY
- GARDEN VARIETY GROUP - EXETER
- KEEP IT SIMPLE - EXETER
- WOMEN'S SUNDAY SERENITY - EXETER
- GRATITUDE GROUP - FARMINGTON
- LIVING IN THE MOMENT - FARMINGTON
- PANCAKES & PROMISES - FRANKLIN
- NEW LIFE GROUP - GORHAM
- SATURDAY MORNING AA - HAMPSTEAD
- TAKE A STEP - HAMPSTEAD
- WOMEN'S JOY OF LIVING - HAMPSTEAD
- WOMEN'S SUNDOWNERS - HAMPSTEAD
- EYE OPENER GROUP - HAMPTON
- HAMPTON BEGINNERS
- HAMPTON BIG BOOK DISCUSSION
- MONDAY AT THREE - HAMPTON
- ROCK & RYE - HAMPTON
- TUESDAY BEGINNERS GRP - HAMPTON
- WEDNESDAY BIG BOOK GRP - HAMPTON
- WORKING THE STEPS - HAMPTON
- BROKEN ELEVATOR GROUP - HENNIKER
- GET IT TOGETHER GROUP - HUDSON
- JAFFREY GROUP
- BIG BOOK STEP STUDY - KEENE
- CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP - KEENE
- FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP - KEENE
- ON AWAKENING - KEENE
- T.O.A.D. GROUP - KEENE
- KINGSTON MEN'S GROUP
- KITTERY ORIGINAL
- KITTERY SEASIDE GROUP
- WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT TODAY - KITTERY
- BEGINNERS AWARENESS - LACONIA
- LADIES NITE OUT - LACONIA
- SERENITY SEEKERS - LACONIA
- WOMEN'S STEPPING UP GRP - LACONIA
- LANCASTER TUES. NITE LIT.
- SUNDAY BIG BOOK - LEBANON
- ORIGINAL SUNDAY NITE GRP - LITTLETON
- AS BILL SEES IT - LITTLETON
- OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH - LITTLETON
- THURSDAY STEP GROUP - LITTLETON
- ALL TOGETHER - MANCHESTER
- BIG BOOK STEP STUDY - MANCHESTER
- COURAGE TO CHANGE - MANCHESTER
- FIRST LIGHT OF DAY - MANCHESTER
- FREE AT LAST - MANCHESTER
- HAPPY HOUR EAST - MANCHESTER
- HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE - MANCHESTER
- KEEP IT SIMPLE - MANCHESTER
- LAKE MASSABESIC - MANCHESTER
- MANCHESTER ORIGINAL - MANCHESTER
- MENS 12 STEP INTRO - MANCHESTER
- NEW LIFE GROUP - MANCHESTER
- NORTH END GROUP - MANCHESTER
- ORIGINAL HAPPY HOUR WEST - MANCHESTER
- OVER 50 GROUP - MANCHESTER
- QUEEN CITY GROUP - MANCHESTER
- SUNDAY SERENITY - MANCHESTER
- WOMEN BACK TO BASICS - MANCHESTER
- WOMENS NEW BEGINNINGS - MANCHESTER
- MELVIN VILLAGE GROUP
- B & M HONESTY - MERRIMACK
- LETS TALK ABOUT IT MENS - MILFORD
- MILFORD BEGINNERS
- MILFORD ORIGINAL GROUP
- MONDAY MILFORD
- WOMEN'S STEP MEETING
- SOUHEGAN SUNRISE - MILFORD
- MILTON 12 & 12
- MILTON AA GROUP
- MILTON MILLS MENS MTG
- KEEP IT SIMPLE MENS - MUNSONVILLE

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Group Info.

New Meetings

District 12, Manchester

Sunday, 8-9:30pm

We Stopped in Time
(Young People's), SD
1850 Elm Street
(Park & Enter in Rear)

District 12, Manchester

Sunday, 10-11am

Conscious Contact Group, CXD
Tirrell House, 15 Brook St..
(Basement/Rear Entrance)

Meetings Changes

District 12, Manchester

Monday, 7:30-8:30pm

Amoskeag Falls BB Study Group, CB
Now meeting at
Congregational Church
321 South Main & Milford Streets

District 12, Manchester

Sunday, 10-11:30am

North End Group, SD
Now meeting at 1850 Elm Street
(Park & Enter in Rear)

District 9, Londonderry

Tuesday, 7:30-9pm

A Vision for You, HD (*added H*)
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Rte. 128 & 5 Peabody Row

District 9, Derry

Monday, 8-9:30pm

Spacetown Group, HDCS (*added D&C*)
Friendship Center, 45 E. Broadway

District 17, Lancaster

Tuesday, 7-8pm

Lancaster Tuesday Night Literature
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
(Brown House in Rear)

Disbanded Meetings

District 17, Colebrook—Step Sisters

Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm

Donations – Thank You!

Thank you to all the groups that contributed! Your donations are critical to the continued success of AA in our Area as we carry the message to fellow alcoholics. We'll be publishing the list quarterly and greatly need your continued support, especially now while donations to the Area have been tapering due to the tight economy — *thank you!*

...Quarterly Donation List (cont.)

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| • FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP - N. CONWAY | • HIGH NOONERS - PORTSMOUTH |
| • A NEW DAY GROUP - NASHUA | • ONE STEP AT A TIME - PORTSMOUTH |
| • BIG BOOK 12 STEP STUDY - NASHUA | • REBORN GROUP - PORTSMOUTH |
| • EARLY BIRD GROUP - NASHUA | • SUN MORNING DAYBREAK - PORTSMOUTH |
| • NOONTIME SOBRIETY - NASHUA | • SUNDAY OPEN ARMS GROUP - PORTSMOUTH |
| • OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH - NASHUA | • TUES NITE YNG PEOPLE - PORTSMOUTH |
| • PECULIAR MENTAL TWISTS - NASHUA | • WING DING GROUP - PORTSMOUTH |
| • REMEMBER WHEN GROUP - NASHUA | • COURAGE TO CHANGE - RAYMOND |
| • SO NASHUA TODAY GROUP - NASHUA | • FOOTPRINTS GROUP - ROCHESTER |
| • SOBER AND FREE - NASHUA | • ROCHESTER ORIGINAL |
| • NEW BOSTON GROUP | • STEP INTO THE WEEKEND - ROCHESTER |
| • GVD GROUP - NEW LONDON | • 3-7-11 STEP GROUP - RYE |
| • NEW LONDON GROUP | • RYE RECOVERY |
| • OLD TIMERS K.I.S. - NEW LONDON | • SALEM NOONTIME |
| • POSITIVE START - NEW LONDON | • SALEM SATURDAY MORNING AA |
| • TUES NITE BEGINNERS - NEW LONDON | • SANBORNVILLE GROUP |
| • WOMANS WAY THRU 12 STEPS - NEW LONDON | • SATURDAY NITE LIVE - SPRINGFIELD |
| • 40 PLUS GROUP - NEWCASTLE | • SISTERS OF SOBRIETY - STRATFORD |
| • DISCUSSION MEETING - NEWPORT | • 12 STEP GROUP - SUNAPEE |
| • GOSH PORT - NEWPORT | • WEDNESDAY BIG BOOK - SUNCOOK |
| • TUESDAY HAPPY HOUR - NEWPORT | • BAIGIS GROUP - TAMWORTH |
| • NOTTINGHAM ORIGINAL | • BURLYVILLE BILL SEES IT - WAKE |
| • 12 STEP GROUP - PETERBOROUGH | • WARNER GROUP - WARNER |
| • EARLY MORN. BB - PETERBOROUGH | • LIVING SOBER GROUP - WARREN |
| • PETERBOROUGH ORIGINAL | • FIRST THINGS FIRST - WEARE |
| • SATURDAY NITE LIVE - PETERBOROUGH | • WILMOT BB STEP STUDY - WILMOT |
| • FRIDAY NITE LIVE - PLAISTOW | • I NEED A MEETING - WOLFEBORO |
| • LIVE FREE, NOT DRY! - PLYMOUTH | • MENS WANDERERS GRP - WOLFEBORO |
| • EARLY BIRDS GROUP - PORTSMOUTH | • NOONTIME GROUP - WOLFEBORO FALLS |
| • EYEOPENER GROUP - PORTSMOUTH | • WOODSVILLE WONDERS |
| • GOOD MORN. PORTSMOUTH | • THE COTTAGE PROGRAM - YORK HOSPITAL |
| • HAPPY HOUR GRP - PORTSMOUTH | |

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- Report AA-related news from your district or the Area — round-ups, social functions, assemblies, calendar items, requests for volunteers, etc.
- Share your Experience, Strength & Hope

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April Area Convention, Functions, Events and More!



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