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60th General Service Conference & Pre-Conf Assembly

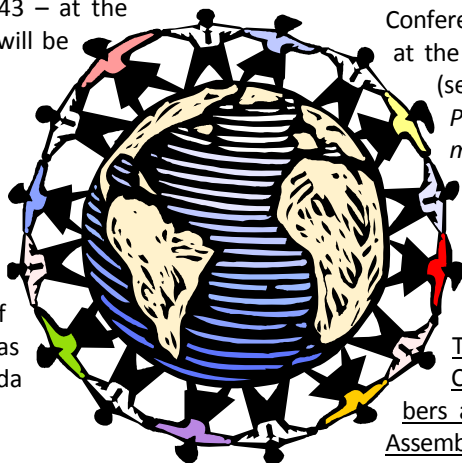
My name is Richard P., I'm an alcoholic, and I have the honor and privilege to serve as your Area 43 Panel 60 Delegate. Since getting sober on August 28, 1989, service has been part of my recovery – all the way back to my first job as a coffee maker 20 years ago. I've always had a sponsor and a Home Group (which is currently the Thursday night Pelham Men's 12 Step meeting), and I was lucky enough to be introduced to the steps early in my sobriety. I continue to sponsor others, and through a loving God and the gift of service, I was recently elected as your current Delegate. My primary responsibility this year is to represent you – the members of Area 43 – at the 60th General Service Conference which will be held in New York on April 18-24, 2010.

60th General Service Conference—April 18-24, 2010

The Agenda for our Annual Conference develops with the input of AA's from all over the United States and Canada. It is finalized through the Advisory Actions of the 59th General Service Conference as well as the work of the Conference Agenda Committee and Trustees' Committees.

The theme for the 60th General Service Conference is **"Practicing A.A.'s Principles – the Pathway to Unity."** Presentation, discussion and workshop topics will include:

- *Practicing These Principles in all Our Service Affairs:*
 - What is the difference between General Service and Service in General?
 - Love and Tolerance is our Code
 - Setting an Example—Attraction to Service
- *Unity Through Inventory:*
 - Our common welfare should come first
 - This we owe to AA's future
 - What happens after inventory?



- *General Service Conference Agenda Selection Process:*
 - How it works
 - Collective participation
 - Communication—the key to an informed decision

2010 Workshop Topic: Discuss the General Service Conference Selection Process

Pre-Conference Assembly—March 27, 2010

On March 27, 2010, from 8am-4pm, there will be a Pre-Conference Assembly for Area 43 held in District 19 at the Swanzy Community House, Swanzy, NH (see calendar for details). *The purpose of the Pre-Conference Assembly is so that you, members of Area 43, can provide feedback that will allow me to prepare and accurately represent NH at the General Service Conference where so many critical decisions are made for AA as a whole.*

The only way to ensure an informed Group Conscience is to have as many Area 43 members as possible join us for the Pre-Conference Assembly in Keene on March 27th. As Delegate, I need your input on the items and issues that lay before us. This is a chance for you to share your voice – don't miss out!

I am also proud to serve as a member of the Grapevine Committee at Conference and welcome your suggestions in this regard as well.

Origin of a Well-Known Quote

Many of us have heard that our co-founder Bill W. said, "If A.A. ever fails, it will be from within," or words to that effect. Actually, the quote is from the closing talk at the 1977 General Service Conference by Bob H., who served as G.S.O.'s general manager from 1968-1974. Excerpted here it is an interesting piece of A.A. history:

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Statement of Purpose

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“... all of us are a part of the continuum of A.A. history. To some small degree, then, each of us is responsible for A.A.’s future...Some of us, sometimes, are fearful of that future. We fear lest this development, or that problem, may destroy us all. Fear not, my friends. If this Fellowship ever falters, it won’t be because of ‘two-hatters,’ or professionals in the field. Nor will it be caused by future ‘Rand-type’ reports, or by members with ‘other’ problems. No, it won’t be because of any of these things about which we seem to worry so much. If we ever fail, it will be simply because of us. It will be because we can’t control our own egos, nor get along well enough with each other. It will be because we’re just not wise enough nor good enough to hold this thing together. It will be because we think too much about our ‘rights,’ and too little about our obligations and responsibilities...But I don’t think we’re going to fall apart. I think we are going to stick together and keep A.A. strong and growing.”*

Concept 1— “Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our fellowship.”

I look forward to humbly serving you.

- Yours in Service, Richard P., Panel 60/43 Delegate

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44th Annual Area 43 Convention

April 16-18, 2010 • Courtyard Marriot, Nashua, NH

Rocketed into the 4th Dimension

- Keynote speakers Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning— Powerful messages of recovery!
- Joint AA/Al-Anon keynote speakers Saturday morning
- Discussion sessions, meetings, workshops
- Saturday night dance
- Friday night Ice Cream Social
- Hospitality Room
- Coffee/tea
- Registration of \$22 in advance/\$25 walk in is required for attendance for any part of the event.

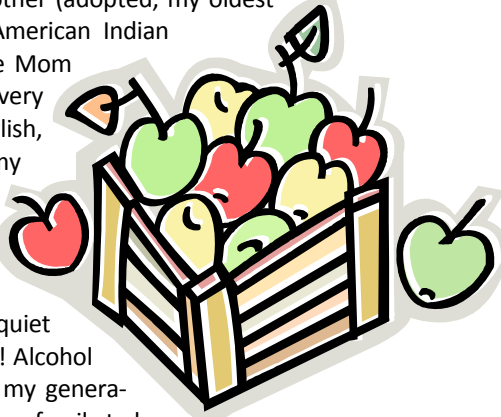
NEW THIS YEAR: Reserve a dinner table for 10 people for Saturday night by sending in all 10 forms and money! Details to follow.

Visit the Events section of www.nhaa.net
for more information and a registration form.

Chair: Danielle F: 603-673-6902
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I Didn't Set Out to be an Alcoholic

Being one of five children from a small town in southwestern New Jersey (farm country), but close enough to Philadelphia to smell the smog, I never thought I would end up being an alcoholic. I am the number four child of the bunch, 2 older sisters, 1 older brother and a younger brother (adopted, my oldest sister's son) from an English, Irish and American Indian ethnicity. My mother was a stay at home Mom and my father came home from his job every night. My mother was a small 5' Irish, English, get your dander up disciplinarian and my father, a big man, 6'4" 300 to 350lb, half Cherokee Indian, was used as a scare tactic, "When your Father gets home, you won't know what hit you." He never did hit any of us, he was very passive and quiet until he drank, then he became humorous! Alcohol has painted a very picturesque canvas in my generational family history. Did I know anyone in my family to be called an alcoholic? No, but my great grandfather was a bootlegger in the depression and my mother told us stories of her Mother and her Aunt being alone in the house when it was raided by the Federal Agents looking for their father.



My first drinks were taking sips of beer when bringing it to my Dad at the spry young age of six. I felt important by bringing him his beers and my reward was that wonderful sip of brew as it slid down my throat. I had this feeling come over me and, at the time, it made me feel safe and warm and fuzzy. Sometimes when he was drinking his double vermouth manhattans I would get to eat the maraschino cherries. Looking back, I thought I was CHOSEN for this wonderful task of being the cherry eater, not knowing how I craved the taste of booze and the hold it would take on in my later life.

By the time I was ten I had become a blackout drinker when family functions permitted. My family was moving from New Jersey to Maine due to my father's job and our neighborhood threw my parents a going away party. I manipulated all day to have no adult supervision and kept stealing beer from the keg while no one was watching. By the time my parents arrived at the party that evening, I was being fished out of the swimming pool faced down because I was so drunk. I got sent home to bed and this incident was never spoken of again. There were many more incidents like this in my adolescent years and all ended the same way, me drunk, going to bed, feeling empty. No grounding, no yelling, no getting in trouble in school, I thought "no consequences."

My father was killed in a car crash when I was eighteen and a senior in high school. This was a pivotal moment in my drinking career. This was permission for me to "take off" - after all I had a really big excuse now. I worked full time and went to college full time at night. I found an older crowd to fall into at college and drank my way through six years of academics to earn two bachelors degrees with honors. The light still had not come on yet, "I was not an alcoholic, I worked, went

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Group Info.

New Meetings

District 11, Laconia
Thursday, 5:30-6:30pm
 GLBT & Free, DG
 Unitarian Universal Church
 172 Pleasant Street

District 14, New Castle
Sunday, 5:30-6:30pm
 Stepping Over the Rainbow, DHXG
 Congregational Church, Main Street

Meetings Changes

District 7, Peterborough
Changed to 4th Tuesday of Month
 The Tradition & Concepts Meeting
 Monadnock Comm. Hosp. Conf. Room
 452 Old Street Road

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 12, Manchester
Thurs, 7:15-8:30pm *(new start time)*
 Hard Hat Group, HS
 Congregational Church
 So. Main & Milford Streets

District 12, Manchester, Friday, 7-8pm
 Ladies Nite Out BB, HDCB *(removed X)*
 Elliot Hospital Dining Room
 955 Auburn Street

District 12, Manchester
Thursday, 7:30-8:30pm
 Share the Miracle, HDS *(added H)*
 Cypress Center, 401 Cypress Street

District 13, Milford
Monday, 5-6pm *(new start time)*
 Mon. Milford Women's Step Group, CX
(type changed to C)
 St. Joseph's Medical Center
 442 Nashua St.

District 13, Nashua
Wed, 7:30-8:30pm *(new end time)*
 Big Book 12 Step Study, HDBX
 United Methodist Church, 154 Main St.

Disbanded Meetings

District 12, Hooksett, Friday, 8-9pm
 It Gets Better Group, Holy Rosary Parish

District 12, Manchester, Wed, 12-1pm
 Ladies Noontime Group, Grace Episcopal

...I Didn't Set Out

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to college, received high grades, promotions at work and I volunteered at church." Other people just couldn't keep up with my drinking so it must be time to find new friends. It was always everyone else's problem, never mine.

Things were getting tough at home with family so I took a geographical cure and moved out on my own. Now the fun was really starting - my social drinking escalated to a new high! Liquid lunches, parties after work, Thursday night girl's night, Friday night late night, all weekend benders. I always had this little voice in my head saying to me, "you're not an alcoholic because you don't drink at home alone." This was my measuring stick. The last year of my drinking I would come home from work, pull the blinds, get into my pajamas, unplug the phone, put on the TV and drink myself into oblivion until I would wake up and do it all over again the next day. When the pain became so intense and I couldn't get drunk and couldn't get sober, I blamed it on my eating disorder and asked for help.

I made it to the halls of AA at the age of 28. I thought maybe someone in AA can just teach me to drink socially again and things will all be fine (...and we know what fine stands for)! I was very disillusioned in the beginning. I was being twelve stepped by a woman friend from another 12 step program. She suggested I go to an AA Big book meeting to help me get a better understanding of the steps. My Higher Power was doing for me what I couldn't do for myself. This woman saved my life - after some time I was able to admit that my life was unmanageable and I was powerless over alcohol.

It has been a few 24 hours since that day on March 18, 1995, when I surrendered to the AA way of life fully and have not found it necessary to pick up a drink or substitute since. My sponsor helps me today to see the apple on my own head and take responsibility for my actions. "I must change the woman I brought through the doors of AA or I will drink." With the help of my Higher Power, whom I am most grateful for and represents the number one relationship in my life, I have a reprieve from this disease we know as alcoholism, One Day at a Time.

I have grown up to be a dignified, loving, honoring woman of God today and can show up for life whatever it may bring; and together with my Higher Power and the people He places in my life, I can walk through anything. Many thanks to all in my journey!

- Tracy L., Derry, March 18, 1995

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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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- **Email to:** pipeline@nhaa.net, or
- **Mail to:** NH Assembly Office, 1330 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, NH 03106, Attn: Pipeline

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