



PIPELINE



Participating in our Living History

On September 26th we had our regular monthly Area meeting in Hooksett. It was fairly well attended this month and covered several topics:

- The Finance Committee presented the proposed budget for 2011 for review and approval by the Area. Please ask your DCM for a copy so you can bring it back to your Group for review. The 2011 budget will be presented for a vote at our November Inventory Assembly in North Conway.
- Our Ad Hoc Committee on Treatment/Bridging the Gap concluded its information gathering process and is preparing its findings and recommendations for presentation at our October 24th Area meeting. This way, the DCM's can bring the info back to their Groups for review prior to a vote at the November Inventory Assembly.
- The representatives from District 20 who have made a herculean effort to organize the upcoming Inventory Assembly were present at the meeting. It was nice to be able to meet them face to face and thank them for their efforts. Please be sure to attend this Assembly – the Area needs feedback from the Districts and Groups on what it's doing well and what needs to be improved upon. **The Area Inventory Assembly will be held at the Gibson Center on 14 Grove Street in North Conway on November 20, 2010 from 9am-4pm. A light breakfast, lunch and snacks are available for \$8 per person.**

Under new business, Dave C. of District 9 made a motion that states that we in Area 43 would like our Delegate to bring a motion to the General Service Conference asking that the AA Preamble be added to the Big Book. This would solidify our Big Book as the basic text of AA and add some-

thing that is already included in many other pieces of AA literature. The motion made sense immediately to all who were present and we all felt this was something that should have been done long ago. This is a prime example of how service structure works and the motion was approved.

It was very humbling and gratifying to realize that we can play a part in something that could become part of our AA legacy and to witness the process right from the beginning. The great feeling we get from being a "part of" takes many forms, so please be a part of the process and give your

DCMs and GSRs your feedback on *all* of the items that are coming up for approval. Or better yet, come to the Assembly and participate in person! (GSR's or their Alternates and District and Area Officers and Committee Chairs are permitted to vote, but their votes are based upon *your* Group Conscience).

Please support your Groups and Districts by getting active in service. There are many Committees that only have Chairpersons – these Committees could do so much more if they had members to further support them. There are

several vacant Officer positions as well – we are looking to fill two in particular at the Area Level: our Hotline Committee Chair has stepped down, and we need a PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community) Chairperson as well. If you or anyone you know might be capable and interested in serving AA by taking on one of these positions, please contact us at the Area or get in touch with your DCM for more information.

- **Mike Moody, Area 43 Panel 60 Chair,**
chairperson@nhaa.net



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Come One, Come All! It's Going To Be a Busy Fall!



As this edition of the Pipeline is released, I am getting ready to attend the NH Al-Anon State Convention the weekend of November 5-7th at the Radisson Hotel, conveniently located in downtown Manchester. I hope to see many AA members there as we have a full schedule of meetings, workshops and yes, even a skit or two to keep us laughing. Registration for the weekend is \$25. Consider attending even just for the day. I think you will find it to be a rewarding and fun-filled experience. For those who are new to the convention experience, there will be a special session on Saturday morning at 8:20am to answer any questions you may have.

I hope by now that you have had the chance to purchase a few raffle tickets for our own NH AA Convention which will be April 9-11, 2011 in North Conway. If not, please ask your DCM or GSR if they have any to sell. You can also send me an email me at altdelegate@nhaa.net. Or you can buy raffle tickets when you come to the Area Inventory Assembly this November being held in North Conway! For those of you who "signed out" tickets to sell, if you are having difficult selling them, please don't be afraid to turn them back in at the November Assembly. We are more than happy to redistribute them. Also, please don't forget that we need all raffle tickets and money turned in by the December 19th Area Committee meeting in Hooksett. This will allow the Function Committee to draw the winner at the January Functions Meeting.

Registration forms are now available for the Convention, so please check out www.nhaa.net for that information. If you have attended

conventions in the past, you are likely to receive an invitation in the mail. This year we are hoping that many of you will attend, perhaps for the first time, as we are introducing some new elements to make the weekend even more exciting. More on that in the months to follow!

Finally, I would like to ask you to please attend the Area Assembly on November 20th in North Conway – especially those of you who are already involved in Service in NH. It is our bi-annual Inventory Assembly which presents an opportunity to ask the question "How are we doing in carrying the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic in Area 43?" There will

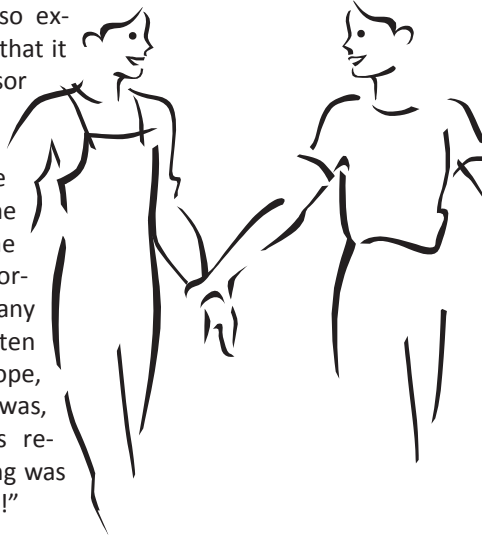


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Sponsorship: Passing it On

What is sponsorship and why is it vital to recovery? Sponsorship is, I believe, the most important piece of service work we can do. It allows us to help others and in turn, help ourselves in the journey of recovery. I have been fortunate enough to have had the same sponsor for 14 years and in those years we have grown together in recovery. My sponsor showed me not only how important it is to have a sponsor, but also to be one. Some of the most important lessons I learned came to me simply from watching her in action: she was active in NH AA service work for many years. She took commitments behind the walls of the women's prison and Valley Street jail. She served on the board of directors for a Manchester rehabilitation center. She sponsored many, worked the steps and lived the program. The example of her day-to-day living helped me see that "I am worth it!"

She showed me that I too can be of service, and in doing so that I would benefit from it in more ways than I could ever imagine. She was right - I have had the privilege of being a sponsor and it is so extremely rewarding! And the best part is that it gets me out of my own head – my sponsor always reminded me, "Don't go into your head alone; it's like a bad neighborhood and you may not get out!" I have found that I don't know it all and the worst place for me to be is alone with me and my thoughts. That's where sponsorship comes in. She was there for me any time, day or night; always there to listen and offer her experience, strength, hope, courage and faith. She told me like it was, never pulled any punches and always reminded me that the most important thing was to "keep it in today" and "just don't drink!"



I believe that AA is a "we" program. I can't do it alone and having that one person who knows me 100% has been the best thing I could ever do for myself and my recovery. My sponsor has consistently been my sounding board and the reasoning voice on the other end of the phone that told me why drinking would not be the best choice for me and in turn kept me sober another 24 hours.

Lin B., who succumbed to cancer on October 1st, 2010, had been my sponsor as well as my friend, my mother, my confidant and "Nana Lin" to my girls. By watching her do AA's work in meetings, on the phone, in the parking lot of a church, talking to a newcomer, putting out her hand and making everyone who walked into the halls feel "worth it" and welcome – she has enriched my life beyond anything I could have ever imagined. Over these past 14 years, she has shown me how to be a better sponsor to someone because it is my job to "pass it on," which is exactly why I'm writing this article.

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Group Info.

New Meetings

D16, Freedom

Wednesday, 12-1pm

Program of Recovery, D
1st Christian Church of Freedom
12 Elm Street

D21, Canaan

Thursday, 11am-12pm

Canaan Thursday Morning, XD
United Methodist Church
Route 4

Meeting Changes

D8, Concord

Sunday, 7-8pm

Concord Original Group, HS
West Congregational Church
499 North State St.
*End time changed from 8:15pm
to 8:00pm*

D14, Kittery, ME

Sunday, 8-9am

Sunday Morning Daybreak, HS
Kittery Lions Club, Rte 1, Kittery
*Moved from Portsmouth at the
Frank Jones Ctr.*

D17, Berlin

Tuesday, 10-11am

Women's Big Book Step, HBX
St Barnabas Church, 2 High St.
Location changed from St. Ann's

D18, Wilmot

Monday, 7-8:30pm

Wilmot Big Book Step Study,
DBSX
Wilmot Community Center
Village Rd. next to Post Office
Start and End times changed.

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be much more specific questions to consider and this is your opportunity to provide feedback on what is going well and where we need improvement. Do you have ideas about how we can encourage our Districts who are not involved in the service structure to participate? How about services to those with special needs? These are just a couple of items that we will be discussing. Any member of AA is welcome at this event so please consider this an open invitation.

- Cheryl L., Alternate Delegate Panel 60/Area 43

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Now that she has passed on, I've begun my journey in working with a new person as my sponsor because Lin taught me that I need to do this to continue on my path to recovery. In closing I would just like to say that if you don't feel in your heart that you have "The Best Sponsor in AA," you may want to go to more meetings, listen a little harder and find that one person who truly has what you want. That person for me was (and always will remain) Lin B., the best sponsor for THIS alcoholic.

- Robin H., Manchester, NH

45th Annual Area 43 AA Convention **PASS IT ON**

April 8th – 10th, 2011, North Conway Grand Hotel

Registration: \$22 in advance or \$25 walk in

Visit www.nhaa.net for more information and to download your registration form!

Contributions – Thank You!

Thank you to all the groups that contributed! Your contributions are critical to the continued success of AA in our Area as we carry the message to fellow alcoholics. We'll be publishing the donation 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!**

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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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