



PIPELINE



61st General Service Conference Report

1728 MEETING

On Sunday morning, I attended the 1728 Meeting. 1728 is the result of 12 x 12 x 12 and was started several years ago at the request of one of our past Class A Trustees for more information sharing between Class A's and AA members concerning the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts. The meeting was chaired by Class A Trustee, Rogelio F., and included leads by General Service Trustee, Roberta L. on Tradition Four, and Southwest Regional Trustee, Conley B. on Concept Four.

CONFERENCE BEGINS – SUNDAY, MAY 1st: OPENING SESSION

The Conference officially began Sunday morning after registration where we picked up our notebooks, nametags and other materials. The opening session began with a welcome talk from General Service Board Chair, Ward E., opening words from Don A., delegate from Tennessee, roll-call by GSO General Manager, Phyllis H., a unifying greeting from the delegate chairperson, Leon A., and a Keynote address by Southwest Regional Trustee, Conley B. Phyllis H. went over the mechanics of the Conference week; Conference Coordinator and Staff Member Adrienne B. reviewed the Agenda and Manual which was followed by questions from Conference members.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION

This year there were four presentation topics, each with three presenters. Starting on Sunday afternoon and scheduled throughout the week, the following presentations were delivered:

DIVERSITY IN A.A.

- The Language of the Heart is Spoken Here (Richard B., NW Quebec)
- The Hand of A.A.—Inclusive, Never Exclusive (Virginia R., S. Indiana)
- Tradition Five—Our Primary Purpose (Allen W., Wyoming)

SPONSORSHIP

- Importance of a Home Group (Tom K., Mississippi)
- Leading by Example—Attraction Not Promotion (Mel L., W. Michigan)
- Recovery, Unity, Service (Cate W., Manitoba)

AN INFORMED GROUP CONSCIENCE: THE VOICE OF A.A.

- Self-Support—Where Do Money and Spirituality Mix? (Mike R., Kansas)
- Humility—Accepting the Group Conscience (Frank Z., Delaware)
- An Informed Group Conscience—Using the Three Legacies (Angela H., Idaho)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN A DIGITAL AGE

- Practicing Our Traditions in a Digital Age (Joel C., San Diego/Imperial California)
- Carrying A.A.'s Message Online (Alicia R., SW Ohio)
- Grapevine—"A.A.'s Meeting in Print"—and More (Elaine McA., Southern New Jersey)

OPENING DINNER & A.A. MEETING

All past and current trustees, all past and current staff members, and all current delegates and their guests were invited to the opening meeting. Following dinner, the A.A. meeting is opened by the current Chair of the Agenda Committee (Spencer R., Maine delegate) and the meeting was led by the current Alternate Chair of the Agenda Committee (Steve H., N. Wisconsin/UP Michigan delegate). There were five speakers: Jean-Claude C. (New Brunswick/PEI); Marsha S. (New Mexico); Mary C. (GSO Staff); Donald C. (Eastern Canada trustee) and Bill N. (AAWS director).

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS BEGIN

From 9:00 a.m. until noon on Monday, all conference committees met and began deliberations on their respective agenda items. Some met again for unscheduled time on Monday evening at 9:30 p.m. All then reconvened on Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. and worked until (and sometimes through) lunch. Some also reconvened once again on Tuesday evening after 9:00 p.m.

REPORTS

During the afternoon and evening sessions on Monday, the following four reports were presented to the conference members and each was followed by discussion and questions from the conference members:

- General Service Board Report (Ward E., Chair)



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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 AA 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 AA movement it mirrors, the primary purpose of the New Hampshire Pipeline will be to try to carry the AA message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all its affairs.

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- A.A. World Services Board Report (George M., Chair)
- Grapevine Board Report (Ken B., Chair)
- Finances Report (Terry B., Chairperson, Trustees' Finance & Budgetary Committee)

AREA SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Each year the new delegates present a two-minute presentation of the service activities highlights as well as progress and challenges in their areas. These area service highlights will be printed in full in the final Conference Report which is usually available to us in August. These highlights present a concise overview of the enormous diversity in format and style that we bring to our service entities throughout the U.S. and Canada and are well worth reading if for no other reason than to get some interesting ideas about how things might be done differently.

Heard & Overheard: "We are the custodians of the Traditions, not the guardians; put down the sword and pick up the broom."

VISIT TO GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

Tuesday afternoon, all delegates were invited to visit the General Service Office and most took the subway together uptown. Bill W. encouraged the delegates to "look over the offices, cellar to garret, get to know the staff..." So the visit was not just an opportunity to have some cake and coffee or simply enjoy the enormity of the GSO Archives, but to check out the offices where the staff and administrative support employees work, both at GSO and the Grapevine office. It was a chance to visualize the two-year rotation of staff as they literally pack up their belongings and move to another office and take on another staff position. This was a perfect opportunity for the fellowship, represented by their delegates, to see firsthand how our money-in-the-basket is being spent and to determine whether we liked what we saw.

TRUSTEES' ELECTIONS

On Wednesday afternoon a section of the conference floor was roped off in preparation for Trustees' elections. Third Legacy procedure was used and a 2/3 majority is needed to elect. Other members of the conference may watch the elections.

Trustee-at-Large/Canada: All 14 Delegates from Canada plus 8 members of the Trustees' Nominating Committee voted in this election. On the third ballot, Barb K. from Eastern Canada was elected.

Southwest Regional Trustee: All 11 delegates from the Southwest Region plus 6 members of the Conference Committee on Trustees and 5 members of the Trustees' Nominating Committee voted in this election. On the third ballot, Clayton V. (Eastern Missouri) was elected. (Note: his wife, Laura, Panel 61 Delegate, presented his name in nomination).

Heard & Overheard: "My mother died this morning, but I know she would have wanted me to stay for the remainder of the conference."

Northeast Regional Trustee: All 8 members of the Trustees' Nominating Committee plus one other trustee voter selected randomly (9 voters are needed from the Conference Committee on Trustees) and two committee members voted as delegates, so two additional representatives were selected randomly to serve as voters, and all 18 delegates from the Northeast Region voted in this election. On the fourth ballot, J. Gary L. from Eastern Pennsylvania was elected.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CONFERENCE ACTIONS

The Agenda Items that were presented to each Conference Committee were reviewed and discussed thoroughly during the conference committee meetings. Each conference committee chair presented a report of the findings, recommendations, and additional considerations to the General Conference Session, which began on Wednesday morning. Each year the sequence of Committee Reports is revised. This year the reports were given in the following order by Committee Chairs as listed:

- Cooperation with the Professional Community—Deb D.
- Finance—Joy F.
- Agenda—Spencer R.
- Grapevine—Jamie S.
- Corrections—Ino F.
- Literature—Patty L.
- Treatment Facilities/Special Needs—Accessibilities—David T.
- International Conventions/ Regional Forums — Darryl D.
- Trustees—Anne M.
- Public Information—Mel L.
- Archives—Linda C.
- Policy/Admissions—Coop C .
- Report & Charter—Char

Heard & Overheard: "I have this on my answering machine: I'm not available right now, I'm making some changes in my life. If I don't call you back, you're one of the changes."

COMMITTEE REPORTS & CONFERENCE ACTIONS

I served on the Grapevine committee and have a couple of comments about the experience: First, I want to express my appreciation and admiration for the thoughtful, intelligent and loving work that we did together during the three meetings (and many hours) of deliberation. We did not bring a consistency of approach or style to the table: there were diverse ideas and perspectives. But everyone on the committee brought an open mind and love of A.A. to the sessions and every difference of opinion was given all the time needed for expression and discussion. All decisions were achieved by consensus of all members and there was no one who went away from the table feeling that he or she had not had enough time to share. It was a pleasure and an education in cooperation and humility to work with these talented and beautiful people.

A full Conference report is available upon request to Delegate@nhaa.net and I am also happy to visit any group or district to give report face-to-face. I am deeply honored and humble to serve Area 43.

Yours in Service, Rich P. Delegate 60/43, New Hampshire

From the Service Office

Our long awaited updated edition of the Statewide Meeting List has arrived! The new edition is lilac in color. The format is the same, but so many new groups have started, been moved or deleted since our last printing that you'll want a new book.

Don't forget that the Service Office is a great information resource on upcoming AA activities – both local events and state events, including conventions, workshops and young people's conferences. Feel free to stop in or call us for more information: 603.622.6967.

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Group Info.

Group Changes

D15, Dover
Monday, 8-9:15pm
Meet Us Half Way, HSD
SENH Crisis Center
272 County Farm Rd.
Corrected address from 220 A

D15, Dover
Friday, 7-8pm
Helping Hands , HS
SENH Crisis Center
272 County Farm Rd.
Corrected address from 220 A

New Groups

D12, Manchester
Tues/Thurs, 9:30-10:30am
Daylight Sobriety, DS
Homeless Drop-in Shelter
140 Central St.

D13, Nashua
Friday, 7:15-8:15pm
Meat & Potatoes,
HARTS, 3 Pine St Extension

D14, Brentwood
Monday, 7-8:30pm
Men's Secret Handshake Mtg, HCBX
United Pilgrim Church
197 Mikkde Rd., Rte 111A

Disbanded Groups

D7, Antrim
Monday, 7:30-8:30pm
Hillsboro Discussion Group,
1st Presbyterian Church, 73 Main St

... the Courage to Change the Things I Can, and the Wisdom to Know the Difference.

Farewell George F.

The Dublin Hilltop Group and Jaffrey Friday Night Group mourn the loss of their friend George F., who died June 14th of sudden illness. We will miss you George and our hearts and support go out to your loved ones.

Heard it Through the Grapevine

The AA Grapevine has been continuously published every month since the first issue appeared in June 1944 (from the A. A. Grapevine Fact Sheet).

Every Tuesday night at 7pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal in Manchester, the Heard It Through the Grapevine Group reads articles from the current issue of the AA Grapevine and has open discussion on them. If you are looking for a different meeting, please consider joining us. (but please do not abandon groups you currently support).

Upcoming annual events are the group's tribute to Joyce L., who passed on with 54 years of continuous sobriety, to be held on Tuesday, July 26th. The October 2005 issue of the AA Grapevine has an article titled Boston Billy, the Quiet Power of Love, by Manchester's well-loved Billy L. This tribute will take place August 30th.

Both events will have desserts from 7-7:30pm, followed by the meeting from 7:30-8:30pm. Join us if you can!

Grateful Don, District 12

Quarterly Contribution Report

In order to deliver the GSC Report in a timely manner, the Quarterly Contribution Report that would have been published this month will only be available in the online version of Pipeline at www.nhaa.net. Or you can request a paper copy by contacting pipeline@nhaa.net or 603.232.3234 (Jen). Thank you!

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Finally, if your group is planning an event (or if you pick up flyers for out of state activities), please share with the Service Office. We can even make a flyer for you, if you provide us the key details. Thank you!

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!**

Contribute to Pipeline

- 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

Send Contributions & Feedback to:

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

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Functions, Events and More!

See the enclosed calendar for all the details on what's happening in the Area!

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ANDOVER - LIVING SOBER GROUP
ASHLAND - COVERED BRIDGE GROUP
ATKINSON - SUNDAY 12 & 12
BARNSTEAD - BARNSTEAD ORIGINAL
BEDFORD - BASIC 12 STEP
BEDFORD - CLEAN & SERENE BB
BRENTWOOD - KINGSTON 12 & 12
BRISTOL - NEWFOUND LAKE GRP
CANAAN - CANAAN SAT MORNING
CHICHESTER - GOOD ORDERLY DISCUSSION
CLAREMONT - SUNDAY NIGHT GROUP
COLEBROOK - COLEBROOK MONDAY STEP
COLEBROOK - LIVE LAUGH LOVE
CONCORD - DAILY REFLECTIONS
CONCORD - FRI NOON ACCEPTANCE
CONCORD - HEART OF THE HEIGHTS
CONCORD - SAT MEN'S 12 STEP GROUP
CONCORD - WEDNESDAY NOON BB
CTR HARBOR - WOMEN WALKIN THE WALK
DERRY - DERRY ORIGINAL GROUP
DERRY - DERRY WOMEN'S GROUP
DERRY - NO FRILLS GROUP
DERRY - SAT. NITE LIVE
DERRY - SPACETOWN
DERRY - YOUNG AT HEART
DOVER - BIG BOOK STEP STUDY
DOVER - DOVER BB STEP STUDY
DOVER - DOVER ORIGINAL
DOVER - EYE OPENER GROUP
DOVER - MEET US HALFWAY
DOVER - RESURRECTION GROUP
DOVER - SAT. NITE COMMITMENT
DURHAM - DURHAM ORIGINAL GRP
EPPING - AMETHYST 12 & 12
EPPING - LIVING BY THE BOOK
EXETER - BE HAPPY!
EXETER - EXETER BIG BOOK
EXETER - EXETER SERENITY
EXETER - GARDEN VARIETY GROUP
EXETER - GRAPEFULLY SOBER
EXETER - KEEP IT SIMPLE
EXETER - NEW HOPE
EXETER - WOMEN'S SUNDAY SERENITY
FARMINGTON - LIVING IN THE MOMENT
FRANKLIN - PANCAKES & PROMISES
GORHAM - NEW LIFE GROUP
HAMPSTEAD - HAMPSTEAD BIG BOOK
HAMPSTEAD - SATURDAY MORNING AA
HAMPSTEAD - TAKE A STEP
HAMPSTEAD - WOMEN'S JOY OF LIVING
HAMPTON - EYE OPENER GROUP
HAMPTON - HAMPTON BB DISCUSSION
HAMPTON - HAMPTON BEGINNERS
HAMPTON - JUST FOR TODAY
HAMPTON - WORKING THE STEPS
HUDSON - A VISION FOR YOU
HUDSON - GET IT TOGETHER GROUP
KEENE - BIG BOOK STEP STUDY
KEENE - CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP
KEENE - COME BACK BIG BOOK
KEENE - FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP
KEENE - ON AWAKENING
KEENE - T.O.A.D. GROUP
KEENE - TOOL BOX GROUP
KINGSTON - KINGSTON MEN'S GROUP
KITTERY - KITTERY ORIGINAL
KITTERY - WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT TODAY
LACONIA - HAPPY HOUR
LACONIA - SATURDAY NITE ALIVE
LACONIA - SERENITY SEEKERS
LEE - LEE DISCUSSION GROUP
LISBON - LISBON MONDAY NIGHT
LITTLETON - 12&12 STEP GROUP
LITTLETON - ORIGINAL SUNDAY NITE GRP
LITTLETON - OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH
MANCHESTER - ALL TOGETHER
MANCHESTER - BEECH ST BIG BOOK
MANCHESTER - COURAGE TO CHANGE
MANCHESTER - FIRST LIGHT OF DAY
MANCHESTER - FREE AT LAST
MANCHESTER - HAPPY HOUR EAST
MANCHESTER - HOW TO 12 & 12
MANCHESTER - KEEP IT SIMPLE
MANCHESTER - LADIES NITE OUT
MANCHESTER - MANCHESTER ORIGINAL
MANCHESTER - NEW LIFE GROUP
MANCHESTER - NORTH END GROUP
MANCHESTER - OVER 50 GROUP
MANCHESTER - QUEEN CITY GROUP
MANCHESTER - SUNDAY SERENITY
MANCHESTER - THERE IS A SOLUTION
MANCHESTER - WOMENS BACK TO BASICS

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MANCHESTER - WOMEN'S DAYTIME
MEREDITH - INTERLAKES GROUP
MEREDITH - SUNDAY MORNING GROUP
MERRIMACK - B&M FREEDOM GROUP
MILFORD - MILFORD BEGINNERS
MILFORD - MILFORD NO-NAME GROUP
MILFORD - SOUHEGAN SUNRISE
MILTON - MILTON 12 & 12
MILTON - MILTON MILLS MENS MTG
MUNSONVILLE - KEEP IT SIMPLE MENS
NASHUA - A NEW DAY GROUP
NASHUA - EARLY BIRD GROUP
NASHUA - NOONTIME SOBRIETY
NASHUA - OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH
NASHUA - SO NASHUA TODAY GROUP
NASHUA - SOBER, GRATEFUL AND FREE
NASHUA - SOBER AND FREE
NASHUA - STEPS TO SERENITY
NASHUA - TSDD MEN'S PEACE OF MIND
NASHUA - TUESDAY NITE TRADITIONS
NELSON - NELSON COMMON
NEW BOSTON - NEW BOSTON GROUP
NEW HAMPTON - NEW HAMPTON GRP
NEW LONDON - NEW LONDON GROUP
NEW LONDON - POSITIVE START
NEW LONDON - YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP
NEWCASTLE - 40 PLUS GROUP
NEWPORT - DISCUSSION MEETING
NORTH CONWAY - FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP
NORTH CONWAY - NEW SUNLIGHT GROUP
NORTH HAMPTON - WOMEN IN SOBRIETY
NORTH HAMPTON - KITCHEN TABLE GROUP
NORTHWOOD - SAT. BIG BOOK MEETING
NOTTINGHAM - NOTTINGHAM ORIGINAL
PETERBOROUGH - EDANB WOMEN'S GROUP
PLAISTOW - PLAISTOW AFTER SCHOOL GROUP
PLYMOUTH - ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT
PLYMOUTH - NEW FREEDOM
PORTSMOUTH - SUNDAY OPEN ARMS GROUP
PORTSMOUTH - CONSCIOUS CONTACT
PORTSMOUTH - EYEOPENER GROUP
PORTSMOUTH - GOOD MORN. PORTSMOUTH
PORTSMOUTH - HAPPY HOUR GRP
PORTSMOUTH - LADIES STEP MTG
PORTSMOUTH - PORTS. ORIGINAL GRP
PORTSMOUTH - TUES NITE YNG PEOPLE

RAYMOND - COURAGE TO CHANGE
ROCHESTER - BIG BOOK GROUP
ROCHESTER - WOMEN IN NEED OF SOBRIETY
RYE - 3-7-11 STEP GROUP
SALEM - GENESIS 12 STEP GROUP
SALEM - SALEM WED 12 STEP
SANBORNVILLE - SANBORNVILLE GRP
STRAFFORD - BOW LAKE GRP.
WAKEFIELD - BURLYVILLE BILL SEES IT
WARNER - WARNER GROUP
WARREN - LIVING SOBER GROUP
WEARE - FIRST THINGS FIRST
WINDHAM - SUNDAY MORNING SERENITY
WOLFEBORO - MENS WANDERERS GRP
WOLFEBORO - WOLFEBORO MORNING GRP
WOLFEBORO FALLS - NOONTIME GROUP
WOODSVILLE - WOODSVILLE WONDERS