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Monthly Area 43 Chair Report

Committees, Committees...

A new ad hoc committee has been formed in Area 43 to look into ways to incorporate NHSCYPAA into our Area service structure. This committee is the result of suggestions made at the November Inventory Assembly which were formalized at the regular December Area meeting. The committee held its first meeting in January and has another scheduled for March 3rd at the Service Office in Hooksett. There is also an ad hoc Committee formed to deal with E-commerce; they have been meeting regularly as well. The Area Corrections Committee, comprised of the District Corrections Committee Chairs, held a meeting at the Area Office February 13. The Pre-Conference Assembly is Saturday, March 26th, hosted by District 12.

We have a new Area Committee Chair. Paul S. has accepted the position as PICPC Chair for Area 43. Paul is very active in service and has been for many years. He can be reached via email through the www.nhaa.net. We are still searching for a Finance Committee Chair. If you or someone you know is qualified and interested in serving, please contact me at chairperson@nhaa.net.

Meeting Changes

The date for the April Area 43 Committee meeting has been changed to Sunday, April 17th. Also, the Post-Conference Assembly, originally to be held in May, has been moved to Saturday, June 18th, and will be hosted by District 9. As a result

of these changes, we will now have a regular Area Meeting on Sunday, May 15th in Hooksett; and the Post-Conference Assembly will take the place of the monthly Area meeting in June.

District Visits

Our visit to District 7 on February 3rd went very well. District 7 has a great group of Trusted Servants who care about AA - they had a very productive, concise business meeting. They are a wonderful example of how AA can work and thrive at the District level in our rural state. We will visit District 10 on the 17th and have been invited to District 18 as well.



Regional Events

I look forward to the opportunity to attend NERAASA in Tarrytown, NY the last weekend in February and hope to be joined by as many fellow Trusted Servants from Area 43 as possible. We also have the NHSCYPAA Conference in Nashua the same weekend. Please show your support for AA by participating in whichever of these incredible programs you can. We have many more events upcoming; please check the Pipeline Calendar and the Area website for dates and locations. On the calendar, you'll also find the dates of our Area meetings – bring someone along and let them see what our Area meetings are all about!

- Yours In Service, Mike M., Area 43 Panel 60 Chair

Reminder: Pre-Conference Assembly, March 26th - Manchester

We need all AA Group GSRs as well as District & Area Service Personnel to please come advise the NH Area Delegate on matters that will be pending before the AA General Service Conference in New York In May 2011. All individuals currently in service to AA & any interested AA members are encouraged to attend. There will be morning workshops & afternoon panels on current priority issues facing AA as a whole. **Learn more by reading the article in the enclosed calendar page!**

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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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It's Not What You Know, It's What You Do

When I first came to AA in 1990, there were people at the meetings who welcomed me and participated in making the meetings happen. The ones who were playing an active role were the ones who made an impression on me. I was “referred” to AA by a judge, who in his wisdom, knew that I had a problem with alcohol and knew there was a place I might be able to find that out for myself, given the opportunity. I didn’t see it as an opportunity at the time, but I did need to get my driver’s license back, so I begrudgingly did what I was told and went to AA to get my papers signed.

What I witnessed from the people who were actively participating was something I take with me to this day. They were happily engaged in their recovery and actively reaching out to the newcomer. These people took the time to make me feel welcome even though they could see that I really didn’t want to be there. They tried to pass on to me what worked for them, but I was too wrapped around my own axle to grasp what was happening.

I got a sponsor, made a half-measured attempt at the steps and didn’t try to help anyone else or AA. I got the results of what I put into the program. I kept to myself, didn’t do the steps, nothing changed, and I had no defense against a drink. When the opportunity presented itself I automatically reached for it and was off and running again. Two and a half years later, after finally surrendering to my powerlessness over alcohol, I came back to AA willingly.

To my amazement, some of the same people who had made me feel welcome were still there, and they were still reaching out and being of service to others. They made me feel welcome, and gave me hope. That was huge. My eyes finally opened and I became willing to do what these people were doing to stay sober and happy. I will be forever grateful for those people whose actions helped me see what I needed to do to stay sober and change to become the person I am supposed to be.

If AA wasn’t there for those people, they wouldn’t have been there for me. It’s my responsibility to make sure AA is still there when the next “me” comes along. I need to “Pass on” what was so freely given to me. I’ve learned over the years that AA goes far beyond the Group, and has many layers. My sponsor has not only taken me through the steps and encouraged me to do so with others, he has passed on his knowledge of how AA works. He taught me about how the Group is the most important part of AA, with the individual member a close second, and because I was guided into service, what a wonderful thing the group conscience is.

Without those other layers, there would be no AA. What Bill and Bob discovered would still be a secret if they hadn’t figured out a way to pass it on and a way to keep it alive. They also knew a thing or two about alcoholics and what would be needed to keep us from destroying AA from within. They made sure they put the pieces in place so AA would continue to grow and carry the message of hope through recovery to anyone in the future who came to want it.

The kicker is that those who have been given the gift have to give it away in order to keep it. There are countless ways to do this. I honestly believe that there is so much

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potential for growth through service that we will never fully reach that potential. All we can do is try. The axiom of "progress not perfection" rings true when applied to service work. We do not hear enough about service at AA meetings. Many Groups are either uninformed or choose not to participate in AA outside their own group. The work still needs to be done by someone.

There are many empty District Committee Chair positions. Many more Chairs with no Committees. The Districts are there to help the Groups survive and to do the footwork of carrying the AA message to the sick and suffering alcoholic who either can't go to meetings or has no information about AA. We have Treatment, Corrections and Public Information Committees that need people willing to serve AA by carrying the message outside the group. The professional community is reached through CPC committees, which are combined with Public Information in our Area. We have a Hotline that needs volunteers to answer twelve step calls and a Bridging the Gap program that helps people transition from Treatment facilities into going to meetings on the outside. We have a similar program for Corrections related requests. We have Functions Committees that put together events for people inside AA to enjoy and grow from. The Area helps the Districts with resources and a coordination of efforts from within and outside the state, and manages parts of the service structure that may be too much for a District to handle on its own. GSO coordinates national and worldwide efforts to carry the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic through a host of resources, the most prominent of which is literature.

Where do you suppose those Big Books came from? Where does "The Grapevine" come from? Who developed those pamphlets in the literature rack? How has AA continued to be the most successful recovery program for alcoholics in the world since 1935?

Through us. The simple concept of one alcoholic being able to stay sober by trying to help another is the principle upon which our entire fellowship is based. The only way we can ensure that AA stays here for future alcoholics is by sponsors teaching their sponsees how to perform twelve step work. That goes beyond the simple yet powerful act of talking to another alcoholic who is sick and suffering and bringing them to a meeting. We need to make sure that there will be meetings for them to attend that will make them feel welcome and a "part of." We need to make sure there are knowledgeable sponsors willing to guide people through the AA program and into AA service. We need to make sure there are Big Books and literature to read at meetings, when they can't be at a meeting, or when they want to learn how to do the steps with a sponsor.

Today, I am responsible for doing those things because I have been given the gift of freedom from the bondage of being an active alcoholic and the joy of living sober. It's a gift I can work at paying forward for the rest of my life and it keeps getting bigger the more I give it away to others. Where can you buy THAT? I love AA today and want it to be here always. All because someone cared enough to practice the basic principles of our program. When someone reaches out for the hand of AA today, what are YOU willing to DO to help?

- Yours In Service, Mike M., NHAA Area 43 Panel 60 Chair

Group Info.

New Groups

D14, Exeter
M-F, 6:45-7:45am
 New Hope
 Christ Church, 43 Pine St.

D15, Dover
1st Sunday of Month, 8:30-10am
 Dover Women's Meeting, SD
 Kaleo Coffee House, 83 Main St.
STARTS APRIL 3rd, 2011

Group Changes

D14, Exeter
Sunday, 9-10:15am
 Women's Sunday Serenity, HDC
 Exeter Hospital, conf. rm. 4
 5 Alumni Ave.
Grp addr corrected from Buzzell St.

D19, Keene
Wednesday, 8-9pm
 Keene Original Group, HS
 St. James Church, 44 West St.
Grp. time change from 8:15pm

REMINDER:

Get Your Forms on

www.nhaa.net/index-forms.html

Here, you'll find the following:

- Service Office Order Form
- New Group Form
- Group Information Change Form
- 2010 Area 43 Service Handbook

Thank you!

- Your Friends at the Service Office

Convention Update & What to Bring

The Function Committee has been hard at work to bring you the best convention ever! And this month we have some exciting news that we hope will give you even more reason to attend. Here are some of the highlights:

- A Friday Night Coffeehouse featuring at least three musicians as well as sharing of poetry, prose and other creative pieces written by fellow AAs
- A special \$10 registration fee for members who are late-comers to the Convention. Those arriving after the big meeting on Saturday evening will only be charged \$10 and will also be able to attend the Sunday morning workshops and meeting
- Marathon meetings that will run from 6pm on Friday evening until 9am on Sunday morning

Because this will be an interactive Convention with many opportunities to share ideas and materials, we are providing you with some suggestions on what to bring:

- The book "Pass It On" for a book-sharing workshop on Friday afternoon
- Old Grapevines for distribution to treatment and correctional facilities and to Grapevine representatives
- Your articles, photos and artwork for submission to the Grapevine for possible inclusion in future issues
- Notices of AA events in your district or in other states
- Your sponsor and the people you sponsor for a special workshop on Sunday morning

On a final note, the Convention program will be available on the website in March. Keep your eyes and ears open for this notification. We'll see you soon at the NH State Convention on April 8 -10 at the North Conway Grand Hotel.

- Cheryl L, Alt. Delegate/Program Chair, NH State Convention

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!

