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# NEI NEWSLETTER



*"Adapt yourself to the things among which your lot has been cast and love sincerely the fellow creatures with whom destiny has ordained that you shall live"*

-Marcus Aurelius



## NEI Upcoming Events...

NEI is planning some fellowship-building events in the coming months. Please note the following dates:

### February, 2012

--February 11 - NEI  
Valentines Get Together

--February 12 - NEI  
Business Meeting

### March, 2012

--March 11 - NEI  
Business Meeting

### April, 2012

--April 1 - NEI  
Business Meeting



## 2012 NEI Vermont SLAA 12 STEP Weekend Retreat Schedule

March 30 - April 1, 2012  
July 27-29, 2012  
Sept. 28-30, 2012  
December 14-16, 2012

*In Chester, Vermont  
(2 1/2-3 hours from Boston)*

The retreats are not only about sharing experience, strength, and hope, but a chance to have lots of fun and laughs as well! We not only work the Steps, but also provide an opportunity to get to know ourselves, as well as other S&L addicts in a safe place. There is also ample opportunity for "down" time if your schedule is overwhelming you - for more information, visit our retreat web page.

## NEI ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AT JANUARY 8 BUSINESS MEETING

On Sunday, January 8 NEI elected new officers to serve two year terms in their respective positions. The results are as follows:

--Patrick D - Chairperson  
--Li sa P - Vice Chairperson  
--Rich N - Recording Secretary  
--Ki m B - Corresponding Secretary  
--Bob G - Treasurer  
--Ellen S - Outreach Chairperson  
--David B - Newsletter Editor  
--Li sa P - Website Coordinator  
--Rich C - Literature Coordinator  
--Peter S - Telephone Coordinator  
--Rosanne R - Activities Committee Chairperson

This is the first time in a number of years that all positions have been filled by duly elected nominees and volunteers.

There is still room and plenty of work and activities available for other volunteers in committees if one feels so moved. Remember many hands make the work light and service is one of the 5 S's in the SLAA preamble. Contact your group rep or NEI at [www.slaanei.org](http://www.slaanei.org) for more information.

### Remember the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

Please encourage your groups to remember the sharing of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations. Both NEI and FWS depend on 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions from the fellowship in order to be able to provide the many services available. A good way to do this is by a 60/40 split (60% to NEI and 40% to FWS). This can be done as individual or Group contributions. For further information, contact [www.slaanei.org](http://www.slaanei.org). Thank you for supporting your fellowship.

### NEWS BRIEFS!!

**\*\*SPEAKER POOL WANTED** NEI IS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING A SPEAKER POOL TO BE AVAILABLE TO GROUP MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE INTERGROUP. A PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS BEGUN TO MEET. PLEASE CONTACT NEI AT [INFO@SLAANEI.ORG](mailto:INFO@SLAANEI.ORG) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN THIS EFFORT.

**\*\* CHECK OUT <http://www.slaafws.org/>** THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION, RESOURCES AND LITERATURE AVAILABLE TO HELP BOLSTER SOBRIETY. READ ABOUT COMMITTEE WORK, DOWNLOAD A FREE COPY OF THE JOURNAL OR JUST LOOK AROUND.

**\*\* THE FWS WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER IS NOW PUBLISHED. PLEASE: Subscribe now on the F.W.S. homepage, [www.slaafws.org](http://www.slaafws.org). or call 1-210-828-7900 to subscribe for a slight fee. Take a newsletter to your meeting.**

What's Inside:

- 1) FWS Office and Store Announcement. 2) BFOC Committee Chair's Visit to the FWS Office
- 3) BFOC Chair Report. 4) BPRC Chair Report
- 5) Join the BOT- BGNC Flyer. 6) S.L.A.A. Financials Balance Sheet, 2011-2012 Budget, Profit and Loss Oct 10-Sept 11, Charts: Total Income, Total COGS, Gross Profit, Total Expenses, Net Income.
- 7) Article: Your Group/Intergroup Contributions Matter. 8) Intergroup Contributions 10/10-9/11
- 9) Group Contributions 10/10-9/11. 10) International Page: Christine's Story in English and French
- 11) S.L.A.A. Meditation Book Flyer. 12) The Journal Flyer
- 13) Conference Committee Corner. 14) CSTC Traditions Articles: "Local Practices" and "No Other Affiliation"
- 15) Write the CSTC. 16) CPOC Chair Report
- 17) Pen Pal Information and Materials. 18) CTC Flyer
- 19) FWS Newsletter Submissions and Deadlines

**Does your group need S.L.A.A. Basic Texts, pamphlets or chips?**

Local SLAA meetings in Eastern MA and Rhode Island are encouraged to order their SLAA literature through New England Intergroup (NEI). Simply consult the order form found at the NEI website, <http://www.slaanei.org>. The order cannot be submitted through our web site but you can use it as a price guide and email an order to [literature@slaanei.org](mailto:literature@slaanei.org). Then pick it up at the NEI meeting which is usually the second Sunday of the month at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Orders may alternatively be mailed to our P.O. Box and picked up at the next NEI business meeting as long as the order is sent to the P.O. Box at least three weeks in advance of the NEI business meeting. Be sure to check NEI's web site for our P.O. Box address and a current list of upcoming meeting dates and directions.

Note: If you want to have your literature mailed, your group should instead place your order through Fellowship Wide Services at <http://www.slaafws.org> or at 1-210-828-7900.



**GET ALL YOUR NEI INFORMATION BY EMAIL**

Contact us at [mailinglist@slaanei.org](mailto:mailinglist@slaanei.org) to get on our emailing list. **Do it today.** Thanks



**SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME TO THE NEI BUSINESS MEETINGS TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING. THIS IS YOUR FELLOWSHIP**

**Note! - Our next NEI business meeting is Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.** We invite all SLAA members to join us **AND PARTICIPATE** at Newton - Wellesley Hospital - Room AR 100 in the Allen-Riddle Building.



*The views expressed in the NEI Newsletter are the opinions of the respective authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the New England Intergroup*

## NEI BUSINESS MEETINGS FOR 2012

January 8  
March 11  
May 6  
July 8  
September 9  
November 11

February 12  
April 1  
June 10  
August 12  
October 14  
December 9

### **9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "WE ARE NOT ALONE" GET TOGETHER**

**Speaker/Discussion Meeting with Games, Music & Fellowship to Follow!!!**

**Saturday, February 11, 2012**

6:00 - 7:30pm —Speaker/Discussion Meeting  
7:30 - 11:00pm —Games, Food, Music and Fellowship

**WHERE: Grace Episcopal Church, 76 Eldredge Street, 1st floor, Newton, MA 02458** — *this facility is handicapped accessible*

**SEE FLYER FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

### **It Works, If You Work It, So Work It, Cause You're Worth It**

"There was a farmer asking this fellow if he wanted to work the harvest. 'What are you willing to pay?' the man asked. 'I'll pay you what you're worth,' the farmer said. 'No, thanks,' the fellow said. 'I'll be darned if I work for that little.' " - story from anonymous 12 stepper.

So, here's the catch 22; how do you work it 'cause you're worth it, if you have little or no self- worth?? I can only speak from my experience. It came to me from working the steps. (Sorry, there is no magical solution.) I was working the 4th step in another 12 step program and finally hit upon the seriousness of my obsession with love and sex. I talked it over with my sponsor, the people in my group and my therapist.

I think my therapist put it best for me. He said that I have finally become aware of the black hole I have been in. So, stop wasting any more time in the darkness and be grateful for the light. I still tear up when I remember this. So, now I feel a little more self worth. From writing my step work, sharing it with my sponsor and with others including people I sponsor. Sponsoring others has been the most valuable tool for gaining self worth. I can be there for someone else. I will tell you, this addict never used to think of others and now I know that connecting to people leads to a greater connection with my Higher Power .....and that has made all the difference.

Rosanne R

### **STEP AND TRADITION OF THE MONTH**

**STEP 1 We admitted we were powerless over sex and love addiction - that our lives had become unmanageable.**

**TRADITION 1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon S.L.A.A. unity.**

### **NEW MEETINGS, MEETING CHANGES AND MEETINGS THAT NEED SUPPORT**

**MONDAY, MA. STOUGHTON, 7:00 PM (C,L,H)** Going to Any Lengths Meeting. First Congregational Church, 76 Pierce Street. Enter church through left door down ramp. Room 5 is straight ahead. **NEEDS SUPPORT**

**MONDAY, MA. WORCESTER, 7:00 PM (CL,h)** Big Book Study Group, UMass Medical School, 55 Lake Ave North. **CHANGE ROOM TO FIRST FLOOR RM S1123** Call Ron 1-508-797-2327

**TUESDAY, MA. BOSTON, 6:00 PM (CD12LS,h,75mins)** WOMEN'S Meeting: ALL women are encouraged to attend: straight, lesbian, bi, tg, program newcomers and veterans. K-Street, 74 Kilmarnock St. **PERMANENTLY CANCELLED**

**WEDNESDAY, MA. WEYMOUTH, 7:30 PM (CL,nf)** Facing the Shadows (Men's Meeting), Trinity Episcopal Church, 241 Broad Street. Downstairs in basement. **NEEDS SUPPORT**

**WEDNESDAY, MA. SALISBURY, LAST Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM (CSD12L,Institutional Mtg.,nf, 60 minutes)** (Women's Mtg) **PERMANENTLY CANCELLED**

**SATURDAY, MA. WAREHAM, 5:00 PM (OSD12)** **PERMANENTLY CANCELLED**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL GROUPS** All changes to the meeting list will require an NEI Meeting Registration Form to be completed. This applies to any time, date, place or address changes as well meeting name changes and contact changes. A form can be downloaded at [www.slaanei.org/neiforms.html](http://www.slaanei.org/neiforms.html)