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NEI NEWSLETTER



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NEI Upcoming

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

March, 2010

--March 14 - NEI
Business Meeting

April, 2010

--April 10 - NEI
Spring Gathering
--April 11 - NEI
Business Meeting

May, 2010

--May 2 - NEI
Business Meeting

2010 NEI Vermont Weekend Schedule

March 26 - 28
July 23 - 35
October 1 - 3
December 17 - 19

GET ALL YOUR NEI INFORMATION BY EMAIL

Contact us at
mailinglist@slaanei.org to get on
our emailing list. **Do it today.**
Thanks

*COME JOIN NEI
AND WORK
WITH US TO
"CARRY THE
MESSAGE!!"*

Do you have skills in accounting, bookkeeping and/or auditing? We need your help.

In January 2009 New England Intergroup (NEI) held its elections for officer positions. A critical position of treasurer has not yet been filled, and we are seeking your help in finding a new treasurer. Consider being your group's representative to NEI or alternate group representative, and then come to a NEI meeting to hear more about the treasurer position. There are other Intergroup positions that remained unfilled as well. These vacancies are listed at the bottom of page 2 of the newsletter.

Currently we have an intergroup member temporarily acting as treasurer, but it is only short-term. Below are some of the duties that are required of the position. These duties come from NEI's Bylaws:

- Must have at least 1 year of continuous sobriety to serve
- Maintains a detailed ledger of financial activities of Intergroup
- Maintains checking account in the name of SLAA New England Intergroup. Signs all checks in conjunction with Chair and/or Vice Chair.
- Deposits all donations received by Intergroup and any special monies received, for conference registration, literature, etc.
- Writes checks to cover all authorized Intergroup expenses
- Submits a verbal Treasurer Reports at each business meeting of Intergroup containing the following items/information:
 - Total donations received since last report
 - Total expenses received since last report
 - Cash balance in checking account
 - Any outstanding debts owed by Intergroup
 - Net balance after considering indebtedness
- When necessary, reports on projected expenses
- Prepares books for a yearly audit
- Makes recommendations for contribution to Fellowships Wide Services if and when solicited
- Submits recommended budget for the following fiscal year in April to be reviewed by Intergroup
- At the end of the term, turns over books and explains the accounting system to the new Treasurer.

Please consider helping at the Intergroup level. Come to a NEI meeting to learn more, or you may email the chair of Intergroup at lisa@slaanei.org for more information.

NEI meets the second Sunday of each month (with a few exceptions) at Newton-Wellesley Hospital, 2014 Washington Street, Allen Riddle Building, Room AR100 - 1st floor in Newton, MA 02462. For a list of upcoming meeting dates in 2010, please see ee NEI's web site at <http://www.slaanei.org/aboutnei.html>.

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS HAVE CHANGES AND/OR COULD USE SUPPORT

MONDAY

MA. STOUGHTON, 7:00 PM (CLH) Going to Any Lengths Meeting. First Congregational Church, 76 Pierce Street. Enter church through preschool and large ENTRANCE sign. Go down stairs and take left. Room 5 is last door on right.

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. Please contact by email kstreetwomen@gmail.com for more information.

WEDNESDAY

MA. NEWTON, 7:00 PM (OSD, nf) Mainly for Love Addicts Meeting: First Unitarian Church, 1326 Washington Street. Contact Debbie 617-230-3195

THURSDAY

MA. BOSTON, 12:00PM (CD12) Call **617-625-7961** for more information.

FRIDAY

MA. OSTERVILLE, 7:00 PM (CD) Men's Meeting. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 421 Wianno Ave. Entrance in back of building. Meeting held downstairs. **It is not clear if this meeting is still active. NEI would appreciate an information update!!**

STEP AND TRADITION OF THE MONTH

STEP 2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

TRADITION 2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority -- a loving God as this Power may be expressed through our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Strengthen Your Sobriety! Be an NEI Volunteer

Vermont Facilitators

We're enlarging our pool of facilitators for the VT Weekend retreats. You must be six months continuously sober and have participated in at least one retreat. We have four volunteers and would like to get more to "spread the load" for our four retreats each year. Contact vtweekend@slaanei.org for more info or to volunteer

Order your SLAA Literature and Sobriety and Step chips through NEI!

Order your S.L.A.A. materials through your local Intergroup – **NEI!** Bring your order to the monthly NEI meeting and pick it up at the next meeting. NEI will pool orders into one large shipment and reduce the shipping costs. You can order your literature by emailing us at literature@slaanei.org and listing out the quantities and titles you wish to order.

If you would like to help in the planning of events or to volunteer, please contact us at telephone #/email below.

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NEWS BRIEFS!!

**** SAVE THE DATE** Saturday, April 10. NEI will be sponsoring the annual "**SPRING GATHERING**" at the Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton. This Spring's theme is "**GOING TO ANY LENGTHS**". This is another great day for sobriety, recovery and fellowship. Speakers with a minimum of 6 months continuous sobriety will be welcomed to share their experience, strength and hope in facilitating workshops. It's a great opportunity for service. See the Flyer at your meeting or at <http://www.slaanei.org/> for further information. NEI needs volunteers to help with registration, literature sales, raffle table coverage, setup, and cleanup. If you would like to help, please write to activities@slaanei.org. Or call 617-625-7961 and leave a message for David or Lisa.

**** FWS RAISING LITERATURE AND CHIP PRICES 10%** FWS will be raising chip and literature prices by 10% on Feb 15, 2010. NEI will be forced to also raise prices in response. However for all literature and chip orders made and picked up by the March 14 Intergroup meeting, the old prices will be honored. After that meeting the new prices will go into effect.

**** VERMONT 12 STEP WEEKEND EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 26.** All registrations received by that date will only cost \$155.00. After that date the registration fee is \$175.00. So hurry to get your discount!!

One Person's Experience with the Media at a Meeting

"I had an experience with presence of media outside SLAA coming to the Tuesday Newton Meeting. A reporter from the Boston Globe wrote an article about sex addiction, which appeared in the paper on Tuesday, February 16th (see link below.) Someone else is writing a story for their website of non-fiction stories (link is below). They visited three times, including the New England Intergroup movie event. This person's presence was announced at the meeting. Some members were uncomfortable with not knowing who this person was and what media forum brought him there. Although it is an open meeting and the media are allowed to come, this was the first time someone had made several visits.

It was so encouraging to see our program at work. The group decided to take a group conscience, and together came up with a solution to this issue. It was decided that the person's anonymity would be protected but it was disclosed that they are writing for a website. It was group conscience working at its best."

The Boston Globe article can be found at:
http://www.boston.com/news/health/articles/2010/02/16/those_facing_sex_addiction_get_help_understanding/Emily

Non-fiction stories Web link: <http://www.storiescollect.com/>

Deb F.

THINK GREEN RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Consider receiving your Newsletter and other NEI mailings by email. It can be emailed to you every month and will reduce the cost to NEI greatly. And **THINK GREEN.**

OPEN NEI SERVICE POSITIONS

THERE ARE NUMEROUS SERVICE POSITIONS OPEN :

Chairperson- Lisa P. ~~Vice Chairperson - Eric G. ~~ Recording Secretary - David B. ~~Corresponding Secretary- **OPEN** (currently team filled) ~~Treasurer - **OPEN** (currently filled by Eric G.) 1 year sobriety requirement. ~~ Outreach Committee Chair – **OPEN** No sobriety requirement. ~~ Newsletter Editor and Committee Chair – Rich N ~~ Website Coordinator - **OPEN** (Eric G. Lisa P. and Rich N. on committee) 6 month sobriety requirement. ~~ Literature Secretary – Peter S. Chair (David B. on Committee) ~~ Telephone Coordinator – **OPEN** (Richie B. currently serving) 6 month sobriety requirement. ~~ Intergroup Activities Committee Chair – **OPEN** (Marie C., Lisa P., David B., Jenny R. W., Kim B. on Committee)~~~~

Note! - Our next NEI business meeting is Sunday, March 14. We invite you to join us AND PARTICIPATE at our regular monthly meeting: 5PM-7PM at Newton Wellesley Hospital – Room AR 100 in the Allen-Riddle Building.

THIS IS YOUR FELLOWSHIP!!

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