



# PIPELINE

A Publication of NH Area 43 Assembly

February 2017

## **ATTENTION ALL AA MEMBERS! NEXT ASSEMBLY!**

**NH Area 43 Pre-Conference Assembly\***  
**March 25, 2017**

**Hosted by District 11, Laconia, NH**  
**8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

The meeting will be held in the church basement.  
The entrance is between the parish hall and the church.  
There is a pedestrian bridge between those two buildings,  
and the entrance is beneath that span.

DIRECTIONS:

<http://www.laconiaucc.org/directions.asp>

### **What is the Pre-Conference Assembly?**

The March Area Pre-Conference Assembly is intended to prepare the Delegate for the April General Service Conference. This Assembly is open to all NH AA members. The purpose of the Pre-Conference Assembly is to discuss key GSC agenda items and to make recommendations to the Delegate. Members will be divided into subcommittees for the purpose of discussing the agenda items. The Delegate will review the Conference Final Agenda and identify the agenda items of most significance to the fellowship. This material should be available at the Assembly and every effort made to get that material to the subcommittee facilitator prior to the Assembly.

### Tradition Two

“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”



**Happy**



**Joyous**



**& Free**

# Sharing Our Steps

It is a well known fact in A.A.'s earliest days that Bill W. and many of the pioneering members had "big plans" for the fledgling Fellowship — plans that extended to visions of A.A. hospitals, schools, community centers and social reform. As Bill W. put it in the essay on Tradition Six (*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 155), "The moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable... for us to feel that we might have an answer to a lot of other things. The A.A. groups, many thought, could go into business, might finance any enterprise whatever in the total field of alcoholism. In fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the A.A. name behind any meritorious cause.

"Here are some of the things we dreamed. Hospitals didn't like alcoholics, so we thought we'd build a hospital chain of our own. People needed to be told what alcoholism was, so we'd educate the public, even rewrite school and medical textbooks. We'd gather up derelicts from skid rows, sort out those who could get well, and make it possible for the rest to earn their livelihood in a kind of quarantined confinement... We seriously thought of rewriting the laws of the land, and having it declared that alcoholics are sick people. No more would they be jailed; judges would parole them in our custody. We'd spill A.A. into the dark regions of dope addiction and criminality. We'd form groups of depressive and paranoid folks; the deeper the neurosis, the better we'd like it. It stood to reason that if alcoholism could be licked, so could any problem.

"It occurred to us that we could take what we had into the factories and cause laborers and capitalists to love each other. Our uncompromising honesty might soon clean up politics. With one arm around the shoulder of religion and the other around the shoulder of medicine, we'd resolve their differences. Having learned to live so happily, we'd show everybody else how. Why, we thought, our Society of Alcoholics Anonymous might prove to be the spearhead of a new spiritual advance! We might transform the world.

"Yes, we of A.A. did dream those dreams. How natural that was, since most alcoholics are bankrupt idealists. Nearly every one of us had wished to do great good, perform great deeds, and embody great Ideals."

However, as A.A. groups and individuals tried any number of these "big ideas" in the Fellowship's early years — hospitals, education, reform — Bill noted, "In consternation, we saw ourselves getting married to all kinds of enterprises, some good and some not so good."

Summing up the A.A. position, Bill continued: "These adventures implanted a deep-rooted conviction that in no circumstances could we endorse any related enterprise, no matter how good. We of Alcoholics Anonymous could not be all things to all men, nor should we try."

Nevertheless, as A.A.'s program of recovery began to spread throughout the world, crossing innumerable boundaries of language, culture and geography, many sufferers in other realms

came to recognize how the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions could help them, too. Friends and family members of alcoholics saw the benefits the Steps could bring to their own concerns and sought to adapt them to their own needs. Sufferers of afflictions other than alcoholism reached out for the help inherent in A.A.'s program of recovery from alcoholism.

With its position of nonendorsement firmly anchored in A.A. Tradition, and the guidance contained in A.A.'s Preamble that the Fellowship "neither endorses nor opposes any causes," it has been possible over the years for A.A. to share its Steps and Traditions — upon request — with other groups or fellowships of people recovering from various addictions, compulsive behaviors, and mental health problems and, in the years since 1955 and up until 2015, 663 groups or fellowships have requested and were given permission by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (which holds the copyright), to use or adapt the Twelve Steps and/or Twelve Traditions. While A.A. neither endorses nor opposes any of these groups or fellowships, many have proven to be great resources for those who suffer from a wide range of maladies and circumstances.

Says Dr. Robert DuPont, a well-known nonalcoholic practitioner in the addictions field, "The twelve-step approach is ever-changing and growing. It also is endlessly diverse, fitting in with every culture and subculture in the world. It is adaptable and sensitive to vast diversity... .

"When people ask me the percentage of success of ... the twelve-step fellowships, I say it is 100 percent — for those who follow the programs as they're intended to be followed. This means not just going to an occasional meeting, but to many meetings every week, having a sponsor ... 'working' each of the Twelve Steps in depth ... and making recovery the No. 1 priority."

And so, with our experience of the Traditions as our guide, A.A. has been able to share the fundamentals of our program with literally hundreds of other groups or fellowships who are seeking relief from a broad range of difficulties, keeping in the forefront of our policies and procedures Bill W.'s heartfelt admonition: "There are those who predict that Alcoholics Anonymous may well become a new spearhead for a spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things they are both generous and sincere. But we of A.A. must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be a heady drink for most of us — that is, if we really came to believe this to be the real purpose of A.A., and if we commenced to behave accordingly. Our Society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose; the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody.

"On the other hand, let us never be a closed corporation; let us never deny our experience for whatever it may be worth to the world around us." (*The Language of the Heart*, p. 346)

# Have you registered for the 2017 NH Area 43 Convention?

April 7th - 9th, 2017 • North Conway Grand Hotel:  
Pre-Registration is Now Available! REGISTER TODAY!

<http://nhaa.net/event/area-43-2017-convention/>



## PRICE CHANGES:

The cost of the state Area Meeting  
Booklet is now 50¢ each.

The cost of the Newcomer Packets  
are now \$1.50 (includes two new pamphlets)

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email: [hotline@nhaa.net](mailto:hotline@nhaa.net)  
to volunteer to take calls  
in your area!

See the monthly  
calendars for  
January, 2017  
& February, 2017  
at [nhaa.net](http://nhaa.net)

The Service Office  
Committee (SOC)  
is looking for  
members.  
Please email  
[soc@nhaa.net](mailto:soc@nhaa.net) or  
chairperson  
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if interested.

# YOUR STORIES WANTED!

We love to receive submissions for *Pipeline* articles from our members. Share your Experience, Strength & Hope. We'd like to hear what inspires you to keep at this recovery journey day in and day out. We even have a new submission button on our website! Please submit articles of under 500 words to Pipeline@nhaa.net or mail to: NH Assembly Office, 1330 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, NH 03106, Attn: *Pipeline*. This is an honest fellowship; we presume all submissions are original or in the public domain. Following publication, all copyrights revert to the authors.

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**For other open chairs, please email Pete at chairperson@nhaa.net if you are interested. Also, please consider volunteering on a committee and getting to know your chairs. They can all be reached at their NHAAs service office email addresses which are posted on the website.**

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*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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## **Get Your Events Listed on the Area Website!**

If you're planning a Group, District, or Area event and would like to spread the word, you can submit your event information online at [www.nhaa.net/submit-event](http://www.nhaa.net/submit-event)

## **Get Your Group on the NH Area Website Meeting List!**

If you are starting a new group or need to make changes to the information of an existing meeting, you can do this easily by submitting the information online:

- **New Group Form:** <http://www.nhaa.net/new-group>
- **Group Change Form:** <http://www.nhaa.net/group-change>

Please contact our Webmaster if you need any help at  
[webmaster@nhaa.net](mailto:webmaster@nhaa.net)

# *District 18 Annual Round-Up*

## **Easy Does It**

*But Do It*

### **Saturday, 18 February 2017**

**First Baptist Church**

**461 Main Street, New London, NH**

**Doors open at 12:00**

**\*\*\*Meetings & Workshops Start at\*\*\***

**1:00 PM**

**Potluck starts at 4:30**

**Big meeting starts at 6:00**

**\*\*\*Guest Speakers\*\*\***

**\*\*\* Pot-Luck Dinner and desserts\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Silent Auction and Bake Sale\*\*\***

**Please bring a dish for our Potluck**

**\*\*\*\*Fellowship, Fun and Frivolity\*\*\*\***

**Music and Dance to start at**

**8:30**

**If you have items to donate to the silent auction  
please contact me and I will forward it to Tonya.**

**All auction items must be received by 02/12/16**

# NERAASA 2017

26<sup>th</sup> Annual

## NORTHEAST REGIONAL A.A. SERVICE ASSEMBLY

February 24-26, 2017 – Framingham, MA

All A.A. members are welcome!

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for the GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.



**2017 General Service Conference Theme:**  
*Supporting Our Future*

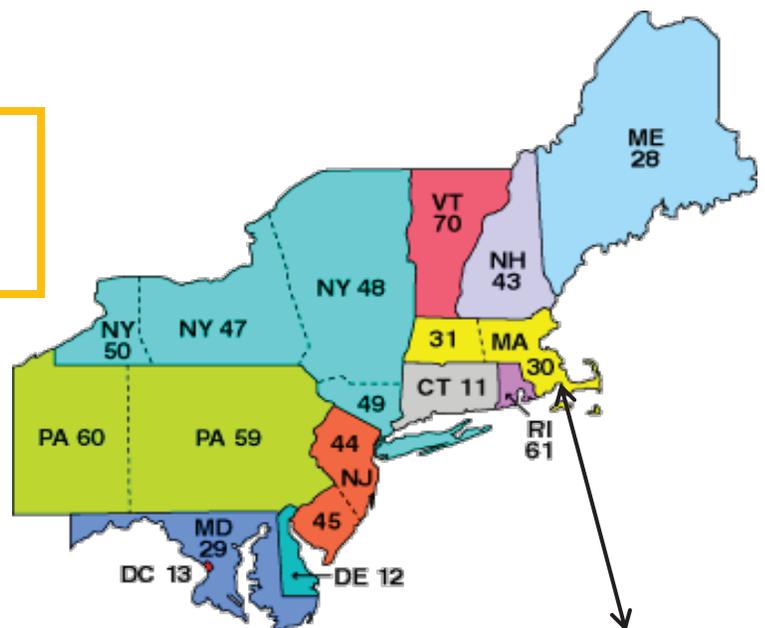
### REGISTRATION

Online registration opens September 15, 2016  
at <http://www.neraasa2017.org>

Kickoff “Redball” Meeting Thursday  
February 23 at 8:00 pm

Onsite registration begins at  
12:00 noon, Friday, February 24, 2017

Panel 1 begins on Friday at 3:00 pm



Hosted by Area 30  
Eastern Massachusetts

**Any questions, contact:**  
NERAASA2017chair@gmail.com

**Pre-registration deadline:**  
January 27, 2017

# NH AREA 43

## CHALLENGE



**2015**

**Number of Members 1,348,072**

**GSO Services Cost \$9,629,499**

**\$7.14**  
Per member  
per year

The cost for GSO is \$7.14/per member per year.  
Please bring this message back to your group.  
Perhaps organize a special group contribution.

Groups and individuals can send contributions to GSO online at [aa.org](http://aa.org);  
or mail to GSO, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

**\$7.14 is a spiritual way to shake the hand of  
the incoming alcoholic locally and worldwide.**

\*GSO expects an operating loss in 2016. Only 23.37% of all NH groups contribute to GSO.

# OUT OF TOWN



## Lollapalooza II March 2-5, 2017

Brought to you by:  
**Philly Speaker Group**

Clancy I. – Los Angeles, CA  
Bob D. – Las Vegas, NV  
Mari G. – Toronto, Canada  
Kent C. – Sandusky, OH  
Georgia B. – Los Angeles, CA  
Paul McQ. – Rockaway, NY  
Jon B. – Las Vegas, NV  
Al B. – Camden County, NJ  
Billy N. – Atlanta, GA (Class B Trustee)  
Dave D. – Bowie, MD  
Elaine J. – Philadelphia, PA (Sepia)  
Cynthia M. – Atlantic Group (Voice)

Conference will be held at the Hotel ML in Marlton, NJ  
Mention Lollapalooza for \$99/night rooms  
Call (856) 234-7300 for Reservations

\$30 Registration and meal plans available at:  
[www.lollapaloozaofaa.org](http://www.lollapaloozaofaa.org)

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