



PIPELINE

A Publication of NH Area 43 Assembly

October 2016



See you at the Inventory Assembly, Saturday, Nov. 19

from 8am – 4pm - hosted by District 15 at:
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
5 Hale Street, Dover, NH

*The focus of the Inventory Assembly is
“How can we be more effective in our
service responsibilities, both to each other,
as well as to the sick and suffering alcoholic
who has yet to come through our doors?”*

Bring your ideas and questions for a lively discussion!



SERVICE OFFICE POSITION

The Service Office is looking for part-time help. This person must have great people skills, have an understanding of how the AA program works, and possess decent computer skills. To apply, pick up an application at the Service Office or send your resume by email to office@nhaa.net. Put **SO Position** in the subject line.

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NH AREA 43 CHALLENGE

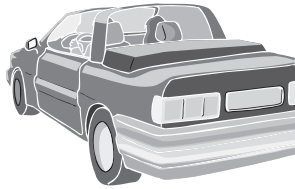
**\$7.14
Per member
Per Year***

*** The cost for GSO is \$7.14
per member per year.
Please bring this message
back to your group.
Perhaps organize a special
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AND PASS AROUND!**

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

PIERCING THE ARMOR



I knew I wasn't engaging fully in program, there was something invisible separating me. I was trying to absorb, attend and be helpful, and did appreciate the generosity I witnessed, but I was self-conscious, self-critical and unable to find my voice. The high of new sobriety was spiraling into long set patterns of anxiety; while I was grateful for some changes, I was questioning others. Underlying it all lay the question - why couldn't I drink again?

While on a road-trip, I heard a loud bang. It was 15 miles before I could stop to inspect damage. Similar to what I had come to recognize in the past year as layers of denial, my brain could not process what I knew to be true. The hole in my car door had been made by a bullet.

In meeting with officials, I began to understand how fortunate I was.

While a new instinct, I did think to thank HP. But I was in a shaky state and to my chagrin I was thinking of how nothing but a drink could calm me down after such a trip. But I had prayed! I was 9 months sober! Still I thought, I would be justified, HP would understand.

I had 4 hours to go of driving, alone with my thoughts. I came to realize that not only was I relieved to be alive, I had hopes for the future. It hadn't been too long ago when I had felt otherwise, that not only had I been acting in reckless disregard for my life but for those around me as well. The guilt of this realization hit hard, and I understood this as the real essence of my prayer. That yes, while a thank you had been in order, what was really necessary was that I honor HP's will and not disrespect it by entertaining thoughts of selfish justifications.

I realized that not only had that bullet torn through the metal of my car door, but it had pierced through the invisible membrane of ambivalence that had been smothering me. And I was grateful.

Tracy H



Happy



Joyous



& Free

STORIES WANTED!

GSO is looking to update and revise the pamphlet "Young People and AA" and is seeking submissions for consideration. Submissions should be 500-800 words in length 12 Point Typeface and include the authors name, address, email and phone. Submissions should say "Young People and AA" at the top and be addressed to the literature committee at GSO or emailed to literature@aa.org

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.

Discussion about adding an Appendix 8 to the Big Book

Presented at the NH Area Assembly, August 27, 2016, Kittery, Maine by District 12

MOTION: “That Area 43 considers and submits to the General Service Board and the Literature Committee of the General Service Conference that the following be added to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, (the Big Book) as Appendix 8.”

Appendix VIII

2012 Library of Congress Recognition

*When this book was published in 1939, the authors hoped to cast it like a chip upon the world wide tide of alcoholism in the hopes it would make a difference. The authors scarcely could have hoped it would prove as influential as it did. The United States’ Library of Congress, the world’s largest repository of knowledge and information, published a list in June 2012 of the 88 most influential books in America. The list, entitled “Books that Shaped America,” included the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.*

Founded in 1800, the Library of Congress is the United States oldest cultural institution. Curators and experts from throughout the Library of Congress contributed their choices for “Books that shaped America.” The Librarian of Congress hoped the list would prompt people to choose to read and discuss the books on the list. The list was also intended to recognize significant works that had influenced American society.

The language of the proposed appendix is secondary to its message. The message and its purpose are twofold. Firstly, this appendix would help readers understand the contemporary significance of a book written in 1939 which contains language that is often thought of as dated. Secondly, like the Lasker Award, this appendix will convey to readers that the program as outlined in the book does indeed work as evidenced by its recognized influence on society.

District 12’s July vote followed an initial presentation of the motion at its June meeting. District 12 GSRs were given the opportunity to bring the motion back to their Groups for consideration and ultimately for a group conscience decision at the July meeting. This motion had been forwarded to the District by the Beech Street Big Book group which had unanimously approved the motion at its May 19, 2016 business meeting.

This motion is in keeping with the Traditions and is consistent with past A.A. practices.

1. Adding this appendix is consistent with Tradition 11 and isn’t contrary to the notion of practicing attraction rather than promotion. This proposed appendix isn’t promoting the book. Anyone reading the appendix would have, in their hand already, a copy of the book. The motion doesn’t suggest A.A. advertise the 2012 list and thus try and promote book sales.
2. The addition of this appendix is consistent with Tradition 5 because it helps carry the message. The recommended appendix helps readers of the book, and in particular newcomers, realize the contemporary relevance of the book. The appendix will assist new comers in believing in the effectiveness of the program. It is one thing for an organization’s members to claim its beliefs and

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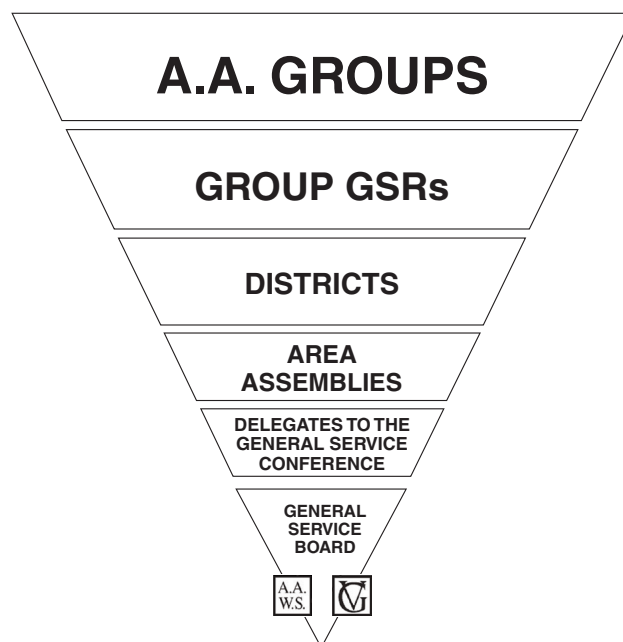
actions are meaningful, but it is additionally compelling when an unaffiliated entity recognizes the Big Book as having been one of the most influential literary works in American society.

3. The appendix is not in conflict with Tradition 6. The Library of Congress undertook its review without A.A.'s awareness. A.A. did not solicit consideration for this list. No affiliation existed then, or now, between A.A. and the Library of Congress. The 2012 listing simply recognizes the book Alcoholics Anonymous, but makes not statement about A.A. as an organization.
4. This appendix is much like appendix IV which refers to the Lasker award. The Lasker award, given annually for advances in public medicine, was bestowed upon A.A. as a group in 1951 for its successful approach to alcoholism. Appendix IV was added with the printing of the 2nd Edition in 1955.
5. The proposed appendix is also similar in purpose to appendices III and V. In those two appendices the opinions of medical professionals and religious leaders lend credence to the program of recovery laid out in the book. The proposed appendix acknowledges that the book has indeed had a profound effect upon our society.

After much thoughtful discussion, a vote was taken. 24 in favor; 4 opposed.

From here, our Area 43 Delegate will submit this to the General Service Board and the Literature Committee of the General Service Conference. It is their decision on whether or not this makes it as an agenda item for the next General Service Conference.

**STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE
(U.S. and Canada)**



NEW MEETING
Safe Harbor Recovery Center
865 Islington Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801
Thursdays 1:30–2:30pm

Do you love ACRONYMS?

Call a HALT ... don't despair, live FAIR

H Hungry	F Food
A Angry	A Acceptance
L Lonely	I Intimacy
T Tired	R Rest

—By Bill P.

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please consider volunteering on a committee and getting to know your chairs. They can all be
reached at their NHAA service office email addresses which are posted on the website.**

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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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Sat: 10am—2pm

**PLEASE NOTE: Saturday,
September 3rd and Monday,
September 5th the office is closed
for the Labor Day Holiday.**

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

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



August 2016 Contributions—Thank You!

Thank you to all the groups that contribute to Area 43. 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 in these challenging times — thank you!

More Than Sobriety Keene

Concord Original Concord

What's Good About Today Kittery

Friday Night Group Keene

N Haverhill 12&12-N Haverhill

Woodsville Wonders Woodsville

Salem Noontime Group Salem

Men's Monday BBSS Concord

Peterborough Speakers Peterborough

Woodsville Area Woodsville

Spacetown Derry

Jaffrey Beg.Grp Jaffrey

Reborn Group Portsmouth

New Freedom Bb Portsmouth

Thurs Night 12 & 1New Boston

Souhegan Sunrise Milford

Ladies Step Mtg Portsmouth

Out To Lunch Bunch Nashua

Into Action Men's Kittery

New Boston Group New Boston

Keep It Simple Mens Munsonville

Round Robin Grp. Manchester

Women Walking The Walk Ctr Harbor

Slogan Group Nashua

Stratham Big Book Stratham

Farmington Daily Reflect Farm

Friday Night Live Manchester

How Group Dover

Living Sober Group Andover

Queen City Group Manchester

Sat Morning Step Mtg Bradford

Interlakes Group Meredith

Good Morn. Portsmouth

Keep It Simple Manchester

Sunlight Of The Spirit Little

Big Book 12 Step Study Nashua

Mid-Week Tune Up Nashua

Hampstead Big Book Hampstead

Exeter Serenity Exeter

Amethyst 12 & 1Epping

No Name Group Manchester

Noontime Group Manchester

Gosh Port Newport

Women's Sunday Serenity Exeter

Pancakes & Promises Franklin

How It Works Salem

Women In Sobriety N. Hampton

Heart Of The Heights Concord

Grapefully Sober Exeter

Sat. 12&12 Disc. Wolfeboro

Chester Big Book Chester

Sobriety And Beyond Danbury

Women In Need Of Sobriety Rochester

Please note: The Groups' GSO # will not be published here but you can find them on the website and in the next printing of the Meeting List.

SEPTEMBER 2016 Group Changes

Dist	Town	Day	Start	End	Grp #	Code	Group Name	Meeting Location	Address	Notes
11	Laconia	Tuesday	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	661235		Tri-Step Beginners Group	Congr Ch Hall	69 Pleasant St Veterans Sq	Start/end time chged from 8:00/9:30 PM
19	Keene	Monday	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	643131		Tool Box Group	Keene Serenity Center	36 Carpenter St	Relocated from Keene Unitarian Ch 69 Washington St
17	Littleton	Sunday	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	108730		Original Sun Night Grp	St Rose of Lima Ch Hall	High St	Relocated from Lady of the Snows Profile Rd in Fanconia
New GROUPS										
Dist	Town	Day	Start	End	Grp #	Code	Group Name	Meeting Location	Address	Notes
9	Derry	Thursday	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	T476	CDX	Baby Steps	Friendship Center	6 Railroad Ave	
18	Newbury	Mon-Fri	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	T477	BDXH	There is a Solution	Newbury Ctr Veterans Hall	198 Rte 103	



New Years Alcathon



FREE!! All are welcome!!

St Julies Hall behind St. Joseph's Church

40 Main Street, Salem NH

Starts 12/31/16 at 6 pm Ends 1/1/17 at Noon.

Meetings every 1 ½ hours

Food donations welcome.

NH AREA 43 CHALLENGE



2015

Number of Members	1,348,072
GSO Services Cost	\$9,629,499

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per year

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