



# PIPELINE

A Publication of NH Area 43 Assembly

July 2016

## **ATTENTION ALL GSRs & ALL A.A.s** **NH Area 43 August Assembly, August 27, 2016** **Hosted by District 14, Kittery Lions Club,** **117 State Road, Kittery, Maine** **8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

We hope to see many of you at our August Assembly in Kittery, Maine. We know it's hard to take time out of a busy summer to attend a Saturday assembly, but we need to make sure that this program is here for ourselves and newcomers to A.A. And there is no greater way to do that than to come to the Assembly and share back in your individual groups the goings on at GSO in New York, at the NH

Area Office in Hooksett, NH, and at all of our districts in Area 43 from throughout the state of NH and parts of Maine.

The summer is a great time to be sober. Let's show our support to those GSRs and Area Committee members and all trusted servants by participating in one of the most important aspects of our Fellowship, our Assemblies.



## **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 contribution.

**SEE FLIER ON LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER AND FEEL FREE TO COPY AND PASS AROUND!**

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“*The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative (G.S.R.) the group elects. I cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance.*”

— Bill W.

**“We learned that we had to fully concede to our innermost selves that we were alcoholic. This is the first step in recovery.”**

—Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 30

**The Second  
A.A. International  
Convention  
St. Louis, Mo, 1955**  
(Excerpts from a  
Nancy Olson Article)

**T**he International Convention in St. Louis in 1955 was perhaps the most important one ever held. It was the convention at which Bill announced that A.A. had now “come of age.” Four o’clock Sunday afternoon was reserved for the final meeting of the 1955 General Service Conference. This was the occasion on which Bill formally turned over the stewardship of A.A. to the General Service Conference, giving up his own official leadership and acknowledging that A.A. was responsible for its own affairs. He would later say: “Clearly my job henceforth was to let go and let God. Alcoholics Anonymous was at last safe—even from me.”

Many of them addressed the convention and their talks are included in *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*.

Ebby Thatcher, whom Bill always called his sponsor, was there as Bill’s special guest, brought up from Texas, where he had moved the year before. (Ebby would have been sober (again) probably less than a year—Bob S.)

Lois, of course, was also there contributing her ideas, enthusiasm and energy, primarily concentrating on her Al-Anon Family Groups. On

the Sunday afternoon of the closing “coming of age” part of the program, she was the first speaker in Kiel Auditorium after the vote to turn over leadership to the Fellowship had been taken.

The second edition of the Big Book was published just in time for the St. Louis convention, and was designed to show the broader range of the membership. The original text of the first 11 chapters was unchanged, but Bill had worked hard to get new stories, often going to a group with the express purpose of taping the stories of various oldtimers. In addition to Bill’s story and that of Dr. Bob, six others were carried over from the first edition; 30 new stories were included; and the present division of the story section into three parts was instituted.

Robert Thomsen wrote: “No one in Kiel Auditorium on the last afternoon of the ’55 convention would ever forget the sense of expectancy when Bill again stood before them and they waited for him to speak. “He seemed to have grown, to be somehow a little larger than life, a man who just naturally created memories. If Bill W. had engaged a Madison Avenue, PR firm, one old-timer recalled, and if this firm had worked around the clock on his account, they could never have done for him what he without even trying did for himself that afternoon. There had always been a powerful affinity between Bill and the imagination of alcoholics, and now this could be felt in the farthest corners of Kiel Auditorium.

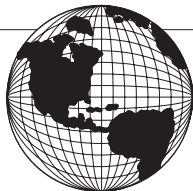
“Even at a distance one got the impression of a tall, thin, completely relaxed man, yet with a tremendous inner energy; a personality that carried over big spaces—that indeed seemed to expand when confronted with bigness. A warm light played over his face as he squared his shoulders and then leaned slightly forward across the lectern like some old backwoods statesman who’d stopped by for a chat. He was imposing, yet friendly, radiant but homespun.”

Bill wrote his history of this convention because he wanted to make sure that nobody misunderstood what had happened at St. Louis. “*Pass It On*,” p. 359 says: “In many ways, “Alcoholic Anonymous Comes of Age” is a masterpiece. Deceptively simple in its guise as a log of the three-day proceedings, it is actually an entire history of the Fellowship and its place in society, with whole sections given over to the vision of A.A. as held by those in society at large—men of industry, doctors, minister, and trustees—who lived in close relationship to the Fellowship. Published in 1957, it is Bill’s penultimate book.”

# SUMMER FUN!

**FUN IN THE SUN - 8/20/2016**  
**Festival at Franklin Pierce Lake**  
**MANAHAN BEACH**  
**732 W Main St.**  
**Hillsborough, NH**

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**NEWSLETTER!**



## NEW MEETINGS!

**New Women's AA Meeting**  
**"Ladies Choice"**  
**Mon. Night 7:15-8:15pm**  
**West Congregational Church**  
**499 N. State Street**  
**Concord, NH 03301**

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

### **Area 43 2015–2016 Officers & Committee Chairs:**

#### **Officers**

Pete V. Chairperson • Gary C. Alt-Chairperson •  
B. S. Secretary • Dan P. Treasurer • Dale R. Delegate •  
Jim M. Alt-Delegate • Benny, Registrar.

#### **Committee Chairs**

Kevin S. Archives • Artie D. Corrections • Jeff S. Finance • Mary B. Functions • Sue W.  
Grapevine & Literature • Hotline • Janet T. Pipeline • Bill P. Service Office • Jim O. Treatment.

**These chairs are here to help the individual district chairs and all AAs.**

**For other open chairs, please email Pete at [chairperson@nhaa.net](mailto: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 NHAA service office email addresses which are posted on the website.**

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Anonymous

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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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Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 10am—4pm  
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](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)

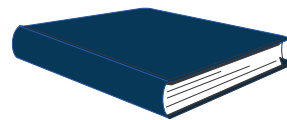


## July 2016 Contributions—Thank You!

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!

SUNDAY SERENITY, MANCHESTER  
SLOGAN GROUP, NASHUA  
BE THE CHANGE, HOLLIS  
SAT MORNING STEP MTG, BRADFORD  
DRY DOCK #29, KITTELY  
FAITH GROUP, PORTSMOUTH  
GRAPEFULLY SOBER, EXETER  
PELHAM BIG BOOK, PELHAM  
NEW BOSTON GROUP, NEW BOSTON  
WOODSVILLE WONDERS, WOODSVILL  
WED NIGHT STEP MTG, LEBANON  
WOMEN'S MEETING, PLYMOUTH  
PANCAKES & PROMISES, FRANKLIN  
HAPPY HOUR, LACONIA  
EYEOPENER GROUP, PORTSMOUTH  
AMETHYST 12 & 12, EPPING  
KEEP IT SIMPLE, MANCHESTER  
SAT AM BB STEP STUDY, NEWINGTON  
SOUHEGAN SUNRISE, MILFORD  
HAMPSTEAD ANGELS, HAMPSTEAD  
SAT MEN'S 12 STEP GROUP, CONCORD  
LOONY NOONER, Laconia  
MILFORD NO-NAME GROUP, MILFORD  
TUES NITE YNG PEOPLE, PORTSMOUTH  
COLEBROOK MONDAY STEP, COLEBROOK  
ORIGINAL SUNDAY NITE GRP, LITTLE  
END OF THE ROAD, GREENFIELD  
FIRST THINGS FIRST, WEARE  
EYE OPENER GROUP, DOVER  
GOOD MORN. PORTSMOUTH  
INTERLAKES 12 & 12, MEREDITH  
JAFFREY BEGINNER'S, JAFFREY  
SIMPLY GRATEFUL, EPSOM

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT TODAY, KITTELY  
DERBY DISCUSSION, BERLIN  
REBORN GROUP, PORTSMOUTH  
DUST OFF YOUR BB, ROCHESTER  
FRIEND OF BILL'S HOOKSETT  
NEW HAMPTON GRP, NEW HAMPTON  
DERRY ORIGINAL GROUP, DERRY  
WOMENS NEW BEGINNINGS, MANCH  
GATEWAY TO SOBRIETY, ALTON  
EARLY EVENING SERENITY, DERRY  
KITTELY SEASIDE GROUP, KITTELY  
SOBER AND FREE, NASHUA  
UNITY GROUP, DERRY  
MEN'S BEGINNERS GROUP, DERRY  
A NEW DAY GROUP, NASHUA  
BROKEN ELEVATOR GROUP, HENNIKER  
SUNDAY 12 & 12, ATKINSON  
SUNDAY NIGHT GROUP, CLAREMONT  
EXETER MONDAY NIGHT, EXETER  
LISBON MONDAY NIGHT, LISBON  
NOONTIME GROUP, MANCHESTER  
EXETER SERENITY, EXETER  
LOOK IT UP BIG BOOK, NEWPORT  
GOOD SHEPHERD, NASHUA  
GET IT TOGETHER GROUP, HUDSON  
OVER 50 GROUP, MANCHESTER



**BIG BOOKS NEEDED** at the  
Goffstown Prison for Women.  
All books can be dropped off at the  
Area Office.

# JULY 2016 Group Changes

## JUNE 2016 Group Changes for JULY Pipeline

Town	Day	Start	End	Grp #	Code	Group Name	Meeting Location	Address	Notes
Nashua	Sunday	6:30 PM	7:45 PM	718647		Nashua Primetime	Grace Lutheran Ch	130 Spit Brook Rd	Added GSO #
New Ipswich	Thursday	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	685771		Road to Recovery	Freedom Fellowship	800 Turnpike Rd (Rte123/124)	Changed town from Greenville
Manchester	Sunday	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	1465		Square Peg Group	Hope Recovery Comm Ctr	140 Central St	Meeting time was 2-3pm
Dover	Friday	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	160600		Fri Nite Friendship	Triangle Club	120 Broadway	Meeting has NOT Disbanded, end time was 8:15
Rye	Monday	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	145615	SDH	Rye Recovery Group	St Theresa's Ch Parish Ctr	815 Central Rd	Added Discussion Code D
Portsmouth	Tuesday	7:00 PM	8:15 PM	635477		Tues Night Young Peoples	St John's Ch	100 Chapel St	End time changed from 8pm, address clarification
Salem	S,T, W					Meetings at St David's Church		231 Main St	No longer Handicapped accessible
DISBANDED GROUPS									
Town	Day	Start	End	Grp #	Code	Group Name	Meeting Location	Address	Notes
Pembroke	Wednesday	7:00 PM	8:15 PM	164039		Wednesday Big Book Group	Suncook Utd Methodist Ch	152 Main St	
Wolfeboro	Monday	7:00 PM	7:45 PM	674361		Young As You Feel	Wolfeboro Congr Ch	115 S Main St	
Pittsfield	Monday	7:30 PM	8:45 PM	108764		Pittsfield Monday Nite	1st Congr Ch	24 Main St	
Manchester	Sunday	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	164040		North End Group	Tirrell House	15 Brook St	

# WANTED



## ... Stories for the PIPELINE

As always, we would 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. Do not feel like you have to be a great writer to send something in. We have people to help with editing. **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.

Report AA-related news from your district—round-ups, social functions, assemblies, calendar items, requests for volunteers, etc.

This newsletter is by and for alcoholics. Material may be edited for clarity and length. This newsletter and earlier issues can be printed from the Area 43 website:

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NH Area Hotline  
1-800-593-3300

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

See the monthly  
calendars for  
July &  
August, 2016  
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  
[@nhaa.net](mailto:@nhaa.net)  
if interested.



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Join us and create the fellowship you crave!!!



*Medley Meeting-  
Each week a different  
format to include:*

*Big Book, 12 x12, Speaker,  
Discussion, Daily  
Reflections, and Meditation*





# 8/20/2016

## FUN IN THE SUN

### Festival at Franklin Pierce Lake

District 8 Functions Committee Hosts Fun in the Sun, to include a picnic, meeting, live music, swimming, field games, boating, fishing and swimming!!! This is a picnic gathering district 8 will provide limited finger sandwiches, chips and drinks. Meet us at the pavilion.



**Sat. Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**11am-3pm**

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**1pm Gratitude  
Meeting**

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**Live Music by  
Musicians in AA  
before and after  
the meeting.**

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**Leashed pets are  
welcome!!**

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**\$2 Donation**

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### **MANAHAN BEACH**

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Call for more info.  
603-491-8842

# NH AREA 43 CHALLENGE



**2015**

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

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