

NHAA PIPELINE

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Self Reliance Fails Me: Fear, My Father, Amends

My father had a triple bypass just before the holidays. A heavy drinker and once-smoker, he decided, luckily, once he started feeling chest pains in mid-December, that he would not let it go for too long, and that he would go to the hospital to get it checked out. They were going to put stints in; once the cardiologist looked at the scans, however, he decided he didn't like the looks of it and got my father in for surgery as quickly as possible. My father lives in Naples, Florida. From what I understand, this is one of the better places in the world to have heart surgery.



I was wandering the aisles of Shaw's in my yoga clothes when I heard via my mother. I called my father, immediately, in that hospital in Naples. I was remembering the Ninth Step Amend I'd made to him in February 2010: one of the outcomes, dictated by me, not him, in the action following the amend (which I think is more important than the formal amend, honestly) was that I would go visit him in the Sunshine State as often as possible. Due to funds and formalities, however, that hasn't exactly come to fruition. I can't remember the last time I saw him. I'm sitting here realizing that it has been at least two years.

I could hear the fear and the love in his voice when we talked on the phone. As I steered the cart up and down the aisles, I wondered if I should fly there. I voiced this concern. My father got all worked up, to the point where I had to tell him to settle down. I realized that outside of the booze and the cigarettes, there were reasons my father needed heart surgery. I resolved to listen to him instead, to hear the love.

And as I listened to him talk about the methods by which they would split his sternum and open his chest, the way they would clear his heart for the blood to flow, I thought about the blood we share that flows between us. I thought about my four years of recovery and his active drinking. I thought about the separation between us in that realm and geographically. The love is still there; I carry it: we understand each other. In fact, I would venture to say that I understand my father better than most. We have the same illness, that phenomenon of craving. His is active and mine is in remission via daily maintenance of a spiritual program of action. This does not make me better than him but it does make me different and through the years since my amend a bit of a wedge has driven between us. It's hard to talk the same language we used to and while the love is there and the same, the understanding of one another is muted. (continued on page 2)

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My father is still freaking out about me visiting him too soon, before he's had a chance to recover more thoroughly. The surgery went well. I told him I would not visit until late February and he seemed to relax. The last thing I want him to do is worry, but I want to see him. It isn't about me, but I think he wants to see me too and just needs some time. I am saddened by the fact that we're both so self-reliant, to the point where he feels the need to be in better shape before seeing me. I just want to see my father who just had heart surgery, but he doesn't want me to come. That said, I can't remember the last time I called on him for help, either. He taught me to be the way he is and I am grateful for the discipline, but I wish both of us were closer to God in that realm.

Like always all I do is pray and think about being present. — District 8

Help Wanted at the NHAA Service Office

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. Call or email the Service Office for more information. To apply, pick up an application at the Service Office or send in your resume by email. We look forward to hearing from you.

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HEY! Yes, you, reading The Pipeline!

We would love to have every event in every issue, but it isn't always possible. To make sure everyone knows what's going on in your district, please go to the link below to submit your district or group's event:

<http://www.nhaa.net/districts/submit-a-district-or-group-event/>

Your group or district's event will then appear on the NHAA website at

<http://www.nhaa.net>, and everyone will be able to see it. Thank you.



Upcoming Events

NERAASA 2015 - Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, NJ, February 20-22, 2015

Northeast Regional Delegates (NERD) – Newport, RI (Area 61) Mar 6 – 8, 2015

NHSCYPAA 2015 – Marriott Courtyard Grappone Center, Concord, NH, March 6 – 8, 2015 Area 43
Pre-Conference Assembly – Hosted by TBD, March 28, 2015

Area 43 Convention – North Conway Grand Hotel, April 10-12, 2015

65th General Service Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, New York City, NY, April 18-25, 2015

Area 43 Post-Conference Assembly – Hosted by TBD, May 16, 2015

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) – Albany, NY (Area 48) May 29 – 31, 2015

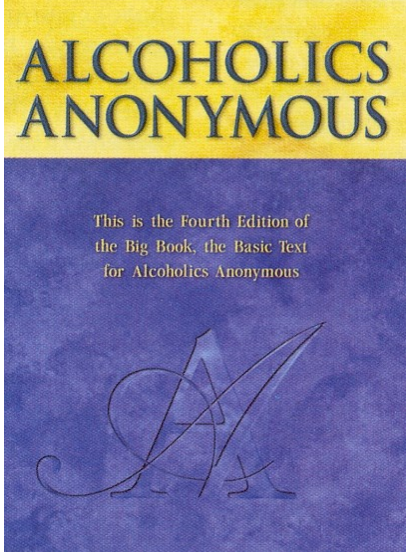
2015 International Convention, Atlanta, GA, July 2-5, 2015

“The great fact is just this, and nothing less: That we have had deep and effective spiritual experiences* which have revolutionized our whole attitude toward life, toward our fellows and toward God’s universe. The central fact of our lives today is the absolute certainty that our Creator has entered into our hearts and lives in a way which is indeed miraculous. He has commenced to accomplish those things for us which we could never do by ourselves.” – **Chapter 2: *There Is A Solution*, page 25**

NHAA Area 43 Contribution Report

We thank all the groups that have been able to contribute to the area.

ALTON	GATEWAY TO SOBRIETY	LACONIA	HAPPY HOUR
ATKINSON	SUNDAY 12 & 12	LACONIA	TRI-STEP BEGINNERS
BERLIN	DERBY DISCUSSION	LACONIA	UP CLOSE & PERSONAL
BETHLEHEM	BETHLEHEM ORIG GRP	LEBANON	SAT. NIGHT LIVE
BRENTWOOD	KINGSTON 12 & 12	LISBON	LISBON GROUP
BRENTWOOD	MENS SECRET HANDSHAKE	LISBON	LISBON MONDAY NIGHT
CHICHESTER	GOOD ORDERLY DISCUSSION	LITTLETON	12&12 STEP GROUP
CHOCURA	MOVING UP	LITTLETON	ORIGINAL SUNDAY NITE GRP
CONCORD	BYOC	LITTLETON	SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT
CONCORD	CONCORD CROSSROADS	MADISON	CANDLELIGHT GROUP
CONCORD	"EXP, STRENGTH & HOPE"	MANCHESTER	ALL TOGETHER
CONCORD	HAPPY HOUR GROUP	MANCHESTER	BEECH ST BIG BOOK
CTR CONWAY	COME AS YOU ARE	MANCHESTER	CIRCLE OF HOPE
CTR HARBOR	WOMEN WALKING THE WALK	MANCHESTER	FIRST LIGHT OF DAY
DERRY	DERRY ORIGINAL GROUP	MANCHESTER	NOONTIME GROUP
DERRY	DERRY WOMEN'S GROUP	MANCHESTER	ORIGINAL HAPPY HOUR WEST
DERRY	NEW BEGINNINGS 12&12	MANCHESTER	OVER 50 GROUP
DERRY	SPACETOWN	MANCHESTER	QUEEN CITY GROUP
DERRY	YOUNG AT HEART	MANCHESTER	SUNDAY SERENITY
DOVER	BIG BOOK STEP STUDY	MANCHESTER	WOMENS BACK TO BASICS
DOVER	DOVER BB STEP STUDY	MEREDITH	SUNDAY MORNING GROUP
DOVER	EYE OPENER GROUP	MILFORD	MILFORD NO-NAME GROUP
DOVER	HALF & HALF GROUP	MILFORD	SOUHEGAN SUNRISE
DOVER	SOBER SISTERS OF GARDEN VARIETY	MILTON	MILTON MILLS MENS MTG
DURHAM	DURHAM ORIGINAL GRP	MOULTONBOROUGH	HOLD FARM 12 STEP GROUP
EPPING	AMETHYST 12 & 12	NASHUA	A NEW DAY GROUP
EXETER	AS BILL SEES IT	NASHUA	EARLY BIRD GROUP
EXETER	BE HAPPY!	NASHUA	MID-WEEK TUNE UP
EXETER	EXETER BEGINNERS	NASHUA	NEW ALTERNATIVE
EXETER	EXETER SERENITY	NASHUA	SO NASHUA TODAY GROUP
EXETER	KEEP IT SIMPLE	NASHUA	SOBER AND FREE
EXETER	NEW HOPE	NASHUA	TSDD MEN'S PEACE OF MIND
EXETER	WOMEN'S SUNDAY SERENITY	NEW LONDON	GVD GROUP
FARMINGTON	FARMINGTON DAILY REFLECTIONS	NEWINGTON	SAT AM BB STEP STUDY
FRANKLIN	FRANKLIN 12&12	NO HAMPTON	KITCHEN TABLE GROUP
FRANKLIN	PANCAKES & PROMISES	NORTH CONWAY	NEW SUNLIGHT GROUP
FRANKLIN	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	PELHAM	12 STEP WOMEN'S GROUP
GILFORD	GILFORD SUNDAY ORIGL	PETERBOROUGH	12 STEP GROUP
GONIC	OWNER'S MANUAL BB	PETERBOROUGH	EARLY MORN. BB
GRANTHAM	GRANTHAM 12 STEP GROUP	PLYMOUTH	COVERED BRIDGE GROUP
GREENFIELD	END OF THE ROAD	PLYMOUTH	SATURDAY NIGHT ORIGINAL
HAMPSTEAD	SATURDAY MORNING AA	PORTSMOUTH	CONSCIOUS CONTACT
HAMPSTEAD	TAKE A STEP	PORTSMOUTH	FAITH GROUP
HAMPSTEAD	WOMEN'S SUNDOWNERS	PORTSMOUTH	GOOD MORN. PORTSMOUTH
HAMPTON	WOMEN'S POSITIVE STEPS	PORTSMOUTH	LADIES STEP MTG
HOPKINTON	ONE DAY AT A TIME	PORTSMOUTH	ONE STEP AT A TIME
JAFFREY	MEN'S STEP MEETING	PORTSMOUTH	SUN MORNING DAYBREAK
KEENE	FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP	PORTSMOUTH	WING DING GROUP
KEENE	KEENE YOUNG PEOPLES	ROCHE	WOMEN IN NEED OF SOBRIETY
KEENE	SISTERS IN SOBRIETY	RYE	3-7-11 STEP GROUP
KITTERY	KITTERY SEASIDE GROUP	SALEM	SALEM NOONTIME GROUP
LACONIA	BEGINNERS AWARENESS	WILMOT	WILMOT BB STEP STUDY
LACONIA	EARLY STEP GROUP	WOODSVILLE	WOODSVILLE WONDERS
LACONIA	FRIDAY NITE MEN'S		



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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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Group Changes, Updates and Disbandings

Nashua's Saturday Sisters in Sobriety Group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Church, 1 Concord Street, north side of the building in the fireside room. Knock please.

Keene's TOAD Group meets at Serenity Center at 36 Carpenter Street on Mondays-Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. and on Saturdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Bedford Sunday Beginners Group meets at the Bedford Hills Nursing Home at 30 Colby Court on Sundays from 4-5:15 p.m.

Raymond's Living By the Book Group meets at the Raymond Congregational Church at 1 Church Street on Fridays from 9-10 a.m. It no longer meets downstairs.

Nashua's Sober Grateful Group meets on Mondays from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 58 Lowell Street. The church does not have a handicapped entrance.

Littleton's Thursday Step Group from 8-9 p.m. meets at the Methodist Church on the corner of Pleasant and Main Street. It moved from the Methodist Parish House.

North Stratford's We Are Not Saints Group, which met from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the First Baptist Church at 51 Main Street, has disbanded.

Manchester's Rainbox Big Book Meeting, which was on Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Activa-Tree Preschool at 963 Valley Street, has disbanded as of December 25.

