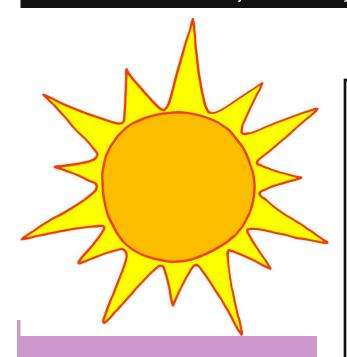
# NHAA PIPELINE

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## Upcoming Events for Area 43 in 2015 ...

- Mount Washington Valley Big Book Step Study Group Anniversary. May 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Conway Village Congregational Church, 132 E. Main St., Conway, NH.
- Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) Albany, NY, May 29-31. The great thing about these regional forums is 1) There is no registration fee; 2) You get to meet with and share experience with representatives of the General Service Board, A.A.W.S. and A.A. Grapevine, and the General Service Office.
- A.A.'s 14th International Convention and 80th birthday, July 2–5, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Go to the GSO website aa.org for all of the information.

### The Sunlight of the Spirit

Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path. It took me awhile to thoroughly follow this path. (BB pg. 58) I did half measures for many years and like it says it availed me nothing. The path I was on was self will run riot. Moments of clarity and peace of mind quickly clouded by my self-delusions. Who could I trust if I could not even trust myself? Turning it over seemed like such a hard task to accomplish and commit to. I came to the rooms of AA comparing and not identifying. My story was certainly not as bad as his or hers. I do not need anyone I can do this my way.

In coming back to the rooms of AA from West Coast to East Coast I took my seat. I was trying to do it alone like I always did, and it clearly was not working for me. Homelessness, joblessness, mental health issues, and geographical cures were all part of my story now.

I felt so alone that day in February, the pain that comes through isolation. Get a sponsor, work the steps, what a challenging suggestion. The writing on the wall echoed in my head, "You never have to be alone again", "First things first", "Live and let live", "Easy Does it, but do it". I got a sponsor and for the first time the Big Book was read to me. From the preface to Bill's story I could relate, it came to life or I should say I came to life once

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again. My terminal uniqueness gets melted away at every meeting I attend. I do my best to be one in a family, to be a friend among friends, to be a worker among workers, to be a useful member of society. (12 and 12 pg. 53)

It took me to April to get honest, and be true to myself. I hold on to that day in late April, it will be God willing the last 24 hour chip I receive. I have a sponsor and work the steps to the best of my ability. The path I walk today is one of resilience. The support system that I have built is one that keeps me grounded, and pushes me forward. I continue to be teachable and learn something new at every turn. I know now that I am not alone on this journey, I never was. God is with me at every turn. At those times I am weak I drop to my knees and ask for help and guidance. I do not claim to be a saint, but I have learned to let go, one day at a time.

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#### 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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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.



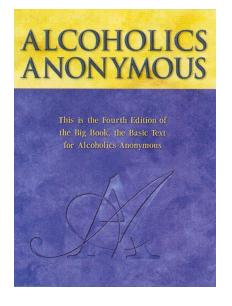
#### District 10 Presents: Rock 'n' BBQ SoberFest 2015.

Saturday, June 27th; rain date is Sunday, June 28.

Live music featuring Robbie Barton Band of nePHews; other TBA. Ends with speaker meeting. Fun and Games—volleyball and bean bag toss. Huge jungle gym playground. Grills on site and plates, napkins, cups, plasticware, water, iced tea, punch, lemonade, coffee and tea will be provided. Volunteers needed for setup, cleanup, refreshments and games. Bring your own food, coolers, blankets and chairs. Suggested donation \$10; Children under 12 free!!

Location: Field of Dreams, 48 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH—across from courthouse. For more information contact Dan R. at 603-809-5660 or Greg B. at 603-893-3091.





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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

The Milford No Name Group that meets at the Congregational Church at 10 Union Street on Thursdays at 5:30-6:30 p.m. has removed the discussion portion of its format. On Tuesdays the same group has added speaker to its format; on Mondays that group is now an open, discussion meeting.

Salem's Sunday 11th Step Meeting Group meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. David's Church, 231 Main Street, Rt. 9. Time changed from 9 p.m.

Rochester's Friday Night Original Group meets from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 34 S Main Street. The name has changed from the Rochester Friday Nite Group.

Rochester Original meets Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Congregational Church on South Main Street. The time has changed, and there is also a portion for discussion now.

Newmarket's Men's Meeting meets on Sunday from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. at the Newmarket Community Center, 1 Terrace Drive, behind the police station.

New Group! Nashua's Grateful Women Working meets Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Southern New Hampshire Medical Center West Campus, 29 NW Blvd.

Disbanded: Dover's Fellowship of the Spirit group met on Saturdays from 6 to 7 p.m. at Bonfire Recovery Services, 10 Grove Street. It has now disbanded.

