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See you there!

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY*

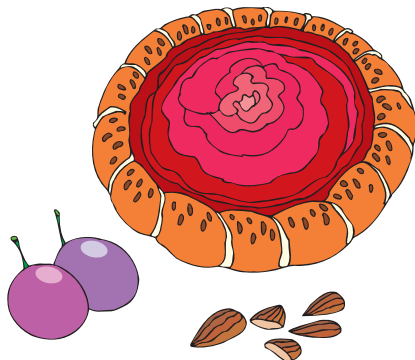
Saturday, August 26, 2017

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Hosted by District 17, Littleton, NH

Littleton Area Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane
Littleton, NH 03561

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TRADITION SEVEN
"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."



Happy



Joyous



& Free

“MY NAME IS AL . . .

and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic. I am not going to bore you with a lot of details about how I became a drunk because it is pretty simple, I drank a lot! In my early years, I drank to be with the crowd. It was very important for me, to be one of the boys. I started early, joined the Military, where it got worse. Got discharged, with no real trade as I had paid more attention to drinking than to learning. Went out into the work force and drank even more. I was hooked and on my way to a bright future as a full-blown alcoholic. I was lucky though as I always managed to work my way up the ladder in all my jobs but once there, I also enjoyed the liquid lunches that came with the titles. I forfeited many jobs because of my addiction.

The biggest toll my drinking took was on my family. I was constantly drunk at the house. Whenever we went visiting or to a party, I had to make sure I was in the mood, so I started drinking before we arrive anywhere, always thinking I was the life of the party. I was always too drunk to make it to the school to pick up my children and if I did get there on time, they knew better than to get in my car with me at the wheel. I would buy my liquor on the way home from work, making sure never to run out and if I ran out of money to buy it, I would steal from my wife and my children's banks. If I needed alcohol, I would drive to the liquor store, no matter how far, always making sure that I had a bottle to take with me for the trip and drink on the way, once I had bought it I would then return home, drinking as I drove. I was a danger to every driver on the road but thank God, I never killed anyone.

In 1980, my wife came home and found me drinking on the couch and decided it was time to cut the cord; she packed the car, took the kids and left. Did I care? I watched her go up the street and when she was out of sight, left with my car to get more booze. A few days later, I left to get my own place. The next few years were hell, as I lost job after job. I started to feel sorry for myself and did manage to go to a detox and committed myself to rehab. Actually, I did this 3 times, always convincing myself that I could do it, but not really wanting it bad enough. On July 9, 1998, while sitting on my couch, with a half-gallon of gin, I contemplated suicide. I'd had it!! I lost everything, my jobs, friends and most of all, my family. I bounced off the walls going to my bed and begged God to take me during the night, I even called his bluff and dared Him to do it. I hit the pillow at 9:15pm. Something strange happened, that night; I remember looking at the clock when I went to bed and again when I woke up; it had not been an hour since I had gone to bed and was I angry that I was still alive, but then I realized something very unusual. I sat up on my bed and as I proceeded to stand, I

realized that I was sober, that's right, cold sober. I was scared to death, not understanding what had happened. I went to the kitchen, made a 12-cup pot of coffee, stayed up the rest of the evening and drank it all and then dressed and went to work. This was on a Monday. I can remember talking myself into going to a meeting that night and wound up at Joy of Living on Webster St. I was greeted at the door by a young lady who introduced herself and pointed me to a table as this was a step group. I listened but never spoke and at the end was given a meeting list which I read when I arrived home and found that there were meetings everywhere in Manchester. I decided that I wanted this freedom that I observed at the meeting but more than that, I didn't want to drink and was scared. Little did I know that the meeting on Monday night would be the beginning of a new life for me. I started by going to meetings every evening, making sure never to forget Joy of Living which eventually became my home group. I even attended a business meeting and volunteered for coffee maker. I followed the suggestions given to me by all of you and found that it was working. I stayed with the program of AA and did my 90 and 90, the steps and many, many meetings. I made friends, real friends and even went out on commitments. I was home, in the program, and sober. I got a job and actually held onto it and after a few years, my family actually came back to me. Do I know what happened on July 9, 1998? All I can tell you is that after begging Him to take my life, I was given a second chance on condition that I join the program. I totally believe this! AA has been my saving power. Was it easy? Absolutely not but was it worth it; you're darn right it was. I have applied every saying and just about everything in the Big Book to my life today and because of that, I have my life today. Is it what I wanted it to be? Not necessarily but it is what I need and it works, if I work it. Today my wife knows that she can trust me and I am there for her whenever needed; my youngest daughter knows that I will be at the school, daily to pick up my grandchild and take him home; my other children can ask me for advice and know that I am there for them whenever needed. Yes, I have been sober many years but I live my life One Day At A Time. Without this it will not work for me, so for all practical purposes, I have been sober 24 hours.

My beautiful wife once asked me this question after a few years of sobriety, she said "Albert, do you think you will ever drink again?"

My answer kind of shocked her but she said that she understood what I meant. I told her, "I don't know but one thing I do know is that I will not drink, today." "Life for me, with AA in it, is like no other life." —Al A.

DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

**“Our primary purpose is to stay sober, and help
other alcoholics achieve sobriety.” – *from AA
preamble***

The NH Area Assembly Service Office maintains a **foreign language databank**, listing New Hampshire AA members who would be interested in helping alcoholics who do not speak English. **Assisting a non-English-speaking alcoholic** may involve returning a phone call, interpreting a meeting, going on a 12th Step call – really, it’s up to you to decide how you can help. **You need not be perfectly fluent to serve as a contact**; sometimes just a little help in his/her native language is enough to let the suffering alcoholic know that we care about him or her. We never give your contact information; if your help is needed the Service Office will contact you directly.

There is a special need for AA members who know **Spanish**, but any language is helpful!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Town: _____

Phone number: _____ e-mail: _____

What language(s) do you know: _____

Are you willing to accompany an alcoholic to a meeting? _____

Are you willing to help alcoholics outside your district? _____

If there are any restrictions or requests you have, please list below.

**34th NH Al-Anon /
Alateen Convention
with A.A. participation**

Sept. 15–17, 2017

Attitash Grand Summit Hotel
104 Grand Summit Drive
Bartlett, NH 03812

Registration and information:
www.nhal-anon.org

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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**PLEASE SEE THE FLYERS AT THE END
OF THIS NEWSLETTER
FOR MORE EVENTS HAPPENING
ACROSS THE STATE.**



NH Area Hotline
1-800-593-3300

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email: hotline@nhaa.net
to volunteer to take calls
in your area!

See the monthly
calendars for
July, 2017
& August, 2017
at nhaa.net

**THE SERVICE
OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON
SATURDAYS
FOR THE MONTHS
OF JULY &
AUGUST.**

■ Estimates of Groups and Members as of January 1, 2017¹

	Groups	Members
United States	61,258	1,276,165
Canada	5,078	86,237
Sub-Total	66,336	1,362,402
Correctional facilities ²	1,413	34,903
Loners, Internationalist, Homers	1	29
Total	67,750	1,397,334
Outside U.S. & Canada ³	50,555	705,850
Grand Total	118,305	2,103,184

1. The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with G.S.O., and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members.

2. U.S. and Canada only.

3. We are aware of A.A. activity in approximately 180 countries, including 62 autonomous general service offices in other lands. Annually we attempt to contact those G.S.O.s and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking we use the previous year's figures.

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**These chairs are here to help the individual district chairs and all AAs.
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 NHAA service office email
addresses which are posted on the website.**

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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:
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Sat: 10am—2pm

Exception:
Office is closed on Saturdays
during July and August.

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

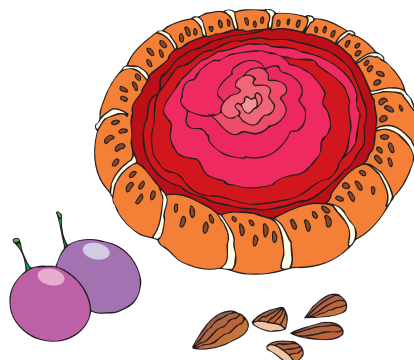
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NH AREA 43 CHALLENGE



2016

Number of Members	1,362,402
GSO Services Cost	\$9,906,588

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Per member
per year

**The cost for GSO is \$7.27 per member per year.
Please bring this message back to your group.
Perhaps organize a special group contribution on 7/27!**

Groups and individuals can send contributions to GSO online at aa.org; or mail to GSO, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

**\$7.27 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.**

***Annual District 7
Labor Day Meeting
Sept. 4, 2017***



Cathedral of the Pines

10 Hale Hill Rd, Rindge, NH 03461

Coffee 9 a.m. to 10 am. Meeting 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Rain or shine

Questions? Call 603.562.0986

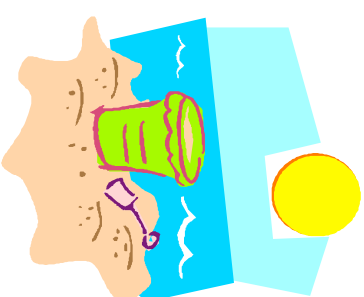


Join us for our 27th year!

Circle of Friends

Presented by Area 43, District 10

*A sober day of fun for persons in recovery
and their families.*



Hampton Beach State Park(South Beach) Saturday, August 12th

Admission: \$10 per carload. Gates open at 8:00 AM, close at dusk.
Gratitude Meeting on the beach at 5:00 PM.

Classic Rock & Blues by **“David Bazin & Blues Junction”**

*Grills, Condiments, Soda, Coffee, Paper Goods
provided by D10.*

*You bring: Smile, Good Attitude, Beach
Toys, Sunscreen, Friends, Food.
Unfortunately No Pets Allowed*

Want to help? Need more info?
Lance S (603)793-1915

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 SERVICE OFFICE CLOSED
2	District 9 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Marlon Gerrish Community Center, West Broadway, Derry District 21 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Alice Peck Day Hospital, 125 Mascoma St., Lebanon	4 FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY SERVICE OFFICE CLOSED	5 District 19 Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Keene Serenity Center, 36 Carpenter St., Keene Area 43 Function Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hooksett Office	6 District 7 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Monadnock Community Hospital, Room 5, Peterborough District 15 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Cong. Church, Rte. 9, Barrington	7	8 SERVICE OFFICE CLOSED
9	District 14 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., St. Raphael's Church, 6 Whipple Rd, Kittery, ME	11 DISTRICT 20 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Lutheran Church Annex, 17 Grove Street, North Conway	12 District 8 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Wesley Methodist Church, 79 Clinton St., Concord District 17 Committee Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., Baptist Church, White-field (26 Jefferson St) AREA 43 PICPC monthly mtg., Area Office, 6-7pm	13 District 16 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, 258 S Main St, Wolfeboro	14	15 SERVICE OFFICE CLOSED
16	District 18 Committee Meeting, 6:15 p.m., Assumption Hall, Newport	18 Area SOC & Finance Committee, 6:30pm, Area Office	19 District 13 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Merrimack YMCA, 6 Henry Clay Road, Merrimack	20 District 10 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., St David's Episcopal Church, Main Street, Salem	21	22 SERVICE OFFICE CLOSED
23 Area Committee Mtg. 1pm-4pm, Hooksett Area Office	24	25 DISTRICT 11 Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., New Hampton Community Church, Main Street, Rte. 132, New Hampton	26	27	28	29 SERVICE OFFICE CLOSED

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