

District 13 Newsletter

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Statement of Purpose

The primary purpose of this newsletter will be to carry the message to alcoholics and practice the AA principles in all it's affairs. This newsletter's goal is to create a more informed community within AA as it serves District 13. The opinions expressed are those of the contributor, not necessarily that of District 13 or AA as a whole.

Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

Concept Ten

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

NH Area 43 UNITY WEEKEND Recovery Binds Us Together Through Traditions and Concepts

Hi everyone:

At your request, Area 43, New Hampshire is happy to announce a Unity Weekend, October 17th and 18th, 2008. The Theme of weekend is "Recovery binds us together through the Traditions and Concepts". As a lot have you know, there has been a lot of controversy and acrimony in our Area lately.

Among the questions are troubling our members:

Can individuals and districts remove groups from meeting lists? How? Is this punishment?

Do we as an Area and district have the right to police groups?

What is difference between group conscience and group opinion?

Tradition 6: what is the difference between cooperation and affiliation?

Can one group tell another group how to run their meeting?
WHO DECIDES ALL THIS AND HOW?

Area 43, New Hampshire has tried to address all this, but many are not satisfied. It has become quite apparent that we need some Unity and Education so that we all may do what is best for AA as a whole. We hope to provide you with the materials and experience to address these questions through the "Unity Weekend".

For the "Unity Weekend Panel", we have asked a select group of experienced trusted servants to come to New Hampshire and share with us. These long recovering members are serving, and have served AA on the highest level for countless thankless hours and traveled great distances strictly for the benefit of AA as a whole. They do it without self promotion, financial reward, or public recognition. They serve honestly without any exaggeration or sensationalism, adhering strictly to AA's Traditions and Concepts. They don't manufacture or interpret history to benefit a point of view. They are all honest open minded, and willing, have long

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sobriety, and are well schooled in our Traditions and Concepts. This panel will conduct all workshops and answer all questions during the day on Saturday, followed by a Unity Dinner in the evening with an AA speaker.

The Weekend will actually start Friday evening October 17th. This is a “meet and greet” pizza social that will give you a chance to meet the panelists and learn a little about them. This will be held Friday October 17th at 7:00 pm with speaker to follow. Hal G, from the panel will share about AA facts and history. The Friday night event will take place at Harbor Homes 45 High Street Nashua N.H. there will be no charge for this. The Saturday event will take place at Bow Community Center it is very conveniently located off exit 1 off route 89 Bow New Hampshire. The directions are simple from Concord south on 93 to 89 exit 1 head toward Bow mile down on left hand side next to fire station, from Salem take 93 north to route 89 exit 1 toward Bow 1 mile down on left hand side next to fire station. The workshops will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday October 18th. Workshops will end at 3:30 p.m. There will be a registration fee of \$5.00 to cover lunch. The Unity dinner on Saturday will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the same location. Arnold R will be the evening speaker at the 8:00p.m. Meeting. The dinner will be catered. It will be Italian Dinner of lasagna; meatballs, chicken and salad follow by dessert. The price of dinner will be only \$10 dollars. We have to limit tickets to 200 due to capacity of hall so please buy early.

THE PANEL participants are:

John K is a past Delegate from Northern NJ and is our current Regional Delegate. As such, he is
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WHAT IS BEST FOR AA AS A WHOLE?

“There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance----- **that principle is contempt prior to investigation.**” - Big Book 4th edition, page 568

Come investigate and question -----
Area 43 NH Unity Weekend
Recovery binds us together thru the Traditions & Concepts
October 17 & 18, 2008

Friday, Oct. 17 @ 7:00pm

Harbor Homes, 45 High Street Nashua, NH

Meet & Greet our trusted servants Unity Weekend Panel over a slice of pizza or two....then Hal G. will share some historical AA facts pertaining to the importance of AA Unity

Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8:30am to 3:30pm

Bow Community Center, 2 Knox Road Bow, NH

Workshops with Unity Weekend Panel (\$5 charge includes lunch) “Ask It Basket” questions & answers Unity dinner @ 6:30pm, Italian dinner (\$10.00 charge, limited to 200 tickets due to capacity of hall, so please buy early!) Evening speaker, Arnold R., @8pm

Unity Weekend Panel : Hal G. – MD, Valerie O’N – NY, Arnold R. –MD, John K. - NJ

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possible for the Northeast Region (as represented at NERAASA). You would have met him at the last NERAASA. John lives in Collingswood, NJ.

Arnold R is a familiar figure at NERAASA also. Arnold is a past Delegate from Washington DC area. Arnold has served GSO as a Grapevine Director, and has recently completed a term as a General Trustee. Arnold is currently being interviewed for the position of GSO General Manager which will be open January 1, 2009.

Hal G is a past Trustee and has served in other positions assisting GSO. He is a noted historian and educator of the Traditions and Concepts. He is a frequent participant at NERAASA and is often asked to speak of AA's history of the Traditions and Concepts at various AA conferences and conventions. Hal is from Annapolis, MD.

Valerie O'N is a knowledgeable and respected long time member of our GSO staff. The other panelists have all worked with her, and feel that she is one of our best staffers at GSO. Since Valerie has worked there for some time, she has gained valuable experience through the staff rotation that occurs every two years, as well as the national traveling required by her position.

The workshops will have an open mike after every workshop for any and all questions by attendees. The last workshop will be an "Ask It Basket" workshop answering questions that you have put in the "ask it basket" during the day. This session will also have an open mike. The panelists have been assembled at our request, by Tom K, a past delegate Area of 43, New Hampshire.

Area 43, New Hampshire hopes to promote Unity and Fellowship with this weekend. Thank you.

Yours in service,

Richard P , Function Chair Area 43

District 13 Hotline Needs Your Help!

Is answering a call from a stranger in need 12th Step Work? You bet it is!

If you're interested in adding your contact information to the District 13 Phone List please give your information to your GSR.

1-2 years of sobriety is suggested

Newsletter Deadline

This is YOUR Newsletter. If you would like to contribute an article or personal experience for publication or advertise an upcoming event for your group, **please** send the information to: District 13 News

P.O. Box 3513

Nashua, NH 03061

Email: newsletter@nhaa13.org

**Deadline For Next Issue —
October 10th 2008**

Dates To Remember

District 13 Function Committee

Thursday Nights @
Good Shepherd Church
Nashua 6-7pm

Area Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 28th
1 - 4pm Hooksett

District 13 GSR Meeting

Wednesday, October 15th
7pm Merrimack, YMCA

Area 43 Unity Weekend

October 17th & 18th

District 13 Fall Party

Saturday October 18th
6pm - 10pm Nashua

Area Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 26th
8am - 4pm

Area Assembly -

AREA INVENTORY

Hosted by District 13
Saturday, November 22nd

Area Committee Meeting

Sunday, December 28th
1 - 4pm Hooksett

**ALKATHON
UPDATES**

GET ACTIVE

IT'S NEVER TO LATE

TO JOIN THE ALKATHON COMMITTEE

Volunteers Always Needed & Appreciated

The Alkathon Committee Will Meet

Thursday Nights at

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MAIN ST

NASHUA FROM 6:00 TO 7:00

Meetings will be held on:

Sept 18th, Oct 2nd, Oct 16th,
& Oct 30th

**Any questions contact Steve C. at 204-7907 or Michelle H.
at 566-2731**

“Give back what has freely been given to you”

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