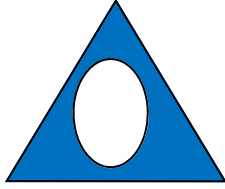


Area 35 World Service Committee



Alanews

Connecting New Hampshire's Al-Anon and Alateen Members

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NH Al-Anon Alateen Conference

See page 2 for registration and dates. Come for a day or a weekend at Attitash Grand Summit.

Extend a Hand

Recently, New Hampshire news outlets have reported the spontaneous formation of support groups for parents and friends of the addicted. Certainly, given the heartache and frustration we know too well, any kind of help is valuable. Some of these groups will succeed, others may not.

We have a tested and proven tool for assisting those affected by someone else's addiction, be it to alcohol or a cross-addiction. Our Public Outreach Coordinator, Vince, has been diligently working to provide posters and *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism* booklets to be distributed in public places and doctors' offices. Please support this effort, and invite someone you know who is affected to an Al-Anon meeting. "Let the hand of Al-Anon and Alateen always be there, and let it begin with me."

It's Your News

Submissions to Alanews

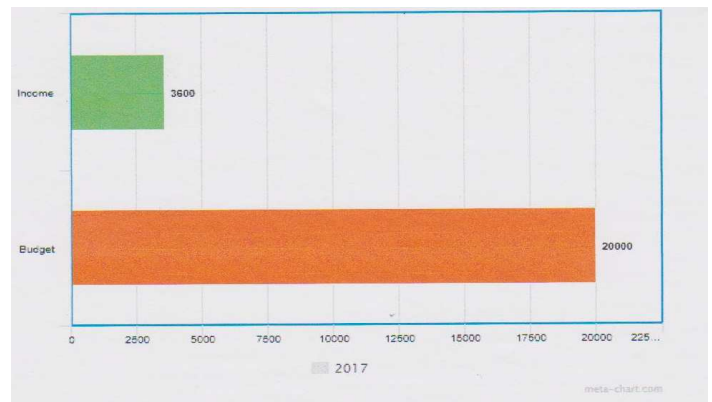
may be sent to alanews@nhal-anon.org at any time, but to assure publication, aim for the 15th of the month. If you can share ways your group welcomes visitors from other Al-Anon groups during the tourist season, your submission will become part of an August compilation.

Want the Podcast?

You'll see this button if you go to al-anon.org. It's one of the features your 7th Tradition helps support. There's more than one podcast. For the home-bound, or those who haven't quite admitted they need an actual meeting, the topics here are rich in content and appropriate for all ages.



See for yourself...



Our treasurer, Garry, has alerted us to the deficit in contributions to the Al-Anon Area. Green represents income, and orange the budget. If your group hasn't sent in a contribution, please make this a topic for discussion at the next meeting. The Area runs on the 7th Tradition!

The 34th Al-Anon/Alateen Convention with AA Participation “Wisdom in the Mountains”

Attitash Grand Summit Hotel
104 Grand Summit Drive
Bartlett, NH 03812
September 15, 16, 17, 2017

Please download the registration form for the Convention at the NH Al-Anon Website www.nhal-anon.org and click on Events ; Convention ; Convention Registration. Early registration is \$25 and \$30 at the door. On this registration form you will find meal choices and prices for Saturday's three meals and Sunday's breakfast.

If you decide to purchase meals please send that money along with your early registration of \$25 by August 16, 2017 to provide meal counts for the conference facility. If you are just pre-registering for the Convention, \$25 needs to also be sent by August 16, 2017. After that time, please add \$5 and postmark before September 2, 2017.

Make checks payable to:

NH 2017 Convention
P.O. Box 596
North Berwick, ME 03906

Hotel reservations must be made by calling 1-888-554-1900 directly using the Registration Code: AFG.

For any questions and concerns about the upcoming Convention please feel free to contact Trish at

convention@nhal-anon.org

Please start collecting items for this year's Convention baskets; last year's baskets were very successful.

**Please come and join us at the Wednesday
Night Rochester Al-Anon Group for our 31
Anniversary Meeting on Aug 2, 2017**

at the Trinity Anglican Church, 180 Rochester Hill Road
Rochester, NH 03867
Pot luck at 6:30 PM with speakers starting at 7:15 PM
50/50 Raffle



Best of The Forum

Al-Anon's monthly magazine is available by subscription ...now you can help create a book of Forum favorites. Here's how.

The June edition of *The Forum* magazine contains a brief article asking members to submit the title, month and year of their favorite Forum articles (2005-to present). The World Service Organization (WSO) is writing a Forum book. I'm sure you've read some great article in the Forum that particularly touched you. That same article would probably touch others. If you have some suggestions for *The Forum Book* please pass them on to WSO via an email to wso@al-anon.org. Make *The Forum* one of your summer "beach reads" and then pass it on--perhaps you might make it a practice as a form of Al-anon service! Or better still get your friend a subscription as a present.

Cindi B, Forum Coordinator

38 Years in Peterborough

On Monday, July 24 from 6:45 to 8:15 PM the Peterborough Al-Anon group will celebrate its anniversary with a pot luck and speakers. The meeting is at the United Methodist Church on Concord Street in Peterborough. Everyone's invited to hear Al-Anon and AA speakers. Sneak preview-- they're guests from Vermont who come with a strong message.

More from the May Area 35 Assembly

Delegate Nancy D. shared feedback on Chosen Agenda Item 16 from the World Service Conference: regarding support of newcomers affected by someone's drug addiction, who may or may not have been affected by alcoholism.

Al-Anon welcomes newcomers – helping them know this is *their* recovery. Alcoholism is a disease of addiction. We can get better together by redirecting *our* addiction to the addict or alcoholic; helping each other stay focused on the Al-Anon message. While we are inclusive, it's important to stay true to the Steps, Traditions and Concepts. Newcomers whose loved ones have other addictions are encouraged to attend. Looking back in our family history, many of us find that alcoholism was there, and the ISMs bleed through the generations. We can also direct newcomers to other resources that may assist them. What they use is up to them.