

N.H. Area 35 World Service Committee



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Thank you, New Hampshire

Our Delegate, Nancy D., contacted the Puerto Rico Service Area and learned that there was a need for Al-Anon literature after the hurricane. Our New Hampshire Area contributed **\$550** to be sent to the World Service Office for literature for the Puerto Rico Service Area. Thanks to all for their contributions.



Around the Area

Group and district treasurers are asked to make all donations to Area 35 payable to NHAFG Area 35. The mailing address is NHAFG Area 35, P.O. Box 220, Concord, NH 03302.

District 2 offers public outreach at the Brentwood jail once a month to describe Al-Anon and share with families.

District 6 holds electronic meetings bi-weekly Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30. Two districts are involved as this meeting shares with Laconia. There is an opening for Group Representative in Berlin.

District 8 distributed new Al-Anon service manuals to its groups. The District produced bookmarks showing the Al-Anon groups in its area and distributed them inside copies of *Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism*.

District 10 purchased 100 abridged service manuals for distribution. Members visit The Farnum Center in Manchester monthly for two morning sessions and two evening sessions with families of those in treatment.

On the Area level, those at the AWSC meeting learned another language distinction. Much literature, as well as Area by-laws, uses "Area 35" in descriptions. Language is dynamic, reflecting the times. Today, calling ourselves "New Hampshire Area 35" or "New Hampshire Area" is preferred, mainly because it tells anyone from other Al-Anon areas just where we're located. You're encouraged to use the newer reference.

Area Assembly on May 19 *A vital Link of Service*

The New Hampshire Area Assembly will be held on May 19 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Concord Hospital, 250 Pleasant Street, Concord. Registration begins at 9:45 in the conference room. All Al-Anons are encouraged to attend, but to vote, one must be an elected group representative.

Our New Hampshire Delegate, Nancy D., attended the World Service Office Conference last month. That conference brought together delegates representing Al-Anon areas nationwide to discuss issues that affect us and strengthen our groups. Just as our thoughts and ideas are represented at the district and area levels, thoughts and decisions from the World Service Conference are brought back to the group level via our Area Assemblies. Much of the May 19 agenda will be devoted to communication from our Delegate. There will also be participatory breakout sessions.

Concord Hospital is accessible from I-89 to Clinton Street, turning right onto Langley Parkway. Approaching from I-393 turn left onto Main Street and follow it to the intersection of Pleasant Street in the downtown section.

Lunch is on your own. You may bring lunch, and there are outdoor tables where you may sit, weather permitting. There is a hospital cafeteria with healthy food choices. Takeouts may be purchased at The Works, 42 N. Main Street or Subway, opposite The Works or at other eateries in the downtown area.

Keene "Keep It Simple" **Anniversary**

Monday June 4, Noon to 1:30
United Church of Christ
23 Central Square, Keene



Mark your calendar **Joy in the Journey 39th year** **Anniversary meeting**

May 30 6- 7:30 PM
St. James Church, 44 West St.
Keene

Pot luck, AA and Al-Anon speakers
Raffle. Info- Jeannine 603 352 1705

With Regrets: In District 7 the Monday Winchester meeting 7-8 PM is closing as of May 7, 2018. Location: United Church of Winchester 97 Main Street Winchester, NH 03470



Transformation Through the 12 Steps

October 26-28, 2018

**The Margate Resort on Lake Winnepesaukee
26 Lake Street
Laconia NH**

Come and join us for some fun, fellowship and sharing at our NH Al-Anon and Alateen Convention "Transformation Through the 12 Steps" at The Margate Resort on Lake Winnepesaukee, 26 Lake Street, Laconia, NH. We are planning a full weekend of recovery that includes dynamic speakers, great workshops, and Saturday night dancing. For those of you staying at the hotel, The Margate has a heated swimming pool.

If you register by October 12, 2018, the pre-registration rate is \$25.00. Walk-in registrations are welcome. The cost is \$30.00 at the door. Please bring a friend and share another great segue into recovery. Be sure to call the hotel at 603-524-5210 and use Code *NH Al-Anon* to reserve your room early for our special Al-Anon rates.

An online convention registration form will also be available in May on the NH Al-Anon/Alateen website (<http://nhal-anon.org/convention>). The online form includes a 2.2% PayPal transaction fee.



Be sure to order meals early. We are pleased to offer a diverse selection this year—sure to satisfy all tastes. A limited number of meals will be available for purchase if you miss the deadline. The Hospitality Room will have snack food but not full meals. Non-perishable food for sharing will be gladly accepted in the Hospitality Room. It takes a group effort to put on such a grand event as Convention. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please be sure to complete the Service Sign-Up section on the registration form or contact the Convention Chair.

If you have any questions, please contact us by e-mail at: conventionregistration@nhal-anon.org

Yours in Service,
Vince, AnnMarie & Mary Lou
2018 Convention Registration Group

Al-Anon's Beginnings

In May of 1951, the first letter to the Al-Anon Family Groups was written by Lois W. and Anne B. Below is a copy of the original correspondence. More information and interesting discussion questions specific to this documentation are found on pages 37-39 of *Many Voices, One Journey* (B-31).

Dear Friends,

Since experience has proved that the A.A. Program is a way of life which can be helpful to the non-alcoholic, there are now 87 A.A. family groups (including some Loners) known to the [Alcoholic] Foundation, and perhaps as many more unregistered. The purpose of these groups is threefold:

- 1. To give cooperation and understanding to the A.A. at home.*
- 2. To live by the Twelve Steps ourselves in order to grow spiritually along with our A.A.*
- 3. To welcome and give comfort to the families of new A.A.s.*

The time has come when it seems wise to unify these groups. A post office box in New York City, to be used as a clearing house, has been secured, and Lois W. has volunteered to act as temporary Chairman.

The following questions present themselves:

- 1. Do you approve of the name A.A. Family Group? If not, what do you suggest?*
- 2. Should we not adopt the Twelve Steps as written for A.A., without change or embellishment?*

As this is a clearing house, let's have your ideas and suggestions. Please send them to Post Office Box 1475, Grand Central Annex, New York 17, N.Y.

Very Sincerely,

Lois W., Chairman

Anne B., Secretary

37th Anniversary ~ Bedford Sunday Morning Gratitude Group
Bedford Town Hall ~ 10 Meetinghouse Road
May 6 9:30- 11 A.M. A.A. and Al-Anon Speakers
Refreshments and Prizes

Celebrating One Day at a Time

Al-Anon's International Convention 2018

Friday, July 6 - Sunday July 8

Baltimore Convention Center

1 W. Pratt Street

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

With AA and Alateen participation

See www.al-anon.org for details