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*Change and
Opportunity*



Three-year service positions in the New Hampshire Area will wrap up at the end of 2019. Before then, Al-Anon members will be stepping up to serve at the group and area level.

September is the month for all groups to elect a Group Representative. While service won't begin immediately, orientation will. Newly elected reps will participate in the October Area Assembly alongside outgoing reps. New District Reps will be elected at that meeting.

Al-Anon is run by its members. The only way for a group to have a voice in what goes on statewide is to send a Group Representative or an elected alternate to district and Area meetings. Voting members participate in many decisions on topics such as outreach, convention startup funding and other budget items, and the spiritual principles that keep Al-Anon alive and well. Group reps carry their message to Area Assemblies and report back on outcomes. It's as important to avoid isolation in groups as it is in our own lives. Together we can make it.

Service at the area level is described in *Al-Anon / Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021*, pages 67 and 68. Anyone interested in a coordinator position may inquire of our Area Delegate by emailing delegate@nhal-anon.org. (While this coordinator thought it was a big step up to volunteer at the area level, it soon became evident that help and support were everywhere, and the fellowship that has come with service is priceless. We learn by doing.)

Dover 9 AM meeting 1 year anniversary

Thursday, September 19th 9:00 A.M. - 10:15.

Triangle Club
120 Broadway Ave.
Dover, NH, 03820



The meeting room is downstairs and there is parking in the back or on the street.

*Information from our Area
Chairperson*

New Hampshire Area Assembly October 19

Boucher Family Conference Room
Concord Hospital

250 Pleasant St, Concord

Please be there by 9:45AM to get settled and registered. Meeting starts at 10am.

Only the officers are elected at the Assembly. New/Incoming GR's and DR's should be elected BEFORE the Assembly.

Districts will be asked to elect a DR at the Assembly if they have not done so before.

If members are interested in a coordinator position, they should contact the Delegate and fill out a form. Those folks are confirmed at the November AWSC meeting by AWSC members. If they want more info on a position, they can email the current coordinator and ask questions. (Contacts are at nhal-anon.org)

Manchester Thursday Night Meeting Change

Thursday Manchester Hope meeting is moving to UNH Manchester, 88 Commercial St in Manchester .

First meeting at this address is scheduled for Thursday, September 5th .

Are you in the loop?

Get updates on Al-Anon topics by subscribing to In the Loop. Sign up online at www.al-anon.org/emailme.

Acronym Time

FEAR

Face Everything And Recover





New Hampshire Area News

District 1 is discussing a merge with another district. Members and groups continue handing out Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2019.

District 2 is in the process of finding a speaker for the Dover Triangle Club meeting anniversary. They discussed safety in meetings, using the Al-Anon flier on the topic. They sent some 7th Tradition money to Wentworth Douglas Hospital . The next District meeting will be September 13 at Wentworth-Douglas Hospital.

District 5 reps met August 10 at St. Andrew’s, Tamworth. Groups continue to distribute Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism, and there is an advertisement for Al-Anon in the Conway Daily Sun. Reps discussed a merge with another district. The next district meeting will be September 28 from 3:30 to 5:30.

District 8 last met August 28 at St. Joseph’s Hospital. The reps discussed greeting and welcoming newcomers, and handouts for newcomers.

District 9 meets September 9 at Dunkin Donuts in Hampstead. Plaistow Thursday Night Al-Anon will celebrate a 50th anniversary October 10 from 6:30 to 8:30. The meeting is at the First Baptist Church, 122 Main Street in Plaistow.

District 10 reports a successful workshop, “Spring into Summer.” An Al-Anon table was part of the Rally for Recovery. The district hosted AMIAS training (Al-Anon Members In Alateen Service) and hopes to announce an Alateen meeting shortly. Volunteers to participate in meetings at The Farnum Center are always welcome. The district sends members to six meetings a month.

Immediate coordinator positions

No more “open” and “closed”...

The World Service Office announced new designations for Al-Anon/Alateen meetings.

The Al-Anon Meeting Type designation, which previously referred to whether the meeting was open to visitors or closed to attendance by members only, often confused members and newcomers. It has been replaced by the term Meeting Attendees, and the options have been changed to “Families and Friends Only” and “Families, Friends, and Observers Welcome” on the WSO [Group Records Forms](#).

These new descriptions match the wording approved by the Board of Trustees at their April 2019 meeting. The language is consistent with the Al-Anon spiritual principles of confidentiality and anonymity. The new terms were designed to be clearer to new members and more welcoming to both new and potential new members and professionals seeking to understand our program.

Our Area has two remaining coordinator positions—we need an **Alateen Coordinator**. Our Alternate Delegate, Noah P has been standing in as the Interim Alateen Coordinator and is available to answer questions or help guide someone in this position. We are also in need of a **Public Outreach Coordinator**. This is an opportunity to try out the position for the rest of this panel, which ends in December.

The Area is also looking for an AA Liaison to meet with AA Area coordinators.

Baskets for the Convention

The New Hampshire Al-Anon 2019 Convention is November 1 to 3 at the Margate Hotel in Laconia. Is your group putting together a basket for the annual drawing? The theme is “Shore Up Your Program.” Be creative!