

# New Hampshire Area World Service Committee



# Alanews

## Connecting New Hampshire's Al-Anon and Alateen Members

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### NH AREA Panel 60 Open Coordinators Positions

Anyone looking to step up to service please email me at [delegate@nhal-anon.org](mailto:delegate@nhal-anon.org).

Open Coordinator positions

Forum	Alanews
Group Records	Alateen Coordinator
Literature	Answering Service
Public Outreach	Archives
	Website

Hugs In Service

Noah P.



### 2020 NH Area Schedule

If your group hasn't elected a representative and alternate group representative, please do so. Participation is the key to harmony, and to sound decisions for our Area.

Saturday Assemblies – 10am – 4pm

March 28, May 16, October 17

Who goes: GRs-Group Representatives, All Al-Anon/Alateen membership welcome, (Coordinators, Officers, DRs-District Representatives go to give reports)

Who votes: GRs

Sunday AWSC – noon – 3pm

Jan 12, Feb 9, April 19, Aug 16, Sept 20, Nov 15

Who goes: Coordinators, Officers, DRs, All Al-Anon/Alateen membership welcome

Who votes: Coordinators, Officers, DRs

Board Meetings happen directly after the Area meeting

March 28, May 16, September 20, October 17

Who goes: All Al-Anon/Alateen membership welcome

Who votes: The AFG NH Board (5 Area officers)

### Meetings

Starting January 6th 2020 the Keene Keep it Simple Group with begin a 12 week step study using the *Reaching for Personal Freedom* workbook. The group meets on Mondays from 12:00 to 1:00pm in the Parlor at the United Church of Christ on 23 Central Square (Main St.), Keene. (entrance in back) Come join us!

Manchester's Thursday evening Hope Meeting at UNH, 88 Commercial Street, has suspended meetings while the college is closed. Meetings resume January 16 from 7-8:30 PM in Room 305.

Milford Triangle Meeting will be at St. Joseph Urgent Care, 442 Nashua Street from 6 to 7:30 beginning Monday, January 6.

### 2020 WORLD SERVICE CONFERENCE:

Monday, April 20 - Friday, April 24, 2020.

Start your group's Love Gifts to send to other Area delegates.



### Are you in the loop?

Would you like to read brief articles by other Al-Anon

members and get other current Al-Anon updates? Go to [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) and "members" for a link to start an email subscription.



### SANER SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

February 8, 2020

9:30 to 11 AM

St. Mark's Church

1 South Road

Londonderry, NH

Corner of South and Mammoth Roads  
Speakers, raffles, food, and fellowship

## *From our outgoing Delegate*

*Our gratitude to Nancy D. for her service and for reminding us that Al-Anon works when we help it to work. Educating those in our groups is important service, so please share her message from the October Area Assembly.*

As I complete my term as delegate one Area that I touched on lightly and I want to spend time on with you today is "How do we support our Al-Anon groups, districts, Area and World Service financially." How do we share our Spiritual Principles as they relate to financial challenges in our New Hampshire groups, districts and Area? I have a handout that I will provide to you to take back to your groups. If we have time today we will have further discussions in breakout groups or as a group together. But it is really a great discussion piece to help your groups when there are questions or concerns on finances.

One section I want to read to you ( Fear of Financial Insecurity) helps me remember where I came from and how Al-Anon taught me to get better. I did not like to talk about money! So how do we start .... At the group level we need to know and communicate our costs such as rent, literature, GR expenses, contributions to the District, the Area and WSO and then talk it up in our groups to decide how much we can contribute based on our expenses.

The Area budget is provided to the DR at the AWSC meetings and then provided to the GRs to share with their group. The WSO budget is brought back to GRs and DRs at the May Assembly and discussion and handouts are provided by the Delegate. The budget is also available online to all Al-Anon members at Al-Anon.org.

As I was taught in Al-Anon, knowledge is power, so what are the costs? 2019 NH Area Budget Expenses Average per group cost based on budget \$215 per group; WSO expenses per group per year for 2018 estimated cost of services provided \$4,254,541, average cost of services per group \$292.39

Group Costs are reported by the Group Treasurer. Does your group discuss budgeting to support the Area and WSO? Many groups are very small so these amounts are not reasonable given expenses, but we can certainly strive to get there and rest assured those bigger groups do provide the extra funding, understanding that we are all in this together.

While discussions in groups I attend have different ideas about how money is spent and how much should be held in the prudent reserve , we can agree to disagree but the key is we talk about it. So let's talk about how NH Groups have contributed to the Area and WSO ... We successfully continue to budget as an Area and meet our expenses. We have had successful Conventions that continue to support our budget and expenses.

As an Area a call went out to NH groups to see if they would like to help Puerto Rico after the Hurricane with literature donations. NH Groups generously contributed \$250 in literature. The Delegate from Puerto Rico was very grateful and sent a thank you note. We also continue to contribute annually to WSO.

As our outreach for Al-Anon continues to grow and take different forms ,online apps and social media, let's keep up these great efforts by continuing to talk about how we contribute to the financial security of our groups, districts, Area, and World Service Office to ensure Al-Anon continues to thrive and be available to future generations. As the 2020 World Conference theme suggests, "Dreaming Big with 2020 Vision"

It has been my extreme pleasure to serve Area 35 New Hampshire as your Delegate. You have given me far more than I could have imagined and I am so grateful to each and everyone of you I

With gratitude in service,

Nancy D.

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