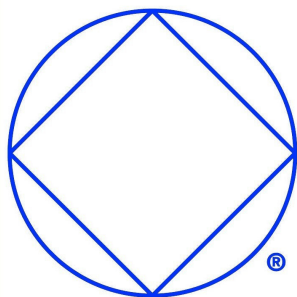


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## RSC News

**The next RSC** is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> at Mercy Hospital, Portland, ME.

**Budgets are due at the March RSC.**

A budget has been approved for MRLE to be held in December 2007. Look for a flyer in March.

The date for the RSC Funshop in the Seacoast Area has been moved to April 14, at the Wentworth Douglass Hospital; in Dover, NH. At this workshop there will be a NA History and Service Structure Power Point Presentations as well as NA videos from the WSC and a small NA Memorabilia display. The topic is "NA As A Whole". Look for a flyer at:

<http://gsana.org/events.html>

or

<http://namaine.org/serviceSchedule.shtml>

Upcoming RSC meetings to be held on:  
May 12 and July 17, 2007.

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# Experience, Strength and Hope

## Recovery – In the Halls

I was recently working with someone on a project and was reminded of the recovery that we get in the hallways, you know 'before the meeting' and 'after the meeting'. This recovery can also be found in the halls at the Conventions we attend.

When I first came to meetings I was fairly quiet, not knowing what to expect when I walked in. I would sit and listen, and of course, make judgments. You all were way to happy for me, I was sure you were using some sort of drug. I listened to your suggestions, well some of them anyhow. One suggestion I took to heart was arriving early at the meetings and staying late. That fellowshiping time is where I found my sponsor, it's where I met others who I identified with, and it's where I found answers to the many questions I had.

Don't get me wrong, I don't expect meetings to be perfect, but sometimes we can get way off a recovery topic and not even discuss the 12 Steps of Narcotics Anonymous. This is why I still linger in the halls; you can get phone numbers there, find someone who has worked a few Steps past you, find a ride to and from meetings, find out when the next service meeting is, or find out when the next dance is happening.

So if you are discouraged or not hearing the NA message you need at a meeting or a convention, remember to arrive early and hit the hallway, you will be amazed at what you will find.

*-Member, Northern New England*

## ✉ Carry The Message!

"We can only keep what we have by giving it away." This is *your* space to share your experience, strength and hope. We have an open topic forum and a forum emphasizing service work. Poetry, Art, and articles regarding NA History (personal or archival snippets) are welcome. **There are many ways to share experience, strength and hope.** Send contributions to [nnenewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:nnenewsletter@yahoo.com). Please limit your sharing to half a page, single-spaced. Thanks in advance for your participation.

→ April Issue Deadline: March 15<sup>th</sup> ←

## Feet

Every morning I decide what shoes to wear, depending on the work or how to get from here to there.

Some days it takes different pairs to get all my tasks done,

and often times I find out - I wore the wrong one!

I've had to borrow boots and find new shoes from time to time -

I've had to give up old ones, holey and covered with grime.

Today, I'm grateful for my feet, I treat them with care,

Tonight they'll take me to the meeting, hope to hear you share.

*-Member, Maine Area*

# History Snapshot

*The first formal, printed NA literature that was published in California was a small buff colored pamphlet, which appeared in 1956. Very few copies of this pamphlet survive. The following is an accurate copy of an excerpt of the text of that pamphlet.*

## WHAT IS THE NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS PROGRAM?

Narcotics Anonymous is an absolutely non-profit-making fellowship and is connected with no police, political, or religious organization. There are no initiation fees, no dues, no charges of any kind. There are no pledges to sign. Any one may join, regardless of age, race, color or religion. We are not interested in what you used, how much, or who your connections were. All we ask is that you have the sincere, honest desire to stop using. We of Narcotics Anonymous are exactly like you. We are a group of addicts who meet regularly to help each other obtain and maintain our sobriety and to stay clean.

Before coming on the program, our trouble was we could not manage our own lives. We couldn't live like normal people. We had to have something different and we thought we had found it in drugs and narcotics. We got so we had to have these drugs and narcotics no matter what the cost. We placed their use ahead of the welfare of our families, wives and children. We did them great harm, but most of all, we harmed our selves. We broke not only the laws or society but the greatest law of all - the law of nature.

We were running away, that was our real problem, for the use of drugs and narcotics is but a symptom of underlying causes. We used in order to escape facing life and its problems. We realized we were slowly committing suicide, but such cunning enemies of life are drugs and narcotics that we had lost the power to do

anything about it. Jail did us no good. Medicine and psychiatry had no answers for us. Everything else having failed, in desperation we sought help from each other, in Narcotics Anonymous.

Here, we have come to realize we are not moral lepers. We are simply sick people. We suffer from a disease, just like alcoholism, diabetes, tuberculosis, heart trouble or cancer. There is no known cure for these diseases and neither is there for drug addiction. We found out how to live a life free from the uses of narcotics and sedation. We have stopped using. We have learned how to live.

## NA In Iran

### (Part 2)

*Information derived from an NA member in Iran.*

- One of the biggest challenges is the size of the meetings, 300 to 400 members at each meeting.
- There are over 5000 meetings listed, and another 2000 meetings that meet in parks that can't be listed because they move around.
- There biggest challenge is meeting places: getting and finding means to get more. Often they get so big, the landlords throws them out.
- Over 8,000 people attended a presentation put on by NA Members from NAWS.
- The United Nations recognizes NA as the number one source for recovery for addicts.

Because of their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm the Iran NA members are now free/able to view the NA website [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)

## What's Going On In My Area?

GRANITE STATE AREA - Hello Northern New England Region!

The Granite State Area is doing pretty well, as we have many dedicated trusted servants willing to work toward our primary purpose.

We recently filled our PI Chairperson position. Our new PI Chairperson has been an active member of the PI subcommittee for a few years and was organizer of our smooth transition to a toll-free help line. Thanks! PI is looking for volunteers to carry help-line pagers.

Despite the recent resignation of our Literature Chairperson, we do have an active committee that is attempting to plan another workshop of the proposed "stories" that will be a part of the next edition of our Basic Text. More to be revealed.

February 10th: Save The Date! Our H&I subcommittee is having a Learning Day, including a state orientation for those who are willing to carry the message into a state facility. The Learning Day will take place at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua, NH from 9:00am to 5:00pm. This will be followed by a pizza dinner and Sweetheart Dance put on by the Activities Subcommittee. Suggested donation is \$10.00.

Our RCM's term has just been completed and he is onto new things. Thanks for your service! Our 2nd RCM has resigned and therefore we need to fill both of these positions.

We are looking forward to our Camp-out this June 22nd, 23rd and 24th (please try to pre-register!!) and our Convention Committee has just set the next convention dates for: August 1, 2 and 3, 2008.

Please see our fabulous website for details on everything above, as well as meeting updates and other fun things.

*-Granite State Area Chair*

## Meeting Update

### CLOSED MEETING

MAINE – Saturday, Augusta, *Night Light*

## North East Zonal Forum

### Upcoming NEZF Meetings:

#### **July 27, 28, 29 2007**

*Northern New York Region*

NEZF is in conjunction with the NNYRCNA Promise of Freedom XVI.

Double Tree Hotel

111 Jefferson Road

Rochester, NY 14623

Early Registration for the Convention is 9/29/06

#### **January 25, 26, 27 2008**

Holiday Inn, Grand Island, NY

#### **June 20, 21, 22 2008**

ABCD Region





## WSC News

### Basic Text Review and Input

NAWS is already working to collect some additional pieces for the final approval draft. Unfortunately, this newly collected material will not go out for review as well. There isn't time to have another review period and publish a final version of the text by September 2007. NAWS does not want to extend this project for another two years, but also knows the draft is not as good as it could be. NAWS will have the best draft possible for voting at the 2008 conference. The review period ends February 28, 2007. The next six months will be spent revising the draft, incorporating input, making final decisions about the collection as a whole, proofing, etc. The approval draft will be published in September 2007. It will also be included as an appendix to the Conference Agenda Report.

### World Services Calendar and Deadlines

- February 28, 2007 Basic Text review deadline for input
- April 1, 2007 Deadline for requests for WSC Seating
- May 11-13, 2007 WWW in Lincoln, Nebraska August 29- Sept 2, 2007 WCNA-32, San Antonio, Texas
- September 1, 2007 Approval form of Sixth Edition Basic Text released

Some helpful links:

Download the 2005-2006 NAWS Annual Report here:

<http://www.na.org/reports/ar/2006/ar2006.htm>

Download the Guide To World Services for the 2006-2008 Conference Cycle here:

[http://www.na.org/handbooks/2006GWSNA\\_13Jan07.pdf](http://www.na.org/handbooks/2006GWSNA_13Jan07.pdf)

Download and Read (but not copy or print) the Large Print Basic Text here:

<http://www.na.org/ips/eng/index.htm>

Download the new NAWS Bulletin on USA Liability Insurance here:

[http://www.na.org/bulletins/Bulletin\\_33\\_Jan07.pdf](http://www.na.org/bulletins/Bulletin_33_Jan07.pdf)

Check out the flyer for the next World Wide Workshop at Lincoln Nebraska USA - 11-13 May 2007:

[http://www.na.org/nawsevents/LincolnNEwwwFlier\\_2Jan07.pdf](http://www.na.org/nawsevents/LincolnNEwwwFlier_2Jan07.pdf)



## World Convention Update

**WCNA-32:** 29 Aug–2 Sept 2007 in San Antonio, Texas at the Henry Gonzalez Convention Center. For more information and service opportunities:

[www.na.org/WCNA32/index.htm](http://www.na.org/WCNA32/index.htm)

**WCNA-33:** 20–23 August 2009 in Barcelona, Spain

**WCNA-34:** 1–5 Sept 2011 in San Diego, California

**WCNA-35:** 29 August to 1 September 2013 in Philadelphia, PA

# Fun Page



**Below: Some of the Common Meeting Formats  
(13 words/phrases are hidden)**

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## Northern New England Region of NA—February 2007

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>Learning Day</b> 9am-5pm, Church of the Good Shepherd in Nashua, NH. <b>Pizza Dinner &amp; Sweetheart Dance</b> 5pm -? Same venue as above. (Suggested donation is \$10.00.) <a href="http://www.gsna.org">www.gsna.org</a>	11 <b>Granite State ASC</b> 9am, Manchester VA Medical Center 718 Smyth Road Manchester, NH. <b>Seacoast ASC</b> noon - 4pm, Wentworth-Douglas Hospital, Salmon Falls Room, 789 Central Ave., Dover, NH.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				10 <sup>th</sup> <b>Annual Winter Unity Fest</b> Notre Dame Spiritual Center, Alfred, ME. <a href="http://namaine.org/unityfestFlyer.pdf">http://namaine.org/unityfestFlyer.pdf</a>		
19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>Maine ASC</b> noon, 10:30am Literature purchases. The People Place, 6 Noble St., Brunswick, ME.	25
26	27	28				

## Northern New England Region of NA—March 2007

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
			1	2	3	4 <b>Superbowl Potluck</b> 5:30-11pm, Immanuel Baptist Church, 58 High St., Portland, ME. <a href="http://namaine.org/events.shtml">http://namaine.org/events.shtml</a>
5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>RSC</b> Mercy Hospital, Portland, ME. See page one for details.	11 <b>Granite State ASC</b> 1:45pm, Manchester VA Medical Center, 718 Smyth Road Manchester, NH. <b>Seacoast ASC</b> noon - 4pm, Wentworth-Douglas Hospital, Salmon Falls Room, 789 Central Ave., Dover, NH.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
				<b>Brothers in Spirit Men's Retreat</b> (through April 1 <sup>st</sup> ) Notre Dame Spiritual Center, Alfred, ME. <a href="http://namaine.org/bis2007_website.pdf">http://namaine.org/bis2007_website.pdf</a>		

To submit an event for the Calendar, email the information along with  
the name of your Area to [nnenewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:nnenewsletter@yahoo.com)