

Promises

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New Hampshire Intergroup (NHI) monthly meetings are held the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. preceded by a Tradition meeting at 1 p.m. The NHI Business Meeting is held at the New Hampshire Odd Fellows Home at Presidential Oaks, 200 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH. The next meeting is November 4, 2007. No NHI meetings are held in July or August. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact:

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From the Editor

It has been a wonderful two years of service to NHI as Editor of the Promises. As our traditions suggest, rotation of service is a healthy and necessary way to operate. In the spirit of the traditions, I will be turning the Promises editorship over in December. A recent discussion revealed to me that I have become quite comfortable in this job, somewhat analogous to riding a bike with "no hands." I came into the job with my hands firmly on the handlebars and training wheels installed. Slowly, through the grace of this program and it's membership, the training wheels came off and the hands loosened a bit on the handle bars. I enjoyed many months with the wind whipping through my hair as I glided along, occasionally even throwing my feet in the air when I received more articles than would possibly fit. This is a ride which must be shared with others. If you know someone who would like to learn more about this service position, please contact me at oanhpromises@oanewhampshire.org.

Opinions expressed are not the opinions of NHI or OA as a whole. Articles and notices must be submitted by the 25th of the month. Articles may be submitted by e-mail to promises@oanewhampshire.org. Material cannot be returned, nor will payment be made. We reserve the right to edit. Other anonymous groups may reprint without permission.

The job does require a computer, a word or Publisher software program, email, one trip to the copy shop a month, and attendance at the 10 NHI meetings for the year. So, if anyone out there is looking for an opportunity at greater recovery, I would love to hear from you! I will help with installation, and removal, of the training wheels.

In grateful service, Diane L

I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy. - Rabindranath Tagore

Growth Through Service

I am so grateful to be able to do various form of service since joining OA. When I was new to OA I helped set up chairs and put out literature. Eventually after being in OA for a while I might lead a meeting, unlock the door, be the group treasurer and talk to a newcomer. I then sponsored members and eventually got involved in Intergroup. In Intergroup, I was a group rep and eventually became the treasurer. All of these forms of service have made me feel useful. Before OA I was very self centered, so it feels good to get out of myself and do various forms of service for OA. I'm looking forward to doing more forms of service in the future. Being the treasurer of Intergroup has been a good opportunity of growth for me, but I have learned alot and think I have helped intergroup with my service.

Nathan W.

Lifeline, OA's international magazine, serves as an indispensable "meeting-on-the-go." *Lifeline* is available in two versions: a 30-page, printed magazine and an electronic online magazine, called *e-Lifeline*. Both contain the same content. See your group *Lifeline* representative or www.oa.org/lifeline_mag.html.

Incredible Service - Thank You!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing officers, and committee chairs for their service this year. Elections were held in June and October is the month where rotation of service takes place. The two changes in officers are the Vice Chair and the Parliamentarian, with Nathan W. continuing to share his expertise for a second term as Treasurer. There are lots of changes in committee chairs, as many have completed the two one year terms.

I'd also like to thank Howard B., the outgoing Vice Chair for the enthusiasm and time he has put into his various tasks as Vice Chair. His support of the Chair and of NHI has been outstanding and we are a richer Intergroup for his contributions. Eileen B, from Brattleboro, VT has been elected as Vice Chair and is sure to bring her gifts and experience to the position. Peggie M., who helped keep our meetings running as smoothly as possible, when you get over 30 compulsive people in a room, is turning over her copy of Robert's Rules to Alan B., from So. Tamworth. I'm sure that Alan is up for the task of Parliamentarian...no people pleasing allowed in this position.

Outgoing Ways and Means Chair, Phyllis P. has been sewing and selling book covers for as long as I can remember and making NHI money to supplement our budget in order to send Region 6 reps to Assembly, twice a year; and WSO delegates to WSBC Conference. You can see her work at the sewing machine and behind the "Boutique" table at almost every meeting in NH and beyond. Jill M, who has been our most recent Mailing Coordinator and has done a spectacular job at keeping our meeting list current and keeping meetings that do not attend NHI up to date with mailings, will be shifting over to Webmaster. Peri S, from Carlisle, MA who has served as Webmaster and Unity Day Co-chair will be continuing on as Unity Day Co-chair. Her dedication and hard work as Webmaster, has proved incredibly beneficial, not only to NHI, but anyone visiting our website for meetings or special events information. I know that there isn't a special event that we've held that hasn't been attended by someone who says they saw it on our website. Lastly, I'd like to thank Tori H. for the special project of updating our Policies and Procedures. It is imperative that we have these to refer to when "doing the business" of OA...to keep us on track in CARRYING THE MESSAGE.

I say this often, we are truly blessed, at NHI, for all those who are eager to recover...and that their recovery is supported by the service they do. I know that my continued recovery is a direct result of becoming involved with service above the group level. People who had what I wanted were doing service for their Intergroup...and so I did what they did because they had what I wanted. Thank you to those people who set an example and for all of you how give back what you've so generously been given.

Your trusted servant,
Lisa D., NHI Chairman

JUNE 2007 FINANCIALS

Year to Date INCOME	\$3,624.69
Year to Date EXPENSES.....	\$3,379.88
Net Balance.....	(\$568.71)

<u>GROUP DONATIONS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Concord Sun 1 PM.....	28.00
Wolfeboro Sat 8:30 AM.....	8.00
Hanover Sun 6:15 PM.....	72.00
Manchester Tue 5:30 PM.....	75.00
Derry Mon 6:30 PM.....	59.00
Concord Mon 5:30.....	105.25
Keene Thu 7 PM	120.18
Bedford Wed 5:30.....	87.54
TOTAL DONATION.....	\$554.97

JULY 2007 FINANCIALS

Year to Date INCOME	\$4,275.80
Year to Date EXPENSES.....	\$3497.49
Net Balance.....	(\$153.46)

<u>GROUP DONATIONS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Keene Tue 4:45 PM.....	84.00
Hopkinton Thu 7 PM.....	38.00
Manchester Thu 6:45 PM.....	114.17
Nashua Mon 7 PM.....	53.00
Derry Sat 10 AM.....	49.94
Concord Sat 7 :30 AM.....	54.00
Wolfeboro Sat 8:30 AM.....	20.00
Derry Thu 10:30 AM.....	60.00
TOTAL DONATION.....	\$473.11

AUGUST 2007 FINANCIALS

Year to Date INCOME	\$4,893.13
Year to Date EXPENSES.....	\$3,689.86
Net Balance.....	\$117.17

<u>GROUP DONATIONS:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Amherst Sat 7:30 AM.....	423.74
Nashua Sat 8:30 AM.....	18.54
Manchester Tue 5:30 PM.....	73.05
Nashua Tue 5:30 PM.....	60.00
Manchester Mon 5 PM.....	42.00
TOTAL DONATION.....	\$617.33