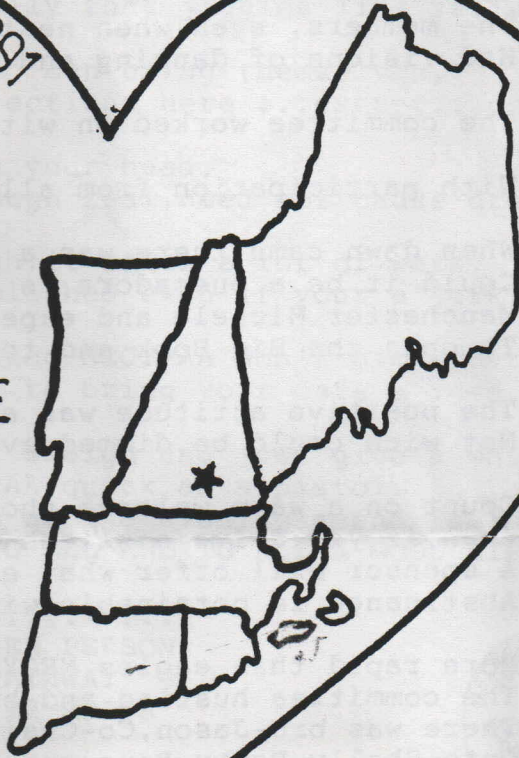


N.E.C.Y.P.A.A. II
NASHUA 1997

BRINGING
THE
MESSAGE
HOME



Twass the night before NECYPAA !

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As the committee sat around the house,
Planning a fun, exciting, wild weekend
That would stir even a mouse.



The resignations were numerous,
but so many still cared,
In hopes that NECYPAA II
Would not dwindle in despair.

The members, even when nestled all snug in their beds,
Had visions of dancing and sharing in their heads.

The committee worked on with Billy C., Big John and Christine
in thinking caps.
With participation from all, after their naps.

When dawn came there was a pitter patter,
Could it be a Suesadora, a mouthy Mike, or what does it matter.
Manchester Michele and expectant Sharon were there in a flash,
To open the Big Book and to flick an ash.

The positive attitude was a great show,
Not wick could be dimmed even by the cold snow.

Count on a warm welcome should a new comer appear,
Even if you drive a sleigh with eight tiny riendeer.
A sponsor will offer what ever they can quick,
Abstinence is obtainable with a day to day commit.

More rapid than eagles NECYPAA came,
The committee hustled and bustled, no longer just a game,
There was bro-Jason, Co-Chair Bill, Hotel Scott & Bob, and Liz,
Onto Shelly, Derry Doug, more friends, and Ted in a tiz.

They will dance on the porch and dance wall to wall,
Now dance this way, dance that way, Dance one and all!

With loyalty and trust one can learn to fly,
When met with an obstacle just look deep inside.
Develop some courage just for you,
With a room full of friends and probably St. Nick too!

And then there was music, I heard on the roof,
The prancing and dancing of each little hoof.

As all were dancing and turning around
Self respect, self esteem, and self worth was abound.

They were all dressed differently from head to foot,
Some had glitter and gold, and some had soot.

There was an abundance of joy, enough to fill a sack.
It felt like a great weight being lifted from your back!



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NECYPAA II is destined to be merry,
With a lot of dedication, topped with a cherry.



The event will be fun, so put on a bow,
It will occur even if it happens to snow.

There will be a lot of people there so please brush your teeth
And comb your hair so it won't look like a wreath.

Expectant Sharon has a round little belly,
And Ted has a belly that jiggles like jelly.

The great "I ams" can bring themselves,
There are no rejections here ...except...get rid of that elf.

With 12-steps in your head,
Your fears, although real, need not cause dread.

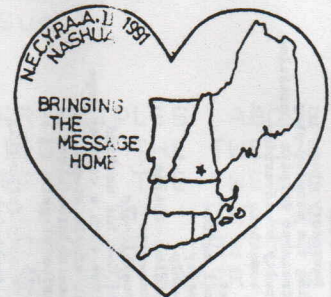
Serenity is tough, it takes a lot of work,
It can be accomplished even if your a jerk.

So...when attending NECYPAA don't pick your nose,
But you may want to bring your date a rose.



Spring into your sleigh and just give a whistle,
And get to NECYPAA quick as a pistol.
All will exclaim as the evening's end is in sight,
HAPPY SOBRIETY TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD LIFE!!!!

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NOT UNIQUE JUST ANOTHER PERSON
WALKING THROUGH THE PATHWAY
OF RECOVERY WITH THE 12 STEPS
BY MY SIDE
LETTING GO , PASSING BY
LENDING A HAND TO
JUST ANOTHER PERSON....
E.A.G.
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The past year of helping to introduce the conference
concept to alcoholics in my area in particular, as well as
other areas, has been very challenging and a lot of fun.

I've made some tremendously good friends on the
committee, and in different areas as well. I'm grateful
that I've had this opportunity, and if even one alcoholic
learns that there IS life and fun after getting sober,
this conference, for me is a success!!

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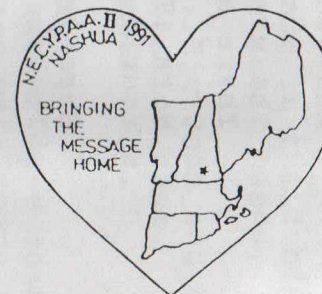
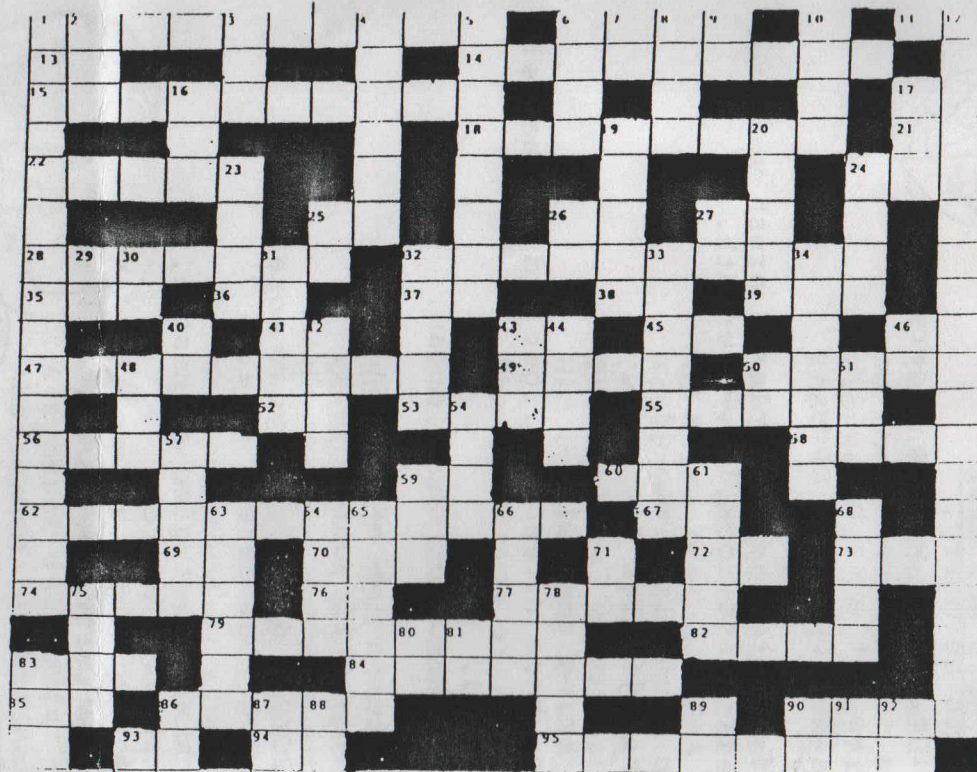


ACROSS

- 1 moral inventory
 6 pl. of ascus
 11 rough, cindery lava
 13 to harvest
 14 a drunk
 15 persistent ill will
 17 alternating current
 21 knock out
 22 The Happiness I now know
 24 noise made when throwing up
 25 old english
 26 no
 27 a three-toed sloth
 28 truthful
 32 Page 449
 35 anger
 36 South America
 37 New England
 38 expression of hesitation
 39 a Higher Power
 41 knockout
 43 air conditioner
 45 to raise
 46 on course
 47 thankfulness
 52 emergency room
 53 a small brook
 55 to shine with a soft radiance
 56 to believe
 58 to acquire
 59 delirium tremens
 62 setting of limiting conditions
 67 Group Representative (Alanon)
 69 mother
 70 Ireland
 72 United States
 73 Rob
 74 pronoun
 76 New York
 77 Stigma
 79 completeness
 82 one who inherits his position & rules for life
 83 alcoholic beverage
 84 where you are now
 85 neuter pronoun
 86 not telling the truth
 90 prejudice
 93 ruinous trouble
 94 in the direction of
 95 calmness

DOWN

- 1 prioritizing
 2 surrender step
 3 daily inventory step
 4 carrying the message step
 5 steadfastness despite opposition, difficulty or adversity
 6 to do something
 7 south
 8 chatter
 9 mythical maiden
 10 party
 12 fellowship
 16 long period of time
 17 also known as
 18 unreasonableness
 19 love of God for mankind
 20 to fasten with a cord or rope
 23 keep it simple stupid
 24 to cause to give birth
 25 expression of pain
 26 Northeast
 27 a twelve step fellowship
 29 before (archaic)
 30 New England
 31 an alcoholics favorite sense
 32 rage
 33 to walk tiredly
 34 _____ to change the things I can.
 40 Twelve Traditions
 42 possessive form of we
 43 everything
 44 telephone
 46 expression of dismay
 48 friend
 50 physical & emotional
 51 American Medical Association
 54 to the inside of
 57 the joy of living sober is the _____ of AA
 59 expire
 61 sot
 63 first word of chapter 5
 64 are not
 65 attempt
 66 mean
 68 a mixture of liquor & water
 71 abbreviation of ana
 75 hungry, angry, lonely, tired
 78 kinds
 80 musical tone
 81 East Coast
 83 empty space
 86 expression of surprise
 87 Italy
 88 negative
 89 one (Scot.)
 90 into two parts
 91 that one (pronoun)
 92 yes



THANK YOU NECYPAA II

We have laughed, cried, and shared together. Our bond of unconditional love has guided us through these past 11 months. When things got tough, we walked through the darkness. When personalities before principles started to tear us apart, our bond brought us back together again. You shared with me the joy of service, your friendship, and understanding. Together we have succeeded; NECYPAA II is now a reality and not just our dream.

Thank you NECYPAA II for giving me the chance to share this experience with all of you.

Love,
Michele

LOVE THRU NECYPAA

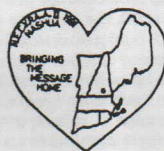
love means being myself and still feeling love.
love means being there for me and when I can't be there
love means joy and pain, its reality!
love means caring for the ones I love and hurting those I care
for because I am not perfect.
love means making amends when I hurt you!
love means respect for you and me.
love means I am me and you are you but we can share.

Take care NECYPAA Committee members, thanks for sharing part of my journey!

I love each of you in a very special way,
Sue J.

TRADITION TWELVE REMINDS ME TO KEEP PRINCIPLES ABOVE PERSONALITIES. THE PRINCIPLES OF AA ARE EMBODIED IN THE TWELVE STEPS, THE TWELVE TRADITIONS AND THE TWELVE CONCEPTS. THE TWELVE STEPS ARE THE RECOVERY LEG OF THE AA TRIANGLE, THE TWELVE TRADITIONS ARE THE UNITY LEG AND THE TWELVE CONCEPTS ARE THE SERVICE LEG. I HAVE REPRESENTED MY GROUP AS A COFFEE MAKER, A SECRETARY, A CHAIRPERSON, INSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEMBER, PUBLIC INFORMATION, TREASURER, GSR AND ASSISTANT GSR. JUST AS THESE AA POSITIONS HELPED ME TO STAY SOBER, THEY CAN ALSO HELP OTHER GROUP MEMBERS TO STAY SOBER. THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION STATES "WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF AA ALWAYS TO BE THERE. AND FOR THAT! I AM RESPONSIBLE." IT IS NOT THE OBLIGATION OF SOMEONE ELSE TO ENSURE THIS PRECIOUS GIFT OF SOBRIETY IS AVAILABLE FOR THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS, FOR THAT: I AM RESPONSIBLE.

JOHN P.



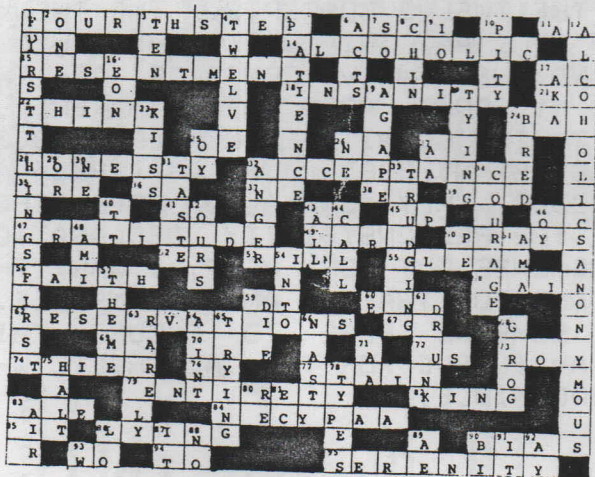


NECYPAA II AWAKENED ME TO SERVICE. IT AWAKENED ME TO THE NEED TO CARRY THE MESSAGE, ESPECIALLY TO MY FELLOW YOUNG PEOPLE. PEOPLE ARE SO AFRAID OF SERVICE, BUT WITH OUT IT THE FELLOWSHIP WILL FALL APART. WITHOUT THE FELLOWSHIP THE PROGRAM WON'T BE TAUGHT, THE MESSAGE WON'T BE CARRIED. PLEASE PUT FEAR ASIDE AND GET INVOLVED IN SERVICE. A.A. NEEDS YOU! HELP US BRING THE MESSAGE HOME.

LOVE,
JASON B.

THOSE WHO MAY WALK ON THIS PATH, MAY WE SHARE THIS SPECIAL TIME. IT IS A JOY TO MEET OTHERS WHO ARE ON THIS PATH AND SHARE WHAT WE HAVE FOR TODAY. IT WAS WELL WORTH ALL THE ENERGY AND TIME TO HELP MAKE NECYPAA II WHAT IT IS FOR YOU. DON'T WAIT FOR THE MIRACLE TO HAPPEN, IT'S HERE, TODAY, RIGHT NOW! SO SHARE YOU' WITH ALL WHO SEEK THE MESSAGE. BE RESPONSIBLE, AND HELP BRING THE MESSAGE HOME! WE ARE THE FUTURE OF A.A. WE ARE THE FELLOWSHIP OF TODAY, THE OLDTIMERS OF TOMMORROW. REMEMBER, YOU COULD HAVE ALL THIS WITHOUT ME, BUT I COULD NOT HAVE THIS WITHOUT YOU! I LOVE YOU ALL, HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE ROAD.

ANONYMOUS





It is a joy to be able to share this moment of my sobriety with all of you ! For it is many that we meet on this journey of life , and few we walk with for awhile. Like those of us who walked together and worked on this conference. We were able to share many special moments that will never be forgotten. They are mine to keep and share. Forever.

The life I have today is one beyond any of my wildest dreams. All of you are a part of this joyous part of my life, my sobriety and my world. I thank you all from the furthest reaches of my soul for the fellowship, love and reality of what is happening now, today and at this very moment. Without me NECYPAA would still go on, but without all of you this would never be. Thank you all for being here, and thank you all for being there when I reached out for help!

"Bringing the message home" is the theme for NECYPAA II. Which to me means that I need to share what was so freely given to me, the love and the fellowship, with all that I meet, to show all who are still suffering that there is a life second to none. A miracle is happening when we share with another there is a way not to drink for today! Thank you all for the opportunity to live a life I never knew. I LOVE YOU ALL !!! LOTS&LOTS&LOTS...WHOLE BUNCHES !!!

p.s.-remember-

**WE ARE A.A.'s FUTURE;
THE OLDTIMERS OF TOMMORROW !!**



GOD BLESS,
ANONYMOUS



The Twelve Concepts (Short Form)

- 1 Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
- 2 The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.
- 3 To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."
- 4 At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
- 5 Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
- 6 The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
- 7 The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.
- 8 The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
- 9 Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
- 10 Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
- 11 The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
- 12 The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

