

September 2014 – NHI Committee Reports

<p><b>Answering Service</b></p>	<p>The answering service continues to receive and return very few calls, the majority of which are to correct meeting information with a few people actually looking for information about OA in general and meeting dates and locations in particular. Though the call volume is low, the answering service is an important part of beginning a program of recovery for those who still suffer from compulsive overeating and NHI is committed to continuing this vital service.</p> <p>Back in May a decision was made by the NHI Board to move to an internet based answering service vs. the carrier we had been utilizing, which will save our volunteers a lot of unnecessary effort, plus over \$500 a year in telephone service charges. We are fortunate to be able to take both our toll free and our local numbers with us to our new provider, so no brochure or website information will need to be changed.</p> <p>Answering service volunteers agreed with the decision to find a cheaper and easier way to provide this service. Our new provider; eVoice will send messages directly to my email so that I can receive and distribute all messages vs. having volunteers commit so much time and effort every month for so few calls. Having messages sent directly to my email was not an option through our prior provider.</p> <p><i>Anyone with questions regarding the answering service, can contact Answering Service Chair, Naisa Chase at <a href="mailto:naisa.chase@gmail.com">naisa.chase@gmail.com</a> or by Verizon cell at <a href="tel:603-630-9969">603-630-9969</a>.</i></p> <p>Respectfully submitted by: Naisa Chase, Answering Service Chair</p>
<p><b>Public Information</b> Eileen RT</p>	<p>The PIPO Committee was very busy over the summer putting the Region 6 PI Blitz Grant Award in action. We reached out to over 20 New Hampshire libraries, including those in which OA currently meets, those in the top population band, and Londonderry and Hudson, neighboring towns where we'd like to see meetings take root perhaps. We have an award of \$660; which was to be spent by July 31 – extended into August. (end of region's fiscal year). There was quite an amount of time put in trying to make contact with the various library directors – and summer is vacation time. Only 5 libraries accepted Lifeline, but approx. 20 accepted the second edition of Abstinence. Thank you Dorothy and Judy for helping make contact with Concord and the "H" towns. The "Reduced Price Literature Application for "Abstinence" was not approved. On the plus side, we submitted an OA/NHI Intergroup logo for approval, which was approved. We needed to send official "donation letters" with the books. As I had said, a learning experience. OA information</p>

	<p>bookplates were put in the front of each book. An interesting opportunity surfaced as an answer to “where to publicize OA in NH?” The Senior News Publication had an ad in the “Derry Senior Citizen News,” selling? – ad space of course. With the PI Blitz funds, we placed an ad – the size of the “intro/outreach card” in six area/regional Senior Newsletters – for three months. Since some are bi-monthly, and we were offered a nice discount, we felt this was a good thing to try. There has been positive feedback at meetings to the ads. Thank you to many people for their support in this adventure. The final written and expense reports have been filed with Region 6. Thank you Jill and Jeanne.</p>
<p><b>Website</b> Jill M.</p>	<p>Our website is <a href="http://www.oanewhampshire.org">www.oanewhampshire.org</a></p> <p>The username and password for the Restricted Area are "service" and "serenity". This section of the website is mostly business-related but all OA members are welcome to access it.</p> <p>The OA website at <a href="http://www.oa.org">www.oa.org</a> has a huge amount of information that you can take back to your meetings. At the top of the page, check out the PODCASTS link to find info about the Virtual Workshops that have been recorded. And the DOCUMENTS link will lead you to OA's newsletter "A Step Ahead", a treasure trove of "Group Support" documents, and the new "Abstinence Presentation" that our Region Chairs Committee created!</p> <p>Our own website has a lot of good information as well, take a look when you get a chance!</p>