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<p>Answering Service Naisa C.</p>	
<p>Back to Basics Pat S.</p>	<p>The committee hopes to hold a Back-to-Basics workshop in the spring of 2016.</p>
<p>Budget Nancy S.</p>	<p>The Budget Committee met after the October NHI Business Meeting to prepare a draft Budget for the 2016 Calendar year.</p> <p>The proposed 2016 Budget will be presented at the November 8th NHI meeting, along with a series of motions to discuss the best use of some of our funds.</p> <p>NHI Reps are encouraged to review the proposed budget and raise questions at the November meeting. The budget will be voted on at the December meeting.</p> <p>As a reminder, please submit any outstanding expenses that need reimbursement as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Event Flyers Dorothy M.</p>	
<p>Meeting List Diane L.</p>	<p>The meeting list was updated on November 3, 2015 to include a new meeting in Claremont. Copies have been electronically sent to NHI Secretary and NHI Webmaster. Proposed changes to the Meeting List Coordinator job description, for NHI consideration, were submitted to Sue and include: adding the responsibility of checking and answering emails at the NHI meeting list email address, maintaining two lists (one with contacts, the second without), regularly comparing the NHI list to the WSO list and addressing discrepancies, and informing/assisting groups with online meeting updates at the WSO website.</p>
<p>Promises Editor Sandy M.</p>	<p>The November Promises was completed and posted on the website early (prior to the November Intergroup meeting) as there are some event dates in mid November, especially the Retreat registration deadline of Nov. 14th.</p> <p>Just a reminder, as I stated before I was voted in, I will not be attending the November and December Intergroup meeting. In my absence, the alternate Nashua Noon Monday Meeting Rep (Madeline G) will attend the Intergroup Meeting and bring copies of the Promises Newsletter to the meeting. Please give her any information/material you wish to be included in the Promises or Email it to me directly at softwat@aol.com.</p>

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<p>Public Information Eileen RT</p>	<p>I would like to propose a "Lifeline subscription monthly drawing," to be done from doctors, medial professionals business cards. I had heard about this in Florida and it sounded like a great idea; and the intergroup rep said it is well received. This would come from the PIPO budget. NHI reps would bring in business cards from doctors, or other medical professionals, and they would be entered in a monthly raffle for a subscription. The NHI reps could bring business cards from members at their local meetings as well. Your comments are welcome. Thanks, Eileen</p>
<p>Region 6 Elaine T, Dorothy M, Jill M, Claire M.</p>	<p>Region 6 Assembly - Albany, NY - October 3, 2015 New Hampshire Intergroup represented by 4 members: Claire, Elaine, Jill and Dorothy In total, there were 53 representatives and 6 board members present = total 59 voting members <u>By-Laws</u> - Dorothy and Elaine participated in the By-Laws/Policies/Procedures committee. The committee reviewed Policy # 13 regarding the scholarship application which provides support for R6 Intergroup representatives to travel to Region 6 and/or the WSBC, thereby enabling representatives to attend from various regions who would otherwise, due to a lack of intergroup financial support, not be able to attend. There was a concern that some intergroups might be taking advantage of the scholarship. The goal is to submit a by-law amendment for policy #13 at the next assembly in the spring and to clarify the intent, and to collaborate with IGOR about the scholarship application. Dorothy was elected as Chair of the committee for the next year. <u>IGOR (Intergroup Outreach committee)</u> – The goals of the group are to have a Region 6 Internet Handbook ready, and to form 2 Google groups: Region 6 IGOR and Region 6 IGOR.net, and to send out a survey to determine people’s interest in attending training for Intergroup Officers, the purpose of which is to rejuvenate intergroups and give them clearer focus on their purpose which is to carry the message. A big part of this is to have the officers participate in creating a strategic plan with clear goals. (This is the survey that we received from R6 and which we are hoping to have as many officers as possible attend.) <u>PIPO (Public Information/Professional Outreach)</u> – The goal of the group is to put a link out on the website explaining to everyone how to apply for “PI blitz fund” monies. For this assembly, there were no requests for “PI blitz” funds. <u>Finance</u> – They discussed the Region 6 budget, and donations, as well as the website and scholarships. <u>Convention</u> – Jill and Claire participated in this committee. They are looking for people to do service at the 2015 convention. They are considering on-line surveys for the evaluation of the 2015 convention – maybe survey monkey. The 2016 World Convention will be in Boston, MA and Toronto, Ontario will host the 2017 Region 6 Convention. The committee is looking for someone to host in</p>

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The convention committee is also in the process of revising the convention manual.

Web & Publication – It was voted to transfer the publication of the Region 6 newsletter from paper to a web version. There will be an educational component on how to navigate the site. In addition, it was highly recommended that translations into languages other than English are honored and understood by native speakers.

The example given was the French translation which has many misinterpretations.
12th Step Within – Their goal is to update the IDEA Day flyer and to develop a timeline for the OA birthday and Unity Day. They will use the birthday flyer from Los Angeles.

Young Persons (30 years old and younger when joining OA) – The group discuss the future of the committee. There is a consideration to disband and become an Ad Hoc subcommittee of IGOR. They have limited success in connecting to Intergroups. At present, there is only 1 online young peoples' meeting.

A Region 6 Speakers List exists and was updated by the members present at the Assembly. People can register to be included on this list by signing up on the R6 website.

The WRITING TOPIC: At each assembly, there is a writing topic presented to encourage members to submit articles for publication. The topic they are targeting is this: *What experience, strength and hope can you share with newcomers and long-timers about working all 12 steps?* All submissions for the Spring Issue are due by November 14th. Send to newsletter@region6.org

The winners of the drawings: the paid convention registration, full set of convention recordings and Lifeline subscription were won by folks from Canada. The paid full convention was won by someone in northern New York.

R6 Business:

The following new R6 officers were elected:

- R6 Chair: Debbie H.
- R6 Coordinator: Mary T.
- Web Publications: George H.

General Service Trustee nomination: (This is a World Service position; the individual's nomination is confirmed by the R6 assembly, and her name will be put on a ballot with nominees from other Intergroups and voted on at the World Service Business Conference in the Spring.)

- Diana G.

Karen, our Region 6 Trustee gave a brief tradition “workshop” and made the following points:

1. If an “OA” group is not registered with WSBC, it can't call itself an OA group.
2. According to the by-laws, the definition of an OA group does not include having any type of requirements for membership such as a specific food plan.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. “Virtual” groups can be registered OA groups if they are fully interactive and meet in “real” time. 4. It is NOT OK to give non-OA announcements in OA meetings. It is a Break of tradition. 5. Newcomers are the most important people in the room. It is thus important to keep ALL Outside Issues OUTSIDE the meetings. 6. Sharing at an OA meeting cannot be “tiered” or “restricted.” Any meeting guidelines should clearly be stated as “suggestions” only. 7. AWOLS are not OA. AWOLS should not be talked about/mentioned in OA meetings. 8. If you don’t have a qualified OA speaker – use an OA recording (not an AA speaker). AA is an outside issue. 9. World Service can deregister a meeting if they don’t follow rules. Groups need to be in alignment with OA. 10. OA has lost 30 face-to-face meetings and gained 60 virtual meetings. Tradition 7 is decreasing because of virtual meetings. 11. AA wants us to read their literature as it is written without substituting OA for AA. 12. On the OA.org website, there is a list of AA books that are OA approved. 13. All OA wallet cards are available as free downloads on the OA website.
<p>Retreat Cheryl L.</p>	<p>Plans are moving ahead nicely for the Winter Retreat to be held at the Barbara C. Harris Conference Center in Greenfield NH the weekend of January 8-10, 2016. It is important to note that we have 17 confirmed registrations as of Thursday with space for 5-7 more so we encourage those who were planning on attending to send in their registrations soon to reserve their spot. The deadline for registrations is next Saturday, November 14th with confirmed counts due into the center shortly thereafter.</p> <p>In light of the interest that the Retreat seems to be generating and after discussions with the committee and with Jennifer from BCH, I am making a proposal to change the dates of the 2017 Retreat to the weekend of February 10-12th so that we might have more rooms available for interested individuals. The proposal is in a separate document (see here) and I ask that you review it, bring it to your group conscience meeting and that a vote be taken at the December meeting on the proposed change. Our next meeting of the committee will be held on November 15th at the home of Mandy R in Plainfield, NH As always, if you are interested in learning about how a retreat is organized and perhaps joining the planning committee for next year, contact me via cell or email. It is best to use my personal email address cherylann24@live.com as the email set up by intergroup does not seem to be working at this time. My cell number is 603-369-1313</p>

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<p>Twelfth-Step Within Diane L.</p>	<p>Twelve Step Within: Members who have ideas or would like to participate in the TSW effort may contact the chair by email at: oanhtsw@oanewhampshire.org This group has not been active since May 2015.</p>																																
<p>Ways & Means Effie S.</p>	<p>OCTOBER 2015 REGION 6 CONVENTION HARTFORD CONN. Book cover/God can sales at the 2015 OA convention totaled \$541. A detailed sales report of items sold has been prepared and submitted to Treasurer along with the money.</p> <p>Attendees’ response to the new items (woven yarn covers and God cans) was very positive as were the cloth covers with new bright colors, handles and bookmarks. We were low on BB soft covers and it turned out that this was the most sought after cover with some attendees hoping to place ‘special orders’ with our sewers and weavers. (Last year there was minimal interest in this book cover) The inventory was reduced by about half so restocking will be necessary. Thanks to Dorothy, Pat C and Gert L who helped at our table.</p> <p>2016 WSO CONVENTION BOSTON SEPTEMBER 1 – 4 (Thursday to Sunday) Next year there will be the WSO Convention in Boston. It is likely we will be given permission to sell our merchandise although several committees must approve our request. The Convention schedule(tentative) is on line and there is a BOUTIQUE time slot which is each day from 8 am to 11 am.</p> <p>2017 REGION 6 CONVENTION-TORONTO This convention will present specific challenges with respect to International travel requiring up to date passports, higher expenses due to distance etc. It is anticipated that NHI will want to have discussions regarding the plans for this convention.</p> <p>THANK YOU Many members help with the Ways and Means endeavor and it would be too lengthy to mention every helpful deed. Very special thanks go to the crafters whose time and effort made it possible to go to the convention with a bag full of beautifully sewn and/or woven covers as well as decorated God cans. The crafters include Debby D., Eileen T, Sandy M and Jeanne D. Diane L contributed fabric. (Debby D. has recently made modifications/improvements to the book cover pattern which will soon be available to anyone who wishes to make book covers.)</p> <p>NOVEMBER 2015 NHI BOOK COVER ETC INVENTORY</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Bookcover</th> <th>Quantity</th> <th>Price</th> <th>Potential Value</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Abstinence</td> <td>5</td> <td>\$11</td> <td>\$55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BB(hard)</td> <td>0</td> <td>\$11</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>BB(soft)</td> <td>0</td> <td>\$11</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>VOR</td> <td>3</td> <td>\$6</td> <td>\$18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woven Yarn(lg)</td> <td>10</td> <td>\$11</td> <td>\$110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woven Yarn(sm)</td> <td>10</td> <td>\$6</td> <td>\$60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12 & 12 (reg)</td> <td>5</td> <td>\$11</td> <td>\$55</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Bookcover	Quantity	Price	Potential Value	Abstinence	5	\$11	\$55	BB(hard)	0	\$11		BB(soft)	0	\$11		VOR	3	\$6	\$18	Woven Yarn(lg)	10	\$11	\$110	Woven Yarn(sm)	10	\$6	\$60	12 & 12 (reg)	5	\$11	\$55
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<p>Website Jill M., Barbara W.</p>	<p>We are looking forward to presenting our new website soon, thank you Barbara! Our web hosting service is undergoing transitions itself and then we can continue this process.</p> <p>Our website is www.oanewhampshire.org. Make sure to check out our "Contribute to OA" section to send your contributions via PayPal. There are several ways to get Meeting information. From the "Meetings" menu item, you can go directly to the OA website to view NHI meetings or to search for meetings fitting certain other criteria. You can also get the "anonymous" version of our traditional NHI meeting list (without names and phone numbers.) You can also go to our restricted area at www.oanewhampshire.org/restricted/ to get our "annotated" meeting list, for personal use and for use at OA meetings only. Remember, to access the Restricted Area of our NHI website, available directly as above or via the "NHI Reps" menu item, the username and password are "service" and "serenity". This section of the website is mostly business-related but all OA members are welcome to access it.</p>												

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	<p>We do our best to keep the list of local events up to date, but we need your help! Please forward links, flyers and corrections to oanhwebmaster@oanewhampshire.org.</p> <p>Check out our link for "OA RECORDINGS" for audio files of meetings, workshops, and conventions. These are all free for you to listen to on your computer or move to a cell phone or mp3 player! These links and website are subject to change, so please report any broken links to oanhwebmaster@oanewhampshire.org. World Service is doing workshops on the Steps once a month and is posting the audio files. See oa.org for details!</p>
<p>Workshops Pat S.</p>	<p>We have a holiday sharathon!! The theme is “Celebrating the Tools during the Holidays.” It is hosted by the Hopkinton Tuesday 5:30 p.m. meeting and will be held at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Hopkinton, NH on November 21 (which also happens to be I.D.E.A. day (International Day Experiencing Abstinence)). I know—it’s only two weeks away but the date was available at St. Andrew’s so I grabbed it.</p> <p>The flyer has been approved and will be available at the intergroup meeting and posted on our website. Please bring them to your meetings to get the word out. The format will be such that everyone will be able to attend all workshops, which will run consecutively. We are currently working on booking facilitators.</p> <p>The Hopkinton meeting is looking forward to seeing you all at the sharathon on the 21st!</p>