



# Knox Knews

District 15 Happenings

## Speakers for Camden 12 Step Friday Meetings

July 6---Belfast speaker(s)

July 13---Pene P.

July 20---Bolduc Speaker

July 27---John P. etc.

## Showing it Works!

### July Anniversaries

#### Bob H, 1 yr

Prayer & Meditation  
Tuesday, July 3

#### Wendy M, 13 yrs

Road to Recovery  
Wednesday, July 4

#### Carl, 21 yrs

#### Carol, 19 yrs

Attitude Adjustment  
(Camden, 7 am)  
Saturday, July 7

#### George F, 21 yrs

Mountainview,  
Sunday, July 8

#### David L, 15 yrs

#### Chloë P, 15 yrs

#### Rich B, 12 yrs

It's In the Book  
Wednesday, July 15

## District Faces Service Crisis

Too much money. That was the issue that dominated last month's district meeting. Initially, there was conversation about asking the groups "What should we do with it?" It quickly became clear that the difficult question was "Why do we have it?"

"The groups have already told us what we are supposed to be doing with their money," the district chair noted, "the problem is that we are not doing it." Some officers and some committees are not doing their jobs. That means they don't spend the money we have budgeted for them. That means that we have a surplus.

The obvious indication was that mostly GSRs were at the District meeting, with very few officers and committee chairs.

As an example, there were only three representatives from District 15 at the Spring Area Assembly—one officer attended part of the session, two GSRs attended, and no district committee chairs attended. On Sunday, only one GSR was there. "The voices of the members of District 15 and the needs and interests of District 15 were not heard."

The district GSRs voted overwhelmingly to put officers and committee chairs on notice that they will be removed from their positions at the July meeting if they have missed more than three district meetings or are not fulfilling their responsibilities.

The **July District meeting will be Sunday, July 8 at 5 pm** at the UU Church in Rockland. There will probably be a LOT of positions available and a lot of opportunity for AA members to express their opinions and suggestions.

**"Our 12 Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words love and service. We understand what love is and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind."**  
Dr. Bob's last address, 1950.

## Promised a Forest

I sometimes have a pine cone on the kitchen table. It represents phenomena in many ways that keep me wondering about Nature-God. If you consider the overall texture, you certainly wouldn't want to step on it with bare feet! It is light in weight, yet contains a forest, literally hundreds of trees—under the proper conditions, and it may wait for years for those conditions to arrive. It might be food for some creatures, a craft project for others, and there does seem to be an endless supply. The numerous times I have picked them up, I never cease to be amazed at this powerful symbol of Hope, Regeneration, Change, Life (on life's terms) and Transformation. It is one of those things we might call progress, not perfection—except under the right conditions. If I sow my seeds wisely, and make good choices, I'm promised a forest. sg

## Newsletter Editor Needed

NO technical computer expertise needed. We are looking for someone to take editorial control of what is in it and how it looks. We have volunteers to handle production.

## Love and Service Chair Needed

Think of Love and Service as the internal training/educational arm of AA. In addition to coordinating the Alcahons, this committee puts on workshops to help AAs fulfill their Love and Service responsibilities.

Other currently open positions are **District Committee Member (DCM)** discussed in the May newsletter, and **Public Information Chair** (discussed in the January newsletter).

**Come to the July District meeting on  
Sunday, July 8 at 5 pm** at the UU  
Church in Rockland.

## Reaching out the Hand of AA in all our affairs

What seems to have been important to so many people about Bobby E and the stories about Bobby E in last month's newsletter was the inspiration and challenge it poses for AAs today. Those who have participated have all said that they try to do for others what Bobby E did—she is their model of love and service.

Sarah reflects that Bobby E “took me under her wing when I first moved into the area, took me to meetings. I remember the one at the Congregational church.”

She also remembers that Bobby took her on her first jail commitment. This was back when the men and women met together but “they didn't mess with Bobby.”

Mary recalls the “fabulous Thanksgiving dinners” the Bobby held in her home with program people.

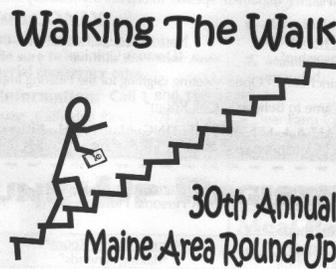
John H. writes: “Bobby E. was a great lady. She took many of us new to AA under her wing. She invited my wife and I to bridge at her home where she had two or three tables of bridge players, both AA members as well as non-AA people. She would serve us baked items she cooked on her restaurant sized stove. She also hired an AA member to do her yard work. Another AA served on her sail boat. She started the Mountain View Group in Camden on Sunday mornings. She was also involved in the 7am Attitude Adjustment meetings in Camden. As I said, a great lady.” p 1

**The Steps show me how to love myself;**

**The Traditions show me how to love others; and**

**The Concepts show me how to love the world I live in.**

*Paths To Recovery*  
(Al-Anon) p. 341



## Area Roundup, July 20-23

Sugarloaf USA

**Speakers:** Angie P, Cincinnati; Kathy H, Al-Anon, Cincinnati; Maureen H, Kittery Point; Sandy B, Tampa; Bob D, Las Vegas.

**Workshops** on Sponsorship; Doctor's Opinion; What is a Home Group?; Came to Believe; Making the Decision; A Personal Housecleaning; Reading and Receiving Inventory; Making Amends, Ridding Our Character Defects; District and Area Service; A Spiritual Awakening.

Make housing reservations early. Look for a flyer at your meetings or on the events calendar at [www.AAMaine.org](http://www.AAMaine.org) or contact Lisa L, 205-0486, [lloewry@maine.rr.com](mailto:lloewry@maine.rr.com)

## Camp AFG, August 24-26

Maine Area's annual Al-Anon convention with AA participation  
Camp Mechwana, Winthrop, ME

Details at [www.campafg.com](http://www.campafg.com)



## Friends of Bill W. Cruise July 27-29, 2007

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**An experience in sobriety you will remember.**

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Contact Christine B, 975-1115 or Bill B. 975-1196.

**Meeting Change**  
Beginning August 4, the Camden 12-Step Saturday meeting will begin meeting at 6:30 pm

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