

THE BEACON

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TRADITION SIX

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines



on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?

4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?

5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV set and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these

facilities?

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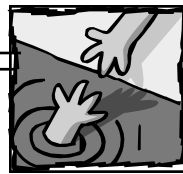
Deadline....

....for information to go into the July issue of The Beacon is June 23rd, 2000. Information can be sent to :

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100 Grove St., Suite 309
Worcester, MA 01605

or e-mailed to:
[redacted] please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

SPECIAL SERVICES



Do you know of a deaf person in need of a signed meeting? Network with others in the area with the same needs. Call Cathy C. at [redacted] for more information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf AA members.

Large print Meeting Lists are now available for those with vision problems. Call the Intergroup Office to find out how to get a copy for yourself or someone you know!!

Step 6: Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.



UPCOMING EVENTS

* The International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 29-July 2, 2000. The theme this year will be "Pass It On - Into the 21st Century". Registration forms are available at the Intergroup Office.

Intergroup Breakfast. The Social Committee will be hosting the Annual Intergroup Breakfast on Sunday June 11, 2000 at 10:30 am at the Tuttle Post in Auburn. Tickets are \$5 each and include a wonderful breakfast, a speaker, free raffles and the Installation of the new Intergroup Officers. Tickets may be purchased at the Intergroup Office. Only a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Need more copies of The Beacon? Visit Worcester Area Intergroup or come to the Intergroup Delegates Meeting and pick up more. You can have the convenience of having The Beacon delivered to you!! Just \$5 will give you a one year subscription mailed to your home. Don't wait to rely on your group to have extras in stock!! See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.



HELP WANTED: WAYS TO GET INVOLVED...

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. Currently, there are 8 hours in the week left to fill. Monday 2-3pm and 5-8pm, Tuesday 8-10am and 8-10 pm. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Rich M. at [redacted] or leave a message for him at the Intergroup Office.

Treatment Facilities is looking for groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. If you can help, please call Robbie at [redacted]

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved. Please leave a message at the Intergroup Office for Eric R. for more details.

District 25 is currently seeking people interested in helping with our Archives and Grapevine Committees. If you are interested, please let your group's GSR know, or contact The Beacon for more details.

Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. If you have one day a month you could devote to helping out on a Committee, please ask your Intergroup Delegate, GSR or call the Intergroup Office for more information.

Job Opportunity

Worcester Area Intergroup is currently looking for someone to work in the office on Wednesdays from 2 pm-8 pm and possibly on Saturdays from 9 am-2 pm. Please call the office between 10 am and 2 pm weekdays and speak to John. Qualified candidates must be a sober member of AA and possess basic computer skills. (508) 752-9000.



STEERING COMMITTEE

- Chairperson – Brandy H.
- Vice Chair – Enzo H.
- Secretary – Christine T.
- Treasurer – Rose Ann C.
- Assistant Treasurer – Ron C.
- Trustees - Peg B., Kimball M., Kate G.

If you need to speak to any of these people, you can leave a message at the Intergroup Office, 752-9000, and the staff will be happy to ask them to

return your call.

Another Election To Be Held

It is with sadness that we announce that one of our incoming Trustees, and our outgoing Chairperson, Will C. will be relocating and will not be able to fill the Trustee position. We will be accepting nominations and electing a new Trustee

to fill the position at our June 22nd Intergroup Delegate's meeting. If you or someone you know is interested in the position, please be sure to come to the meeting. A reminder....2 years sobriety is required along with at least 6 months of service and attendance as an Intergroup Delegate or Alternate. For more information, please call the Intergroup Office at (508) 752-9000.



SERVICE MEETINGS:

INTERGROUP / DISTRICT 25

Steering Committee

St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.
Worcester
4th Thursday
6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates

St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.
Worcester
4th Thursday
7:00pm

Public Information

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
2nd Monday
7:00pm

Joint Treatment / Corrections

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
2nd Tuesday
7:00pm

Social Committee

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
2nd Thursday
7:00pm

District 25 (GSR's)

St. Joan of Arc Church
570 Lincoln St.
Worcester
1st Tuesday
7:30pm

AREA 30

Eastern Mass. General Service Committee

St. John's
80 Mt. Auburn
Watertown
4th Wednesday
8:00pm

Grapevine Committee

Boston Central Service
368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston
4th Sunday
1:00pm-3:00pm

CPC Committee

Boston Central Service
368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston
2nd Thursday
7:00pm

Joint Treatment Facilities

St. Luke's
950 East St.
Dedham
3rd Friday
8:00pm

Archives Committee

St. John's
80 Mt. Auburn
Watertown
3rd Thursday
7:30pm

Literature Committee

Carter Methodist Church
800 Highland Ave.
Needham
1st Monday
7:30pm

Corrections Committee

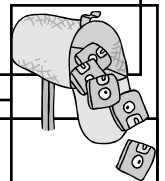
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368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston
4th Thursday
7:00pm

Public Information

Boston Central Service
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**Alcoholics Anonymous Gave
The One Millionth Copy of the
Big Book to:**

Richard M. Nixon



FROM THE EDITOR

You may notice a few new items appearing in The Beacon. Thanks to Ken W. for pointing me to an AA History and Trivia website. I have gotten permission from the Webmasters (Doug and Charles) to include their material in this newsletter. Check them

There is a lot going on these days... everything from proposing some changes to the Guidelines to some new social events. We even have a job opening in here this month!!

As always, thank you for letting me serve.

Brandy H.
Beacon Editor

New Events

Our 2000-2001 Social Committee has made a list of proposed Social Events for this year:

July 9, 2000 (Sunday) – Breezy Picnic Grounds
 Waterslides
 10:00am to 6:00pm
 Watermelon, soda and grill will be provided.
 Bring your own food for grilling.
 Adults: \$8 / Children (5 to 18) \$6
 Children (2 to 4) \$3

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance.

NOTE****The Intergroup Delegates have already approved the funds for this event and the plans are underway. Check with the Intergroup office for ticket availability.*

August – Dancing Under the Stars – Outdoor Dance
 Date and location to be determined.

September 11, 2000 (Saturday) – End of summer bar-b-que.
 Location to be determined.

October 28, 2000 (Saturday) – Halloween Dance and Costume Contest
 Location to be determined.

December – Holiday Dance
 Location and date to be determined.

January 6, 2001 (Saturday) – Worcester Intergroup 21st Anniversary Dinner Dance
 Location to be determined.

February/March – Event to be determined.

April/May – Event to be determined.

June 10, 2001 (Sunday) – Worcester Intergroup Installation Breakfast
 Location to be determined.

Meeting Timeline

June 2000 to May 2001

Here's a brief look at what the Intergroup Delegates will be doing this year. We'll keep this as updated as possible, but there may be slight changes and new items brought after publication.

June 22, 2000 – New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office; Budgets proposed and voted on; Meeting times for the year established; 1st consecutive vote on proposed Guideline changes

July 27, 2000 – 2nd consecutive vote on proposed Guideline changes.

August 24, 2000

September 28, 2000 – Alcathon Chairperson appointed

October 26, 2000 – Thanksgiving Alcathon Drawing (if the District has slots still available)

November 16, 2000 (3rd Thurs. due to Thanksgiving) – Christmas and New Years Alcathon Drawings

December 28, 2000

January 25, 2001 – Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed

February 22, 2001 – Nominations Committee appointed

March 22, 2001 – Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpeople

April 26, 2001 - Elections

May 24, 2001 – New signature cards for bank account signed

Meeting Changes

Is your meeting changing time or location? Closing? New Meeting starting? Let us know!! Send the information to the Intergroup Office and it will go into The Beacon, the next update of the Meeting List and updated on our web site!!

The Marlboro Saturday Night Meeting has moved to the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Marlboro Rd. in Marlboro. The meeting is from 8pm-9pm.

NEW MEETING: Worcester BBSS (Big Book Step Study) Saturdays from 10am-11:30am at St. Bernard's Church, corner of Lincoln and Harlow St. Worcester, MA

THIS AND THAT



Group Anniversaries

If your Group would like to announce their Anniversary in The Beacon, Please call the Intergroup Office during their normal business hours.

Mt. Wachusett 12-Step Group will hold their 21st Anniversary Cookout on Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm at The Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Rts. 31&62, Princeton.

Reminder

A reminder to all **Committee Chairpersons:** We will be approving ALL Committee budgets at our June 22nd Delegates Meeting. Please be there with your proposed budget for the 2000-2001 year.

All current budgets will run out on that day and all remaining funds returned to the General Account.

Commitment Exchange

The next Commitment Exchange will be held at the Intergroup Office on Wednesday, June 7, 2000 from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Come and meet with other area Bookies and get your calendar filled!! Coffee and munchies will be available.

GROUP BOOKIES

Bookie Board

If you are the bookie for your home group and wish to have your number posted here, please call or write to the Intergroup Office. This is a great way to learn who the Bookies are for other groups and to get your number out to others!!

Upton Capertown:(Sat. 1:30pm)
Neil R. [REDACTED]

How It Works (Worcester):(Sat. 6:45pm)
Rich O. [REDACTED] (beeper)

How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm)
David C. [REDACTED]

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)
Tim S. [REDACTED]

4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm)
Jay B. [REDACTED]

Way Of Sobriety (Worcester) (Sun 10:00am)
Debbie P. [REDACTED]

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00am)
Tom S. [REDACTED]

Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm)
Gill B. [REDACTED]

Starting Anew (Holliston) (Wed. 8:00pm)
Elaine [REDACTED]

Sutton Center Step (Mon. 6:45pm) (Outgoing Only)
Deb W. [REDACTED]

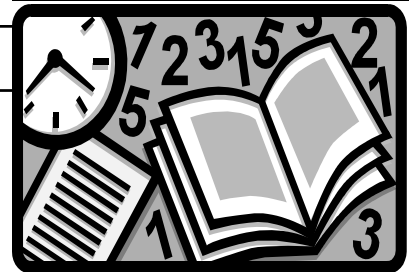
GOYA (Whitinsville) (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Bob L. [REDACTED]

Worcester Young People (Tues. 7:30pm)
Joanne O. [REDACTED]

Hudson Straight Shooters (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Brian B. [REDACTED]

Hudson Sunday Best (Sunday 7:30pm)
David B. [REDACTED]

Webster Triton (Sun. 7:30pm)



Kevin K. [REDACTED]

Millis Fellowship (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Bill G. [REDACTED]
Douglas Maintenance and Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)
Melissa A. [REDACTED]

Top Of The Hill (Wed. 8:00pm)
Jeanne M. [REDACTED]

LOST BOOK:

The Greendale Group has lost their book. If your group has a commitment scheduled with them or if you have found their book, please call Jeannie at [REDACTED]

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Worcester, MA 01605
ATTN: Beacon

Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup

Guideline Update

At our last Delegates Meeting, we accepted a motion to table all discussion and voting on the proposed Guideline Changes until the June 22nd meeting. If your group has not had a chance to review the proposed changes, please pick up a copy at the Intergroup Office. According to our current Guidelines, any changes MUST pass 2 consecutive votes to be accepted. If you have questions about any of the proposed changes, please call Brandy at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] she'll be glad to answer any questions.

Addresses needed!!

We still have several groups in this area that we do not have contact information for. The contact person would receive The Beacon to bring to their groups and would also have any donation receipts sent to them. To find out if we have your group contact, please call Brandy [REDACTED]

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<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

Office Hours:

Monday	10am-2pm
Tuesday	10am-8pm
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-2pm
Saturday	9am-2pm

ONLINE....

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<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>