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Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday 9am-2pm

Sunday CLOSED

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## H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

All the time slots for the H.A.L.T. line are currently filled. Thank you very much to every one who has volunteered. Your service is greatly appreciated.

### Grapevine News

District 25 Grapevine Committee Chairperson Lynne S. reported at the District 25 meeting the Grapevine is finally back in the black after many yrs. Thank you to all new subscribers and those of you who have been for some time now. Also, thank you to all the groups that have implemented giving away the Grapevine subscriptions at their meetings as a way of helping out and passing along A.A.'s meeting in print.

### Beacon Subscribers!!!!!!

Please be aware of the status of your subscription. For those who subscribe it is one year from the first issue you receive. For those who get it free for a group it will be on Dec. 31st of the current yr. The word expired will appear on the address label so you will have time to renew if you wish.

## Local Service Meetings

**Intergroup Steering Committee\*** - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St.  
Shrewsbury, MA —6:00pm

**Intergroup Delegates\*** - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St. Shrewsbury, MA  
—7:00pm

*\*The Intergroup meetings occur the second THURSDAY of each month.*



On-Line 12 Steps &  
12 Traditions, Arti-  
cles, and Tradition  
Checklists

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

#### Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through October 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

**STEP 4:** Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

#### **TRADITION 4:**

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole

#### **TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:**

Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?

Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?

Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?

Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?

Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths-his lengths, not mine-to stay sober?

Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

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#### **Are you willing to carry the message to an alcoholic in need?**

Are you willing to help an alcoholic in need? The intergroup delegates are working to devise an updated list of people willing to volunteer for "12 Step calls". This information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and only be used by the HALT line chair and other appropriate individuals. Please complete the "12 Step Volunteer Application" on page 5 and return to your groups Intergroup representative or drop of at the Intergroup office. You may also mail the completed application to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St, Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

1st Annual District 25 Spring Round - Up  
Fun, Food, Fellowship  
Saturday, April 14, 2012  
9:30 - 2:30  
St. Anne's Parish Hall  
Route 9, 130 Boston Turnpike  
Shrewsbury

ALL AA MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Free Registration & Refreshments  
Lunch will be provided

For more information, contact Kevin K. 508-949-0734, Brian H. 781-883-5335, or Joanie B. 508-753-1252

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#### WHY DOES OUR GROUP NEED AN INTERGROUP REPRESENTATIVE?

The Worcester Area Intergroup has no authority on its own account; Intergroup derives it from the participating groups. It is extremely important to keep a two way flow of information going between the Intergroup and groups. And this is just where the Intergroup Rep. comes in.

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**THE GRAPEVINE: AA's meeting in print IS IN TROUBLE! PLEASE HELP BY PURCHASING A SUBSCRIPTION!**

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Written, edited, illustrated and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism, the Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. The AA Grapevine communicates the experience strength and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current AA experience with recovery, unity and service. ©GRAPEVINE

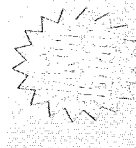
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### 12 Step Volunteer Application

Name (First name and last initial): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Towns you will accept calls from: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours that you are available: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to help: Males Only Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Worcester Area Intergroup**  
**100 Grove St., Suite 314**  
**Worcester, MA 01605**

I am willing to: (please circle all that apply)

Talk to a person on the phone Go to a persons home to talk \*

Give rides to AA Meetings Give rides to Detox \*

Meet someone at a meeting Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*It is suggested that a person NOT go on a twelfth step call alone to help an alcoholic who is still suffering. Also you should NOT drive a wet drunk to a treatment facility (detox) without having another A.A. member with you. If you circled either of these items, please be sure that you have another member of A.A. that is willing to go along with you.

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### FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) accepts information regarding AA related events to be included in the website calendar. Let us know if you have an event you would like publicized. Please email information to the Office Manager at:

[webmaster@aaworcester.org](mailto:webmaster@aaworcester.org)

Worcester Area Intergroup could use support from the local A.A. Groups. If your group has an excess amount in your treasury please consider making the pie chart split to help not only Worcester Intergroup but the other local A.A. entities and also A.A. World Services. If you are a group treasurer and need more information, feel free to call the office at 508-752-9000.