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H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

Thank you to all the new H.A.L.T. line Volunteers! We still have hours available that need to be covered on the H.A.L.T. line.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

What is the HALT line? One alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. Isn't that what AA is all about?

"Talk to a drunk", you may be the link in the chain that could save their life.

What volunteers do:

- Give out current meeting list information.
- Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic in danger of picking up a drink.
- Talk to those seeking help with their drinking problem.

What do you need to volunteer?

A phone

One year of sobriety is recommended.

Meeting list

A phone (touch tone or cell phone)

An hour of your time.

Great way to do service without leaving your home.

If you would like information please email haltline@aaworcester.org.

Will train the right candidate - great pay - HUGE REWARDS! **From time to time the HALT Line will be rewarding volunteers for their time and dedication by awarding someone with a subscription to the GRAPEVINE.**

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.*



STEP ELEVEN:

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with *God, as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

TRADITION ELEVEN:

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, and Tradition Checklists

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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.

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

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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 6 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

It's that time of year again. The holidays are upon us. This is a difficult time for many that are struggling with sobriety. It is for this reason that District 25 and the Worcester Area Intergroup holds an Alcathon for each Winter holiday. The Alcathons begin the day before and end on midnight of the holiday.

The dates, times and location are listed on the next page.

The Alcathons would not exist if it were not for each of us chipping in and volunteering time, experience, strength and hope.

The groups scheduled to speak for each holiday can be found on the next few pages.

As I said, the Alcathon would not happen if it were not for you and your help. Please sign up to help with set up, to make coffee, clean up, etc. Please see Sylvia T. for available sign up times.

In order to keep our sobriety we need to give it away. What better way to do this than to donate some of your time over the Holiday Season?

We all remember how lonely the Holiday Season can be if we have no one to talk to or no one that understands us. Help us keep this tradition alive of maintaining a safe place for the sick and suffering to gather when they need it the most.

VOLUNTEER.

GET INVOLVED AND STAY SOBER.

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		2011 THANKSGIVING ALCATHON	
SLOT#	DATE	TIME	GROUP
1	Wed. 11/23	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Rebound
2	Wed. 11/23	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Worcester Young People
3	Wed. 11/23	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Sat. Morning Worcester Big Book Step Study
4	Wed. 11/23	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	We Mean Business
5	Wed. 11/23	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Way of Sobriety
6	Wed. 11/23	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	People Helping People
7	Wed. 11/23	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	The Way Out Group - Worcester
8	Wed. 11/23	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Sunset Group
9	Wed. 11/23	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Crozier
10	Wed. 11/23	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Seven AM Group
11	Wed. 11/23	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Primary Purpose
12	Wed. 11/23	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Shrewsbury Gratitude
13	Thurs. 11/24	12:00 am - 1:00 am	As Bill Sees It - Worcester
14	Thurs. 11/24	1:00 am - 2:00 am	Stay Active
15	Thurs. 11/24	2:00 am - 3:00 am	Spencer Fellowship
16	Thurs. 11/24	3:00 am - 4:00 am	Acceptance & Attitude
17	Thurs. 11/24	4:00 am - 5:00 am	Key to Freedom
18	Thurs. 11/24	5:00 am - 6:00 am	Courage to Change - Charlton
19	Thurs. 11/24	6:00 am - 7:00 am	Eternal Vigilance
20	Thurs. 11/24	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Sutton Step
21	Thurs. 11/24	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Greendale
22	Thurs. 11/24	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Westborough Forge
23	Thurs. 11/24	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Serenity
24	Thurs. 11/24	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	How It Works - Northborough
25	Thurs. 11/24	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Millbury Traditions
26	Thurs. 11/24	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Wednesday Night Big Book Step Study - Worcester
27	Thurs. 11/24	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Lighthouse
28	Thurs. 11/24	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Shrewsbury Sunday Morning
29	Thurs. 11/24	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Webster Triton
30	Thurs. 11/24	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Webster Early Risers
31	Thurs. 11/24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dudley Day at a Time
32	Thurs. 11/24	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	New Beginnings
33	Thurs. 11/24	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Quinsig
34	Thurs. 11/24	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Worcester Gratitude
35	Thurs. 11/24	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Fellowship - Worcester
36	Thurs. 11/24	11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Sunday Night BB - Auburn

2011 CHRISTMAS ALCATHON

SLOT#	DATE	TIME	GROUP
1	Sat. 12/24	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	As Bill Sees It - Worcester
2	Sat. 12/24	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Shrewsbury Gratitude
3	Sat. 12/24	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Spencer Fellowship
4	Sat. 12/24	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Westborough Forge
5	Sat. 12/24	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Millbury Traditions
6	Sat. 12/24	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Seven AM Group
7	Sat. 12/24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dudley Day at a Time
8	Sat. 12/24	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Worcester Young People
9	Sat. 12/24	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Greendale
10	Sat. 12/24	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Wednesday Night Big Book Step Study - Worcester
11	Sat. 12/24	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Fellowship - Worcester
12	Sat. 12/24	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	New Beginnings
13	Sun. 12/25	12:00 am - 1:00 am	Webster Triton
14	Sun. 12/25	1:00 am - 2:00 am	Sunday Night Big Book - Auburn
15	Sun. 12/25	2:00 am - 3:00 am	Eternal Vigilance
16	Sun. 12/25	3:00 am - 4:00 am	How It Works - Northboro
17	Sun. 12/25	4:00 am - 5:00 am	Primary Purpose
18	Sun. 12/25	5:00 am - 6:00 am	Acceptance & Attitude
19	Sun. 12/25	6:00 am - 7:00 am	Key to Freedom
20	Sun. 12/25	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Stay Active
21	Sun. 12/25	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Crozier
22	Sun. 12/25	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Sunset Group
23	Sun. 12/25	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Sutton Step
24	Sun. 12/25	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Webster Early Risers
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33	Sun. 12/25	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Serenity
34	Sun. 12/25	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Shrewsbury Sunday Morning
35	Sun. 12/25	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Quinsig
36	Sun. 12/25	11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Lighthouse 12 X 12

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2011 NEW YEARS ALCATHON

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1	Sat. 12/31	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Greendale
2	Sat. 12/31	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Sunset Group
3	Sat. 12/31	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Serenity
4	Sat. 12/31	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Westborough Forge
5	Sat. 12/31	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Dudley Day at a Time
6	Sat. 12/31	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	People Helping People
7	Sat. 12/31	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Fellowship - Worcester
8	Sat. 12/31	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Webster Early Risers
9	Sat. 12/31	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	The Way Out Group - Worcester
10	Sat. 12/31	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Shrewsbury Gratitude
11	Sat. 12/31	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Crozier
12	Sat. 12/31	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Wednesday Night Bib Book Step Study - Worcester
13	Sun. 1/1/12	12:00 am - 1:00 am	Eternal Vigilance
14	Sun. 1/1/12	1:00 am - 2:00 am	Lighthouse
15	Sun. 1/1/12	2:00 am - 3:00 am	Key of Freedom
16	Sun. 1/1/12	3:00 am - 4:00 am	Seven AM Group
17	Sun. 1/1/12	4:00 am - 5:00 am	Webster Triton
18	Sun. 1/1/12	5:00 am - 6:00 am	New Beginnings
19	Sun. 1/1/12	6:00 am - 7:00 am	Sat. Morn. Worcester Big Book Step Study
20	Sun. 1/1/12	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Sunday Night Big Book - Auburn
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33	Sun. 1/1/12	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Rebound
34	Sun. 1/1/12	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Worcester Young People
35	Sun. 1/1/12	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Sutton Step
36	Sun. 1/1/12	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	We Mean Business

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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

MEETING NEWS

MEETING CHANGES: The **Tuesday night Clinton Shamrock Group** has moved from Jasna Gora Church on Franklin St. to the Presbyterian Church at 175 Chestnut St. with a new time of 8:30 to 9:30pm. The **Sunday Morning Worcester There Is Hope Group** has moved to **Saturday night** 7:00 to 8:00pm at Ascension Parish, 48 Vernon Street.

NEW MEETING: **Eternal Vigilance, Shrewsbury**—Closed step meeting 7 a.m. daily, Monday through Friday at Trinity Episcopal Church (on right going up hill right after St. John's H.S.).

MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE: Meeting space is now available for AA meetings at Veterans Inc., 59 South St., Shrewsbury, MA. For more information please contact: Susan Boucher at 508-791-1213, x132.



Subscription Form

Please fill out form, enclose your payment, and mail to
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 100 Grove Street Suite 314
 Worcester Mass. 01605

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

COUNTRY (If other than USA) _____ E

-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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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.