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Sunday CLOSED

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Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

In April of 2014 A.A.W.S. will be releasing a 75th anniversary edition of the Big Book. Intergroup will be able to start ordering the book in January. Be sure to tell all your friends and groups.

Marc B., Treatment Committee chair, has set up meetings at the Worcester Recovery Center & Hospital (former Worcester State Hospital.) Any groups interested in grabbing a Tuesday night 7:30—8:30 pm or Saturday afternoon 1:45—2:45 pm commitment should contact Marc @ treatment@aaworcester.org or 774-272-0618.

The new 2013—B meeting lists are in and they are green. Please be sure to visit your Intergroup office and pick up plenty for yourself and group.

There are slots open for the Halt line. Anyone interested in getting active is encouraged to contact Haltline@aaworcester.org

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

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 10 : Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

Tradition 10 : Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

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Concept 10 :

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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

Up coming AA related events

Sat. Oct.12th 9am Recovery Hike at Mount Wachusett rain or shine
Heavy rain cancels. Lunch at the top. Bring appropriate hiking attire.
Sturdy boots, water, bug spray, tissue, camera etc; Meeting to be held
Weather and time permitting.

October, 18 2013. Area 30 Bus trip to G.S.O.
Flyer located online—Calender tab @aaemass.org
Or call Michelle 508-736-9675
Need to reserve by Aug. 31st. Cost is \$50

Fri. Oct.25th 6pm. Halloween Dance. Knights of Columbus Hall
110 S.Main st. Gardner Ma. \$7.00 at the door meal included.
Prize for best costume. 6pm doors open, 7pm dinner and meeting at 8.
Gifts and 50/50 raffle. Dance from 9pm till midnight.

For more information on upcoming A.A. related events please check out the following websites,

aaworcester.org, aadistrict26.org, aaemass.org

Nov, 8th , 9th and 10th, 2013

50th Annual Mass State A.A. Convention

" Communicating our Legacies—Vital in a changing World."

With Al-Anon & Al-Ateen participation

The Sheraton Framingham hotel

Framingham, Ma.

Any Group Anniversaries or A.A. functions please notify webmaster@aaworcester.org and we will put it on the website "calendar of events" as soon as possible. If you have a flyer in electronic format please send that along and we will include it.

Corrections Committee Report. Lt. Peter Bove has been named the new volunteer services co-coordinator @ the W.C.H.C. As a result of the change all AA volunteers, who were on the approved volunteer list, are unable to visit the WCHC for commitments until re-applying for approval. Filling out a new CORI form. Once approved an orientation for volunteer service must be completed. Approved volunteers must also schedule an appt. for obtaining a picture ID for admittance. A yearly review will be done. New applications will be available shortly.

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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Meeting info.....Meeting info.....Meeting info.....Meeting info.....

Shrewsbury Gratitude meeting has changed it's location from Coburn ave in Worcester to The Episcopal church on main street in Shrewsbury. 7—8 pm Sunday nights no break and no smoking. Open speaker.

The 12—1 pm Mon to Fri meeting at Bethsaida Christian Center on Austin st. has closed due to poor attendance.

The Tuesday night Fellowship of Webster meeting has closed.

The Wednesday night Upton spirit group will be having their anniversary on Wednesday, Oct. 9th. Food 7—8 pm with the meeting starting at 8. United Parish Hall at Main and Church Upton Ma.



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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
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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

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.