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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 or call Ferne at (508) 847 - 3802. 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 Tuesday of month.*

Joint Public Information Committee— Worcester Area Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. Suite 314—4th Monday of each month—7:00pm



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.

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.

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TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:

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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.

Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?

Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?

Am I careful about throwing AA names around - even within the Fellowship?

Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic? What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?

Is my 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 off 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 the AA groups in District 25 each chipping in and volunteering their 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.

Drawing Dates for Group Time Slots

District 25/GSR Meeting

Location: St. Joan of Arc Church
Lincoln St., Worcester, MA 01605
October 5, 2010 @ 7:00pm
November 2, 2010 @ 7:00pm

WAI Meeting

Location: Veterans Inc.
59 South St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545
October 14, 2010 @ 7:00pm
November 11, 2010 @ 7:00pm

ALCATHON DATES AND TIMES

Thanksgiving

Starting: Wednesday, November 24th at 12:00 NOON

Ending: Thursday, November 25th at 12:00 MIDNIGHT

Christmas

Starting: Friday, December 24th at 12:00 NOON

Ending: Saturday, December 25th at 12:00 MIDNIGHT

New Years

Starting: Friday, December 31st at 12:00 NOON

Ending: Saturday, January 1st at 12:00 MIDNIGHT

St. John's Church

44 Temple Street, Worcester, MA 01604

Parking on 44 Temple Street across from the church. Parking for **HANDICAPPED ONLY** in church lot. Handicap accessible at rear of church (see signs). Watch for SIGNS on site for entrance to Alcathon.

Food Donations Appreciated by Groups and Individuals

2010 THANKSGIVING ALCATHON

SLOT#	DATE	TIME	GROUP/CONTACT (Name & Tel #)
1	Wed. 11/24	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Webster Triton
2	Wed. 11/24	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	7am Group
3	Wed. 11/24	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Auburn Big Book
4	Wed. 11/24	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	People Helping People
5	Wed. 11/24	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Sunday Worcester Fellowship
6	Wed. 11/24	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Key to Freedom
7	Wed. 11/24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Worcester Wednesday Big Book Step Study
8	Wed. 11/24	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Sturbridge Lighthouse
9	Wed. 11/24	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	As Bill Sees It (Worcester)
10	Wed. 11/24	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Serenity
11	Wed. 11/24	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	We Mean Business
12	Wed. 11/24	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	The Way Out (Auburn)
13	Thurs. 11/25	12:00 am - 1:00 am	There is Hope
14	Thurs. 11/25	1:00 am - 2:00 am	
15	Thurs. 11/25	2:00 am - 3:00 am	
16	Thurs. 11/25	3:00 am - 4:00 am	
17	Thurs. 11/25	4:00 am - 5:00 am	Worcester Gratitude
18	Thurs. 11/25	5:00 am - 6:00 am	Worcester Young People
19	Thurs. 11/25	6:00 am - 7:00 am	
20	Thurs. 11/25	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Crossroads
21	Thurs. 11/25	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Saturday Worcester Big Book Step Study
22	Thurs. 11/25	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Seven Hills Group
23	Thurs. 11/25	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Grafton Daily Reflections
24	Thurs. 11/25	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Quinsig Group
25	Thurs. 11/25	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Greendale Friday Night
26	Thurs. 11/25	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Acceptance & Attitude
27	Thurs. 11/25	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	St. Paul's Nooner
28	Thurs. 11/25	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Shrewsbury Sunday Morning
29	Thurs. 11/25	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Crozier
30	Thurs. 11/25	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	
31	Thurs. 11/25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
32	Thurs. 11/25	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	The Way Out (Worcester)
33	Thurs. 11/25	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Mid-Day
34	Thurs. 11/25	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Rebound
35	Thurs. 11/25	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Way of Sobriety
36	Thurs. 11/25	11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Spencer Fellowship

2010 CHRISTMAS ALCATHON

<u>SLOT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>GROUP/CONTACT (Name & Tel #)</u>
1	Fri. 12/25	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	The Key to Freedom
2	Fri. 12/25	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Worcester Young People
3	Fri. 12/25	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Crozier
4	Fri. 12/25	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Worcester Gratitude
5	Fri. 12/25	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	The Way Out (Auburn)
6	Fri. 12/25	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Greendale Friday Night
7	Fri. 12/25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sunday Worcester Fellowship
8	Fri. 12/25	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Rebound
9	Fri. 12/25	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
10	Fri. 12/25	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Sturbridge Lighthouse
11	Fri. 12/25	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	We Mean Business
12	Fri. 12/25	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Mid-Day
13	Sat. 12/26	12:00 am - 1:00 am	Acceptance & Attitude
14	Sat. 12/26	1:00 am - 2:00 am	There is Hope
15	Sat. 12/26	2:00 am - 3:00 am	
16	Sat. 12/26	3:00 am - 4:00 am	Way of Sobriety
17	Sat. 12/26	4:00 am - 5:00 am	
18	Sat. 12/26	5:00 am - 6:00 am	
19	Sat. 12/26	6:00 am - 7:00 am	Spencer Fellowship
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27	Sat. 12/26	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Serenity
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34	Sat. 12/26	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Seven Hills Group
35	Sat. 12/26	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Saturday Worcester Big Book Step Study
36	Sat. 12/26	11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	7am Group

NEW YEARS ALCATHON

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3	Fri. 12/31	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	There is Hope
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11	Fri. 12/31	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Serenity
12	Fri. 12/31	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Sturbridge Lighthouse
13	Sat. 1/1/10	12:00 am - 1:00 am	Crozier
14	Sat. 1/1/10	1:00 am - 2:00 am	Mid-Day
15	Sat. 1/1/10	2:00 am - 3:00 am	
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17	Sat. 1/1/10	4:00 am - 5:00 am	
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35	Sat. 1/1/10	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Auburn Big Book
36	Sat. 1/1/10	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Seven Hills Group

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Position	Name	email address
Chairperson	Billy B.	chair@aaworcester.org
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Liaison to Area 30	Richard M.	

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/MOVES: The SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE meeting will no longer be meeting (Saturday nights at 7pm on Freeland St. in Worcester). *As Bill Sees It* has returned to Thursday nights at St. Stephen's Church from 7-8PM (At Grafton & Hamilton St.) **The Stay Active group is back in business!** (OSP) They are now meeting Thursday nights from 6:45-8PM at Congregational Church, 1070 Pleasant St. in Worcester.

NEW MEETINGS: **She Means Business (CDW)** meets from 5-6PM on Tuesday nights at Bethel Lutheran, 90 Bryn Mawr in Auburn. Tuesday night in Northboro : **Desire to Stop Drinking—(OB12).** Meets 6-7 PM at 45 Howard Street. Saturday morning in Harvard: **Happy, Joyous and Free—(OD)** meets from 9-10 a.m. at St. Teresa's 15 Still River Rd. **MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE:** Meeting space is now available for AA meetings at Veterans Inc., 59 South St.,

ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS*District 26***THANKSGIVING DAY****ALKATHON****THURSDAY, NOV. 25TH, 2010 ... 8 AM – 9 PM****HOSTED BY OUR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FRANK G. 978 840-9785
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.26AC.ORG**

**AN ALL DAY MARATHON OF MEETINGS FROM 8 AM TO 9PM
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, 15 WEST ST., LEOMINSTER,
MA. FELLOWSHIP ALL DAY LONG. DON'T BE ALONE ON
THANKSGIVING DAY, COME BE WITH US. FOOD AND
BOOK DONATIONS VERY MUCH WELCOME.**





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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 BothAges 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.