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Happy Holidays!!! Happy Holidays!!! Happy Holidays!!!

Well here we are smack dab in the middle of another holiday season and I, and everyone at Intergroup, would sincerely like to wish each and every one of you a season filled with peace, love , joy and sobriety. Inside you will find the lists of meetings and times for the upcoming Christmas and New Years alcathons. A great way to get through it all for those who may be new or coming back and anyone that may just be struggling at this time of year. Seventy two hrs of meetings and fellowship to be held at Saint John's Church on Temple st, in Worcester 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.

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

 ${}^*\mathit{The\ Intergroup\ meetings\ occur\ the\ second\ THURSDAY\ of\ each\ month.}$



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 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

TRADITION 12: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

TRADITIONS CHECK List;

- 1. Why is it good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
- 2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
- 3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
- 4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
- 5, Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
 - 6, Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition-or belie it?
- 7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
- 8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior-especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
- 9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
- 10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
- 11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
- 12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

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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

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| 1 | Mon. 12/24 | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Way Out Group | |
| 2 | Mon. 12/24 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Millbury Traditions | |
| 3 | Mon. 12/24 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Saturday Big Book Step Study | |
| 4 | Mon. 12/24 | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Courage to Change | |
| 5 | Mon. 12/24 | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Greendale | |
| 6 | Mon. 12/24 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Westside | |
| 7 | Mon. 12/24 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Southbridge Original | |
| 8 | Mon. 12/24 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Early Risers - Webster | |
| 9 | Mon. 12/24 | 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Rebound | |
| 10 | Mon. 12/24 | 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Spencer Fellowship | |
| 11 | Mon. 12/24 | 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm | Auburn Sunday Big Book | |
| 12 | Mon. 12/24 | 11:00 pm - 12:00 am | Seven AM Group | |
| 13 | Tue. 12/25 | 12:00 am - 1:00 am | Serenity | |
| 14 | Tue. 12/25 | 1:00 am - 2:00 am | Sunset Group | |
| 15 | Tue. 12/25 | 2:00 am - 3:00 am | There Is Hope | |
| 16 | Tue. 12/25 | 3:00 am - 4:00 am | Quinsig | |
| 17 | Tue. 12/25 | 4:00 am - 5:00 am | Northboro How It Works | |
| 18 | Tue. 12/25 | 5:00 am - 6:00 am | Millbury Center Step | |

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| 4 | Mon. 12/31 | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Almost Home |
| 5 | Mon. 12/31 | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Worcester Young People |
| 6 | Mon. 12/31 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Shrewsbury Sunday Morning |
| 7 | Mon. 12/31 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | WCYPAA Bid Group |
| 8 | Mon. 12/31 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Sunset Group |
| 9 | Mon. 12/31 | 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Crozier |
| 10 | Mon. 12/31 | 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm | There is Hope |
| 11 | Mon. 12/31 | 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm | Way of Sobriety |
| 12 | Mon. 12/31 | 11:00 pm - 12:00 am | Key to Freedom |
| 13 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 12:00 am - 1:00 am | Worcester Gratitude |
| 14 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 1:00 am - 2:00 am | Wednesday Big Book Step Study - Worcester |
| 15 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 2:00 am - 3:00 am | Brookfield Sunday Morning |
| 16 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 3:00 am - 4:00 am | Shrewsbury Gratitude |
| 17 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 4:00 am - 5:00 am | People Helping People |
| 18 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 5:00 am - 6:00 am | Daybreaker |

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| 19 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 6:00 am - 7:00 am | Rebound |
| 20 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 7:00 am - 8:00 am | Millbury Traditions |
| 21 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 8:00 am - 9:00 am | Auburn Sunday Big Book |
| 22 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 9:00 am - 10:00 am | Westboro Forge |
| 23 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am | High Noon Group |
| 24 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | Eternal Vigilance |
| 25 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Douglas Maintenance and Repair |
| 26 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Quinsig |
| 27 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Dudley Day At A Time |
| 28 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Courage to Change |
| 29 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Fellowship - Worcester |
| 30 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | Spencer Fellowship |
| 31 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Southbridge Original |
| 32 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Auburn Happy Hour |
| 33 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm | Millbury Center Step |
| 34 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Seven AM Group |
| 35 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 10:00 pm - 11:00 pm | Early Risers - Webster |
| 36 | Tue. 1/1/13 | 11:00 pm - 12:00 am | Saturday Big Book Step Study |



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| 12 Step Volunteer Application | |
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| Name (First name and last initial): | |
| Telephone Number: | |
| Towns you will accept calls from: | |
| Hours that you are available: | |
| I wish to help: <u>Males Only</u> <u>Females Only</u> <u>Both</u> | |
| 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) | Tutouous |
| I am willing to: (please circle all that apply) Talk to a person on the phone Go to a persons home to talk * Worcester, | t., Suite 314 |
| Give rides to AA Meetings Give rides to Detox * | |
| Meet someone at a meeting Other (please specify) | |
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*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.