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Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

There are still plenty of opportunities to get active with the W. A. I. Either by being a rep for your home group or attending the monthly delegates meeting and volunteering your services on any one of the service committees. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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.

Tickets are on sale until the 6th of July, at the intergroup office, for the Breezy picnic grounds waterslides in Douglas Ma. The outing is scheduled for the 13th with a rain date on the 20th. Hope to see you many of you there.

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 7 : Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Tradition 7 : Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

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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

Up coming AA related events

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

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

aaworcester.org

aadistrict26.org

aaemass.org

September 5th—8th , 2013 Seniors in Sobriety 8th International Conference

Town and Country Resort Hotel

San Diego, California

Conference info www.aasis2013.org Phone 855-713-2300

New Meeting Info.....

Worcester's Beginners Meeting

April 7th , 2013

Ascension Parish

48 Vernon st.

Worcester, Ma 01601

Every Sunday from 6:00—7:00pm

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!

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New Meeting Info.. New Meeting Info,,,New Meeting Info...New Meeting Info...

Grapevine Group, O.D. 7:30—8:30 pm Thursday @ the Congregational Church on the Barre Common in Barre Ma.

Last Sunday of every month @ 12pm @ St. Mathews Church 695 Southbridge st. Worcester Ma. In the basement . WCYPAA..... Worcester County Young Peoples In Alcoholics Anonymous.....

Rochdale Big Book Meeting. Monday 7-8 pm Christ Episcopal Church 1089 Stafford st. Rochdale. Closed meeting Handicap Accessible.



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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.