



# The Beacon

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Monday 10am-2pm

Tuesday 10am-8pm

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Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday 9am-2pm

Sunday CLOSED

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**Save the Date...Save the Date....Save the Date....**

Worcester Area Intergroup  
Open House

**Saturday September 15, 2012**

**2:00-5:00 pm**

**100 Grove St. Suite 314 (3<sup>rd</sup> flr, (elevator available)**

**Phone: 508-752-9000**

**Workshops on: "Where Does the Basket Money Go?"  
our ~7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, What is the "PIE" chart?**

**~ What Does An Intergroup Rep Do?**

**Why does Each Group Need To Vote  
on Issues Affecting AA as a Whole?**

**What is this voting thing?  
Who really runs AA?**

**Come See What It's All About!  
What Are We Planning For Fun?**

**Reduced Prices on Books! New Meeting Lists & Beacons!  
Coffee, Treats**

**Raffles for Grapevine CD's**

## 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](http://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 9:** Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

#### **TRADITION 9:**

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

#### TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program-even if no one makes me do so-with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and by-laws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully-and profit thereby-when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

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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

Sept 13—16, 2012 Thursday—Sunday. 54th ICYPAA Saint Louis, Missouri. International Conference Of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. To be held at The Millennium Hotel St. Louis. Online conference registration and hotel registration can be found at [icypaahost.org](http://icypaahost.org). Pre-Registration : \$25.00. For more information or to volunteer , email [contact@icypaahost.org](mailto:contact@icypaahost.org).

### Save\_The\_Date\_!!!!

**Saturday, September 15, 2012**  
**Worcester Area Intergroup Open House**  
**100 Grove St. Suite 314 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**  
**Worcester, MA**  
**Workshop(s) – Special Prices – Raffle**  
**2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**  
**Stay Tuned for More!**

The next Area 30 September Workshop Assembly, will be held Sunday September, 16th, 2012, at the Malden V.F.W. Post, 36 Crystal st. Malden Ma. Registration starts at 9:00 am. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided at no charge. The discussion contributes to the collective Group Conscience of Area 30. All interested AA's are welcome.

“The Solution”, a Wednesday night cbbss meeting in Marlboro, is celebrating their 3rd anniversary on October 10, 2012. Food served at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7.

The location is The Recovery Connection @ 31 main street, Marlborough, Ma.

The 49th Annual Mass State Convention will be held Fri Nov, 09th—Sunday Nov, 11th. Location is the Framingham Sheraton. Round the clock meetings, Fellowship, Workshops, and much more.

The Halt line is still fully staffed. However, anyone wishing to get involved can contact John B. at [Haltline@aaworcester.org](mailto:Haltline@aaworcester.org) and sign up to be an alternate. All you need is one yr of sobriety (recommended ), a cell or touch tone phone, a meeting list and time to talk with / listen to someone in need.

Every 4th Thursday of the month Lynn S. ( District 25 Grapevine rep) has a meeting at the Intergroup office for anyone wishing to get active and learn more of what the Grapevine is all about. Meeting begins at 6:30pm.

## Contributions through July 31, 2012

Group Name	Jul	Total 2012
AA Anniversary Contribution	25.65	25.65
AA Individual Contribution	5.35	178.55
Ashburnham Sunday Night Naukeag	10.00	10.00
Auburn The Way Out ( Thursday )		32.00
Auburn Beginners Group		55.50
Auburn Happy Hour	82.50	796.08
Auburn Higher Power	40.00	273.50
Auburn Sunday Nite Big Book		66.00
Auburn Thursday Night Step		100.00
Boylston Common	75.00	250.00
Brookfield Sunday AM Group		75.00
Charlton Courage To Change		225.00
Charlton Daybreaker	198.60	1,026.12
Charlton Life Second to None		75.00
Charlton Sisters in Sobriety		50.83
Clinton Central Park Womens Step		61.56
District 26 General Service Committee	12.00	96.00
Douglas Maintenance & Repair		225.00
Douglas Monday Big Book		200.00
Douglas Never Back Down		75.00
Douglas Tuesday Night Step		50.00
Dudley Day At A Time	50.00	50.00
Fitchburg Friendship		90.00
Fitchburg Keep It Simple		150.00
Fitchburg Newman AA Group		75.00
Gardner Monday Night Discussion		9.83
Gardner Saturday Night		50.00
Gardner Unity in the Morning		25.00
Grafton Common Bond		200.00
Grafton Happy Joyous And Free		180.00
Grafton Reflections Group		51.00
Holden Group Of A. A. ( Thurs. Night)	200.00	207.00
Hudson Second Chance		1,000.00
Leicester Big Book	25.00	25.00
Leominster BB SS		60.00
Leominster High Noon		25.00
North Oxford Friday Step	50.00	50.00

## Contributions thru July 31, 2012

	July	Total 2012
Northboro as bill sees it		\$140.00
Oxford Tuesday night step		\$50.00
Oxford Thursday night BB	\$75	\$125.00
Paxton ( three groups)		\$600.00
Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance	\$185.69	\$518.57
Shrewsbury Sunday morning		\$100.00
South Grafton Big Book		\$65.00
South Grafton Thursday night step	\$37.50	\$37.50
South bridge Pine st. Recovery group		\$150.00
Southbridge Sat 12 & 12	\$50.00	\$50.00
Sterling Thursday Big Book		\$30.00
Stow Sunday morning		\$13.40
Upton Spirit		\$112.50
Uxbridge Another Day Another Way		\$38.00
Webster early risers	\$40.00	\$420.00
Webster Triton	\$50.00	\$175.00
West Brookfield Almost Home		\$30.00
Westboro 4th Dimension		\$250.00
Westboro as bill sees it	\$35.00	\$105.00
Westboro get well slowly step		\$165.00
Westboro no name		\$400.00
Westminster 12 & 12		\$40.00
Westminster 4th edition big book		\$50.00
Whitinsville as bill sees it		\$100.00
Winchendon Toy Town group		\$15.00
Worcester Acceptance & Attitude		\$75.00
Worcester as bill sees it		\$25.00
Worcester Gratitude		\$249.22
Worcester Hi-Noon		\$1300.00
Worcester Mid-Day	\$50.00	\$150.00
Worcester noontime		\$600.00
Worcester Quinsigamond		\$475.00
Worcester rebound		\$55.25
Worcester Saturday BBSS		\$183.62
Worcester seven am	\$427.37	\$2743.25
Worcester the way of sobriety		\$641.90
Worcester Wednesday BBSS		\$29.81
Worcester West Side BBNS		\$193.50
<b>Column Totals</b>	<b>1,724.66</b>	<b>16,916.14</b>

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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**Meeting change... Meeting change... Meeting change...Meeting change...**

**The following two meetings are being cancelled due to lack of attendance.**

**Thursday. ODYP Recovery Lifestyle—Recovery Center, 25 Pleasant st. 3:30—4:30pm.**

**Friday. ODYP Recovery Lifestyle—Recovery Center, 25 Pleasant st. 12:00—1:00 pm.**



### Subscription Form

Please fill out form, enclose your payment, and mail to  
**The Beacon**  
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 Worcester Mass. 01605

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 -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.

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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](mailto: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.