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Saturday 9am-2pm

Sunday CLOSED

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Happy New Year!!! Happy New Year!!!

Don't Drink. Go to meetings. Ask for help. One Day At A Time.

My name is John G. and I will be your Beacon editor once again for the upcoming year. I ask anyone with information on upcoming A.A. related events (individual or group anniversaries, conferences and conventions , round ups , service conferences or seminars etc;) to please contact me at Beacon@aaworcester.org so I can pass it on.

The Halt line is still taking on volunteers wishing to get active and fill in as alternates. Anyone interested can send an email to Scott M. at 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 1: We admitted we were powerless over alcohol
— that our lives had become unmanageable.

TRADITION 1:

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

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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

Saturday, January 19th, 2013

Dinner & Comedy Night

Sponsored by district 26 activities committee

Knights of Columbus , 484 Lancaster st., Leominster Ma.

Tickets \$10.00 coffee: 6pm / dinner: 6:30pm

More information at www.aamassd26.org

Adult comedy, no children

Tuesday, January 29th, 2013

7:30pm

50th Mass State Convention Planning Committee

Sheraton Framingham

1657 Worcester Rd.

All are welcome.

February 22nd—24th 2013

N.E.R.A.A.S.A 2013

Lancaster Pa.

The General Service Conference Takes it's inventory

Our Solution in Action

More info at aamass.org

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.

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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.



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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

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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.