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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. If you have a phone (cell or landline) and an hour or more of time...WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Hours currently available are:

Sunday 10pm-12am

Monday 12am-3pm, 7am-8am

Tuesday 12am-4am, 6am-8am

Wednesday 12am-4am, 7am-8am,

Thursday 12am-5am, 6am-10am, 8pm-9pm

Friday 6am-8am, 7pm-9pm

Saturday 12am-4am, 6am-7am

If you would like information please email haltline@aaworcester.org or call the Intergroup office at (508) 752-9000. Will train the right candidate - great pay - huge rewards!

Local Service Meetings

Intergroup Steering Committee - St. Mary of the Hills 630 Cross St
Boylston - 2nd Thursday of each month—6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates - St. Mary of the Hills 630 Cross St
Boylston - 2nd Thursday of each month—7:00pm

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



STEP TWO:

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

TRADITION TWO:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

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.

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

- Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
- Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
- Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
- Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
- Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
- In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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W.A.I. Needs your help!

Many groups do not have an intergroup representative. We are also in great need of a Treatment facilities chairperson to ensure adequate coverage in each treatment facility in our region. We all need help, especially when newly sober. Join us the 2nd Thursday of each month: 7:00pm @ St. Mary of the Hills Church, 630 Cross St., Boylston (Exit 23B from I290) We can use your help in many areas.

Hello everyone!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Michelle G. and I am the new Editor of the Beacon. I am planning on publishing a new issue each month. If you have any ideas for future issues please contact me at beacon@aaworcester.org. I would love to hear your suggestions.

If you know of any changes to meeting times, dates or locations please email me or see me at a meeting so I can get the information into the next month's issue. Also, please inform me of any changes in bookies so I may keep the bookie list up to date.

DAILY REFLECTIONS EXCERPTS

February 1: *GOAL: SANITY*

"...Step two gently and very gradually began to infiltrate my life. I can't say upon what occasion or upon what day I came to believe in a Power greater than myself, but I certainly have that belief now."

(Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.27)

"Came to believe!" I gave lip service to my belief when I felt like it or when I thought it would look good. I didn't really trust God. I didn't believe He cared for me. I kept trying to change things I couldn't change. Gradually, in disgust, I began to turn it all over, saying: "You're so omnipotent, you take care of it." He did, I began to receive answers to my deepest problems, sometimes at the most unusual times: driving to work, eating lunch, or when I was sound asleep. I realized that I hadn't thought of those solutions—a Power greater than myself had given them to me. I came to believe.

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February 15: *TAKING ACTION*

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 84.

One of the most important things A.A. has given me, in addition to freedom from booze, is the ability to "right action". It says the promises will *always* materialize if I *work* for them. Fantasizing about them, debating them, preaching about them and faking them just won't work. I'll remain a miserable, rationalizing dry drunk. By taking action and working the Twelve Steps in all my affairs, I've have a life beyond my wildest dreams.

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February 28th: WHAT? NO PRESIDENT?

When told that our society had no president having authority to govern it, no treasurer who can compel the payment of dues, . . . our friends gasp and exclaim, "This simply can't be. . . "

TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 132

When I finally made my way to A.A., I could not believe that there was no treasurer, to "compel the payment of dues". I could not imagine an organization that didn't require monetary contributions in return for a service. It was my first and thus far, only experience with getting "something for nothing." Because I did not feel used or conned by those in A.A., I was able to approach the program free from bias and with an open mind. They wanted nothing from me. What could I lose? I thank God for the wisdom of the early founders who knew so well the alcoholic's disdain for being manipulated.

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The Missing Link

"The idea that religion and spirituality were not one and the same was a new notion. My sponsor asked that I merely remain open-minded to the possibility that there was a Power greater than myself, one of my own understanding. He assured me that no person was going to impose a belief system on me, that it was a personal matter. Reluctantly, I opened my mind to the fact that maybe, just maybe, there was something to this spiritual lifestyle. Slowly, but surely, I realized there was indeed a Power greater than myself, and I soon found myself with a full-time God in my life and following a spiritual path that didn't conflict with my personal religious convictions."

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-----Meeting News-----

NEW MEETINGS: There is a **new meeting in Sturbridge** on **Saturday** night from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. It is an open 12 step meeting at Federated Church, on Maple St. (Rt. 131). The name of the group is **Key To Freedom**.

MOVES: Saturday night **Lake Whalom** group has moved to Our Lady of the Lake, 1400 Main St. in Leominster (Route 13) and now meets from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tuesday night **Quinsigamond** group is holding their **40th Anniversary** on **February 9th, 2010**. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. and food will be served at 9:00 p.m.
Brookfield Sunday Morning meeting is holding their **10th Anniversary** on **February 21, 2010**. Coffee & fellowship 9-10 a.m. Speakers at 10:00 with food to follow.



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From the Office Manager

We now have in inventory the "Acceptance" booklet which is published by Abbey Press. We had been getting a lot of request for this publication and it was voted at last month's Delegates meeting to allow it to be sold.

We will be sending a new copy of the meeting list to the printer sometime in February. If you know of any changes that need to be included please call the Intergroup office during business hours.



The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme "A Vision for You." Convention registration, housing reservation and all other necessary information is available at <http://www.aa.org>