



The Beacon

Volume 11 Issues 3&4

March & April

Worcester Area Intergroup

100 Grove St., Suite 314
Worcester, MA 01605
(508) 752-9000
(508) 752-0755 (fax)
www.aaworcester.org

Office Hours:

Monday 10am-2pm
Tuesday 10am-8pm
Wednesday 10am-2pm
Thursday 10am-8pm
Friday 10am-2pm
Saturday 9am-2pm
Sunday CLOSED

The Beacon Staff: January 2009 to December 2009

Editor: Brandy H.
Beacon Committee: Joe P. and John H.

The opinions expressed herein are not to be attributed to A.A. as a whole, nor does the publication of any article imply an endorsement by either A.A., general services nor Intergroup. Comments, questions and articles may be directed to The Beacon. All excerpts & Articles reprinted with permission from AAWS and/or The Grapevine.

H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

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 land-line) and an hour or more of time...WE NEED YOU!!

Hours currently available are:		Wednesday	12:00 am - 4:00 am 6:00 am - 8:00 am 8:00 pm - 12:00 am
Sunday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm 10:00 pm - 12: am	Thursday	12:00 am - 5:00 am 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday	12:00 am - 3:00 am 5:00 am - 6:00 am 7:00 am - 8:00 am	Friday	6:00 am - 7:00 am 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 11:00 pm - 12:00 am
Tuesday	12:00 am - 4:00 am	Saturday	12:00 am - 9:00 am

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. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester - 2nd Thursday of each month—6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates - St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester - 2nd Thursday of each month—7:00pm

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



STEP THREE:

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him..

TRADITION THREE:

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, 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.

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

W.A. I. Needs your help!

There are service positions that remain unfilled. Join us the 2nd Thursday of each month 7:00pm St. Joan of Arc Church Lincoln Street....come see where you can help!
Please Join us !!

STEP FOUR:

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves .

TRADITION FOUR:

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths-his lengths, not mine-to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?



H.A.L.T. line is looking for information.

Do you or does someone you know currently man the H.A.L.T. line? Please contact the Intergroup office 1-508-752-9000 or email halt-line@aaworcester.org so we may be sure our information is current.

BOOK PRICES CHANGING!

Effective July 1, 2009, GSO is increasing their book prices. This means that Worcester Area Intergroup will also need to change them. Please call the Intergroup office for more info. (508) 752-9000 or log onto www.aaworcester.org and click on the price list link.



Subscription Form

Please fill out form, enclose your payment, and mail to
 The Beacon
 100 Grove Street Suite 314
 Worcester Mass. 01605

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____
 COUNTRY (If other than USA) _____
 ANNIVERSARY DATE _____ HOME GROUP _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Subscriptions to The Beacon are \$5.00 per year to defray the cost of production and postage. Additional donations from members are gratefully accepted. Worcester Area Intergroup is a non-profit organization, dependent on members' contributions. Please make checks payable to Worcester Area Intergroup.

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Position	Name	email address
Chairperson	Joe N.	Chair@aaworcester.org
Alt. Chair	Billy B.	
Secretary	Michelle N.	secretary@aaworcester.org
Treasurer	Lori B.	treasurer@aaworcester.org
Alt. Treasurer	Dot B.	
Trustees	Harry H., Bob D. Ellen McQ., Bob L.	
Office Manager	John H.	steps@aaworcester.org
Joint Treatment Facilities	<u>Vacant</u>	treatment@aaworcester.org
Joint Correctional Facilities	Eric R	Corrections@aaworcester.org
Halt Line	Ellen McQ.	haltline@aaworcester.org
Social Committee	Marc B.	Social@aaworcester.org
Joint Public Information	Bill G.	PiChair@aaworcester.org
Webmaster	Bob L.	webmaster@aaworcester.org
Joint Alcathon Committee	Joe N.	
Beacon Editor	Brandy H.	Beacon@aaworcester.org
Liaison to District 25	Eric R.	
Liaison to District 26	Woody S.	
Liaison to Area 30	Richard M.	

Meeting Changes & Anniversaries

MOVED—Worcester - *Wednesday Big Book Step Study* has moved to Zion Lutheran Church - Whitmarsh Ave. & Leeds St. from 7:00-8:30PM

CLOSED—Webster—*Best of Bill W.* (Audio tapes / Open Discussion) - Serenity Hall—6 Mechanic Street Saturdays from 9:00-10:00AM

NEW—S. Ashburnham—*Big Book Meeting*—Peoples Church—56 S. Main St.— Monday from 7:30-9:00PM Starting 2/23/09 bring your 4th ed. Big Book

NEW—Sturbridge—*Key To Freedom*—Federated Church—Main St.— Thursday from 7:30-8:30PM OBB

NEW—Leicester—*Leicester Big Book Meeting*— St. Aloysius/St. Jude—489 Pleasant St.— Friday from 7:00-8:30PM

TIME CHANGE—Serenity Group in Worcester will be permanently changing their meeting time to 8:00pm—9:30pm on Thursday nights at the First Baptist Church on the corner of Park Ave. & Salisbury Sts.



Upcoming Events

May 9, 2009 - Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee hosts "2nd CHANCE PROM" from 7-11pm at St. Matthew's Church at 695 Main St. in Worcester. Cost is \$3.00 at the door and refreshments will be served.

August 21-23, 2009 - Living Our Tradition Group in Raynham is once again hosting their annual event "THE INCREDIBLE TAPESTRY". Contact www.theincredibletapestry.org or incredible.tapestry@comcast.net for full information.

FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to offer my sincerest apologies to all of you for missing the March issue of The Beacon. Between health issues and 'life getting in the way' I was unable to fulfill that commitment. On the positive side, this means I won't have to ask the Committee for more money in the fall to put out an Alcathon Only issue!!

The Beacon



Check the bulletin board for meeting changes and new meetings in our area on Intergroup's very own web page:
www.aaworcester.org

To find out about social events in **District 26** (North & west of Worcester) check out their unofficial web site:
www.26ac.org

Does YOUR Group have a Bookie? Have them send their info to Beacon@aaworcester.org ! !

Do YOU have a story based on the Step or Tradition of the month? Email it to beacon@aaworcester.org. If it is accepted we will review it, edit it and print it in the appropriate issue!