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THE BEACON

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Deadline....
for information to go into the August issue of The Beacon is August 10th, 2001. Information can be sent to :
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 Worcester, MA 01605
 or e-mailed to:
 BRANDYLH1@yahoo.com (please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

TRADITION EIGHT

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get *some* reward - even if not money - for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on *humility*?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA em-



- ployees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Tradi-*

tions? To the pamphlet *AA Tradition - How It Developed?*

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NEW INTERGROUP DELEGATE MEETING PLACE

Chairperson – Enzo H.
 Vice Chair – Jack H.
 Secretary – Kate G.
 Treasurer – Joanne O.
 Assistant Treasurer – Kimball M.
 Trustees - Brandy H., Bob D., Eric R., Tom W.

As per a vote of the Intergroup Delegates in June, The Worcester Area Intergroup Steering Committee and

Delegates meeting Will now be held at St. Joan of Arc Church on Lincoln St. in Worcester. Call the Intergroup Office if you need directions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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August 3-5, 2001 – 8th PA State Convention will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Carlisle, PA. Call one of the following for more info: **(508) 752-9000**

August 10-11, 2001 – 2001 Capital Roundup Conference will be held at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel in Washington, DC. For more info, write to: The Capital Roundup P.O.Box 76786 Washington, DC 20013.

August 10-12, 2001 – 22nd NY State Informational Workshop will be held at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in Garrison, NY. For more information, contact **(508) 752-9000**. Also, ny-siw@aaseny.org or their website at www.aaseny.org

August 17-19, 2001 – 4th Annual Sunlight of the Spirit Conference will be held in York, PA. For more info, contact one of the following: **(508) 752-9000** or their website at www.sosvorkps.org

October 19-21, 2001 – 31st Northeast Regional Convention will be held at the Hilton Parsippany in Parsippany, NJ. For more information call **(508) 752-9000**.

October 26-28, 2001 – 2001 HMB Area Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, NY. For more information, write to: 51st HMB Area Convention P.O.Box 8112 Utica, NY 13505.

November 1-4, 2001 – 40th Annual Hawaii AA Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. For more information call **(508) 752-9000**

November 9-11, 2001 – 38th Ma State AA Convention will be held at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. Call **(508) 752-9000** for more information.

February 22-24, 2002 – NERAASA 2002 will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in Pittsburgh, PA. For more info call: **(508) 752-9000**

October 4-6, 2002 – Northeast Regional Convention will be held at the Sheraton South Portland Hotel in Portland Maine. More details to come.

Step 8:

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Deaf AA members requiring interpreters for AA meetings can call Paul Hostovsky at (TTY #) **(508) 752-9000** or e-mail at Paul.Hostovsky@state.ma.us

There is also a number to call for an update of meeting in the Boston Area that are interpreted, the

number is **(508) 752-9000** and this list of meetings is updated every Friday.

Large print Meeting Lists are now available for those with vision problems. Call the Intergroup Office to find out how to get a copy for yourself or someone you know!!



HELP WANTED: ways to get involved...

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. Currently, there are 18 hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Paul P. [REDACTED]

Treatment Facilities is happy to welcome a new Chairperson and needs groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. If you can help, please call at the Intergroup Office.

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved. Please contact the Intergroup Office for more details. (508) 752-9000.

Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. If you have one day a month you could devote to helping out on a Committee, please ask your Intergroup Delegate, GSR or call the Intergroup Office for more information.

Addresses needed!!

We still have several groups in this area that we do not have contact information for. The contact person would receive The Beacon to bring to their groups. To find out if we have your group contact, please call Brandy [REDACTED]



Need more copies of The Beacon? Visit Worcester Area Intergroup or come to the Intergroup Delegates Meeting and pick up more. You can have the convenience of having The Beacon delivered to you!! Just \$5 will give you a one year subscription mailed to your home. See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.

PLEA FOR HELP

The Intergroup Office reports that there is a huge need for 12-Step volunteers. There just aren't enough to cover the whole area and we need for the hand of AA to be there to welcome newcomers and talk to people who just aren't sure AA is for them. There is a form in

this issue to fill out if you are interested. It could involve anything from visiting a wet drunk, to meeting someone at a meeting. Your level of involvement is completely up to you. Please help us help those who are still sick and suffering.



ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup

NEW!!!
<http://www.aaworcester.org>

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

Grapevine
<http://www.aagrapevine.org>

KORTE'S CORNER

A.A. never ceases to amaze me. I periodically hit these stretches where I think I've got to go to a mountain and sit in a cave awaiting information to come directly from God. At these times, I feel as though I'm not going to learn anything new in A.A., at that it's time for me to *really* grow spiritually.

When this happens, it takes but a short time for the emotional boomerang to kick in, followed by fear, doubt and insecurity. Then I sit, wondering why I don't feel so hot. Ego has again taken the helm and I'm back in delusion, judging others and baffled at my uncomfortability.

I have been wading through the customary fears as they apply to my life today, doing my best to turn them over to my Higher Power. I attended a step study meeting last week where a good friend of mine was speaking, and while I was looking forward to the meeting, I was not expecting to learn anything. I was just being a good A.A., you know, going to "give back what I was so freely given." Giving is vital, but this level of arrogance, however low key I might be about it, is a dangerous road to travel.

We were on steps 6 & 7, which I thought I had mastered and for which I had a good deal of respect. My friend John pointed out exercising the concept in steps 6 & 7 of "giving all of himself, good and bad to God." while working his tenth and eleventh steps. I thought, "yeah yeah...I know all that." John continued, and mentioned pausing to think of just *exactly what* his good and bad was, visualizing them, and asking for Help with those items.

Believe it or not, this was totally revolutionary for me. My ego

was immediately and totally deflated. I can't begin to tell you how healthy that is for me. I had been struggling (ooh-potential problem right there) with some fear lately, and handing the *situations* over to God, but I had not really done the leg work, and gotten down to the causes and conditions of the fear, as it is suggested I do in the fourth step. If I can't get to the *real* scoop, it's extremely difficult for me to gain freedom from what is causing the uncomfortable condition, the restlessness, the irritability. Let's face it, it's *always selfishness*, but I often have a hard time seeing the exact nature of the selfishness, and I can't be free of it until I do its exact nature.

I started using this exercise in my 11th step that night, and I was shocked at the result. I saw that my attributes, the "good" were the gifts given to me by The Big Guy, were identical to the attributes in my "bad." Crazy, but true.

All the things that showed up in my "bad" category were merely misused gifts. I had long removed the blatant bad behavior and self-destructive habits that had formed the bulk of my life skills for so many years, the trick now was to continue to apply the God-consciousness to *all* things, however subtle they might be. My "bad" was simply all the gifts tainted with selfishness.

Some plain examples presented themselves to me immediately. The gift of being able to carry this message was a gift. The thought of using that gift to gain notoriety, people's approval, or an ego boost, was the result of misusing the gift for selfish reasons, basically out of fear. I have many times succumbed to the delusion that people's approval/admiration etc. was what I really needed to be happy at that mo-

ment. What God needs me to do is pray and say whatever comes to mind *in spite* of what people might think, not to control their opinion of me.

The gift of humor was given to me to make myself and others laugh and enjoy themselves. When selfishness attaches itself to that attribute, I use my humor to denigrate others, (a selfish and dishonest attempt to build my ego) or to "get" people to like me, instead of letting them like me if they so choose. When not in God-consciousness, and instead in this state of fear, I use my humor to try to harvest compliments and praise. I found that the key is in my motives. Am I saying something because it feels right? Or am I trying to elicit a certain reaction from others? Am I trying to get a specific result which my disease believes will build my ego?

The Big Book tells us that our sex powers are God given, and therefore good. When my disease attaches selfishness and fear to this wonderful attribute, it becomes a dangerous weapon that eventually turns on me. I can use the power of attraction to build myself up at the other person's expense when I have no genuine feelings for that person at all. I can use sex as a painkiller or distraction (same thing), completely disregarding the feelings or well-being of myself or others.

I guess what amazes me most is that I am still surprised when I get another nugget that helps me recover. I am constantly learning new things that seem obvious *after* I've learned them. I learn from newcomers, old timers and friends. I need to work on my humility at all times and remain willing to learn.

Thanks for my latest lesson, John.

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BOOKIE BOARD

If you are the bookie for your home group and wish to have your number posted here, please call or write to the Intergroup Office. This is a great way to learn who the Bookies are for other groups and to get your number out to others!!

Upton Capertown:(Sat.
1:30pm)

Cindy S. (508) 752-9000

How It Works (Worcester):
(Sat 6:45pm)

Dayna (508) 752-9000

How It Works (Northboro):
(Wed 8:00pm)

David C. (508) 752-9000

Hopedale Ray Of Hope:
(Sun 10:30am)

Carol Y. or Ricky B. (508)
752-9000

4 Corners (Worcester):
(Wed. 8:00pm)

John Y. (508) 752-9000

Way Of Sobriety
(Worcester) (Sun 10:00 am)

Debbie P. (508) 752-9000

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00
am)

Tom S. (508) 752-9000

Holden Thursday Night
(Thurs. 8:30pm)

Gill B. (508) 752-9000

Starting Anew (Holliston)
(Wed. 8:00pm)

Elaine K. (508) 752-9000

Sutton Center Step (Mon.
6:45pm) (Outgoing Only)

Deb W. (508) 752-9000

GOYA (Whitinsville)
(Thurs. 8:00pm)
Mike H. (508) 752-9000

Worcester Young People
(Tues. 7:30pm)
Tom B. (508) 752-9000

Hudson Straight Shooters
(Thurs. 8:00pm)
Brian B. (508) 752-9000

Hudson Sunday Best
(Sunday 7:30pm)
David B. (508) 752-9000

Millis Fellowship (Thurs.
8:00pm)
Bill G(508) 752-9000

Douglas Maintenance and
Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)
Paul P. (508) 752-9000

Top Of The Hill (Wed.
8:00pm)
Jeanne M. (508) 752-9000

Webster Joy of Living
(Mon. 8:00pm)
Harry (508) 752-9000

Hudson Townline (Sat.
8:00pm)
Bob G(508) 752-9000

Greendale Group
(Worcester Fri. 8:30pm)
Paul H. (508) 752-9000

Putnam Young People's
(Putnam, CT Fri. 8:00pm)
Keith K. (508) 752-9000

Northboro Sat. Morning
(Sat. 10am)
Adam S. (508) 752-9000

Westboro Sunday Morning
(Sunday 11-noon)
Jim L. (508) 752-9000

Upton Spirit (Wednesday)
Amy L. (508) 752-9000

Groton Easy Duz It
(Tuesday 7:30pm)
Joe F. (508) 752-9000

Early Risers (Worcester Sun
10am)
Dayle (508) 752-9000

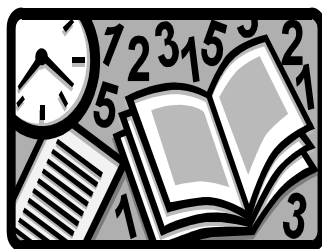
Leominster Original (Mon
7:45-9:00pm)
James S. (508) 752-9000

Clinton Shamrocks (Tues.
7:15p-8:30pm)
Cheryl D. (508) 752-9000

Aurora Group (6:45pm-
8pm)
Joanne K. (508) 752-9000
leave message

New Way Of Life (Mon.
7pm-8pm)
Audrey M. (508) 752-9000

Sherborn Wednesday Night
(Wed 8pm-9:15pm)
Debbie C. (508) 752-9000



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NEW!!!

<http://www.aaworcester.org>

Office Hours:

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

MEETING CHANGES & ANNIVERSARIES

Is your meeting changing time or location? Closing? New Meeting starting? Let us know!! Send the information to the Intergroup Office and it will go into The Beacon, the next update of the Meeting List and updated on our web site!!

NEW!! Northboro As Bill Sees It Meeting Mondays noon-1:00pm Trinity Church 23 E. Main St. Northboro. Closed Discussion.

NEW!! A New Way Of Life open speaker Meeting Mondays 7pm-8pm at the Trinitarian Church, Route 32, Gilbertville.

CHANGE!! Worcester Happy Destiny Mondays 7:00pm-8:30pm Bethany Congregational Church *Beginning June 4th.*

CHANGE!! It's About Time Mondays in Worcester will now meet from 7pm to 8:30pm.

NEW!! Sober Pride (gay open discussion) Meeting Sundays from 6pm to 7pm at 275 Main St. Webster.

Bookie Meeting

There will be a Bookie Exchange Meeting on Wednesday, September 5th, 2001 at the Intergroup Office, 100 Grove St., Suite 309, Worcester. The exchange will begin at 6:30pm and will be available until 7:45pm. Coffee and Munchies will be served. Come and fill up those blank spots!!!



The Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee

announces a day at **Breezy Picnic Grounds and Waterslide Park!!!**

Northwest Main St., Douglas, Ma
Sunday, August 26, 2001 10am-4pm

\$9 ages 5&up - \$6.00 ages 2 to 4 - free under 2

We will provide the grill and charcoal... bring your own food and beverages.

Tickets available at the Intergroup Office.

PROPOSED INTERGROUP MEETING TIMELINE

June 2001 to May 2002

August 9, 2001 - Outreach from Area 30 Treatment Facilities Committee.

September 13, 2001 - Outreach from Area 30 Corrections Committee

October 11, 2001 - Outreach from Area 30 Literature Committee.

November 8, 2001 - Thanksgiving Alcathon Drawing. Outreach from Area 30 Grapevine Committee.

December 13, 2001 - Christmas and New Years Alcathon Drawings

January 10, 2002 - Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed

February 14, 2002 - Nominations Committee appointed

March 14, 2002 - Nominations

made for all officers and Committee chairpersons

April 11, 2002 - Elections and appointments

May 9, 2002 - New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on

SERVICE MEETINGS

INTERGROUP

Steering Committee
 St. Joan of Arc Church
 570 Lincoln St.
 Worcester
 2nd Thursday
 6:15pm

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

Public Information
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 2nd Monday
 7:00pm

Joint Treatment
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 2nd Monday
 7:00pm

Corrections
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 TBA

Social Committee
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 1st Thursday
 7:00pm

Beacon Committee
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 TBA

DISTRICT

District 25 (GSR's)
 St. Joan of Arc Church
 570 Lincoln St.
 Worcester
 1st Tuesday
 7:30pm

AREA 30

Eastern Mass. General Service Committee
 St. John's
 80 Mt. Auburn
 Watertown
 4th Wednesday
 8:00pm

Grapevine Committee
 Boston Central Service
 368 Congress St. Lower Level
 Boston
 4th Sunday
 1:00pm-3:00pm

CPC Committee
 Boston Central Service
 368 Congress St. Lower Level
 Boston
 2nd Thursday
 7:00pm

Joint Treatment Facilities
 St. Luke's
 950 East St.
 Dedham
 3rd Friday
 8:00pm

Archives Committee
 St. John's
 80 Mt. Auburn
 Watertown
 3rd Thursday
 7:30pm



I am responsible....

Literature Committee
 Carter Methodist Church
 800 Highland Ave.
 Needham
 1st Monday
 7:30pm

Corrections Committee
 Boston Central Service
 368 Congress St. Lower Level
 Boston
 4th Thursday
 7:00pm

Public Information
 Boston Central Service
 368 Congress St. Lower Level
 Boston
 1st Thursday
 7:00pm

Responsibility Declaration

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible

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Worcester, MA 01605
ATTN: Beacon

Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup

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) _____

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.