

The Newsletter from
 Worcester Area Intergroup By AA
 members for AA members.



Did you know that a subscription to The Beacon makes a great Anniversary gift? It's also a great tool for the newcomer to see that sobriety can be fun. We even have groups who raffle off a subscription each month! What a great idea!

I want to mention a few important items. Please note that the State Convention Planning Committee is now meeting in a new place. Also, that Courage To Change in Charlton is signed for the deaf and hearing impaired. I think that's an awesome way to make meetings more accessible to those who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Brandy H.
 Beacon Editor

Special Needs

Do you know of a deaf person in need of a signed meeting? Network with others in the area with the same needs. Call Cathy C. at [redacted] for more information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf AA members.

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!!

Charlton Courage To Change meeting is signed for the deaf and hearing impaired. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm at St.

Deadline....

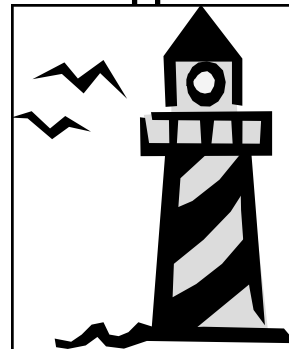
.....for information to go into the September issue of The Beacon is August 27th, 1999. Information can be sent to Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St., Suite 309 Worcester, MA 01605 or e-mailed to: [redacted] (please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

TRADITION Eight

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, 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 employees 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 Traditions? To the pamphlet *AA Tradition - How It Developed*?

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Office Hours:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

* NECYPAA X is hosting their annual Summer Camping Trip August 27-29, 1999 at Emerald Lake State Park in East Dorset, VT. Join the New England Conference of Young People in AA in the town where Bill W. was born for a full weekend of fun and meetings for \$15 per person. This includes the site and a Saturday Night BBQ. For more information, call John H. [REDACTED] limited.

* District 25 (that's us, folks) will be hosting the Area 30 Workshop Assembly on September 12, 1999 at Shrewsbury High School. All GSR's, DCM's, Area Officers and their alternates and Committee Chairs are required to attend. All interested AA's are encouraged to attend. Registration starts at 9am and the day will adjourn at 4pm. Lunch will be provided.

* Boston Central Service Committee is presenting their 17th annual Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics Weekend on Sept. 17-19, 1999 at the Eastover Resort in Lenox, MA. The cost for the weekend is \$205 per person and includes all lodging, meals, use of recreational facilities, cookout, dancing and snacks, taxes and gratuities. Call Boston Central Service for more information [REDACTED]

* District 11, South Boston is having a "Unity in Recovery" Round-Up with Alanon participation on Saturday, October 16th, 1999. This full day event will be held at Boston College High School from 10am-midnight and includes Dinner and a Sober Dance. There will be many meetings to choose from. Registration starts at 10am.

* 38th Annual Hawaii Convention will be held Nov. 4th-Nov. 7th, 1999 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Contact the Intergroup Office for more details and registration information.

* 36th Annual Mass State Convention will be held November 12, 13, 14, 1999 at The Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg, MA. Registration is \$20 for the weekend or \$12 for one day. You can pick up your registration forms at the Intergroup office.

* NECYPAA X will hold their annual Conference on February 3-6, 2000 at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Burlington, VT. The theme this year is "Walking Toward Serenity". Contact John H. (chairperson) for more info at [REDACTED]

* 14th Annual Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Andover next year. Planning Committee information and directions to the planning

ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup
<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

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

Steering Committee

Chairperson - Will C.
Vice Chair - Brandy H.
Secretary - Joanne O.
Treasurer - Maura Z.
Assistant Treasurer - Roseanne C.
Trustees - Joe H., Peg B., Kimball M., Ron C.

If you need to speak to any of these people, you can leave a message at the Intergroup Office, 752-9000, and the staff will be happy to ask them to return your

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, the slots we need to fill are: Sunday 9am-3pm, Monday 2pm-6pm, Tuesday 8am-10am, Wednesday 8am-10am, Thursday 9am-10am and Friday 2pm-6pm. Please call Rich M. at [REDACTED] or leave a message for him at the Intergroup Office if you can fill any of these slots.

Treatment / Corrections is looking for groups to fill the many new commitments that are coming up soon. If you can help, please call Robbie at [REDACTED]

Commitment Exchange

(Bookie Meeting)

The next Commitment Exchange will be held at the Intergroup Office on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 from 6:30pm-7:45pm.

Come and meet with other area Bookies and get your calendar filled!!

Coffee and munchies will be available.

Service Meetings:

INTERGROUP DISTRICT 25

Steering Committee
St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.
Worcester
4th Thursday
6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates
St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.
Worcester
4th Thursday
7:00pm

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

Joint Treatment / Corrections

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
2nd Tuesday
7:00pm

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

Literature Committee
Carter Methodist Church
800 Highland Ave.
Needham
1st Monday

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.

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

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)
Neil R. [REDACTED]

How It Works (Worcester):(Sat.
6:45pm)
Rich O. [REDACTED]
(beeper)

Sutton Center:(Mon. 6:45pm)
Ken W. [REDACTED]
(days)

Greendale: (Fri. 8:30pm)
[REDACTED]

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00am)

Group Anniversaries

The Warren Big Book Meeting is having its 2nd anniversary on August 17th at 10:00am at St. Paul's Church on Rte 67 in Warren, MA.

Archives

District 25 Archives Committee is looking for donations of articles and books depicting the history of AA in this area. If you have something that you would like to donate, please call Tina (District 25 Archives Chair) at [REDACTED]

Mass State Convention Planning Committee

meetings will be held on :
September 28 and October 26, 1999

NOTE* NEW LOCATION*****

The meetings will be held at 7:30pm at St. Ann's Catholic Church 652 Main St (Route 12) in North Oxford, MA
Come help make our next Convention a success!!

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 and would also have any donation receipts sent to them. To find out if we have your group contact, please call Brandy at [REDACTED]

Meeting Changes

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!!

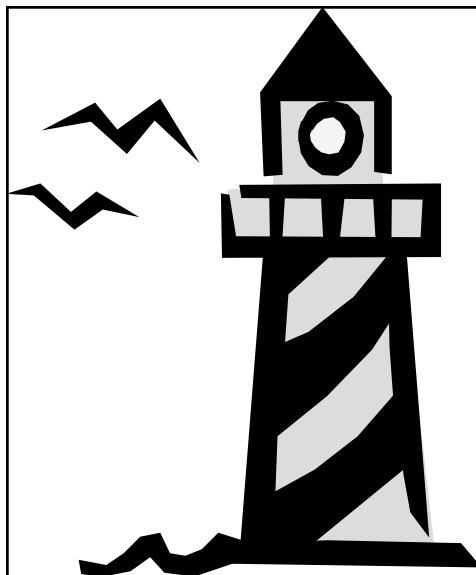
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