

All Phone numbers have been changed to the Intergroup Office Phone number...

The Beacon

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Deadline....

.....for information to go into the January issue of The Beacon is December 16th, 2002.

Information can be sent to:

Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 309
Worcester, MA 01605

or e-mailed to:

BRANDYLH1@yahoo.com
(please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

Tradition Twelve

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to *me* if AA as a whole disappeared?

2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?

3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?

4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?

5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?

6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition – or belie it?

7. Do I do all I can do to support

AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior – especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?

9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?

10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?

11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?

12. What is the real importance of *me* among more than a million AAs?

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ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup

<http://www.aaworcester.org>

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

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

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.

Special Needs

Deaf AA members requiring interpreters for AA meetings can call Paul Hostovsky at (TTY #) (508) 752-9000, (hearing) (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!!

Save your Grapevines!! Please set up a box at YOUR meetings. Worcester Area Intergroup will take you donations of old Grapevine issues to send out to Treatment and Correctional Facilities.

Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons

- Chairperson** – Brandy H.
- Alternate Chair** – Bob D.
- Secretary** – Tom B.
- Treasurer** – Kimball M.
- Alternate Treasurer** – Glen S.
- Trustees** – Enzo H., Darlene V., Billy S., Ellen Mc.
- Office Manager** - John H.
- Treatment Facilities** – Ellen Mc.
- Correctional Facilities** – Roosevelt S. (Alternate)
- H.A.L.T.line** – Paul P.
- Social Committee** – Natasha H.
- Public Information** – John H.
- Beacon Editor** – Brandy H.
- Liaison to District 25** – Kate F.
- Liaison to Area 30** – Brandy H.
- Alcathon Committee** – Billy S.

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 call.

Step 12:

Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

HELP WANTED

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. We currently have several hours open that need to be filled!! If you can help, even an hour a week please call Paul P. at (508) 752-9000.

Treatment Facilities needs groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. If you can help, please call at the Intergroup Office. Please see the article in this issue for more information.

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved. Please contact the Intergroup Office for more details.

Public Information is looking for more people to get active with their committee. Please call John H. at (508) 752-9000.

Alcathon Committee needs people to help in many areas for the Christmas and New Years Alcathons. Please contact Brandy at (508) 752-9000.

Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. Worcester Area Intergroup is trying to eliminate the need to have 'committees of one'. 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.

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.

Upcoming

November 3, 2002 – Area 30 Elections Assembly. See your DCM for info.

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November 8-10, 2002 – 39th Annual Massachusetts State AA Convention. Fitchburg, MA. Call Marilyn @ (508) 752-9000.

January 12, 2003 – Area 30 Eastern Mass Kick-Off Assembly. Ascension Memorial Church, 31 County Street, Ipswich, MA 9am-4pm. Contact Lorraine @ (508) 752-9000

April 10-13, 2003 – EACYPA 1 – Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Contact Joe M. for more info (508) 752-9000.

TIMELINE

WAI Delegate's Meeting June 2002 to May 2003

December 12, 2002

January 9, 2003 – Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed

February 13, 2003 – Nominations Committee appointed

March 13, 2003 – Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpersons

April 10, 2003 – Elections and appointments

May 8, 2003 – New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on

Service Meetings

INTERGROUP / DISTRICT 25 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
3rd Saturday 10am

Joint Corrections
Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
TBA

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

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

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

District 26 (GSR's)
Local 60 Union Hall
Mechanic St.
Leominster
1st Thursday
7-9pm

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
7:30pm

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

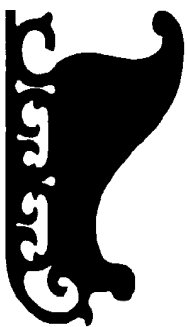
Public Information
Boston Central Service
368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston
1st Thursday
7:00pm

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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



*Christmas & New Year
36 Hour Alcathons*

*Sponsored by District 25 and
Worcester Area Intergroup*

*Immaculate Conception Church Hall
353 Grove Street - Worcester, Mass*

*Dec. 24, 12 Noon until Dec. 25 Midnight
Dec. 31, 12 Noon until Jan. 1 Midnight*

2002 - 2003



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!!

The Noon and Friday Nite Flick
Southbridge
29 Pine Street
is moving week of 10/21/2002
from 21 pine street to 61 Pine street!
note : Same parking
lot. Meeting in adjacent building up the hill.

New meeting:
Tuesday
SOUTHBRIDGE
OSpDNS BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD - Notre Dame Ch., Marcy St. ____7:00 - 8:00 PM

Beginning Dec. 1.
Sunday
Auburn
OBBNSh AUBURN SUNDAY NIGHT BB - St Edmund's Ctr., Central St. 7:00 - 8:00 PM

New Meeting:
Westboro "Little Books" Saturday nights 7:30pm-8:30pm Community Building 9 E. Main St
Closed Discussion

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 at (508) 752-9000.

Group Anniversaries

If your Group would like to announce their Anniversary in The Beacon, please call the Intergroup Office during their normal business hours.

Shrewsbury Gratitude will be celebrating their 27th Group Anniversary on Sunday evening, January 12th, 2003, at their regular meeting place, Lake View Congregational Church, 100 Coburn Avenue, in Worcester.

We invite one and all to join us at 6p for refreshments, and AA speakers from 7p to 8:30p.

Miscellaneous

EACYPAA!!!

The Eastern Area Convention of Young People in AA .

April 10-13, 2003 – EACYPAA 1 – Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Contact Joe M. for more info (508) 752-9000

Please visit the calendar at: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/eacypaacalendar/>

Joint Treatment Facility committee

****Request for information****

If your group currently has a commitment with any of the following treatment facilities ** please have your bookie contact the NEW treatment facility chair. we are trying to update our records for: Group contact Names & phone numbers & to find out when your commitment ends. I look forward to working with your group to help spread the message of recovery from Alcoholism. JTF-Chair Ellen McQ (508) 752-9000 Treatment Facilities: ADCARE, Community Health Link, Spectrum Detox or residential, Umass 8th floor, Westboro state Hospital & Worcester Youth Guidance.

Joint treatment Facility committee

*****Request for information*****

If your Group is interested in taking a standing commitment with any of these treatment Facilities please have your bookie call the committee Liaisons. Ad Care - Maureen A (508) 752-9000 Community Health Link - Ellen McQ (508) 752-9000 U Mass Hospital - Elizabeth M. (508) 752-9000 Worcester youth Guidance - Ellen McQ (508) 752-9000 Westboro State Hospital - Janet L. (508) 752-9000 Spectrum residential - Michael G. (508) 752-9000

we are looking for help in spreading the message of recovery from Alcoholism. If you would like to attend our meetings we meet the 3rd Saturday of every month at Worcester Area Intergroup 10:00 am.

Dr. Paul Jones of the Psychiatry Dept. at U-Mass Medical Center would like to get more AA meetings held at U-Mass. Any group interested in relocating there or anyone seeking a location for a new group can call John at the Intergroup office at 508-752-9000 Mon. - Thurs. 10:00am to 2:00pm. Dr Jones will negotiate a meeting site and rent with the hospital administration

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Please print neatly!

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please bring this form, along with \$5.00 for a one year subscription to the Intergroup Office, or mail to:
Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove Street Suite 309
Worcester, MA 01605
ATTN: Beacon

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.