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Tradition Ten

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

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**The Alcathons are coming!
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See Page 7 for Alcathon Details!

("This Month in A.A. History"
will appear again next month)



*Our Path is lined with failure and misery.
But, in recovery, it's paved with Hope.*

~ Anonymous ~

New Meeting!

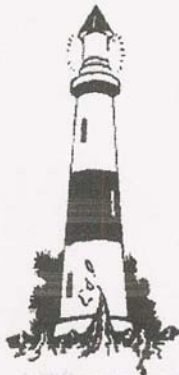
Back to Basics

Where?	Church of the Nativity 45 Howard Street Northborough
When?	Thursday 12:00—1:00
Type?	Closed Womans Big Book Discussion (non-smoking)

ONE DAY AT A TIME

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Sobriety One-Liners

- "...drawing a sober breath, is a great start..."
- "...succumbing to newcomer B.S. can happen to the best of us..."
- "...give more than what you get, and more will be given to you..."
- "...we must change from who we were, and try to be better each day..."
- "...dazed and confused was a way of life for me..."
- "...do something nice for someone, and keep it to yourself..."

Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it..

Upcoming Events

2003

- Oct. * 17-19 - NERC - Northeast Regional Convention - Mount Laurel, NJ - Call Kathie S. for more info (609) 989-8864
- Oct. * 31- (Nov) 2 - North East Regional Woman to Woman Conference Farmington, CT Call Davi for more info (860) 693-6822
- Nov. * 7-9 - 40th Anniversary of MA State Convention - Fitchburg, MA - Call Marilyn M. for more info (978) 874-0040

2004

- Feb. * 27-29 - NERAASA 2004 - Nashua, NH - Call Nashua Area Service Office for more info (603) 622-6967

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Deadline!

For Information to go into the
 NOVEMBER issue of
 "The Beacon"
 Submissions must be
 Received by October 10, 2003.

Mail your information to the
 Intergroup office, or
 Email "The Beacon" staff at
AABeacon@netscape.net

Service Meetings

Intergroup/District 25/District 26

<p>Steering Committee St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 6:15pm</p>	<p>Intergroup Delegates St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p>Public Information Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Monday 7:30pm</p>
<p>Joint Treatment Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 3rd Saturday 10am</p>	<p>Joint Corrections Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p>Social Committee Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>
<p>District 25 - CPC Committee Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>District 25 (GSR's) St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 1st Tuesday 7:30pm</p>	<p>District 26 (GSR's) Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1st Thursday 7-9pm</p>

Area 30

<p>Eastern Mass. General Service Committee St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm</p>	<p>Grapevine Committee Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Sunday 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>	<p>CPC Committee Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p>Joint Treatment Facilities St. Luke's 950 East St. Dedham 3rd Friday 8:00pm</p>
<p>Archives Committee St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 3rd Thursday 7:30pm</p>	<p>Literature Committee Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham 1st Monday 7:30pm</p>	<p>Corrections Committee Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Thursday</p>	<p>Joint Public Information Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 1st Thursday 7:00 pm</p>

Steering Committee & Committee

Chairpersons

Chairperson	<i>Bob D.</i>
Alternate Chair	<i>Mike B.</i>
Secretary	<i>Jamie F.</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jeanne L.</i>
Alternate Treasurer	<i>Harry H.</i>
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Treatment Facilities	<i>Ellen Mc.</i>
Correctional Facilities	<i>Roosevelt S.</i>
H.A.L.T. Line	<i>Enzo H.</i>
Social Committee	<i>Brandy H.</i>
Public Information	<i>Bruce W.</i>
Beacon Editor	<i>Charlie W.</i>
Liason to District 25	<i>Janet L.</i>
Liason to Area 30	<i>Roosevelt S.</i>
Alcathon Committee	<i>Billy S.</i>

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.



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Office Hours:

Monday	10am-2pm
Tuesday	10am-3pm
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-2pm
Saturday	9am-2pm
Sunday	CLOSED



Bill W.

"...it's as simple as two drunks talking to one another..."

Anonymous



Dr. Bob

Special Needs

- Deaf A.A. members requiring interpreters, for A.A. meetings can call Paul Hostovsky at:
 - (TTY #) 1-617-695-7653 - (hearing) 1-617-695-7553
 - e-mail at Paul.Hostovsky@state.ma.us
- For an updated list of Boston area interpreted meetings, please call 1-617-695-7515.
Note. The list is updated every Friday.
- Large print Meeting Lists are now available for those with vision problems.
 Call the Intergroup Office at (508) 752-9000 to find out how to get these lists for you or someone you know.

2003 Alcathon Information

Thanksgiving Alcathon

- Timeslots to be drawn as follows:
 - 1) GSR's - October 7, 2003
 - 2) Intergroup Delegates - October 9, 2003

Christmas and New Year's Alcathon

- Timeslots to be drawn as follows:
 - 1) GSR's - November 4, 2003
 - 2) Intergroup Delegates - November 13, 2003

Where will the slots be drawn? St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln Street Worcester, MA

▶MAKE SURE YOUR GROUPS GSR AND INTERGROUP DELEGATE ATTEND!!!!!!◀

The GSR's will draw for the ODD hour timeslots, and the Intergroup Delegates will draw for the EVEN hour timeslots. The Alcathon is a 36 hour marathon AA meeting starting at NOON on the day before the holiday and ending at Midnight on the given holiday.

Group Anniversary

Douglas Maintenance & Repair Group

Come join us in the celebration of our Group's

4th Anniversary!

Thursday October 9, 2003

6:00 - 9:00 pm

First Congregational Church of Douglas

Route 16 (Near the Gazebo)



6:00 - 7:00 * Pot Luck Dinner & Fellowship 7:00 - 8:00 * Speakers 8:00 - 9:00 * Coffee, Cake, Raffles & Fellowship
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Please bring this form, along with \$5.00 for a one year subscription to the Intergroup Office, or mail to:

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Worcester, MA 01605

ATTN: Beacon

(Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup)



"I Am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I AM RESPONSIBLE."

12 Step Volunteer Application

Name: (First Name & Last initial only) : _____

Telephone Number : _____

Towns You will accept calls from : _____

Hours you are available : _____

I wish to help : Males Only Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with : Teens 20-30 30-40
 40-50 50-60 Over 60
 Other (Please specify): _____

I am willing to : Talk to a person on the phone Go to a person's home to talk *
 Give rides to A.A. Meetings Give rides to a Detox/Rehab *
 Meet someone at A.A. Meetings Other: _____

(* Note. It is strongly 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/Rehab) without another member of A.A. with you. If you checked either of these items above, please be sure to have someone ready to go with you in case you're called.)