

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

The Beacon

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Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

From The traditions Checklist:

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsi-



group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?

5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?

6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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bility?

3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?

4. Do I have to save face in

Deadline....

.....for information to go into the March issue of The Beacon is February 15th, 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)

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.

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!!

CHANGE!! Southbridge Original (Sundays) is changing times to: Beginners Meeting 6-7pm and Speaker meeting 7-8pm.

CHANGE!! Primary Purpose (Spencer) has moved to the South Spencer Community House, South Spencer Road.

NEW!! 449 Group 7:00pm-8:30pm Tuesdays at Bethany Church,

1189 Main St. Worcester. This is a closed discussion meeting.

CHANGE!! The Auburn 12 Step Meeting that meets on Thursdays will be moving to St. Thomas Episcopal Church on School St. effective as of December 7th.

NEW!! The Fellowship of Webster will meet from 7:30pm-9:00pm on Tuesdays at Serenity Hall, 275 Main Street in Webster. This is a non-smoking Open Speaker meeting.

CLOSED!! Sunday ODG Sober Pride meeting in Webster is no longer meeting.

NEW!! Southbridge Park St. Women's Group meets on

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm at Elm Street Congregational Church (Park St. entrance). This is a closed womens discussion meeting.

NEW!! The following 3 meetings all meet at Serenity Hall in Webster, 275 Main St.: Mondays 7-8am – Early Risers – Step meeting
Wednesdays 7-8am – Early Risers – Big Book meeting
Fridays 7-8am – Early Risers – As Bill Sees It meeting

CHANGE!!! Berlin Center Candle Light Step group will change their meeting time to Thursdays from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Step 2:

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Group Split

The Gratitude Group has split into two different groups.

Shrewsbury Gratitude will remain at Lakeview Congregational Church, 115 Coburn Ave., Worcester and Worces-

ter Gratitude has moved to 1070 Pleasant St., Worcester.

Both still meet on Sunday nights at 7pm.

June 2001 to May 2002

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

Help Wanted

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. If you can give, 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.

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

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. We are currently looking for active Chairpersons for CPC and Archives committees.

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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

Group Anniversaries

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

Upton Capertown will celebrate their Anniversary on February 16th, 2002 at the Upton Senior Center on Centennial Ct. (off 140). Speakers start at 1:30 followed by food and fellowship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 22-24, 2002 – NERASSA 2002 will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in Pittsburgh, PA. For more info call: Arlene H. (508) 752-9000, Dave B. (508) 752-9000, Lois C. (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.

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 Inter-

group Office to find out how to get a copy for yourself or someone you know!!

Area 30 Treatment

Day	Time	Facility & Location
Sunday	7:30-8:30pm	Spaulding Rehab, 125 Nashua St., Boston
Sunday	8:00-9:00pm	Women's Hope, 10 Chamblet St., Bldg. 10, Dorchester
Monday	7:30-8:30pm	Somerville Hospital, 230 Highland Av., Unit 5-C, Somerville
Tuesday	8:00-9:00pm	Women's Hope, 10 Chamblet St., Bldg. 10, Dorchester
Wednesday	7:00-8:00pm	Medfield State Hospital., 45 Hospital Rd., Medfield
Wednesday	7:30-8:30pm	Arbour Hospital, 49 Robinwood Av., Jamaica Plain
Saturday	1:00-2:00pm	Somerville Hospital, 230 Highland Av., Unit 5-C, Somerville
Saturday	7:30-8:30pm	Somerville Hospital, 230 Highland Av., Unit 5-C, Somerville

The Area 30 Joint Treatment Facilities Committee has the above Commitments open. If you group is interested in taking any of them, please call Tracey M. (Calendar Coordinator for the Committee) at (508) 752-9000

ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup

NEW!!!

www.aaworcester.org

**Alcoholics Anonymous
General Service Office**

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

Grapevine

<http://www.aagrapevine.org>

Announcements

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

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. Don't wait to rely on your group to have extras in stock!! See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.

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.

There will be a Bookie Exchange Meeting on Wednesday, March 6th, 2002 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!!!

Bookie Meeting

Korte's Korner

As a rule, I find it a good idea to never give advice, as a friend of mine once said, "I drank mad dog 20-20 and (blanked) in my pants...here, let me set up your retirement account."

But, in this case, I think I have some solid advice based on personal experience, so I'll share. If you're enjoying being "right" in a resentment, for the love of Pete, DON'T read about the third step at the beginning of "How it Works" in the book [Alcoholic's Anonymous](#).

This is the second time I've been wrenched from a resentment by that dastardly reading. I've been battling my feelings with regard to some goings on at a meeting in my new stomping ground of North Carolina. (I seem to have forgotten that "we've stopped fighting anything or anyone")

While I have been greatly enjoying Asheville and my friends there, I have been troubled by one aspect of the area. What's been standing in the way of freedom from the stress of the situation has not been my recent relocation to Asheville, but to "rightland". One of those resentments that doesn't exist (one that is justified) has popped up. I feel as right as rain, and it's been killing me.

I disagree with some basic philosophies and actions of some group members and have been doing everything possible to stay out of the situation. What I've *also* been doing is subtly self-seeking here and there, putting in my opinions occasionally, tipping my attitude and hoping others will agree with me.

Now I don't want to dramatize the situation, because the truth is that I'm human, I have opinions, and I have been healthier with regard to this stuff than I've ever been before. That being said, after countless tenth steps on this topic, the resentment against these folks has come back, again, and again. I have been unable to get completely free of the resentment. What seems to periodically escape me is that it is impossible, *completely impossible* to be "right" while being *in* a resentment. Every I conjure up resentment has dishonesty as a principle ingredient, so I am absolutely unable to be *right* when *in* *resentment*.

My tenth steps on this matter *seemed* to cover the essentials-where was I being selfish, dishonest, self-seeking and afraid, but something was missing. There had to be something wrong-the resentment kept *returning*. Was I not getting deep enough into the truth? What the hell was going on this time?

As I sat down last Friday night, the truth introduced itself to me once again. When the reading is step three, and I'm holding on to being right about something, the truth is sometimes as gentle as an ice pick entering my eye socket. I felt the reality of my wrongness coming to me even as early as the reading of the group conscience. Al winced as the chairperson read the following, "when we stopped blaming people, places, and things for our problems and looked at *ourselves* as the root cause of our alcoholism-we got better". It was beginning to come to me that (yet again) I alone was fueling my discomfort.

Terror started to spread through me as I realized I was the speaker and was going to have to tell the truth about this stuff. The fact that the people I had my private conflict with were present at the meeting wasn't helping my resolve.

"God, why do I have to be the speaker tonight?" I whined.

As the reading progressed, I felt as though it were written for me, just as I have felt so many times before. When the reading got to page 61, after illustrating the many ways I can self-seek to get my way, it goes on to nail me right between the eyes- "Admitting he may be somewhat at fault, he is sure that *other people* are *more to blame*. He becomes angry, indignant, self-pitying."

It dawned on me finally that I was still playing the "I'm right" game. I was doing lame tenth steps, admitting I was wrong on some level, but reserving my right to judge others as being "misguided" or some other such nonsense, while deeming myself as "right". Annoyed and unhappy, but right nonetheless.

I know a guy that says, "I can be right, or I can be happy." I was preparing to be happy again. All I had to do was tell the truth about myself and leave my judgments out of it, keeping the focus on where I had come up short.

When the reading hit the bottom of the page, and went into the examples of the whiners that never accomplish a thing, but bemoan the state of affairs, I felt about ready to explode. I couldn't wait for the reading to end so I could unload the nonsense and justification I had been carrying. The deepest understanding I have of the situation so far is this: the opinions of the people involved (including myself) are inconsequential. The fact that I'm wrong doesn't mean someone else is right. Beside that, someone else being wrong doesn't make me right.

What makes me wrong here is my judgment of others, my lack of a useful reaction to the situation, my insistence that I am *right*. There are many positive things I could have done here, and I've done none of them. I was exactly like the guys griping on the bottom of page 61 while helping no one. I was far from maximizing my usefulness to God, these people, or others, for that matter. That, my friends, is why I was in pain. The biggest dishonesty was telling myself that the discomfort I was feeling was due to the actions and attitudes of these folks, when it was because my own actions and my own self-centered behavior.

I was wrong, and I feel great.

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	Hudson Straight Shooters (Thurs. 8:00pm) Brian B. (508) 752-9000	Early Risers (Worcester Sun 10am) Dayle (508) 752-9000
How It Works (Worcester):(Sat 6:45pm) Tom B. (508) 752-9000	Hudson Sunday Best (Sunday 7:30pm) David B. (508) 752-9000	Leominster Original (Mon 7:45-9:00pm) James S. (508) 752-9000
How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm) David C. (508) 752-9000	Millis Fellowship (Thurs. 8:00pm) Bill G. (508) 752-9000	Clinton Shamrocks (Tues. 7:15p-8:30pm) Cheryl D. (508) 752-9000
Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am) Carol Y. or Ricky B. (508) 752-9000	Douglas Maintenance and Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm) Paul P. (508) 752-9000	Aurora Group (6:45pm-8pm) Joanne K. (508) 752-9000leave message
4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm) John Y. (508) 752-9000	Top Of The Hill (Wed. 8:00pm) Jeanne M. (508) 752-9000	New Way Of Life (Mon. 7pm-8pm) Audrey M. (508) 752-9000
Way Of Sobriety (Worcester) (Sun 10:00 am) Debbie P. (508) 752-9000	Webster Joy of Living (Mon. 8:00pm) Harry (508) 752-9000	Sherborn Wednesday Night (Wed 8pm-9:15pm) Debbie C. (508) 752-9000
Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00 am) Tom S. (508) 752-9000	Hudson Townline (Sat. 8:00pm) Bob G. (508) 752-9000	7AM Group (daily) Alan S. (508) 752-9000
Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm) Gill B. (508) 752-9000	Greendale Group (Worcester Fri. 8:30pm) Paul H. (508) 752-9000	Southbridge Sunday Night John B. (508) 752-9000
Starting Anew (Holliston) (Wed. 8:00pm) Elaine K. (508) 752-9000	Putnam Young People's (Putnam, CT Fri. 8:00pm) Glenn R. (508) 752-9000	Millbury Traditions (Saturdays 7:30pm-8:30pm) Donna (508) 752-9000
GOYA (Whitinsville) (Thurs. 8:00pm) Mike P. (508) 752-9000	Westboro Sunday Morning (Sunday 11-noon) Janet (508) 752-9000	Webster Triton (Sundays 7:30-9:00pm) Ellen McQ (508) 752-9000
Worcester Young People (Tues. 7:30pm) Jamie F. (508) 752-9000	Upton Spirit (Wednesday) Amy L. (508) 752-9000	Area 30 Joint Treatment Facilities Committee Calendar Coordinator Tracey M. (508) 752-9000
	Groton Easy Duz It (Tuesday 7:30pm) Joe F. (508) 752-9000	

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
TBA

Joint Corrections

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
TBA

Social Committee

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

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

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

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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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.