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## NERAASA 2005

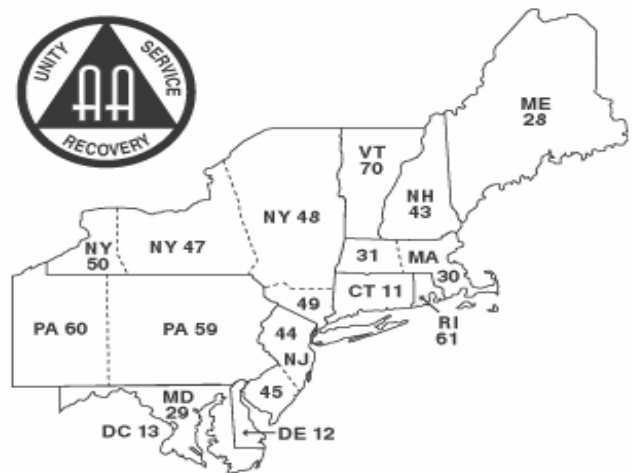
*Fourteenth Annual*

### Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

**February 25, 26 and 27, 2005  
Newton, MA**

*"Basics of our Home Group -  
Recovery, Unity and Service"*

*(2005 General Service Conference  
Theme)*



**ALL A.A. MEMBERS**  
are welcome.

**HOSTED BY:**  
Area 30 - Eastern  
Massachusetts

**REGISTRATION**  
Begins at 1:00 pm  
February 25, 2005

**FIRST PANEL**  
Begins at 3:00 pm  
Friday afternoon

[www.aaemass.org/neraasa2005](http://www.aaemass.org/neraasa2005)

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for GSR's, DCM's, Area Committee Members and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the areas of the Northeast Region.

#### LOCATION

Boston Marriott Newton - Newton, Massachusetts  
Hosted By Area 30 Eastern Massachusetts

#### DEADLINES

**Hotel Reservation** - January 27, 2005  
**Meal Registration** - February 16, 2005  
**NERAASA Registration** - February 16, 2005

**See Page 7 for Registration Form**

by mail (otherwise on site)



*“The circle stands for the whole world of A.A., and the triangle stands for A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service.”*

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, page 139

Step One (Recovery)	Tradition One (Unity)	Concept One (Service)
<i>We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.</i>	<i>Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.</i>	<i>Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.</i>

### Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

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Each Month the corresponding Tradition checklist will be published.

### *Tradition One Checklist*

1) Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?	6) Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
2) Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious pretexts such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?	7) Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
3) Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?	8) Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
4) Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive? Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?	9) Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
5) Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?	10) Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

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**Service Meetings Monthly Schedule**

**InterGroup/District 25 & 26**

<b>Public Information</b>	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	4th Monday	7:00 pm
<b>District 25 (GSR's)</b>	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	1st Tuesday	7:30 pm
<b>Joint Corrections</b>	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	2nd Tuesday	7:00 pm
<b>District 25 - CPC Committee</b>	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	2nd Wed.	6:30 pm
<b>District 26 (GSR's)</b>	Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
<b>Steering Committee</b>	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	2nd Thursday	6:15 pm
<b>Intergroup Delegates</b>	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	2nd Thursday	7:00 pm
<b>Social Committee</b>	Sacred Heart Church 595 Cambridge St. Worcester	2nd Saturday	6:00 pm
<b>Joint Treatment</b>	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	4th Saturday	10:00 am

**Area 30**

<b>Grapevine Committee</b>	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	4th Sunday	1:00pm
<b>Literature Committee</b>	Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham	1st Monday	7:30pm
<b>Eastern Mass. GSC</b>	St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown	4th Wed.	8:00pm
<b>Joint Public Information</b>	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	1st Thursday	7:00pm
<b>CPC Committee</b>	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	2nd Thursday	7:00pm
<b>Archives Committee</b>	St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown	3rd Thursday	7:30pm
<b>Corrections Committee</b>	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	4th Thursday	
<b>Joint Treatment Facilities</b>	St. Paul's 59 Court Street Dedham	3rd Friday	8:00pm

**Group Donations**

The following shows a **suggested** breakdown of each Group dollar donated and the mailing address for each Service Entity:

<b>Worcester Area Intergroup</b> (50%)	<b>G.S.O.</b> (30%)	<b>District 25</b> (10%)	<b>General Service Committee</b> (10%)
100 Grove Street Suite 309 Worcester, MA 01605	PO Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163	District #25 PO Box 4553 Turnpike Station Shrewsbury, MA 01454	General Service Committee PO Box 51411 Boston, MA 02205

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	Town	Group	Time	Contact	Phone
<b>Sunday</b>	Ashburnham	Naukeag Group	6:15 pm	John B.	(508) 752-9000
	Brookfield	Sunday Morning	10:00 am	Leon F.	
	Fitchburg	Sunday Morning	10:15 am	Frank G.	
	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Gratitude	7:00 pm	TBD	
	Southbridge	Southbridge Originals	7:00 pm	André L.	
	Stow	Stow Sunday	11:00 am	Ed C.	
	Webster	Triton	7:30 pm	Kim W.	
	Worcester	Early Risers	10:00 am	John O.	
	Updated	There is Hope	10:00 am	Gene C.	
<b>Monday</b>	Leominster	Original Group	7:45 pm	Dean R.	(508) 752-9000
	Spencer	Spencer Fellowship	7:30 pm	Anna R.	
	Sutton	Sutton Center	7:00 pm	John C.	
	Webster	Joy of Living	8:00 pm	Harry H.	
	Worcester	Crozier	8:00 pm	Marla V.	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Charlton	Courage to Change	7:30 pm	Mike M.	(508) 752-9000
	Groton	Easy Does it	7:30 pm	Joe F.	
	Webster	Fellowship of Webster	7:30 pm	Jack	
	Worcester	Young People	7:30 pm	TBD	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Auburn	Auburn Group	7:30 pm	Tony B.	(508) 752-9000
	Westboro	Westboro Forge	8:00 pm	Larry B.	
	Worcester	Four Corners	8:00 pm	Sarah N.	
		Top of the Hill	8:00 pm	Terry	
		We Mean Business	7:00 pm	Happy C.	
<b>Thursday</b>	Douglas	Maintenance & Repair	7:00 pm	Suzanne	(508) 752-9000
	Dudley	Day at a Time	8:30 pm	Jim B.	
	Holden	Holden Group	8:00 pm	Mike K.	
	Worcester	Stay Active	6:45 pm	Nancy Q.	
		Serenity	7:30 pm	Cynthia C.	
		As Bill Sees it	7:30 pm	Pat C.	
<b>Friday</b>	Marlboro	New Life	8:00 pm	Dick C.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Greendale	8:30 pm	Ginny	
<b>Saturday</b>	Millbury	Millbury Traditions	7:30 pm	Mary C.	(508) 752-9000
	Upton	Upton Capertown	1:30 pm	John H.	
	Worcester	How it Works	6:45 pm	Mike S.	

\*\*\* Group Updates Needed!! \*\*\*

If your group is not listed, please eMail your updates to : [Beacon@AAworchester.org](mailto:Beacon@AAworchester.org)

**H.A.L.T. Line needs your help!**

Contact the H.A.L.T. line chairpeople at [haltline@aaworcester.org](mailto:haltline@aaworcester.org) or call WAI at (508) 752-9000 to volunteer to answer the phone when someone calls looking for a meeting in the Greater Worcester Area.

The following chart shows the available hours that need to be filled on the H.A.L.T. Line.

During the hours listed below there is nobody to answer the phones when someone calls looking for a meeting in the area.

*“...We can't keep it unless we give it away...”*

Day	Available Hours						
<b>Sunday</b>	2:00 - 3:00 pm	3:00 - 4:00 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	5:00 - 6:00 pm	6:00 - 7:00 pm		
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am	3:00 - 4:00 am	4:00 - 5:00 am	5:00 - 6:00 am	6:00 - 7:00 am	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Midnite - 1:00 am	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am				
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>All slots filled!</i>						
<b>Thursday</b>	Midnite - 1:00 am	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am	4:00 - 5:00 am	5:00 - 6:00 am	6:00 - 7:00 am	
<b>Friday</b>	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:00 - 10:00 am	7:00 - 8:00 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm			
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00 - 3:00 pm	3:00 - 4:00 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	5:00 - 6:00 pm	6:00 - 7:00 pm	7:00 - 8:00 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm

**Group Updates**

<u>Group</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Comments/Details</u>
Spencer - Open Speaker Meeting	Spencer	<b>** New Group **</b> United Methodist Church 161 Main Street Spencer
Douglas—Beginners Step 1-2-3	Douglas	<b>** Updated Group Format **</b> United Methodist Church A beginners Step 1-2-3 has been <b>added</b> to the Tuesday night Step group's format—Same time (7:00 pm)/Downstairs.

**Group Anniversaries**

<u>Group</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Group Anniversary</u>	<u>Comments/Details</u>
Fitchburg Sunday Morning Group	Fitchburg	32nd	Buffet 9:00 to 10:15 AM Meeting 10:15 Notre Dame H.S. 151 South St. (Exit 30 off Rt. 2) Fitchburg, MA

**Worcester Area Intergroup**

100 Grove St., Suite 309

Worcester, MA 01605

(508) 752-9000

(508) 752-0755 (fax)

[www.aaworcester.org](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

**2005****Intergroup Timeline**

<b>January 13</b>	Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Intergroup Office Inventory
<b>February 10</b>	Nominations Committee appointed
<b>March 10</b>	Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpersons
<b>April 14</b>	Elections and appointments
<b>May 12</b>	New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on
<b>June 9</b>	New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office; Meeting times for the year established.
<b>Monthly Meeting Schedule</b>	<b>January 13</b> , February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

**Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>eMail Address</u></b>
Chairperson	Ellen McQ.	<a href="mailto:Intergroupchair@rcn.com">Intergroupchair@rcn.com</a>
Alternate Chair	Bob Mc.	
Secretary	DonnaMae B.	<a href="mailto:Intergroupsecretary@rcn.com">Intergroupsecretary@rcn.com</a>
Treasurer	Harry H.	<a href="mailto:Intergrouptreasurer@rcn.com">Intergrouptreasurer@rcn.com</a>
Alternate Treasurer	Sandy A.	
Trustees	Bob D. , Kristi C. , Jeanne L.	
Office Manager	John H.	<a href="mailto:steps@rcn.com">steps@rcn.com</a>
Treatment Facilities	Sue N.	<a href="mailto:treatment@rcn.com">treatment@rcn.com</a>
Correctional Facilities	<b>OPEN</b>	<a href="mailto:Corrections@rcn.com">Corrections@rcn.com</a>
H.A.L.T. Line Chairperson	Janet L.	<a href="mailto:haltline@rcn.com">haltline@rcn.com</a>
Co-Chairperson	Scott L.	
Social Committee	Mark J.	<a href="mailto:Social@rcn.com">Social@rcn.com</a>
Public Information	Bruce W.	<a href="mailto:PIChair@rcn.com">PIChair@rcn.com</a>
Webmaster	Bruce W.	<a href="mailto:webmaster@rcn.com">webmaster@rcn.com</a>
Liaison to District 25	Mary M.	
Liaison to Area 30	<b>Open</b>	
Alcathon Committee	Billy S.	
Beacon Editor	Charlie W.	<a href="mailto:beacon@rcn.com">beacon@rcn.com</a>

NERAASA Registration Form

Forms may be copied. Please use one registration form per person.

EVENT REGISTRATION AND MEAL SELECTION FORM

NERAASA 2005 February 25 - 27, 2005

“Basics of Our Home Group - Recovery, Unity and Service”

NERAASA Registration Deadline - February 16, 2005 by mail, otherwise on site  
 Meals Registration Deadline - February 16, 2005 - NOT AVAILABLE ON SITE




General Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ A.A. Area #: \_\_\_\_\_ (see front page map)  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail add: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

GSR  DCM  Area/District Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alt. GSR  Area Officer \_\_\_\_\_  Delegate, Panel - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trustee/Director  Central Office/Intergroup Member  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information:

I have been to NERAASA?  yes — As a presenter?  yes  no  
 I would like to participate in a panel presentation or moderate/record a round table session?  yes  
 I will arrive (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) \_\_\_\_\_

I have special needs    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I will arrive on Friday, Feb 25, 2005 at Boston - Route 128 Amtrak Station Code RTE and would like to be picked up by the host committee on  
 Train # \_\_\_\_\_ From (City) \_\_\_\_\_ @ (Time) \_\_\_\_\_

Event Registration & Meal Selection:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NERAASA Registration: \$20 - one registration form per person
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night Buffet \$25\*
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate's Luncheon \$21\* (Current, past & alt. Delegates only)
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Breakfast Buffet \$17\*
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night Dinner \$34\* Choices:  Chicken  Fish  Vegetarian
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$17\*
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed (Check or Money Order Payable to NERAASA 2005)

\*Meal prices include tax & gratuities

Please make registration & meal checks or money order payable to: NERAASA 2005  
 Send this portion to: NERAASA 2005, P.O. Box 373, North Andover, MA 01845

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

NERAASA 2005 February 25 - 27, 2005

“Basics of Our Home Group - Recovery, Unity and Service”

NERAASA Hotel Reservation Deadline - January 27, 2005

Boston Marriott Newton ♦ 2345 Commonwealth Avenue (Route 30) ♦ Newton, MA 02466 ♦ Tel. 617-969-1000

**Advance deposit in the amount of \$100 must accompany your reservation.**

Please send this form to hotel no later than January 27, 2005. The Boston Marriott Newton prefers Mastercard/VISA/AMEX/ DISCOVER. Personal checks must have complete name, address, and phone number. Deposits are refundable with cancellation notice received 14 days prior to event.

Arrival Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dep. Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone # Day \_\_\_\_\_

- Advanced deposit enclosed (Payable to Boston Marriott Newton)  
 Check  Money Order  
 AMEX  Discover  MasterCard  VISA  
 Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rates**‡: \$99 single/double ♦ \$119 triple ♦ \$129 quad  
 ‡ Rates do not include tax, after January 27, 2005 hotel room and rates are based upon availability

Name(s) of people sharing room (each person here must also be registered with NERAASA to attend meetings)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Single  Double  Triple  Quad  
 Special Accommodations \_\_\_\_\_

Call 1-800-228-9290 or go to [www.stayatmarriott.com/neraasa/](http://www.stayatmarriott.com/neraasa/)

**12 Step Volunteer Application**

Name: (last initial only)	_____	Phone: _____
Towns you will accept calls from:	_____	
Available Hours:	_____	
I wish to help:	<input type="checkbox"/> Males only <input type="checkbox"/> Females only <input type="checkbox"/> Both	
Age Groups I prefer:	<input type="checkbox"/> Teens <input type="checkbox"/> 20-30 <input type="checkbox"/> 30-40 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-50 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-60 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 60 Other: _____	
I am willing to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to a person on the phone <input type="checkbox"/> Go to a persons home to talk <input type="checkbox"/> Give rides to A.A. Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Give rides to Detox/Rehab <input type="checkbox"/> Meet someone at a meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

**Note. It is strongly suggested that a person NOT go on a Twelfth Step call alone!**



"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."

**Dance Schedule**

**The Second Saturday of each month!**

October 9 (Halloween)	November 13
December 11	<b>January 8</b>
February 12 (Valentines)	March 12
April 9	May 15 (Mother's Day)

Sacred Heart Church  
596 Cambridge Street  
Worcester, MA  
7:00-11:00 pm  
\$5.00 donation at the door

Request a Song.....: [intergroupdance@aol.com](mailto:intergroupdance@aol.com)

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