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# The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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*“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

<u>Step Seven</u> (Recovery)	<u>Tradition Seven</u> (Unity)	<u>Concept Seven</u> (Service)
<i>Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.</i>	<i>Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.</i>	<i>The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.</i>

## Calling all Groups !

We’re starting to see some old familiar groups contributing again (Thank you!), but we still need your help. Please review the suggested group contribution breakdown listed below. Stop in and see your Intergroup office at 100 Grove Street in Worcester, suite 309. We have all the books, stickers, medallions and coins available to satisfy all your group needs.

We also have available (at no charge) at the Intergroup Office two pieces of literature, **“Memo to an A.A. Group Treasurer”** AND **“Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix”**. Both are **free** and should be in the hands of each group Treasurer.

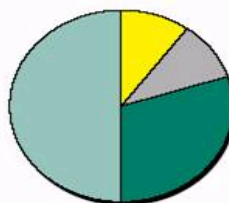
The following is an excerpt from the Self Support pamphlet with recommendations for distributing funds. *This is only suggested and each group has the right to it’s own group conscience for distribution.*

*Please share this information with your home group’s at your earliest convenience!*



Thank you,  
*The Office Staff!*

Distribution of funds from groups that support four service entities



**10%** to district  
**10%** to area committee  
**30%** to G.S.O.  
**50%** to intergroup or central office

**Upcoming Events**

<b>September 12</b>	Area 30 Workshop Assembly. Hosted by Districts 12 & 13. Site TBD. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area Officers are responsible to attend. All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. Contact <a href="mailto:chair@aaemass.org">chair@aaemass.org</a>
<b>Nov. 13-14</b>	41st Annual Mass. State Convention! Sheraton Tara, Framingham, Mass. Contact <a href="mailto:altdelegate@aaemass.org">altdelegate@aaemass.org</a> for more information!

**Save your Grapevines!!**

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

**Meeting Locations**

If your group is looking for a new location, or know of a new startup group that needs a place to meet, contact the Intergroup office. We get contacted by organizations who are willing to have A.A. meetings use their locations.

Call the Intergroup Office:  
**(508) 752-9000**

**Joint Treatment Facility**

**Needs Your Help!**

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**There are many Treatment Facilities within our District with “open” commitment dates.**

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**Help carry the message**

**The following is a list of Facilities that need OUR help:**

Umass Medical Center—8th Floor	Saturday Nights
Spectrum Detox (in Westboro)	Saturday Nights
Woman’s Dept of Corrections	(currently held at Spectrum)
Dept. of Youth Services—adolescent girls	Westboro
Devereux Program (in Rutland)	For youths
Grafton Job Corps	Tuesday Nights


**If you would like more information—please contact us at:**

**Email:** [treatment@aaworcester.org](mailto:treatment@aaworcester.org)

**Phone:** Ellen McQ @ (508) 752-9000

Sue N. @ (508) 752-9000

**Service Meetings**

<b><u>InterGroup/District 25 &amp; 26</u></b>		<b><u>Area 30</u></b>	
<p><b><u>Steering Committee</u></b>                      St. Joan of Arc Church                      570 Lincoln St.                      Worcester                      2nd Thursday                      6:15pm</p>	<p><b><u>Intergroup Delegates</u></b>                      St. Joan of Arc Church                      570 Lincoln St.                      Worcester                      2nd Thursday                      7:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Eastern Mass. General Service Committee</u></b>                      St. John's                      80 Mt. Auburn                      Watertown                      4th Wednesday                      8:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Grapevine Committee</u></b>                      Boston Central Service                      368 Congress St. Lower Level                      Boston                      4th Sunday                      1:00pm-3:00pm</p>
<p><b><u>Public Information</u></b>                      Intergroup Office                      100 Grove St. # 309                      Worcester                      2nd Monday                      7:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Joint Treatment</u></b>                      Intergroup Office                      100 Grove St. # 309                      Worcester                      4th Saturday                      10am</p>	<p><b><u>CPC Committee</u></b>                      Boston Central Service                      368 Congress St. Lower Level                      Boston                      2nd Thursday                      7:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Joint Treatment Facilities</u></b>                      St. Paul's                      59 Court Street                      Dedham                      3rd Friday                      8:00pm</p>
<p><b><u>Joint Corrections</u></b>                      Intergroup Office                      100 Grove St. # 309                      Worcester                      2nd Tuesday                      7:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>Social Committee</u></b>                      Intergroup Office                      100 Grove St. # 309                      Worcester                      TBA</p>	<p><b><u>Archives Committee</u></b>                      St. John's                      80 Mt. Auburn                      Watertown                      3rd Thursday                      7:30pm</p>	<p><b><u>Literature Committee</u></b>                      Carter Methodist Church                      800 Highland Ave.                      Needham                      1st Monday                      7:30pm</p>
<p><b><u>District 25 - CPC Committee</u></b>                      Intergroup Office                      100 Grove St. # 309                      Worcester                      2nd Wed.                      6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b><u>District 25 (GSR's)</u></b>                      St. Joan of Arc Church                      570 Lincoln St.                      Worcester                      1st Tuesday                      7:30pm</p>	<p><b><u>Corrections Committee</u></b>                      Boston Central Service                      368 Congress St. Lower Level                      Boston                      4th Thursday</p>	<p><b><u>Joint Public Information</u></b>                      Boston Central Service                      368 Congress St. Lower Level                      Boston                      1st Thursday 7:00 pm</p>
<p><b><u>District 26 (GSR's)</u></b>                      Local 60 Union Hall                      Mechanic St.                      Leominster                      1st Thursday                      7-9pm</p>		<p><b><u>Sobriety One-Liners</u></b></p> <p>“...Give until you’re all better –This may take awhile...”</p> <p>“...be part of the minority of drunks, and stay sober...”</p> <p>“...live a better life, and share it with others...”</p> <p>“...bitter lives are a waste, find the path, follow it, and you will live a better life...”</p> <p>“...smile...”</p>	

“We are people who normally would not mix.” (page 17)

Intergroup Office Phone # listed.  
Please contact the office for  
Bookie Phone Number(s).

The Bookie Board

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

If your group is not listed, please get your updates to the Beacon staff by emailing them to:

[Beacon@AAworchester.org](mailto:Beacon@AAworchester.org)

SUNDAY	Brookfield	"Sunday Morning"	10:00 am	Leon F.	(508) 752-9000
	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	Tom S.	
	Webster	"Triton"	7:30 pm	Kim W.	
	Worcester	"Early Risers"	10:00 am	John O.	
"Gratitude"		7:00 pm	Kathy L.		

MONDAY	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.	

Outgoing Only!

TUESDAY	Charlton	"Courage to Change"	7:30 pm	Mike M.	(508) 752-9000
	Groton	"Easy Does it"	7:30 pm	Joe F.	
	Webster	"The Fellowship of Webster"	7:30 pm	Jack	
	Worcester	"Young People"	7:30 pm	TBD	



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WEDNESDAY	Auburn	"Auburn Group"	7:30 pm	Tony B.	(508) 752-9000
	Westboro	"Westboro Forge"	8:00 pm	Kathy A.	
	Worcester	"Four Corners"	8:00 pm	Sarah N.	
		"Top of the Hill"	8:00 pm	Bonnie	
		"We Mean Business"	7:00 pm	Happy C.	

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THURSDAY	Douglas	"Maintenance & Repair"	7:00 pm	Paul P.	(508) 752-9000
	Dudley	"Day at a Time"	8:30 pm	TBD	
	Holden	"Holden Group"	8:00 pm	Mike K.	
	Worcester	"Stay Active"	6:45 pm	Rose	
		"Serenity"	7:30 pm	Maureen B.	
		"As Bill Sees it"	7:30 pm	Pat C.	

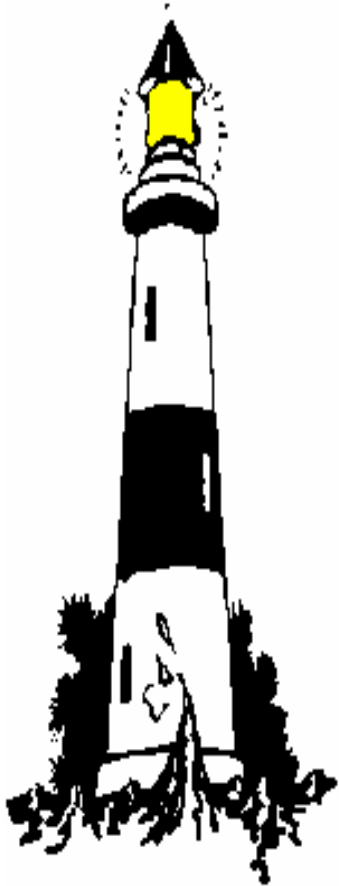
Friday	Worcester	"Greendale"	8:30 pm	Ginny	(508) 752-9000
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SATURDAY	Millbury	"Millbury Traditions"	7:30 pm	Donna H.	(508) 752-9000
	Upton	"Upton Capertown"	1:30 pm	John H.	
	Worcester	"How it Works"	6:45 pm	Mike S.	

**August Deadline!**  
Submissions Must be received by  
**July 9, 2004**  
Email "The Beacon" at:  
[Beacon@AAworchester.org](mailto:Beacon@AAworchester.org)

The H.A.L.T. Line needs your help! Please see Page 7 for information about available hours! This is a great way to give back freely.....

<u>Steering Committee &amp; Committee</u>		
<u>Chairpersons</u>		Updated!
<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
Chairperson	Ellen McQ.	<a href="mailto:Intergroupchair@aaworcester.org">Intergroupchair@aaworcester.org</a>
Alternate Chair	Bob Mc.	
Secretary	DonnaMae B.	<a href="mailto:Intergroupsecretary@aaworcester.org">Intergroupsecretary@aaworcester.org</a>
Treasurer	Harry H.	<a href="mailto:Intergrouptreasurer@aaworcester.org">Intergrouptreasurer@aaworcester.org</a>
Alternate Treasurer	Sandy A.	
Trustees	Bob D.	
	Kristi C.	
	Jeanne L.	
	Bruce W.	
Office Manager	John H.	<a href="mailto:steps@aaworcester.org">steps@aaworcester.org</a>
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Co-Chairperson	Scott L.	
Social Committee	Mark J.	<a href="mailto:Social@aaworcester.org">Social@aaworcester.org</a>
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Liaison to District 25	Open	
Liaison to Area 30	Open	
Alcathon Committee	Billy S.	
<p>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</p>		



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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



**70th Anniversary**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
 June 30 - July 3, 2005  
 Registration begins September 2004  
[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)



**Alcathon Information**

It may only be July, and you may be thinking more about sunshine and relaxation than the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, but the annual Alcathon's will be here before we know it!

Preparations are under way, and if you're interested in being part of the solution, contact the Alcathon Chairperson through the Intergroup office at:

**(508) 752-9000**

Thank you!

**2004 InterGroup Timeline**

**Intergroup Meeting dates for the new year:**

**2004-2005**

**2004 - June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9.**

**2005 - January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12.**

**October 14**

**Slots for Thanksgiving Alcathon drawn.**

**November 11**

**Slots for Christmas & New Year's Alcathon's drawn.**

**H.A.L.T. Line (Available Hours)**

*Your fellow alcoholics need your help!*

Mon.	12:00am-1:00am	1:00 am-2:00 am	2:00 am-3:00 am	3:00 am-4:00 am	4:00am-5:00am	5:00am-6:00am	6:00am-7:00am	7:00am-8:00am	8:00am-9:00am	9:00am-10:00am	9:00pm-10:00pm
Tue.	12:00am-1:00am	1:00 am-2:00 am	2:00 am-3:00 am	8:00am-9:00am	9:00am-10:00am						
Wed.	8:00pm-9:00pm	9:00pm-10:00pm	10:00pm-11:00pm								
Thu.	12:00am-1:00am	1:00 am-2:00 am	2:00 am-3:00 am	3:00 am-4:00 am	4:00am-5:00am	5:00am-6:00am	6:00am-7:00am	7:00am-8:00am	8:00am-9:00am	8:00pm-9:00pm	9:00pm-11:00pm
Fri.	2:00pm-3:00pm	3:00pm-4:00pm	4:00pm-5:00pm	6:00pm-7:00pm							
Sat.	2:00pm-3:00pm	3:00pm-4:00pm	4:00pm-5:00pm	6:00pm-7:00pm							
Sun.	5:00am-6:00am	6:00am-7:00am	7:00am-8:00am	2:00pm-3:00pm	3:00pm-4:00pm	4:00pm-5:00pm					

Contact the H.A.L.T. line chairperson 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.



**What is Bridging the Gap?**

Simply put, a temporary contact is an A.A. member or group who works closely with clients who are being released from a treatment facility and helps them to **bridge the gap** to Alcoholics Anonymous in the local Community.

**Here are some available A.A. pamphlets that are helpful:**

- A.A. in Treatment Facilities
- Bridging the Gap
- This is A.A.
- A Newcomer Asks

My experience has been that it is an honor and privilege to receive a call on the 800 # from someone being discharged from a treatment facility looking for that first contact with the outside. There is a guideline that this is basic 12th step work. Always use two people when making contact with our newcomer, at least one should have a year of sobriety. Guys with guys, gals with gals.

The Treatment Facilities Committee is trying very hard to update our Temporary Contact Program sign up list. This list is a Confidential A. A. document used only **for and by** the Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact Program.

**Contact Information**

Ray K.

Alternate Chairperson Area 30 Joint Treatment Facilities Committee & Bridging the Gap Coordinator  
(508) 752-9000

**The Beacon Subscription Form**

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(Please print neatly!)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

**"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."**

