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THE BEACON

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Deadline....

.....for information to go into the July issue of The Beacon is June 15th, 2001. Information can be sent to :

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Worcester, MA 01605

or e-mailed to:

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

TRADITION SIX

An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?

2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?

3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?

4. Should the secretary of



our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?

5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV set and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them,

should we have these facilities?

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STEERING COMMITTEE (AS OF 06/03/2001)

Chairperson – Enzo H..
Vice Chair – Jack H..
Secretary – Kate G..
Treasurer – Joanne O..
Assistant Treasurer – Kimball M..
Trustees - Brandy H., Bob D., Eric R., Tom W.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8-10, 2001 – Western Mass Young People's Conference Committee presents "2001 A Young People's Odyssey & Founders Day Weekend Campout. It will be held at the Horace A. Moses Boy Scout Reservation in Woronoco, MA. For more info please write to WMYPC, PO BOX 1037, Holyoke, MA 01041.

June 14-17, 2001 – 31st Maryland State Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Hagerstown, Md. Advance registration is \$18, at the door is \$20.

Contact mdstateconvention@hotmail.com for more information.

June 22-24, 2001 – Soberfest 2001 will be held at the Sunrise Resort in Moodus, Ct. This is a 3 day camping weekend. For rates and reservations, call (508)752-9000

June 28-July 1, 2001 – 44th ICY-PAA (International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) will be held at the Detroit Marriott in Detroit, MI. For reservations, call (508)752-9000 . ilton

July 13-15, 2001 – 33rd Annual New York State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Arena in Binghamton, NY. Contact Jackie F. at (607) 771-7784 or jackaroe1@aol.com for more information.

July 20-22, 2001 – Maine Area Round-up will be held at Sugarloaf Mountain. Registration fee is \$20.00 and various accommodation packages are available. For more information call Tom at (508)752-9000 or email tranello@maine.rr.com

August 3-5, 2001 – 8th PA State Convention will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Carlisle, PA. Call one of the following for more info: Jim B. (508)752-9000

August 10-11, 2001 – 2001 Capital Roundup Conference will be held at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel in Washington, DC. For more info, write to: The Capital Roundup P.O.Box 76786 Washington, DC 20013.

August 10-12, 2001 – 22nd NY State Informational Workshop will be held at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in Garrison, NY. For more information, contact Mary Anne S. (508)752-9000 . Also, nysiw@aaseny.org or their website at www.aaseny.org

August 17-19, 2001 – 4th Annual Sunlight of the Spirit Conference will be held in York, PA. For more info, contact one of the following: Bill or Linda M. (508)752-9000 or their website at www.sosyorkps.org

October 19-21, 2001 – 31st Northeast Regional Convention will be held at the Hilton Parsippany in

Parsippany, NJ. For more information call (508)752-9000 .

October 26-28, 2001 – 2001 HMB Area Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, NY. For more information, write to: 51st HMB Area Convention P.O.Box 8112 Utica, NY 13505.

November 1-4, 2001 – 40th Annual Hawaii AA Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. For more information call (508)752-9000

November 9-11, 2001 – 38th Ma State AA Convention will be held at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. Call Annemarie M. (508)752-9000 for more information.

February 22-24, 2002 – NERAASA 2002 will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in Pittsburgh, PA. For more info call: Arlene H. (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.

Step 6:
Were entirely
ready to have
God remove all
these defects of
character.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Deaf AA members requiring interpreters for AA meetings can call Paul Hostovsky at (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!!



Corrections Committee Information

Here is a list of commitments needed at the present time:

Where: Worcester House Of Corrections
When: Weekdays from 9-10am and 1-2pm
Info: Social Security # needed a week in advance for all member on commitment. All will have their background checked.

Where: Webster Corrections Cope Program
When: Fridays 1-2pm
Info: No background check needed

Where: Worcester Corrections Cope Program
When: weekdays 9:30-10:30am
Info: No background check needed

Where: Spectrum Health Boot Camp, Worcester
When: varied
Info: No background check needed. Incarcerated adolescents

Where: Fitchburg Corrections Cope Program
When: varied
Info: No background check needed

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. See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.

ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup
<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

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

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

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.



KORTE'S CORNER

Steps 6 & 7

After struggling yet again with judging others, my sponsor recently instructed me to read steps 6 and 7 out of the 12 & 12.

There it was again in black and white, "oh, how we *love* to be annoyed."

I fall victim to a deluded sense of superiority in short order. Just a few weeks after realizing I was again dealing with half truths and delusional thinking with regard to judging people in meetings, I threw myself back into the fire this past week.

It was all planned: the speaker would speak for "X" amount of time, then the rest of the sharing would go precisely "*this*" way, everyone would be overjoyed and realize what a wonderful meeting this was, and with any luck, would recognize my leadership as the driving force behind the meeting's success, waves of admiration pouring over me.

Is it me, or does this sound a little too much like the actor that is desperately trying to control the world around him in the beginning of "How It Works?" (the reading on step three) "*...if only people would do as he wished, the show would be great...what usually happens? The show doesn't come off very well...still the play does not suit him.*"

Dozens of people sat around enjoying the meeting, but not me. I was seething. Things weren't going my way. The person sharing their experience, strength and hope wasn't doing it *the way I wanted him to*. He wasn't sharing the things on the step that *I* thought were important. He talked longer than *I* thought he should. He wasn't sharing in the style *I* enjoy hearing.

Fifty people sat in a room, the bulk of them soaking up every word this man said, while I occupied myself by sulking. Oh-not *outwardly*. I am above all that. I've graduated from rolling my eyes and sighing to the ap-

proved self-appointed guru reaction, which is of course, inward disgust and repressed resentment. This technique makes it slightly easier for me to make my misery his fault.

About half way through the guest's sharing, I was bathed in shame. Uh-oh, the judgment boomerang had arrived. I couldn't stand the fact that I had gotten so angry and fearful just because I wasn't getting what I wanted. Wasn't I at last *beyond* all that?

Mercifully, I didn't get an opportunity to share, although I was so blocked off that I probably would have had to pass anyway.

I prayed constantly throughout the meeting. I might still have a twisted alcoholic mind, but I also have been given the gift of a design for living that really works in rough going. Picking up the tools I honed in the fourth and fifth steps and now utilize daily in my tenth step, I approached a group member that I knew wouldn't take any crap from me, and certainly wouldn't entertain any of my nonsensical theories.

We hammered through the tenth step together. Oh, I know the drill. I can follow the directions to the tenth step with the best of them, but often it's not enough for me. Sometimes, I need to pray for the truth and keep asking people to help me, getting as many fresh perspectives as I need.

After trudging through the mechanics of a tenth step, I admitted I was not seeing the whole truth. I was clinging to a shred of being *right*, denying myself the opportunity to be happy. Without a moment's hesitation, my friend flatly stated, "you're delusional."

I appreciated that more than she'll ever know. I *knew* I was wrong philosophically, but I still couldn't *feel* what was blocking me from the Truth. My prayers were sincere, and though I could not see the whole truth, I did get relief from the resentments that were weighing me down and preventing me from being useful.

I went back into the

meeting, and continued to pray for the speaker and for the truth. Obviously, for an alcoholic, any attempt that leaves me still clinging to a resentment or a fear has come up short of the truth. A few minutes later, I found myself thanking the speaker for making the ninety minute drive to come to our meeting. More importantly, I meant it. Five minutes after that, a friend asked me for a copy of the tape, and stated that the man was "awesome."

"Was this the same speaker I had witnessed?" I wondered as a smile came upon my face.

The realization of a few simple facts might have cleared me up just enough to be free again. Maybe it was enough that this man left his home early that morning and drove over an hour in the hopes of helping someone. Maybe it was enough that this man prayed to a God that loves him more than he or I will ever be able to fathom in this lifetime, and God gave him the Message that he shared that morning. Maybe the sick feeling inside me was the familiar feeling of being blocked yet again from that higher Power by foolishness and resentment. Maybe one of the many reminders of the fact that I simply *do not know* what's best for me or anyone else finally sunk in.

Today I wonder if I might have merely felt the tinge of sadness God felt when He saw my abhorrent reaction to one of his little children pouring out their soul. Maybe God spun up a miracle that morning, and He would have loved it if I had been able to witness that miracle. Unfortunately, I was blocked off from seeing this by selfishness and obstinance. I imagined God was a little sad about that, too, but was already looking forward to the next miracle He will show me if I am not fixated on controlling, manipulating, and otherwise regulating the miracle so it can look, smell and taste *exactly* how I imagine a miracle should.

Maybe the biggest piece of the puzzle was that it was so painful to sit there resenting that man when it would have been so much easier to sit there and love the guy.

There it was again in black and white, "oh, how we love to be annoyed."

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

How It Works (Worcester):
(Sat 6:45pm)
Dayna (508)752-9000

How It Works (Northboro):
(Wed 8:00pm)
David C. (508)752-9000

Hopedale Ray Of Hope:
(Sun 10:30am)
Carol Y. or Ricky B. (508)752-9000

4 Corners (Worcester):
(Wed. 8:00pm)
John Y. (508)752-9000

Way Of Sobriety
(Worcester) (Sun 10:00 am)
Debbie P. (508)752-9000

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00 am)
Tom S. (508)752-9000

Holden Thursday Night
(Thurs. 8:30pm)

Gill B. (508)752-9000
Starting Anew (Holliston)
(Wed. 8:00pm)
Elaine K. (508)752-9000

Sutton Center Step (Mon. 6:45pm) (Outgoing Only)
Deb W. (508)752-9000

GOYA (Whitinsville)
(Thurs. 8:00pm)
Mike H. (508)752-9000
Marybeth N. (508)752-9000

Worcester Young People
(Tues. 7:30pm)
Tom B. (508)752-9000

Hudson Straight Shooters
(Thurs. 8:00pm)
Brian B. (508)752-9000

Hudson Sunday Best
(Sunday 7:30pm)
David B. (508)752-9000

Millis Fellowship (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Bill G. (508)752-9000

Douglas Maintenance and Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)
Melissa A. (508)752-9000

Top Of The Hill (Wed. 8:00pm)
Jeanne M. (508)752-9000

Webster Joy of Living

(Mon. 8:00pm)
Harry (508)752-9000

Hudson Townline (Sat. 8:00pm)
Bob G. (508)752-9000

Greendale Group
(Worcester Fri. 8:30pm)
Paul H. (508)752-9000

Putnam Young People's
(Putnam, CT Fri. 8:00pm)
Keith K. (508)752-9000

Northboro Sat. Morning
(Sat. 10am)
Adam S. (508)752-9000

Westboro Sunday Morning
(Sunday 11-noon)
Jim L. (508)752-9000

Seven AM Group (Saturday 7am)
Deane M. (508)752-9000

Groton Easy Duz It
(Tuesday 7:30pm)
Joe F. (508)752-9000

Early Risers (Worcester Sun 10am)
Dayle (508)752-9000

Leominster Original (Mon 7:45-9:00pm)
James S. (508)752-9000

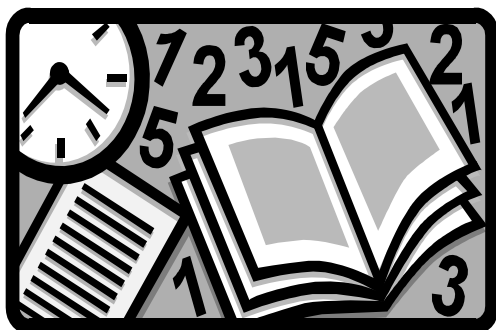
Clinton Shamrocks (Tues. 7:15p-8:30pm)
Cheryl D. (508)752-9000

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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



MEETING CHANGES & ANNIVERSARIES

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!!

NEW!! Northboro As Bill Sees It Meeting Mondays noon-1:00pm Trinity Church 23 E. Main St. Northboro. Closed Discussion.

CHANGE!! Worcester Happy Destiny Mondays 7:00pm-8:30pm Bethany Congregational Church *Beginning June 4th.*

ANNIVERSARY!! Milford Eye Opener will celebrate their 5th Anniversary on Saturday, June 9th at 7:00pm. It will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church behind Dunkin Donuts off Main street in Milford. There will be an Open Speaker meeting with food and refreshments served. Family and Friends and welcomed and encouraged to attend!!

Bookie Meeting

There will be a Bookie Exchange Meeting on Wednesday, June 6th, 2001 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!!!



INTERGROUP BREAKFAST

The Social Committee will be hosting the Annual Buffet Breakfast and Installation of Officers on Sunday, June 3rd from 10am to 1pm at the Tuttle Post, 88 Bancroft St. in Auburn. Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office. There will be a speaker and presentation of Officers for the 2001-2002 year following breakfast.

PROPOSED INTERGROUP MEETING TIMELINE

June 2001 to May 2002

June 14, 2001 – New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office; Meeting times for the year established

July 12, 2001

August 9, 2001

September 13, 2001

October 11, 2001

November 8, 2001– Thanksgiving Alcathon Drawing

December 13, 2001 – Christmas and New Years Alcathon Drawings

January 10, 2002 – Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed

February 14, 2002 – Nomina-

tions 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

SERVICE MEETINGS

INTERGROUP

Steering Committee
 St. Matthews Church
 695 Southbridge St.
 Worcester
 2nd Thursday
 6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates
 St. Matthews Church
 695 Southbridge 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

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
 Monday after Intergroup
 Meeting
 7:00pm

DISTRICT

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



I am responsible....

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

Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup

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.