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The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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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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This Month in A.A. History

- June 1, 1949 Anne Smith (Dr. Bob's wife) dies at age 68.
- June 10th, 1935—Traditional day of Dr. Bob's last drink & start of A.A.
- June 18, 1941 First meeting was held in the first AA clubhouse at 334-1/2 W. 24th
- June 21, 1944 First edition of the Grapevine published.
- June 26, 1935 Bill D. (A.A. #3) has his last drink.
- June 28, 1935 Bill W. & Dr. Bob make their visit to Bill D.
- June 29, 1935 Lois left by bus to meet Dr. Bob & Anne in Akron.

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.



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Fond Farewell and Thanks!!

As many of you know by now, I am rotating out of the Beacon Editor position. After 4 ½ years of deadlines and mailings, spell checks and editing, it was time to allow others to have the experience. I will still be involved – couldn't let go completely yet! I will still be handling the mailing list and group contacts for now.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Worcester Area Intergroup in this way. It has been a wonderful experience. I have gotten to know many of you as a result.

In Love and Service, *Brandy H*.

Sobriety One-Liners

- "...we swallow camels and choke on mosquitoes..."
- "...never hurt another alcoholic..."
- "...constant vigilance..."
- "...we're as sick as our secrets..."
- "...keep coming..."
- "...whatever you do don't drink..."
- "...if you're home alone, you're behind enemy lines..."

Step Six

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

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Deadline!

For Information to go into the JULY issue of "The Beacon"

Submissions <u>must</u> be Received by June 13th, 2003.

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

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The Bookie Board

Auburn Group

(Wednesdays 7:30-9pm)

Tony B.

Aurora Group

(6:45pm-8pm)

Deborah L.

Brookfield Sunday Morning

(Sun. 10am)

Leon F.

Crozier

(Mondays 8-9:30pm)

Brenda L.

Douglas Maintenance and Repair

(Thurs. 7-8pm)

Pat O.

Dudley Day At A Time

(Thursdays 8:30-10pm)

Kerry T.

Early Risers

(Sun. 10-11am)

John O.

Four Corners (Worcester)

(Wed. 8:00pm)

Terry A.

Groton Easy Duz It

(Tuesday 7:30pm)

Joe F

<u>Leominster Original</u>

(Mon 7:45-9:00pm)

Dean R.

Millbury Traditions

(Saturdays 7:30pm-8:30pm)

Donna H.

Shrewsbury Gratitude

Sun. 7pm)

Peter I

Spencer Fellowship

(Mon. 7:30pm)

Anna R.

Stay Active

(Thurs. 6:45pm)

Rose

Stow Sunday

(Sun. 11:00 am)

Tom S. (

The Fellowship Of Webster

Sue D.

Top of The Hill

(Wed. 8pm)

Bonnie

Upton Capertown

(Sat. 1:30pm)

John H.

Webster Triton

(Sundays 7:30-9:00pm)

Arty

Group Not Listed?

Send your information to:

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Worcester, MA 01605

OR

Email to

AABeacon@netscape.net

Some early Suggestions:

Don't Drink, Go to Meetings, Join a Group,
Got a Sponsor, and Got Active!

Get a Sponsor, and Get Active!

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Service Meetings				
Intergroup/District 25/District 26				
Steering Committee		Intergroup	Delegates	Public Information
St. Joan of Arc Church	1	St. Joan of	Arc Church	Intergroup Office
570 Lincoln St.		570 Lin	coln St.	100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester		Word	ester	Worcester
2nd Thursday		2nd Th	ursday	2nd Monday
6:15pm		7:30)pm	7:30pm
Joint Treatment Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 3 rd Saturday 10am		Joint Con Intergrou 100 Grove Word TE	p Office e St. # 309 eester	Social Committee Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA
Beacon Committee Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA		District 2 St. Joan of 2 570 Lin Word 1st Tu 7:30	Arc Church coln St. eester esday	District 26 (GSR's) Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1st Thursday 7-9pm
		<u>Arec</u>	<u>a 30</u>	
Eastern Mass. General Service Committee		vine Committee	CPC Commit	Joint Treatment Facilities

<u>Area 30</u>			
Eastern Mass. General Service Committee St. John's	Grapevine Committee Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower	CPC Committee Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower	Joint Treatment Facilities St. Luke's
80 Mt. Auburn	Level Boston	Level	950 East St.
Watertown	4th Sunday	Boston	Dedham
4th Wednesday	1:00pm-3:00pm	2nd Thursday	3rd Friday
8:00pm		7:00pm	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	

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Upcoming Events

June

June 8, 2003 – Area 30 Post Conference Assembly hosted by District 6. Call Ann for more info

June 12-14, 2003 – 33rd Annual MD State Convention – email marylandstateconvention@hotmail.com for more information

June 20-22, 2003 - NERF - Northeast Regional Forum - Grand Island, NY. Contact www.aa.org for more details

July

July 11-13, 2003 – 36th Annual NY State Convention – Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains. Call Barbara R. for more info July 18-20, 2003 – 26th Annual Maine Area Round-Up – Sugarloaf Mountain. Call Julia for more info

September

September 28, 2003 - Area 30 Workshop Assembly hosted by Districts 1&2. Call Maggie for more info

October

October 17-19, 2003 - NERC - Northeast Regional Convention - Mount Laurel, NJ - Call Kathie S. for more info

October 31-November 2, 2003 – North East Regional Woman to Woman Conference Farmington, CT Call Davi for more info

November

November 7-9, 2003 – 40th Anniversary of MA State Convention – Fitchburg, MA – Call Marilyn M. for more info

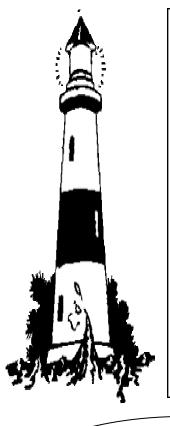
February 2004

February 27-29, 2003 - NERAASA 2004 - Nashua, NH - Call Nashua Area Service Office for more info (

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Steering Committee & Committee		
<u>Chairpersons</u>		
Chairperson	Bob D.	
Alternate Chair	Mike B.	
Secretary	Jean L.	
Alternate Treasurer	Harry H.	
Trustees	Brandy H., Janet L.,	
	Bob Mc., Tom W.	
Office Manager	John H.	
Treatment Facilities	Ellen Mc.	
Correctional Facilities	Roosevelt S.	
H.A.L.T. Line	Enzo H.	
Social Committee	Natasha H.	
Public Information	VACANT	
Beacon Editor	Charlie W.	
Liason to District 25	Janet L.	
Liason to Area 30	Roosevelt S.	
Alcathon Committee	Billy S.	

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

Please note:

WAI/District 25 Public Information Committee will now be meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Intergroup Office.

Miscellaneous

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 (free of charge!) to bring to their groups. To find out if we have your group contact, please email The Beacon at AABeacon@netscape.net or contact Brandy H. @

Group Anniversaries

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

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Help Wanted

Public Information - We need a Chairperson for "Public Information". Please contact the Intergroup office at (508) 752–9000 for further information.

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. We currently have several hours open that need to be filled!! If you can help, even an hour a week please call Enzo H. at (508) 752-9000. (Note. This is the Intergroup Office number ~ Enzo's contact number to follow).

Treatment Facilities needs groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. Please Call the Intergroup Office for more details.

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved.

Public Information is looking for more people to get active with their committee

Note. Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. Worcester Area Intergroup is trying to eliminate the need to have 'committees of one'. 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.

Special Needs

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

2003 - 2004 InterGroup Timeline		
June 12, 2003	New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office; Meeting times for the year established	
October 9, 2003	Slots for Thanksgiving Alcathon drawn	
November 13, 2003	Slots for the Christmas and New Years Alcathons drawn	
January 8, 2004	Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Intergroup Office Inventory	

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 Address_______

 City/Town_______ State______ Zip Code________

Name

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Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove Street Suite 309 Worcester, MA 01605 ATTN: Beacon

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

Group Anniversary!

Millbury Traditions Meeting

28th A.A. Anniversary!

Saturday June 7, 2003

Millbury Federated Church

Main Street - Center of Millbury

Buffet @ 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm

(2 A.A. Speakers)

"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 and last initial):		_
Telephone Number:		-
		=
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 t	o 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)	

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^{*}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.