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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 Six</u> (Recovery)	<u>Tradition Six</u> (Unity)	<u>Concept Six</u> (Service)
<i>Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.</i>	<i>An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.</i>	<i>The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.</i>

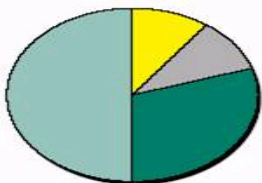
Calling all Groups!

As of May 13, 2004 Contributions from groups to Worcester Area Intergroup were *down by \$4450.62* from the comparable period last year. We are still financially sound but if this trend continues we may have to find ways to cut costs. Many groups who contributed in the past have suddenly stopped sending contributions.

This is often times due to a lack of knowledge of A.A.'s Seventh Tradition. We 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 groups 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.*

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

Please share this information with your Home Group at your earliest convenience!

Thank you,

The Office Staff!



Upcoming Events

June 24 - 27	34th Maryland State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous - For more info, please email... stateconvention@marylandaa.org
September 12	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 chair@aaemass.org
Nov. 13-14	41st Annual Mass. State Convention! Sheraton Tara, Framingham, Mass. Contact altdelegate@aaemass.org 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.

The Intergroup Office reports that there is a need for 12-Step volunteers. See the back page to fill out the volunteer form. Remember, we're all in this together, and to keep it we must give it away!

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

Phone: Ellen McQ @ (508) 752-9000

Sue N. @ (508) 752-9000

Service Meetings

<u>InterGroup/District 25 & 26</u>		<u>Area 30</u>	
<p><u>Steering Committee</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 6:15pm</p>	<p><u>Intergroup Delegates</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Eastern Mass. General Service Committee</u> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm</p>	<p><u>Grapevine Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Sunday 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>
<p><u>Public Information</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Monday 7:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Updated!</p> <p><u>Joint Treatment</u> St. Paul's Church 59 Court Street Dedham 4th Saturday 10am</p>	<p><u>CPC Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Joint Treatment Facilities</u> St. Luke's 950 East St. Dedham 3rd Friday 8:00pm</p>
<p><u>Joint Corrections</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p><u>Social Committee</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p><u>Archives Committee</u> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 3rd Thursday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Literature Committee</u> Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham 1st Monday 7:30pm</p>
<p><u>District 25 - CPC Committee</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><u>District 25 (GSR's)</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 1st Tuesday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Corrections Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Thursday</p>	<p><u>Joint Public Information</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 1st Thursday 7:00 pm</p>
<p><u>District 26 (GSR's)</u> Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1st Thursday 7-9pm</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sobriety One-Liners</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Submit your One-liners to: beacon@aaworcester.org</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">“...remembering everything is a burden - so long as I remember where to look it up, I'll never be without help...”</p>	

“Came” ~ “Came to” ~ “Came to Believe”

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

SUNDAY	Brookfield	"Sunday Morning"	10:00 am	Leon F.	(508)752-9000
	Fitchburg	"Sunday Morning"	10:15 am	Frank G.	(508)752-9000
	Shrewsbury	"Shrewsbury Gratitude"	7:00 pm	TBD	(508)752-9000
	Southbridge	"Southbridge Originals"	7:00 pm	André L.	(508)752-9000
	Stow	"Stow Sunday"	11:00 am	Tom S.	(508)752-9000
	Webster	"Triton"	7:30 pm	Kim W.	(508)752-9000
	Worcester	"Early Risers"	10:00 am	John O.	(508)752-9000
Updated! → "Gratitude"		7:00 pm	Kathy L.	(508)752-9000	

MONDAY	Leominster	"Original Group"	7:45 pm	Dean R.	(508)752-9000
	Spencer	"Spencer Fellowship"	7:30 pm	Anna R.	(508)752-9000
	Sutton	"Sutton Center"	Outgoing Only! → 7:00 pm	John C.	(508)752-9000
	Webster	"Joy of Living"	8:00 pm	Harry H.	(508)752-9000
	Worcester	"Crozier"	8:00 pm	Marla V.	(508)752-9000

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

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

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

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	Updated! → "Upton Capertown"	1:30 pm	John H.	(508)752-9000
	Worcester	"How it Works"	6:45 pm	Mike S.	(508)752-9000

2004 InterGroup Timeline	
June 10	New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office; Meeting times for the year established
October 14	Slots for Thanksgiving Alcathon drawn.
November 11	Slots for Christmas & New Year's Alcathon's drawn.

<u>Steering Committee & Committee</u>		
<u>Chairpersons</u>		Updated!
<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
Chairperson	Ellen McQ.	Coming soon
Alternate Chair	Bob Mc.	Coming soon
Secretary	Sherry F.	Coming soon
Treasurer	Harry H.	Coming soon
Alternate Treasurer	Sandy A.	Coming soon
Trustees	Bob D.	
	Kristi C.	Coming soon
	Jeanne L.	
	Bruce W.	
Office Manager	John H.	steps@aaworcester.org
Treatment Facilities	Sue N.	treatment@aaworcester.org
Correctional Facilities	Enzo H.	Corrections@aaworcester.org
H.A.L.T. Line	Janet L.	haltline@aaworcester.org
	Scott L.	
Social Committee	Mark J.	Coming soon
Public Information	Bruce W.	PIChair@aaworcester.org
Beacon Editor	Charlie W.	beacon@aaworcester.org
Liaison to District 25	Open	Coming soon
Liaison to Area 30	Open	Coming soon
Alcathon Committee	Billy S.	Coming soon

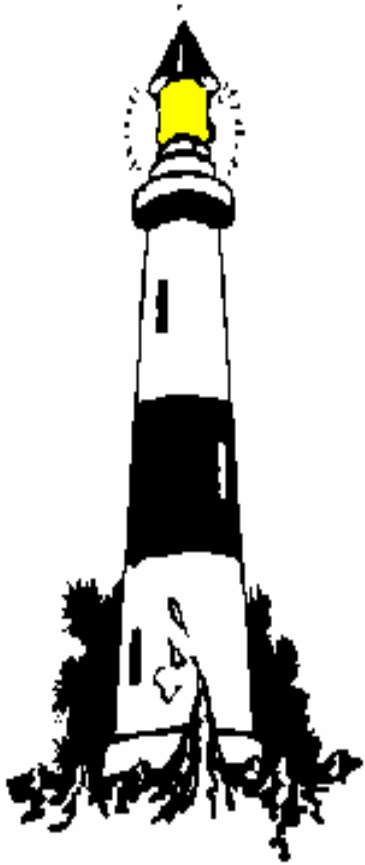
If you need to speak to any of these people, you can leave a message at the Intergroup Office, 752-9000, and the staff will be happy to ask them to return your call.

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 Worcester, MA 01605
 (508) 752-9000
 (508) 752-0755 (fax)

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



**Congratulations to all the new Committee Members
& Chairperson's**

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**Thanks to all those who served you well this past
year!**

National Hispanic A.A. Convention

September 3 - 5, 2004



Hyatt Regency
122 N. Second Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

For Reservations call [REDACTED]
For more information [REDACTED] (Spanish Intergroup)



70th Anniversary Alcoholics Anonymous

June 30 - July 3, 2005

July Deadline!

Submissions Must be received by

June 11, 2004

Email "The Beacon" at:

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

Are you the future Beacon Editor?

In about a year my term as editor of "The Beacon" will be up. Do you have an interest in getting involved in service work that's enjoyable, rewarding, and even a bit creative?

Get involved now !

I am a committee of one at the moment, but if you, or someone you know has an interest in working on "The Beacon", drop me a line at (508)752-9000 or eMail me at "Beacon@AAworchester.org" for further details.

Charlie W.

A Grateful Heart will never drink!

12 Step Volunteer Application

Name: (First Name & Last initial only) : _____

Telephone Number : _____

Towns You will accept calls from : _____

Hours you are available : _____

I wish to help : Males Only Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with : Teens 20-30 30-40
 40-50 50-60 Over 60
 Other (Please specify): _____

I am willing to : Talk to a person on the phone Go to a person's home to talk *
 Give rides to A.A. Meetings Give rides to a Detox/Rehab *
 Meet someone at A.A. Meetings Other: _____

(* Note. It is strongly 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/Rehab) without another member of A.A. with you. If you checked either of these items above, please be sure to have someone ready to go with you in case you're called.)

The Beacon Subscription Form

Get The Beacon delivered right to your home!!

(Please print neatly!)

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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."**

