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# The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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The Alcathons are coming!



## Alcathon Information

It may only be June, 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!

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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!

## 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.

## NOTICE

*Effective Thursday, May 5, the*

***Worcester MID-DAY Group***

*will be meeting at*

*Quinsigamond Village Community Center( QVCC) at 16 Greenwood Street,  
Monday thru Friday, 12:00 - 1:00 pm.*

## NOTICE

*Effective May 3, the*

***Charlton Courage to Change Group***

*That meets at the Federated Church has a new time!*

*Tuesday - 7:30-9:00 pm*

***"..do the next right thing..."***



*“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>

**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.

*“...if you tell people you’re humble, you’re probably not as humble as you think...”*

<b><i>Tradition Six Checklist</i></b>	
1) Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?	4) Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
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)?
5) Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?	
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On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, and Tradition Checklist’s  
[www.aagrapevine.org/stepsTrads/stepsTrads\\_index.html](http://www.aagrapevine.org/stepsTrads/stepsTrads_index.html)

<b>Service Meetings Monthly Schedule</b>			
<b>InterGroup/District 25 &amp; 26</b>			
<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
<b>Area 30</b>			
<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	TBD
<b>Joint Treatment Facilities</b>	St. Paul's 59 Court Street Dedham	3rd Friday	8:00pm

<b>Group Donations</b>			
<i>The following shows a <b>suggested</b> breakdown of each Group dollar donated and the mailing address for each Service Entity:</i>			
<b>50%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Worcester Area Intergroup</b> 100 Grove Street Suite 309 Worcester, MA 01605	<b>G.S.O.</b> PO Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163	<b>District #25</b> PO Box 4553 Turnpike Station Shrewsbury, MA 01545	<b>General Service Committee</b> PO Box 51411 Boston, MA 02205

The Bookie Board

	Town	Group	Time	Contact	Phone
<b>Sunday</b>	Ashburnham	Naukeag Group	6:15 pm	<b>Dan L.</b>	
	Brookfield	Sunday Morning	10:00 am	Paul L.	
	Fitchburg	Sunday Morning	10:15 am	Frank G.	
	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Gratitude	7:00 pm	John S.	
	Southbridge	Southbridge Originals	7:00 pm	André L.	
	Stow	Stow Sunday	11:00 am	Ed C.	
	Webster	Triton	7:30 pm	Kim W.	
	<b>Westboro</b>	<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>JoAnn W.</b>	
	Worcester	Early Risers	10:00 am	John O.	
There is Hope		10:00 am	Gene C.		
	Way of Sobriety	10:00 am	Sandy A.		
<b>Monday</b>	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	Darryl	
	Groton	Easy Does it	7:30 pm	Joe F.	
	Worcester	Young People	7:30 pm	Steve D.	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Auburn	Auburn Group	7:30 pm	Tony B.	
	Westboro	Westboro Forge	8:00 pm	Larry B.	
		Top of the Hill	8:00 pm	Bonnie	
	Worcester	We Mean Business	7:00 pm	<b>Dan M.</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	Douglas	Maintenance & Repair	7:00 pm	Suzanne	
	Dudley	Day at a Time	8:30 pm	Jim B.	
	Holden	Holden Group	8:00 pm	Mike K.	
	Whitinsville	GOYA	8:00 pm	Peter L.	
	Worcester	Stay Active	6:45 pm	Nancy Q.	
		Serenity	7:30 pm	Cynthia C.	
<b>Friday</b>	Marlboro	New Life	8:00 pm	Dick C.	
	Worcester	Greendale	8:30 pm	Ginny	
<b>Saturday</b>	Millbury	Millbury Traditions	7:30 pm	Mary C.	
	Upton	Upton Capertown	1:30 pm	Curt	
	Worcester	How it Works	6:45 pm	Mike S.	

Note. Personal phone numbers not listed—please call WAI to get further information @ (508) 752-9000

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

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

Please include Town, name of Mtg, First Name, and contact number.

**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			
Sunday	All slots filled!			
Monday	All slots filled!			
Tuesday	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:00 - 10:00 am	All other Tuesday slots are filled!	
Wednesday	All slots filled!			
Thursday	3:00 - 4:00 am	4:00 - 5:00 am	5:00 - 6:00 am	6:00 - 7:00 am 7:00 - 8:00 am
Friday	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:00 - 10:00 am	All other Friday slots are filled!	
Saturday	5:00 - 6:00 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm	9:00 - 10:00 pm	10:00 - 11:00 pm

*“...a good first lesson is that the world does not revolve around me...”*

**Upcoming Events**

June 30 - July 3	<b>2005 International Convention - 70th Anniversary of AA</b> Toronto, Canada
June 23	<b>Area 30 Roadshow - Melrose 7:30 pm</b> Primary Purpose - 1st Baptist Church - Main and Upham Sts. Melrose
August 15	<b>Area 30 Roadshow - Fitchburg Friendship Group - 7:45 pm</b> Fitchburg Friendship Group - 7th Day Adventist Church - 205 Summer St. Fitchburg
August 19	<b>Area 30 Bus Trip to G.S.O.</b> Contact [REDACTED]
Nov 11 - 13	<b>42nd Massachusetts State AA Convention</b>

**Worcester Area Intergroup**

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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>June 9</b>	New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office; Meeting times for the year established.
<b>October 13</b>	Slots for Thanksgiving Alcathon drawn.
<b>November 10</b>	Slots for Christmas & New Year's Alcathon's drawn.
<b>Monthly Mtg Schedule</b>	<b>June 9, July 14,</b> August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

*"...each day is a gift that needs to be enjoyed, cherished, and shared - become part of the Fellowship..."*

**Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>eMail Address</u>
Chairperson	Ellen McQ.	<a href="mailto:Intergroupchair@rcn.com">Intergroupchair@rcn.com</a>
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Secretary	Brandy H.	<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.	
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Alcathon Committee	Billy S.	
Beacon Editor	Charlie W.	<a href="mailto:beacon@rcn.com">beacon@rcn.com</a>

**“Wherever you go, there you are”**

*Some A.A. websites of interest*

<a href="http://www.aa.org">www.aa.org</a>	Alcoholics Anonymous World Services
<a href="http://www.aaworcester.org">www.aaworcester.org</a>	Worcester Area InterGroup
<a href="http://www.aamass.org">www.aamass.org</a>	The Area 30 Website
<a href="http://www.capecodaa.com">www.capecodaa.com</a>	Cape Code InterGroup website
<a href="http://www.rhodeisland-aa.org">www.rhodeisland-aa.org</a>	Rhode Island Official AA website
<a href="http://www.ct-aa.org">www.ct-aa.org</a>	Connecticut Official AA website
<a href="http://www.nv.com/ipusers/nhaa">www.nv.com/ipusers/nhaa</a>	New Hampshire Official AA website
<a href="http://www.aavt.org">www.aavt.org</a>	Vermont Official AA website
<a href="http://www.aamaine.org">www.aamaine.org</a>	Maine Official AA website



This years NECYPAA will be a blast. The host committee is actively working on all the preparations.

To stay tuned to breaking news, check out our website at:

[www.NECYPAA.org](http://www.NECYPAA.org)

**Do you have a story to tell?**

Sobriety based stories are always welcomed at *The Beacon*.

There are only a few suggested guidelines when submitting something for consideration:

- This publication is provided by Worcester Area Intergroup, and therefore stories are limited to experience, strength and hope as it relates to alcoholism.
- No personal information will be printed (i.e. Phone numbers, email addresses, etc). You may submit your writings as “Anonymous” if you wish, however contact information is required in case the editor has any questions/concerns.
- The editor has final say as to what does and does not get published.
- The publication goes to the printer on the 15th of the month, so writings must be submitted by the 10th for enough time for review and any revisions that may be needed.

eMail your stories to: [Beacon@AAworcester.org](mailto:Beacon@AAworcester.org)

**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."

**Preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses or opposes any causes. Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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