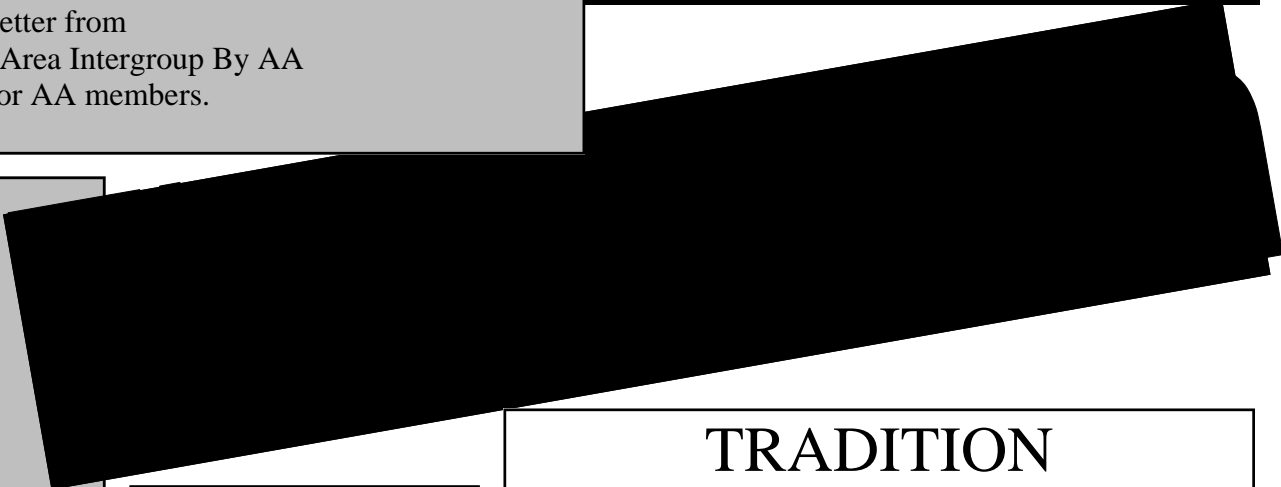


The Newsletter from
 Worcester Area Intergroup By AA
 members for AA members.

I can hardly believe that this issue makes us half a year old already!! We are continuing to expand and grow all the time and more and more people are reading us each month. Currently The Beacon is being mailed to 133 addresses with more being added each month. O.K.....elections are over and it's time to recommend new budgets and get them approved. I've had lots of positive feedback on our expanded issue and hope I can continue to keep it to six pages. I have plans in mind for the next six issues, including a questionnaire in the fall and perhaps articles submitted by AA members in the area on specific topics. If anyone has things they would like to see in The Beacon that are not already in place, just contact me and we'll keep it in consideration.

Brandy H.



Special Needs

Do you know of a deaf person in need of a signed meeting? Network with others in the area with the same needs. Call Cathy C. at [redacted] for more information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf AA members.

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!!

Deadline....
for information to go into the June issue of The Beacon is June 25th, 1999. Information can be sent to : Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St., Suite 309 Worcester, MA 01605 or e-mailed to: [redacted] (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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Please Note
 There will be a Commitment Exchange on Wednesday, June 9th, 1999 at The Intergroup Office. It will be held from 6:30pm to 7:45pm and coffee and munchies will be available.

Mass State Convention Planning Committee meetings will be held on :
 July 27, September 28 and October 26, 1999 from 8:00pm-9:30pm at Central Mass Shelter for Homeless Veterans on Grove Street in Worcester. Come help make

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Intergroup Breakfast will be held on June 6th at the Tuttle Post in Auburn. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office, or see your group's Intergroup Delegate. The buffet breakfast will start at 10am followed by speakers, installation of new Intergroup Officers and a raffle. Tickets **must** be purchased by May 22, 1999 so we have an accurate count for the caterer.

* Post Conference Area Assembly will be held on Sunday, June 6th, 1999 at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 484 Lancaster St. (rt. 117) in Leominster, MA. Hosted by District 26, this assembly will include a Post Conference report by our Delegate, Bob S. Registration starts at 9am and the assembly ends around 4pm. All Interested AA's are encouraged to attend. It is strongly suggested that all GSR's, DCM's Area Officers & Alternates and Area Committee Chairs & Alternates attend.

* 8th Annual South Jersey Young People's Closed Conference "What's The Point??" will be held on June 11-13, 1999 at Camp Metallionequay in Medford, NJ. For more information, please write to: SJYP P.O.Box 82 Cape May, NJ 08204. The \$80 cost includes lodging (4-person screened cabins), meals, and T-shirt.

* 29th Maryland State Convention "The Great Fact" Will be held June 17-20, 1999 at the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Hagerstown, MD. For more information, please write to: 1999 Convention Committee P.O.Box 6714 Columbia, MD 21045. Deadline for pre-registration is

June 1, 1999.

* Western Mass. Young People's AA Conference "Humility Sharing Our Experience" will be held June 25-27, 1999 at Westfield State College. \$115.00 per person includes 2 nights' lodging, indoor swimming pool, Sat. night meeting/Dance, 6 full meals and a free gift to early bird participants. For more information call Carl M. at [REDACTED] or Michelle M. at [REDACTED] or e-mail [REDACTED]

* 23rd Annual Ocean State Young Peoples' Closed Conference "Keeping It Green" will be held on June 25-27, 1999 at Canonicus Conference Center in Exeter, RI. For more information, please write to: Ocean State Young Peoples' Conference P.O.Box 41091 Providence, RI 02940. Registration fee is \$120 for the weekend plus \$6 for a T-shirt. Money orders only after 5/1/99 and no refunds after 6/1/99. Space is limited to 92 registrants, so register early!!

* 38th Annual Hawaii Convention will be held Nov. 4th-Nov. 7th, 1999 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Contact the Intergroup Office for more details and registration information.

* 36th Annual Mass State Convention will be held November 12, 13, 14, 1999 at The Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg, MA. Registration is \$20 for the weekend or \$12 for one day. Look for more information in the next issue.

* 14th Annual Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Andover next year.

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)
Neil R. [REDACTED]

How It Works (Worcester):(Sat. 6:45pm)
Rich O. [REDACTED] (beeper)

Sutton Center:(Mon. 6:45pm)
Ken W. [REDACTED] (days)

Greendale: (Fri. 8:30pm)
Jeanne [REDACTED]

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00am)
Tom S. [REDACTED]

Election Results

Elections were held at the May Intergroup Meeting. Here is the new slate of officers for the coming year:

Chairperson:	Will C.
Assistant Chairperson:	Brandy H.
Secretary:	Joanne O.
Treasurer:	Maura Z.
Assistant Treasurer:	Roseanne C.
Trustees:	Kimball M.
	Joe H.
	Peg B.
	Ron C.

Congratulations to all those newly elected. These people will be officially welcomed at the Intergroup Breakfast on

ONLINE....

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

Step 6: Were entirely ready to have God remove

Service Meetings:

Steering Committee

St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.
Worcester
4th Thursday
6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates

St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.
Worcester
4th Thursday
7:00pm

Public Information

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
2nd Monday
7:00pm

Joint Treatment / Corrections

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
2nd Tuesday
7:00pm

District 25 (GSR's)

St. Joan of Arc Church
570 Lincoln St.
Worcester
1st Tuesday
7:30pm

Group Anniversaries

Greendale group, which meets at the Zion Lutheran Church on Fridays at 8:30pm in Worcester, will have its 50th Anniversary on June 25, 1999. Food will follow the speakers.

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HELP WANTED: ways to get involved....

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. Currently, the slots we need to fill are: Monday 2pm-6pm, Tuesday 8pm-10pm and Fridays 2pm-6pm. Please call the Intergroup Office at (508) 752-9000 and leave a message for Rich M. if you can fill any of these slots.

Treatment / Corrections is looking for groups to fill the following commitments: Spectrum -Wednesday 6/30/99 at 7:30pm and Worcester Youth Guidance - Wednesday 6/2/99 & 6/30/99 at 7pm. If you can help, please call Robbie at [REDACTED]

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Archives

District 25 Archives Committee is looking for donations of articles and books depicting the history of AA in this area.

If you have something that you would like to donate, please call Tina (District 25 [REDACTED])

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 and would also have any donation receipts sent to them. To find out if we have your group contact, please call Brandy at [REDACTED]

Just a Reminder...

The Social Committee announces: Intergroup Breakfast

When: Sunday, June 6, 1999 10am
Where: The Tuttle Post, Bancroft St., Auburn, MA
Why: To celebrate the newly elected Intergroup Officers and to

Meeting Changes

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!!

Westboro - **As Bill Sees It** - Friday nights from 7:30-8:30pm has moved to St. Stephen's Church on John St. in Westboro.

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