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## The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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### Tradition Five

Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

From The Traditions Checklist:

- 1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
- 2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the *limitations* of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
- 3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
- 4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
- 5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
- 6. Do I remember that AA oldtimers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from

them?

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Save your Grapevines!!
Please set up a box at
YOUR meetings.
Worcester Area Intergroup will take you donations of old Grapevine issues to send out
to Treatment and Correctional Facilities.

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 MEETING – E. Brookfield

Women's Open Discussion Meeting – Harrington Abuse Center 7:30-9pm on Saturdays

#### NEW MEETING – Worcester

Closed Men's 12 Step Group – 695 Main St. 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesdays

#### **NEW MEETING - Barre**

Open 12 Step Group – St. Joseph's Church, 90 Common St. 7:30-9:00pm on Saturdays

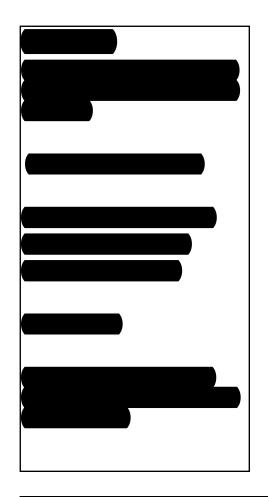
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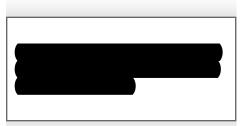
#### **June 2002 to May 2003**

May 8, 2003 – New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on

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.







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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

#### TREATMENT COMMITTEE NOTES

If your Group is interested in taking a commitment at a Treatment facility please contact us: Spectrum Detox - Ellen McQ Westboro State Hospital Janet L. UMASS 8th Floor Elizabeth M.

We need your help in spreading the message.....

If you or your Group have any literature; books or Grapevines you would like to donate to the committee you may bring it to the Intergroup office with a note for Treatment Committee.

Please remember the clients at these facilities rely on us... if you can't make the commitment due to weather etc... PLEASE CALL US so we may let the facility Know ahead of time. No shows hurt the reputation of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Phone List of AA liaisons to contact if your group needs to cancel a commitment:

UMASS Elizabeth M.
Worcester Youth Guidance Joe D.
Westboro State Hospital Janet L.
Spectrum Detox Ellen McQ

Spectrum Residential Michael G

Auburn Group (Wednesdays 7:30-9pm)	Shrewsbury Grafitude (Sun. /pm)
Tony B.	Peter I.
Aurora Group (6:45pm-8pm)	Spencer Fellowship (Mon. 7:30pm)
Deborah L. leave message	Anna R.
Brookfield Sunday Morning (Sun. 10am)	Stay Active (Thurs. 6:45pm)
Leon F.	Rose
Crozier (Mondays 8-9:30pm)	Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00 am)
Brenda L.	Tom S.
Douglas Maintenance and Repair ( <i>Thurs. 7-8pm</i> )	The Fellowship Of Webster
Pat O.	Sue D.
Dudley Day At A Time (Thursdays 8:30-10pm)	Top of The Hill (Wed. 8pm)
Kerry T.	Jeanne M. (cell)
Early Risers (Sun. 10-11am)	Upton Capertown: (Sat. 1:30pm)
John O.	John H.
Four Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm)	Webster Triton (Sundays 7:30-9:00pm)
Terry A.	Arty
Groton Easy Duz It (Tuesday 7:30pm)	Responsibility Declaration
Joe F.	I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be
Leominster Original (Mon 7:45-9:00pm)	there. And for that: I am responsible.
Dean R.	Please note:
Millbury Traditions (Saturdays 7:30pm-8:30pm)	WAI/District 25 Public Information Committee will now be meeting on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon-
Donna H.	day of each month at 7:30 pm at the Intergroup Office.

### ONLINE....

**Worcester Area In**tergroup

http://www.aaworces ter.org

**Alcoholics Anony**mous General Service Office

http://www.alcoholicsanonymous.org

#### Grapevine

http://www.aagrapevin e.org



INTERGROUP / DIS-Worcester 1:00pm-3:00pm TRICT 25 TBA **CPC Committee** 

**Steering Committee Boston Central Service Beacon Committee** St. Joan of Arc Church Intergroup Office 368 Congress St. Lower 570 Lincoln St. 100 Grove St. # 309 Level

**Joint Treatment Facilities** 

800 Highland Ave.

**Corrections Committee** 

7:00pm

Worcester Worcester **Boston** 

2nd Thursday **TBA** 2nd Thursday

District 25 (GSR's) 6:15pm 7:00pm St. Joan of Arc Church

**Intergroup Delegates** 

100 Grove St. # 309

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St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. St. Luke's 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 950 East St. 1st Tuesday Dedham

Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:30pm 3rd Friday District 26 (GSR's) 7:30pm 8:00pm

Local 60 Union Hall **Public Information Archives Committee** Intergroup Office Mechanic St. St. John's

100 Grove St. # 309 Leominster 80 Mt. Auburn Worcester 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Watertown

2nd Monday 7-9pm 3rd Thursday

7:30pm AREA 30 7:30pm

Joint Treatment Eastern Mass. General Ser-**Literature Committee** vice Committee Intergroup Office Carter Methodist Church St. John's

80 Mt. Auburn Worcester Needham Watertown 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10am 1st Monday

4th Wednesday **Joint Corrections** 7:30pm

8:00pm Intergroup Office

**Grapevine Committee** Worcester **Boston Central Service Boston Central Service** TBA

368 Congress St. Lower 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston Social Committee Level Boston Intergroup Office 4th Thursday 4th Sunday 100 Grove St. # 309

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## **UPCOMING:**

May 16-18, 2003 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual DE Convention – Rehoboth Beach. Write to: Convention 03, P.O.Box 57, Woodside, DE 19980

May 17, 2003 - Grapevine/Archive Special Event - Holy Name Parish Hall. Call Al for more info

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 11-13, 2003 – 36th Annual NY State Convention – Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains. Call Barbara R. for more info

July 18-20, 2003 – 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Maine Area Round-Up – Sugarloaf Mountain. Call Julia for more info

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

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

#### WEBSTER TRITON GROUP

38<sup>TH</sup> A.A. ANNIVERSARY

**Sunday, May 4, 2003** 

United Church Of Christ Federated
Parish Hall
Corner of Main & Church Streets
Webster, Massachusetts

Coffee & Social 6:30 pm Buffet 6:45 pm

Meeting 7:30 - 9:00 pm

2 A.A. Guest Speakers

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#### **Election Results**

Congratulations to the newly-elected 2003-2004 panel of Officers for Worcester Area Intergroup. They begin their term of office on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003:

**Chairperson** – Bob D.

**Alternate Chair** – Mike B.

Secretary –Jamie F.

Treasurer – 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** – Bill G.

Beacon Editor - Charlie W.

Liaison to District 25 – Janet L.

**Liaison to Area 30** – Roosevelt S.

**Alcathon Committee** – Billy S.



#### 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

### **Group Anniversaries**

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

# 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. Don't wait to rely on your group to have extras in stock!! See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.

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<b>District 26</b> will be having their Annual Springtime Dinner/Dance on May 24, 2003 at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Theresa St., Fitchburg. Dinner is at 7pm, Speakers from 8pm-8:45pm and dancing till midnight. Tickets are \$25/couple or \$15/person. Dance only tickets after 8pm are \$5. Please call Paula C. for more information at

**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 Paul P. at

*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

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.

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Deaf AA members requiring interpreters for AA meetings can call Paul

Hostovsky 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!!

## The Beacon Subscription Form

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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

Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup

	12 Step Volunteer Applicat	<u>ion</u>	
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	•		
Ages I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to	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)		

\*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.