

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

Is it really May  
already? I can  
hardly believe how  
fast this year is  
going by!!

We have a lot of  
exciting things  
coming up soon,  
like the Intergroup  
Elections, the  
Intergroup  
Breakfast and a  
new H.A.L.T.line  
Chairperson.

Yes, we have  
added more pages  
to The Beacon this  
month. It was such  
a hard decision as  
to what NOT to  
put in to save  
space last month  
that I asked  
Intergroup to  
approved more  
space if we need it.

Currently The  
Beacon is being  
mailed to 120  
addresses with  
more being added  
each month.

Brandy H.  
Beacon Editor

## 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!!

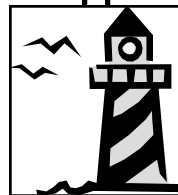
Deadline....  
.....for information to go into  
the June issue of The Beacon  
is May 28th, 1999.  
Information can be sent to :

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100 Grove St., Suite 309  
Worcester, MA 01605

or e-mailed to:  
[REDACTED] (please  
use the word "beacon" in the  
subject line)

## 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  
old-timers, too, can be  
alcoholics who still suffer?  
Do I try both to help them  
and to learn from them?

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### New Arrivals

Available now at Worcester  
Area Intergroup:  
Living Sober  
on 4 Audio Tapes  
Pioneers of  
AA on 3 Audio Tapes  
Contact the Intergroup  
Office for prices and

Mass State Convention  
Planning Committee meetings  
will be held on :  
May 25, 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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<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

### Office Hours:

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

\* 30th Annual Western Mass Round-Up will be held on May 14th and 15th, 1999 at Joshua's Restaurant in Holyoke. Registration for the weekend is \$5.00 and the Saturday evening dinner is \$10.00 ( must be ordered by May 1st) . Mail check or money order made payable to "Western Mass Round up Committee" with your name, address and phone number to:

[REDACTED]  
Conway, MA 01341 ( do NOT send cash) This years Saturday night dance will be hosted by Western Mass Young Peoples Conference Committees and will be held at Holyoke High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

\* There will be an Old Timer's Meeting on May 14, 1999 at the Star of The Sea Church, Rt. 1a & Ferry Rd., Salisbury, MA from 7:30-9:30pm. It is being hosted by District 20 and The Clipper City Group. [REDACTED]

\* Annual Spring Fling - hosted by District 26 / Area 30 - will be held on May 22, 1999 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 110 South Main St., Gardner, MA. There is a meeting at 7pm followed by dinner and dancing. Donation is \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. [REDACTED]

\* 10th Annual Sobriety In Action Convention - ' We Have To Live It ' will be held on May 28-30,

1999 at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton in St. Petersburg, FL. For more information write to: Convention Committee PO Box 2571, Pinellas Park, FL 33780-2571

\* 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. [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!!

\* 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. Planning Committee information and directions to the planning

## **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: Tuesday 8pm-10pm, Wednesday 8pm-10pm, Thursday 9am-10am and Fridays 2pm-6pm.

Please call Rich M. at [REDACTED]

### ***Treatment / Corrections***

is looking for groups to fill the following commitments: AdCare-Sunday 5/30/99-7:00pm, AdCare-Saturday 5/29/99-7:00pm, Worcester Youth Guidance - Wednesday 5/6/99 & 5/27/99.

If you can help, please call Robbie at [REDACTED]

## **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]

## **Group Anniversaries**

**Clinton Central Park**, which meets at the Church of The Good Shepherd on Fridays at 8pm in Clinton, will hold it's 35th Anniversary Celebration on **May 7th, 1999**. Food starts at 7:15pm.

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

### ***Worcester Young People's***

Group will be celebrating their 15th Anniversary on Tues, **May 11, 1999**. Speakers will be at 7:30pm followed by food. They meet at St. Matthew's Church in Worcester at the corner of Cambridge St. and Southbridge St.

**Webster Triton** Group will celebrate their 34th Anniversary on Sunday, **May 2, 1999** at the United Church of Christ Hall, Church and Main Streets, Webster. Coffee Social will begin at 5:30pm followed by a Pot Luck Meal at 6:30 and speakers at 7:30.

## **ONLINE....**

**Worcester Area Intergroup**  
<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

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

## **SERVICE MEETINGS**

### **Meeting Locations:**

(s) = St. Matthews Church  
695 Southbridge St.  
Worcester

(i) = Intergroup Office  
100 Grove St. # 309  
Worcester

(a) = St. Joan of Arc Church  
570 Lincoln St.  
Worcester

### **Committee:**

Steering Committee (s)  
4th Thursday  
6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates (s)  
4th Thursday  
7:00pm

Public Information (i)  
2nd Monday  
7:00pm

Joint Treatment / Corrections (i)  
2nd Tuesday  
7:00pm

District 25 (GSR's) (a)  
1st Tuesday  
7:30pm

## Intergroup Breakfast

The Social Committee announces: **Intergroup Breakfast**

**When:** Sunday, June 6, 1999 10am

**Where:** The Tuttle Post, Bancroft St., Auburn, MA

**Price:** Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office or through your Intergroup Delegate.

**Why:** To celebrate the newly elected Intergroup Officers and to have a great, sober time!!

Tickets must be purchased by **May 22,1999!!** Get yours now!!

**Congratulations** to Rich M. who has been voted in as the new H.A.L.T.line Chairperson.

Rich will be calling all volunteers personally in the near future.

Many thanks to John H. who has headed this committee for the past 15 months. Good Job!!!

## 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!!

## Nominations And Elections

Nominations were held at the April Intergroup Delegates' meeting for the upcoming year. People nominated were:

**Trustees:** Kimball M.  
Joe H.  
Peg B.

**Secretary:** Joanne O.

**Assistant Treasurer:** Roseanne C.

**Vice Chairperson:** Brandy H.

Elections will be held at the next Intergroup Delegates' Meeting on May 27th. Please encourage all Group Delegates. to come and vote!!

Just a few reminders: Only Intergroup Delegates or their Alternates are eligible to vote. This ensures only one vote per group.

It is recommended that those elected have a minimum of 2 years sobriety, be a past or present Intergroup Delegate or Alternate with at least 6 months of service and belong to a group not currently represented on the Steering Committee.

Nominating yourself for a position can be done by submitting it in writing up until 5:00pm of the day of elections. You may mail them directly to the Intergroup Office. Those nominated must be present at the elections in order to accept the position if elected.



## Please Note

As per the March Intergroup Delegates Meeting vote: The Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates Meetings will be moved to the 4th Thursday of the month beginning in May.

Bookie Meetings will now be held quarterly instead of monthly. Watch for announcements in future issues of The Beacon.

The H.A.L.T.line committee will now meet on an 'as needed' basis instead of monthly. Watch for announcements in future issues of The Beacon.

## Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

### 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]

### Need more copies of The Beacon?

Visit Worcester Area Intergroup or come to the Intergroup Delegates Meeting and pick up more. Now 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.

### 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 Archives Chair) [REDACTED]

### 12 Step Volunteer Application

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 Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 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.

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