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Tradition Nine

AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program - even if no one make do so - with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and by-laws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully - and profit thereby - when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

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As alcoholics, we tend to spend more energy on reviewing and re-living past events, than we did on the actual event themselves!

~ Anonymous ~

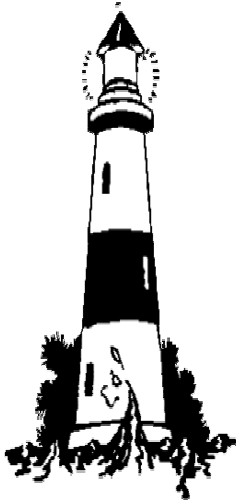
This Month in A.A. History

- September, 1894 - Gilly Wilson married Emily Griffin (Bill W.'s parents).
- September, 1914 - Bill W. enter's Norwich University.
- September 11, 1915 - Bill W. & Lois are engaged.
- September, 1934 - Bill W. enter's Town's Hospital, for the 3rd time.
- September 30, 1939 - Liberty Magazine article published - "Alcoholics and God". (A.A.'s first National publicity).
- September, 1946 - First A.A. group is started in Mexico.

**But for
the
Grace
of God.**

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Sobriety One-Liners

- "...Take the Steps, the elevator is broken..."
- "...Even if you only introduce yourself at a meeting, it's the start of something big..."
- "...The gossiping Fellowship is best left to those better able to handle it..."
- "...It's not so much that I'm wrong, I'm just less right than I should be..."
- "...We succeed at sobriety, not just I..."
- "...It took every drink I drank to get to AA..."

Step Nine

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Upcoming Events

2003

- Sep. * 28 - Area 30 Workshop Assembly hosted by Districts 1&2. Call Maggie for more info (508) 752-9000
- Oct. * 17-19 - NERC – Northeast Regional Convention – Mount Laurel, NJ – Call Kathie S. for more info (508) 752-9000
- Oct. * 31- (Nov) 2 – North East Regional Woman to Woman Conference Farmington, CT Call Davi for more info (508) 752-9000
- Nov. * 7-9 - 40th Anniversary of MA State Convention – Fitchburg, MA – Call Marilyn M. for more info (508) 752-9000

2004

- Feb. * 27-29 - NERAASA 2004 – Nashua, NH – Call Nashua Area Service Office for more info (508) 752-9000

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Deadline!

For Information to go into the
 OCTOBER issue of
 "The Beacon"
 Submissions must be
 Received by September 12, 2003.

Mail your information to the
 Intergroup office, or
 Email "The Beacon" staff at
 AABeacon@netscape.net

Service Meetings

Intergroup/District 25/District 26

<p>Steering Committee St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 6:15pm</p>	<p>Intergroup Delegates St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p>Public Information Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Monday 7:30pm</p>
<p>Joint Treatment Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 3rd Saturday 10am</p>	<p>Joint Corrections Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p>Social Committee Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>
<p>District 25 - CPC Committee Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p>District 25 (GSR's) St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 1st Tuesday 7:30pm</p>	<p>District 26 (GSR's) Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1st Thursday 7-9pm</p>

Area 30

<p>Eastern Mass. General Service Committee St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm</p>	<p>Grapevine Committee Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Sunday 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>	<p>CPC Committee Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p>Joint Treatment Facilities St. Luke's 950 East St. Dedham 3rd Friday 8:00pm</p>
<p>Archives Committee St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 3rd Thursday 7:30pm</p>	<p>Literature Committee Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham 1st Monday 7:30pm</p>	<p>Corrections Committee Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Thursday</p>	<p>Joint Public Information Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 1st Thursday 7:00 pm</p>

The Bookie Board

Day of Week	Town	Group Name	Meeting Time	Bookie Contact	Phone Number
<i>Sunday</i>	Brookfield	Sunday Morning	10:00 am	Leon F.	(508) 752-9000
	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Gratitude	7:00 pm	Peter I.	(508) 752-9000
	Southbridge	Southbridge Originals	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Bill B.	(508) 752-9000
	Stow	Stow Sunday	11:00 am	Tom S.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	Triton	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Kim W.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Early Risers	10:00 am	John O.	(508) 752-9000
<i>Monday</i>	Worcester	Crozier	8:00 – 9:30 pm	Brenda L.	(508) 752-9000
	Leominster	Leominster Original Group	7:45 – 9:00 pm	Dean R.	(508) 752-9000
	Spencer	Spencer Fellowship	7:30 pm	Anna R.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	Joy of Living	8:00 pm	Bob W.	(508) 752-9000
<i>Tuesday</i>	Groton	Easy Does it	7:30 pm	Joe F.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	The Fellowship of Webster	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Sue D.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Young People	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Mike S.	(508) 752-9000
<i>Wednesday</i>	Auburn	Auburn Group	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Tony B.	(508) 752-9000
	Westboro	Westboro Forge	8:00 – 9:00 pm	Sue N.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Four Corners	8:00 pm	Terry A.	(508) 752-9000
		Top of the Hill	8:00 pm	Bonnie	(508) 752-9000
		We Mean Business	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Mike S.	(508) 752-9000

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Day of Week	Town	Group Name	Meeting Time	Bookie Contact	Phone Number
<i>Thursday</i>	Douglas	Maintenance & Repair	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Pat O.	(508) 752-9000
	Dudley	Day at a Time	8:30 – 10:00 pm	Kerry T.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Stay Active	6:45 pm	Rose	(508) 752-9000
<i>Friday</i>	Westboro	As Bill sees it	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Pat C.	(508) 752-9000 (Outgoing Only)
<i>Saturday</i>	Millbury	Millbury Traditions	7:30 – 8:30 pm	Donna H.	(508) 752-9000
	Upton	Upton Capertown	1:30 pm	John H.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	How it Works	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Happy C.	(508) 752-9000

Group not listed? Email “The Beacon” staff directly at aabeacon@netscape.net, or call the Intergroup office at (508) 752-9000 and let them know you have a “Bookie Board” update.

**Envision who you want to be,
and then become that person!**

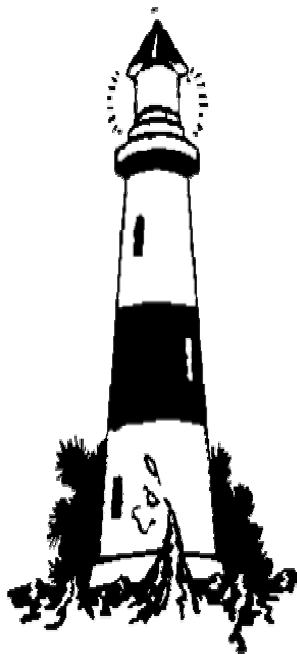
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**Dream the life you want to live,
And then live it!**

Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson	<i>Bob D.</i>
Alternate Chair	<i>Mike B.</i>
Secretary	<i>Jamie F.</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jeanne L.</i>
Alternate Treasurer	<i>Harry H.</i>
Trustees	<i>Brandy H., Janet L., Bob Mc., Tom W.</i>
Office Manager	<i>John H.</i>
Treatment Facilities	<i>Ellen Mc.</i>
Correctional Facilities	<i>Roosevelt S.</i>
H.A.L.T. Line	<i>Enzo H.</i>
Social Committee	VACANT
Public Information	<i>Bruce W.</i>
Beacon Editor	<i>Charlie W.</i>
Liason to District 25	<i>Janet L.</i>
Liason to Area 30	<i>Roosevelt S.</i>
Alcathon Committee	<i>Billy S.</i>

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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Office Hours:

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

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Special Needs

Deaf AA members requiring interpreters for AA meetings can call Paul Hostovsky at (508) 752-9000 or e-mail 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 (508) 752-9000 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!!

A.A. Trivia	1) What 's Bill W.'s sobriety date?	(2) Recovery, Unity & Service.
	2) What are the three legacies?	(1) December 11, 1934.

Help Wanted

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 Enzo H. at (508) 752-9000. (Note. This is the Intergroup Office number ~ Enzo's contact number to follow).

Treatment Facilities needs Help! Please Call the Intergroup Office for more details.

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved.



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.

Sobriety Mish-Mash

Create words from the jumbled letters shown. When done, the Letters in the circled boxes will provide a suggestion for the day.

(Answer Next Month)

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Suggestion for the Day:

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2003 - 2004 InterGroup Timeline

October 9, 2003	Slots for Thanksgiving Alcathon drawn
November 13, 2003	Slots for the Christmas and New Years Alcathons drawn
January 8, 2004	Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Intergroup Office Inventory
February 12, 2004	Nominations Committee appointed

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(Checks may be made payable to: *Worcester Area Intergroup*)



"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."

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.)