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# THE BEACON

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**Deadline....**

.....for information to go into the August issue of The Beacon is July 13th, 2001. Information can be sent to :

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100 Grove St., Suite 309  
Worcester, MA 01605

or e-mailed to:

BRANDYLH1@yahoo.com (please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

## TRADITION SEVEN

*Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.*

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a



- few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
  6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of

self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

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### NEW INTERGROUP DELEGATE MEETING PLACE

Chairperson – Enzo H.  
Vice Chair – Jack H.  
Secretary – Kate G.  
Treasurer – Joanne O.  
Assistant Treasurer – Kimball M.  
Trustees - Brandy H., Bob D., Eric R., Tom W.

**As per a vote of the Intergroup Delegates in June, The Worcester Area Intergroup Steering Committee and**

**Delegates meeting Will now be held at St. Joan of Arc Church on Lincoln St. in Worcester. Call the Intergroup Office if you need directions.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 13-15, 2001** – 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual New York State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Arena in Binghamton, NY. Contact Jackie F. at (508) 752-9000 or [jackaroel@aol.com](mailto:jackaroel@aol.com) for more information.

**July 20-22, 2001** – Maine Area Round-up will be held at Sugarloaf Mountain. Registration fee is \$20.00 and various accommodation packages are available. For more information call Tom at (508) 752-9000 or email [tranello@maine.rr.com](mailto:tranello@maine.rr.com)

**August 3-5, 2001** – 8<sup>th</sup> PA State Convention will be held at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center in Carlisle, PA. Call one of the following for more info: Jim B. (508) 752-9000

**August 10-11, 2001** – 2001 Capital Roundup Conference will be held at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel in Washington, DC. For more info, write to: The Capital Roundup P.O.Box 76786 Washington, DC 20013.

**August 10-12, 2001** – 22<sup>nd</sup> NY State Informational Workshop will be held at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in Garrison, NY. For more information, contact Mary Anne S. (508) 752-9000. Also, [nysiw@aaseny.org](mailto:nysiw@aaseny.org) or their website at [www.aaseny.org](http://www.aaseny.org)

**August 17-19, 2001** – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunlight of the Spirit Conference will be held in York, PA. For more info, contact one of the following: (508) 752-9000 or their website at [www.sosyorkps.org](http://www.sosyorkps.org)

**October 19-21, 2001** – 31<sup>st</sup> Northeast Regional Convention will be held at the Hilton Parsippany in Parsippany, NJ. For more information call (508) 752-9000.

**October 26-28, 2001** – 2001 HMB Area Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, NY. For more information, write to: 51<sup>st</sup> HMB Area Convention P.O.Box 8112 Utica, NY 13505.

**November 1-4, 2001** – 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii AA Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. For more information call (508) 752-9000

**November 9-11, 2001**— 38<sup>th</sup> Ma State AA Convention will be held at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. Call Annemarie M. (508) 752-9000 for more information.

**February 22-24, 2002** – NERAASA 2002 will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in Pittsburgh, PA. For more info call: Arlene H. (508) 752-9000

**October 4-6, 2002** – Northeast Regional Convention will be held at the Sheraton South Portland Hotel in Portland Maine. More details to come.

Step 7:  
Humbly asked  
Him to remove  
our  
shortcomings.

## 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](mailto: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!!



**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, there are 18 hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Paul P. at (508) 752-9000.

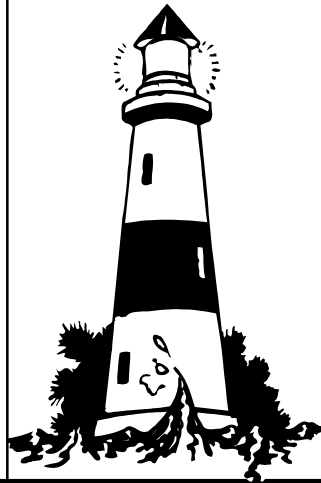
**Treatment Facilities** is happy to welcome a new Chairperson and needs groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. If you can help, please call at the Intergroup Office.

**Corrections Facilities** is looking for people to get involved. Please contact the Intergroup Office for more details. (508) 752-9000.

Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. 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.

**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 (508) 752-9000



**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. See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.

**PLEA FOR HELP**

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.



**ONLINE....**

**Worcester Area Intergroup**

**NEW!!!**  
<http://www.aaworcester.org>

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

**Grapevine**  
<http://www.aagrapevine.org>

## KORTE'S CORNER

## Fear

July, the seventh month, begs me to write about steps 6 & 7. The concept that grips me in these steps is the reality of giving all of myself to the Higher Power that rescued me from my path of self destruction. Give it all? Everything? Really? It is so much easier said than done, even when the things you're giving up don't seem to work too well.

I gleefully gave the "bad stuff", the blatantly destructive stuff, the things I obviously couldn't handle, over to God. (Although even a couple of those defects had maintained some semblance of attractiveness, and I gave them up laced with claw marks.) The problem with this disease is the cunning nature of the illness.

I have never been one to grasp the "disease wants me dead" approach to alcoholism. I never believed my diseased mind's intention was to kill me, that was merely a natural side effect. Similar to the side effect of a totally unmanageable life, the inevitable result of a life run on self-sill by an alcoholic mind. It isn't the mind's goal to destroy my life or lead me to ruin. In its own twisted way, it's trying to protect me. A miserable existence is simply the natural result of a self-centered mind afflicted with alcoholism handling the daily operations of life.

My understanding is that my disease doesn't want me to *feel*. If it could speak to me in simple terms, the disease might encourage me to avoid feeling things, especially negative things, scary things that might dent my ego. The disease believes in its heart that the ego is my mainstay, my all, everything I have and everything I am. My ego is what I want

you to think I am, and the disease of alcoholism is convinced that who I *really am* isn't good enough, so it must protect this ego with all its might. The Truth is that God made me who I really am, and that person is better than anything I can script, or pretend to be.

When I am in the flow of living, being myself, tackling life and trusting that God is, I have many experiences. I laugh. I cry. I succeed. I fail. I take risks. Not the b.s. risks I used to take (quarry jumps, gambling, foolish sexual behavior), but *real* risks. Risks like telling someone I like them when I do. Risks like telling the truth when it isn't convenient, popular, or seemingly to my benefit. Risks like showing up. Risks like being myself with people and allowing them to love me, like me, or dislike me, not feeling like I have to control any of these things.

The disease lays in wait, patiently perched, waiting for the right moment to POUNCE. As I travel the natural path to increased faith and success in life, (which happens to be pot-holed and landmined with failure, rejection and the like) the disease rallies its troops and does everything in its power to get me to *just stop*. Play it safe. Put it off a while. Be certain.

The voice sounds re-assuring and comforting, but it's coming from a place of sickness, a place of fear. It's my belief that if I am listening to any voice that isn't supportive, kind and loving inside my noggin, it's not coming from my intuitive mind (or God), but from my alcoholically afflicted mind. If I am restless, irritable, discontented, agitated, doubtful, or in fear, *especially in fear*, there is little doubt that my alcoholic mind is back in charge of the decision-making process.

It calls to me in the sanest sounding voices. Voices that convinced me to do things that made sense at the time, but resulted in horror, confusion and humiliation. Voices that

convinced me to drink. This voice hasn't changed it's message, *don't feel*. It has merely changed its tactics. Booze is out of the question, I've given that over to God, done the work, and it's gonzo. The alcoholic voice can't reach me via the direct route any more, so it runs an end around. What about the *other* decisions, the ones I put off, the ones fear has convinced me to avoid?

I am finding now that the fulfillment of step three, the continuation of steps 6 & 7, are in the little things and the big things today. God wants ALL of me, every little bit, both good *and* bad.

My fear of financial insecurity is leaving me gradually, but I have clung to it like a stone life preserver, fearful of school loans because of what? Gambling debt. My alcoholic mind is certain it's protecting me by convincing me I shouldn't incur new debt. this only serves to reinforce the fear. Fear of failure is leaving me, (in fact I thought I had completely exorcized it) but I have had a long-standing period of time in neutral on several fronts. "*Don't risk it!*" the voice says. "*It's better to be a coulda-been that to be exposed as a no-talent!*"

Forgive me for subjecting you to this drivel, but I have to type these things out. They look silly on the page, but sound so legitimate in my mind. If whispering to me from a dark room, a three foot tall imp with a deep voice could easily convince me it was a ten foot ogre. That's what my alcoholic mind is like, powerful in the dark, weak in the light. While I am ceaselessly grateful for all God has done for me, The voice from the dark has kept me in neutral on a few fronts for long enough.

I need to give God *everything*, both good and bad. I need to Trust. I did a good job of pulling weeds in my sobriety, but now I need to dig up some of the roots.

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# 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)  
Cindy S. (508) 752-9000

How It Works (Worcester): (Sat 6:45pm)  
Dayna (508) 752-9000

How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm)  
David C. (508) 752-9000

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)  
Carol Y. or Ricky B. (508) 752-9000

4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm)  
John Y. (508) 752-9000

Way Of Sobriety (Worcester) (Sun 10:00 am)  
Debbie P. (508) 752-9000

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00 am)  
Tom S. (508) 752-9000

Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm)  
Gill B. (508) 752-9000

Starting Anew (Holliston) (Wed. 8:00pm)  
Elaine K. (508) 752-9000

Sutton Center Step (Mon. 6:45pm) (Outgoing Only)  
Deb W. (508) 752-9000

GOYA (Whitinsville)

(Thurs. 8:00pm)  
Mike H. (508) 752-9000  
Marybeth N(508) 752-9000

Worcester Young People (Tues. 7:30pm)  
Tom B. (508) 752-9000

Hudson Straight Shooters (Thurs. 8:00pm)  
Brian B. (508) 752-9000

Hudson Sunday Best (Sunday 7:30pm)  
David B. (508) 752-9000

Millis Fellowship (Thurs. 8:00pm)  
Bill G. (508) 752-9000

Douglas Maintenance and Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)  
Paul P. (508) 752-9000

Top Of The Hill (Wed. 8:00pm)  
Jeanne M. (508) 752-9000

Webster Joy of Living (Mon. 8:00pm)  
Harry (508) 752-9000

Hudson Townline (Sat. 8:00pm)  
Bob G. (508) 752-9000

Greendale Group (Worcester Fri. 8:30pm)  
Paul H(508) 752-9000

Putnam Young People's

(Putnam, CT Fri. 8:00pm)  
Keith K. (508) 752-9000

Northboro Sat. Morning (Sat. 10am)  
Adam S. (508) 752-9000

Westboro Sunday Morning (Sunday 11-noon)  
Jim L. (508) 752-9000

Seven AM Group (Saturday 7am)  
Deane M. (508) 752-9000

Groton Easy Duz It (Tuesday 7:30pm)  
Joe F. (508) 752-9000

Early Risers (Worcester Sun 10am)  
Dayle (508) 752-9000

Leominster Original (Mon 7:45-9:00pm)  
James S. (508) 752-9000

Clinton Shamrocks (Tues. 7:15p-8:30pm)  
Cheryl D. (508) 752-9000

Aurora Group (6:45pm-8pm)  
Joanne K. (508) 752-9000leave message

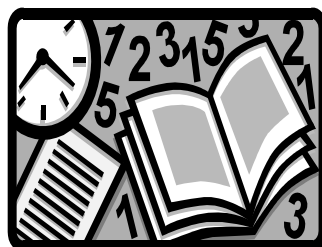
New Way Of Life ( Mon. 7pm-8pm)  
Audrey M. (508) 752-9000

Sherborn Wednesday Night (Wed 8pm-9:15pm)  
Debbie C. (508) 752-9000

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(508) 752-9000

**NEW!!!**  
<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



## MEETING CHANGES & ANNIVERSARIES

*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!!** Northboro As Bill Sees It Meeting Mondays noon-1:00pm Trinity Church 23 E. Main St. Northboro. Closed Discussion.

**NEW!!** A New Way Of Life open speaker Meeting Mondays 7pm-8pm at the Trinitarian Church, Route 32, Gilbertville.

**CHANGE!!** Worcester Happy Destiny Mondays 7:00pm-8:30pm Bethany Congregational Church *Beginning June 4th.*

**CHANGE!!** It's About Time Mondays in Worcester will now meet from 7pm to 8:30pm.

**NEW!!** Sober Pride (gay open discussion ) Meeting Sundays from 6pm to 7pm at 275 Main St. Webster.

### Bookie Meeting

There will be a Bookie Exchange Meeting on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at the Intergroup Office, 100 Grove St., Suite 309, Worcester. The exchange will begin at 6:30pm and will be available until 7:45pm. Coffee and Munchies will be served. Come and fill up those blank spots!!!



### The Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee

announces Summer Dance 2001!!!

Saturday, July 28 at Finn Park in Rutland, MA from 8pm till Midnight.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be obtained from the Intergroup Office or at the door.

### PROPOSED INTERGROUP MEETING TIMELINE

#### June 2001 to May 2002

**July 12, 2001** - Outreach from Area 30 Archives Committee. Both meeting begin meeting at St. Joan of Arc Church.

**August 9, 2001** - Outreach from Area 30 Treatment Facilities Committee.

**September 13, 2001** - Outreach from Area 30 Corrections Committee

**October 11, 2001** - Outreach from Area 30 Literature Committee.

**November 8, 2001** - Thanksgiving Alcathon Drawing. Outreach from Area 30 Grapevine Committee.

**December 13, 2001** - Christmas and New Years Alcathon Drawings

**January 10, 2002** - Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed

**February 14, 2002** - Nominations

Committee appointed

**March 14, 2002** - Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpersons

**April 11, 2002** - Elections and appointments

**May 9, 2002** - New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on

# SERVICE MEETINGS

## INTERGROUP

**Steering Committee**  
 St. Joan of Arc Church  
 570 Lincoln St.  
 Worcester  
 2nd Thursday  
 6:15pm

**Intergroup Delegates**  
 St. Joan of Arc Church  
 570 Lincoln St.  
 Worcester  
 2nd Thursday  
 7:00pm

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

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

**Corrections**  
 Intergroup Office  
 100 Grove St. # 309  
 Worcester  
 TBA

**Social Committee**  
 Intergroup Office  
 100 Grove St. # 309  
 Worcester  
 2nd Wednesday  
 7:00pm

**Beacon Committee**  
 Intergroup Office  
 100 Grove St. # 309  
 Worcester  
 Monday after Intergroup  
 Meeting  
 7:00pm

## DISTRICT

**District 25 (GSR's)**  
 St. Joan of Arc Church  
 570 Lincoln St.  
 Worcester  
 1st Tuesday  
 7:30pm

## AREA 30

**Eastern Mass. General  
 Service Committee**  
 St. John's  
 80 Mt. Auburn  
 Watertown  
 4th Wednesday  
 8:00pm

**Grapevine Committee**  
 Boston Central Service  
 368 Congress St. Lower  
 Level  
 Boston  
 4th Sunday  
 1:00pm-3:00pm

**CPC Committee**  
 Boston Central Service  
 368 Congress St. Lower  
 Level  
 Boston  
 2nd Thursday  
 7:00pm

**Joint Treatment Facilities**  
 St. Luke's  
 950 East St.  
 Dedham  
 3rd Friday  
 8:00pm

**Archives Committee**  
 St. John's  
 80 Mt. Auburn  
 Watertown  
 3rd Thursday  
 7:30pm



*I am responsible....*

**Literature Committee**  
 Carter Methodist Church  
 800 Highland Ave.  
 Needham  
 1st Monday  
 7:30pm

**Corrections Committee**  
 Boston Central Service  
 368 Congress St. Lower  
 Level  
 Boston  
 4th Thursday  
 7:00pm

**Public Information**  
 Boston Central Service  
 368 Congress St. Lower  
 Level  
 Boston  
 1st Thursday  
 7:00pm

## ***Responsibility Declaration***

*I am responsible. When  
 anyone, anywhere, reaches  
 out for help, I want the  
 hand of AA always to be  
 there. And for that: I am  
 responsible*

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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 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.