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Step 2

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

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.

Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

From the Traditions Checklist:

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Oldtimers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) accepts information regarding AA related events to be included on the website calendar. Let us know if you have an event you would like publicized.

Electronic format flyers accepted.

Please email information to the **Webmaster** at: webmaster@aaworcester.org

CLUSTER MEETING

District 26 will host a Cluster Meeting with District 25 on March 3rd at 7pm. It will be held at 149 Mechanic St., Leominster, MA.

The Area 30 Delegate will be presenting the topics for the General Service Conference Agenda for 2016.

Group Anniversary

Shrewsbury Gratitude Group will be celebrating 40 years on Sunday, January 31
Food from 6-7, Meeting 7-8

Meeting List Changes

SHREWSBURY MIDMORNING —Thursdays 10am

MOVED to Trinity Episcopal Church 449 Main St., Shrewsbury, MA (closed speaker/discussion)

AS BILL SEES IT—St. Ann`s Church, N. Oxford, MA—Wednesdays 7:30pm

MOVED to St. Roch`s Parish Center—334 Main St, Oxford, MA (closed discussion)

OXFORD GROUP —St. Ann`s Church, N. Oxford, MA—Fridays 7:00pm

MOVED to St. Roch`s Parish Center—334 Main St, Oxford, MA (closed 12-step)

WOMEN`S DESTINY—Federated Church, Rt. 131, Sturbridge, MA—Fridays 5:00pm

NEW GROUP (12 & 12 Open Women`s Meeting)

PASS IT ON—Sundays 6:45pm

MOVED to Holy Rosary Church (off Regan St), Gardner, MA (open speaker)

SHREWSBURY SUNDAY MORNING— Veterans, Inc, 59 South St, Shrewsbury—Sundays 10am

TEMPORARILY MOVED to SAC Park 438 Lake St., Shrewsbury (open speaker)

NORTHBORO LIVING SOBER— Church of The Nativity, Howard St. Northboro—Thursdays 7-8pm

NEW GROUP—(Men`s Group)

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICK—Holy Trinity Church, Southbridge DISCONTINUED

FRIENDS OF BILL W.— Worcester Senior Center, Classroom B, 128 Providence St. Fridays 12:00pm-1:30pm (OBBSS) - NEW GROUP



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!*

**INTERGROUP DELEGATE`S MEETING
TEMPORARY LOCATION CHANGE**

Due to ongoing construction at Veterans Inc., The monthly Intergroup Meetings for January Through April will continue to be held at 100 Grove St, Worcester, MA 4th Floor.

The Steering Committee will meet at 6pm and the Delegates` Meeting will start at 7pm.

Please watch this space or www.aaworcester.org for updates!

Heard At Meetings

"...believe that I believe..." "...don't let people rent space in your head..."
"...give until it hurts, then give a little more..." "...there are many talkers in A.A., find the walkers..." "...learn to laugh - it sure beats misery..."

FROM THE EDITOR

Lots Happening this month! We have added the Group Anniversary Section, as well as a page with an old article from The Grapevine. Remember NERASSA is coming up soon and there are still Committee Chairperson openings on the WAI Committee!

NERAASA 2016!!

"Our Spiritual Way of Life:Steps, Traditions and Concepts"

February 26, 27, 28, 2016

www.neraasa2016.org

Sheraton Monarch Place / Springfield Marriot—Springfield, MA

Pre-registration deadline January 27, 2016

On-site Registration February 26, 2016

Kick-off `Redball` Meeting Thursday, February 25, 2016 8:00pm

REMINDER

All Worcester Intergroup Budget Proposals are due by the January 14th Worcester Area Intergroup Delegates` Meeting, where they will be voted on by the Delegates present.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We are currently looking for Committee Chairpersons for Treatment Facilities, Corrections and Public Information. More information about the Committees and what they do is available from the Intergroup office or online from AAWS.org.



FROM THE GRAPEVINE

Editorial: On the 2nd Step

Having taken the First Step of the A.A. program by admitting that we were powerless over alcohol, we were confronted with Step Two: "We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

This Second Step is often referred to as the first spiritual step; but is it or the subsequent steps any more spiritual than Step One? Is not anything spiritual which tends toward elevating us to the best and highest type of human being we are capable of becoming?

The Second Step contains the crux of the A.A. method of getting well: it shows us how to expel that little streak of insanity which caused so many relapses into debauchery long after the normal drinker would have shrunk from another drink. This twisted kind of thinking is eliminated by faith in a Power greater than ourselves.

The question which naturally arises in the newcomer's mind is: "How can I acquire enough faith to get well?" The road to faith is by taking all Twelve Steps. Faith is acquired by working for it; it is retained by continuous use of the Twelve Steps.

One who has gained faith in this greater Power finds such faith reflected toward himself. To the alcoholic this means faith that he will not take the first, fatal drink. But that is not all, for soon we learn that in some mysterious way our whole lives have been changed, our thinking changed, and our desires as well. Finally the realization comes that we no longer drink--because we just don't want to.

The greater Power now becomes for us the court of final appeal. Those harsh judgments of people, conditions, and so on, which we made in the past are now left to this court. This is the way to tolerance. Our own ideals, aims and ambitions are also submitted. This leads to progress, and it is by progressing that we become--and remain--well.

Horace C.

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Deadline....

.....for information to go into the March issue of The Beacon is February 17th, 2016. Information can be sent to :

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Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee* - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St. Shrewsbury, MA —6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St. Shrewsbury, MA —7:00pm

**The Intergroup meetings occur the second THURSDAY of each month.*

(PLEASE NOTE! January through April 2016 will meet at 100 Grove St. 4th floor)

District 25 General Service Committee—St. Joan of Arc Church, Lincoln Street Worcester, Ma meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm

District 26 General Service Committee—Local 60 Union Hall, Mechanic Street, Leominster, Ma meets first Thursday of the month 7:00pm AA members welcome—please come join us!

AREA 30 Eastern Mass. General Service Committee — Grace Vision Church
80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm

Why does your group need an Intergroup Delegate?

The Worcester area Intergroup has no authority of it's own but derives it from the participating groups. The representative that each group elects is the groups voice to intergroup—your link to those who maintain and operate the Intergroup Office.

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Worcester Area Intergroup could use support from the local A.A. Groups.

If your group has an excess amount in your treasury please consider making the pie chart split to help not only Worcester Intergroup but the other local A.A. entities and also A.A. World Services. If you are a group treasurer and need more information, feel free to call the office at 508-752-9000.

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

Agers I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60

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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