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# The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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## **Tradition Eight**

***Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.***

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward - even if not money - for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition - How It Developed?

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## **This Month in A.A. History**

- Aug. 8, 1879 - Robert Holbrook Smith (Dr. Bob) was born in St. Johnsbury, VT.
- Aug. 1934 - Ebby sobers up at Oxford Group at Calvary Episcopal Mission.
- Aug. 1939 - Dr. Bob & Sister Ignatia begin treating alcoholics at St. Thomas Hospital.
- From the Aug. 1946 A.A. Grapevine:  
*“Minneapolis Record indicated that 75% are successful in A.A.”*

*We are spiritual beings, having a human experience.*

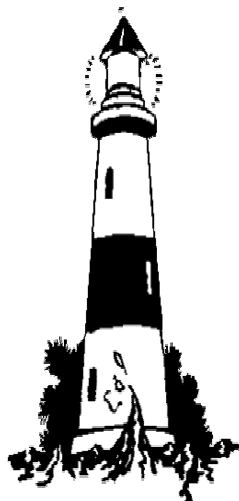
~ Anonymous ~

## **Bookie Board**

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Sobriety One-Liners

- "...you either is or you ain't..."
- "...pick up the phone..."
- "...it's a simple program for complicated people..."
- "...today is the only day I have..."
- "...when I'm taking my inventory, I don't have time for yours..."
- "...two stepping is best done at a hoe-down..."

**Step Eight**

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became Willing to make amends to them all.

Upcoming Events

2003

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

2004

- Feb. \* 27-29 - NERAASA 2004 – Nashua, NH – Call Nashua Area Service Office for more info [REDACTED]

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**Deadline!**

For Information to go into the  
 SEPTEMBER issue of  
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Submissions must be  
 Received by August 15, 2003.

Mail your information to the  
 Intergroup office, or  
 Email "The Beacon" staff at  
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### The Bookie Board

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Auburn Group</u> (Wednesdays 7:30-9 pm) Tony B. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brookfield Sunday Morning</u> (Sun. 10 am) Leon F. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Crozier</u> (Mondays 8-9:30 pm) Brenda L. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Douglas Maintenance and Repair</u> (Thurs. 7-8 pm) Pat O. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dudley Day At A Time</u> (Thursdays 8:30-10 pm) Kerry T. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Early Risers</u> (Sun. 10-11 am) John O. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Four Corners (Worcester)</u> (Wed. 8:00 pm) Terry A. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Groton Easy Duz It</u> (Tuesday 7:30 pm) Joe F. (508) 752-9000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Leominster Original</u> (Mon 7:45-9:00 pm) Dean R. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Millbury Traditions</u> (Saturdays 7:30-8:30 pm) Donna H. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>New Beginnings</u> (6:45pm-8 pm) Deborah L. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Shrewsbury Gratitude</u> (Sun. 7 pm) Peter I. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spencer Fellowship</u> (Mon. 7:30 pm) Anna R. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stay Active</u> (Thurs. 6:45 pm) Rose (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stow Sunday</u> (Sun. 11:00 am) Tom S. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Southbridge Originals</u> (Sun. 7:00-8:00 pm) Bill B. (508) 752-9000</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Fellowship Of Webster</u> Sue D. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Top of The Hill</u> (Wed. 8 pm) Bonnie (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Upton Capertown</u> ( Sat. 1:30 pm) John H. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Webster - Joy of Living</u> (Mon. 8:00 pm) Bob W. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Webster Triton</u> (Sundays 7:30-9:00 pm) Arty ((508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worcester How it Works</u> (Sat. 6:45 - 8:00 pm) Happy C. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worcester We Mean Business</u> (Wed. 7:00 - 8:30 pm) Mike S. (508) 752-9000</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worcester Young People</u> (Tue. 7:30 - 9:00 pm) Mike S. (508) 752-9000</p>
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**Service Meetings**

*Intergroup/District 25/District 26*

<p><b>Steering Committee</b> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 6:15pm</p>	<p><b>Intergroup Delegates</b> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Public Information</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Monday 7:30pm</p>
<p><b>Joint Treatment</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 10am <b>NOTE - Committee will NOT meet in Aug.</b></p>	<p><b>Joint Corrections</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p><b>Social Committee</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>
<p><b>District 25 - CPC Committee</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>District 25 (GSR's)</b> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 1st Tuesday 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>District 26 (GSR's)</b> Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 7-9pm</p>

*Area 30*

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

Help Wanted

**Public Information** - We need a Chairperson for "Public Information". Please contact the Intergroup office at (508) 752- 9000 for further information.

**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.

New Meetings

**Worcester**

*"We Mean Business"*

Wed. 7:00—8:30 pm

PIP Shelter

**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.



**The Bookie Board** (continued)

Westboro Forge

(Wed. 8:00 - 9:00 pm)

Sue N. (508) 752-9000

"A.A. is not personal  
Success stories, it is  
instead the story of  
collective human  
failure converted into  
usefulness by God".

**Anonymous**

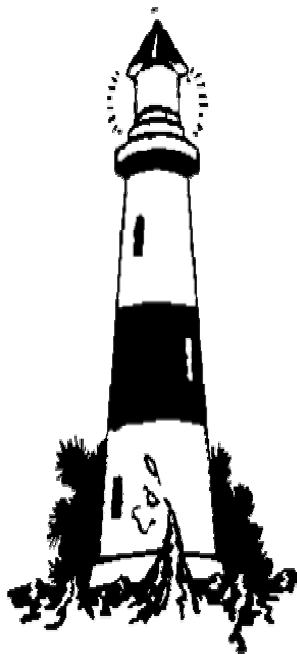
**2003 - 2004 InterGroup Timeline**

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

**Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons**

Chairperson	<i>Bob D.</i>
Alternate Chair	<i>Mike B.</i>
Secretary	<i>Jamie F.</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jean 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	<b>VACANT</b>
Public Information	<b>VACANT</b>
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 (TTY #) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] 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 kind of doctor was Dr. Bob?	(2) Honesty, Open-Mindedness, & Willingness.
	2) What's the HOW of the program?	

## Sober Outings!

### Family Day at Wallum Lake

Hosted by:

*Douglas Maintenance & Repair Group*

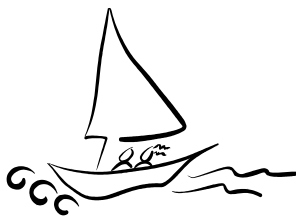
**Saturday August 23, 2003**

**At Wallum Lake State Park (in Douglas)**

**10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

*Badminton      Volleyball      Horseshoes*  
*Fishing          Swimming      Nature Trails*

- Gates open at 9:00 a.m.— Come Early - Gate closes when the park reaches capacity! So, no guarantee of admission  
B.Y.O.F. - Bring Your Own Food (Grills Provided)



### Circle of Friends

*(Sober Beach Party)*

Hosted by:

*District 10 - New Hampshire*

**Saturday August 16, 2003**

**Hampton Beach State Park**

**8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

*Horseshoes      Volleyball*

**Gratitude Meeting on the beach at 5:00 p.m.**

Please bring Food, Soft Drinks, Chairs, Towels, Music, Games, etc.

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ATTN: Beacon**

(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.)