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JUNE 30 - JULY 3, 2005 - TORONTO, CANADA

70th Anniversary!



"...it's as simple as two drunks talking with one another..."

Membership

Estimated A.A. Membership and Group Information

Because A.A. has never attempted to keep formal membership lists, it is extremely difficult to obtain completely accurate figures on total membership at any given time. Some local groups are not listed with the U.S./Canada General Service Office. Others do not provide membership data, thus are not recorded on the G.S.O. computer records. The membership figures listed are based on reports to the General Service Office as of January 1, 2002, plus an average allowance for groups that have not reported their membership.

Groups in U.S.	51,537
Members in U.S.	1,168,990
Groups in Canada	4,903
Members in Canada	96,100
Groups Overseas	44,762
Members Overseas	760,140
Internationalists	74
Groups in Correctional Facilities	2,566
Lone Members	214
Total Members:	2,092,460
Total Groups:	103,768

See Page 7 for Additional Statistics



“The circle stands for the whole world of A.A., and the triangle stands for A.A.’s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service.”

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, page 139

<p><u>Step Two</u> (Recovery)</p>	<p><u>Tradition Two</u> (Unity)</p>	<p><u>Concept Two</u> (Service)</p>
<p><i>Came to believe a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.</i></p>	<p><i>For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience.</i></p>	<p><i>The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.</i></p>

Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

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Each Month the corresponding Tradition checklist will be published.

Tradition Two Checklist

<p>1) Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>2) Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?</p>	<p>5) Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?</p>
<p>3) Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?</p>	<p>6) In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?</p>

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On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, and Tradition Checklist's

www.aagrapevine.org/stepsTrads/stepsTrads_index.html

Service Meetings Monthly Schedule

InterGroup/District 25 & 26

Public Information	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	4th Monday	7:00 pm
District 25 (GSR's)	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	1st Tuesday	7:30 pm
Joint Corrections	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	2nd Tuesday	7:00 pm
District 25 - CPC Committee	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	2nd Wed.	6:30 pm
District 26 (GSR's)	Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
Steering Committee	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	2nd Thursday	6:15 pm
Intergroup Delegates	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	2nd Thursday	7:00 pm
Social Committee	Sacred Heart Church 595 Cambridge St. Worcester	2nd Saturday	6:00 pm
Joint Treatment	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	4th Saturday	10:00 am

Area 30

Grapevine Committee	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	4th Sunday	1:00pm
Literature Committee	Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham	1st Monday	7:30pm
Eastern Mass. GSC	St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown	4th Wed.	8:00pm
Joint Public Information	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	1st Thursday	7:00pm
CPC Committee	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	2nd Thursday	7:00pm
Archives Committee	St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown	3rd Thursday	7:30pm
Corrections Committee	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	4th Thursday	
Joint Treatment Facilities	St. Paul's 59 Court Street Dedham	3rd Friday	8:00pm

Group Donations

*The following shows a **suggested** breakdown of each Group dollar donated and the mailing address for each Service Entity:*

Worcester Area Intergroup <i>(50%)</i>	G.S.O. <i>(30%)</i>	District 25 <i>(10%)</i>	General Service Committee <i>(10%)</i>
100 Grove Street Suite 309 Worcester, MA 01605	PO Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163	District #25 PO Box 4553 Turnpike Station Shrewsbury, MA 01454	General Service Committee PO Box 51411 Boston, MA 02205

The Bookie Board

	Town	Group	Time	Contact	Phone
Sunday	Ashburnham	Naukeag Group	6:15 pm	John B.	(508) 752-9000
	Brookfield	Sunday Morning	10:00 am	Leon F.	
	Fitchburg	Sunday Morning	10:15 am	Frank G.	
	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Gratitude	7:00 pm	TBD	
	Southbridge	Southbridge Originals	7:00 pm	André L.	
	Stow	Stow Sunday	11:00 am	Ed C.	
	Webster	Triton	7:30 pm	Kim W.	
	Worcester	Early Risers	10:00 am	John O.	
		There is Hope	10:00 am	Gene C.	
Monday	Leominster	Original Group	7:45 pm	Dean R.	(508) 752-9000
	Spencer	Spencer Fellowship	7:30 pm	Anna R.	
	Sutton	Sutton Center	7:00 pm	John C.	
	Webster	Joy of Living	8:00 pm	Harry H.	
	Worcester	Crozier	8:00 pm	Marla V.	
Tuesday	Charlton	Courage to Change	7:30 pm	Mike M.	(508) 752-9000
	Groton	Easy Does it	7:30 pm	Joe F.	
	Webster	Fellowship of Webster	7:30 pm	Jack	
	Worcester	Young People	7:30 pm	TBD	
Wednesday	Auburn	Auburn Group	7:30 pm	Tony B.	(508) 752-9000
	Westboro	Westboro Forge	8:00 pm	Larry B.	
	Worcester	Four Corners	8:00 pm	Sarah N.	
		Top of the Hill	8:00 pm	Terry	
		We Mean Business	7:00 pm	Happy C.	
Thursday	Douglas	Maintenance & Repair	7:00 pm	Suzanne	(508) 752-9000
	Dudley	Day at a Time	8:30 pm	Jim B.	
	Holden	Holden Group	8:00 pm	Mike K.	
	Worcester	Stay Active	6:45 pm	Nancy Q.	
		Serenity	7:30 pm	Cynthia C.	
		As Bill Sees it	7:30 pm	Pat C.	
Friday	Marlboro	New Life	8:00 pm	Dick C.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Greendale	8:30 pm	Ginny	
Saturday	Millbury	Millbury Traditions	7:30 pm	Mary C.	(508) 752-9000
	Upton	Upton Capertown	1:30 pm	John H.	
	Worcester	How it Works	6:45 pm	Mike S.	

*** Group Updates Needed!! ***

If your group is not listed, please eMail your updates to : Beacon@AAworchester.org

H.A.L.T. Line needs your help!

Contact the H.A.L.T. line chairpeople at haltline@aaworcester.org or call WAI at (508) 752-9000 to volunteer to answer the phone when someone calls looking for a meeting in the Greater Worcester Area.

The following chart shows the available hours that need to be filled on the H.A.L.T. Line.

During the hours listed below there is nobody to answer the phones when someone calls looking for a meeting in the area.

"...We can't keep it unless we give it away..."

Day	Available Hours						
Sunday	2:00 - 3:00 pm	3:00 - 4:00 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	5:00 - 6:00 pm	6:00 - 7:00 pm		
Monday	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am	3:00 - 4:00 am	4:00 - 5:00 am	5:00 - 6:00 am	6:00 - 7:00 am	
Tuesday	Midnite - 1:00 am	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am				
Wednesday	<i>All slots filled!</i>						
Thursday	Midnite - 1:00 am	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am	4:00 - 5:00 am	5:00 - 6:00 am	6:00 - 7:00 am	
Friday	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:00 - 10:00 am	7:00 - 8:00 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm			
Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm	3:00 - 4:00 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	5:00 - 6:00 pm	6:00 - 7:00 pm	7:00 - 8:00 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm

Upcoming Events

February 3	NERAASA 2005 Host & Planning Committee Newton Marriott - Planning Committee at 6:30pm and Host Committee at 7:30pm
February 25-27	NERAASA 2005 Hosted by Area 30 Eastern Mass. Boston Newton Marriot, 2345 Commonwealth Ave, Newton, MA.
March 12	District 25 & Worcester Area Intergroup Seminar "The Home Group: Carrying the Message into Treatment Facilities" UU Church of Worcester, 90 Holden St., Worcester, MA
April 10	Area 30 Pre-Conference Assembly Hosted by District 8 - Weymouth High School, Pleasant St, Weymouth MA
April 30	Area 30 Roadshow - Upton Capertown Group Upton Senior Center - 1 Centennial Ct (off rt. 140), Upton, MA
May 20-22	NERF - North East Regional Forum Hosted by Area 28 - Maine, Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME
June 30 - July 3	2005 International Convention - 70th Anniversary of AA

Worcester Area Intergroup

100 Grove St., Suite 309

Worcester, MA 01605

(508) 752-9000

(508) 752-0755 (fax)

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

2005 Intergroup Timeline



January 13	Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Intergroup Office Inventory
February 10	Nominations Committee appointed
March 10	Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpersons
April 14	Elections and appointments
May 12	New signature cards for bank account signed;
June 9	New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office;
Monthly Meeting	January 13, February 10 , March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>eMail Address</u>
Chairperson	Ellen McQ.	Intergroupchair@rcn.com
Alternate Chair	Bob Mc.	
Secretary	DonnaMae B.	Intergroupsecretary@rcn.com
Treasurer	Harry H.	Intergrouptreasurer@rcn.com
Alternate Treasurer	Sandy A.	
Trustees	Bob D. , Kristi C. , Jeanne L.	
Office Manager	John H.	steps@rcn.com
Treatment Facilities	Sue N.	treatment@rcn.com
Correctional Facilities	OPEN	Corrections@rcn.com
H.A.L.T. Line Chairperson	Janet L.	haltline@rcn.com
Co-Chairperson	Scott L.	
Social Committee	Mark J.	Social@rcn.com
Public Information	Bruce W.	PIChair@rcn.com
Webmaster	Bruce W.	webmaster@rcn.com
Liaison to District 25	Mary M.	
Liaison to Area 30	Open	
Alcathon Committee	Billy S.	
Beacon Editor	Charlie W.	beacon@rcn.com

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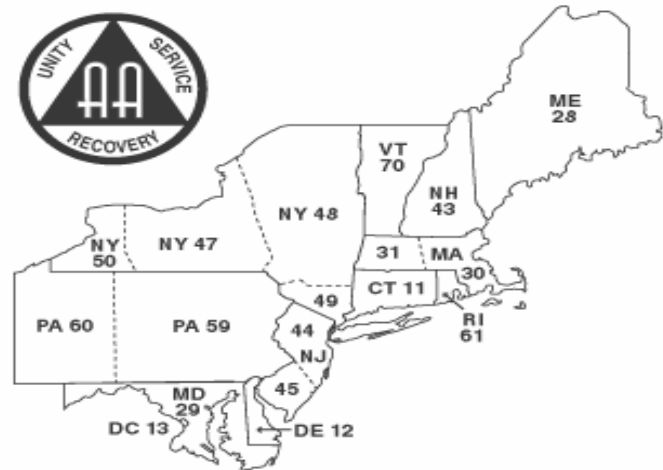
Fourteenth Annual

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

**February 25, 26 and 27, 2005
Newton, MA**

*"Basics of our Home Group -
Recovery, Unity and Service"*

*(2005 General Service Conference
Theme)*



ALL A.A. MEMBERS
are welcome.

HOSTED BY:
Area 30 - Eastern
Massachusetts

REGISTRATION
Begins at 1:00 pm
February 25, 2005

FIRST PANEL
Begins at 3:00 pm
Friday afternoon

A.A. Membership Statistics

Members' Occupations

Professional/Technical	13%
Self-employed/Other	13%
Retired	13%
Manager/Administrator	10%
Laborer	7%
Health professional	6%
Sales worker	5%
Service worker	4%
Craft worker	4%
Educator	3%
Clerical Worker	3%
Student	3%
Homemaker	2%
Transportation (equip. oper.)	2%
Disabled (not working)	5%
Unemployed	7%

Alcoholics Anonymous 2001 Membership Survey

Length of Sobriety

48% Sober more than 5 years
22% Sober between 1-5 years
30% Sober less than 1 year

Average sobriety of members is more than seven years.

Relationship with Health Care Professionals

73% of members' doctors know they are in A.A. 38% of members said they were referred to A.A. by a health care professional.

Composition of Membership

White	88%
Black	5%
Hispanic	4%
Native American	2%
Asian and other	1%

Meeting Attendance

Members attend an average of two A.A. meetings per week.

Additional Help. . . Before

Before coming to A.A., 61% of the members received some type of treatment or counseling, such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc. 74% of those members who received treatment or counseling said it played an important part in directing them to A.A.

Introduction to A.A.

Factors most responsible for members coming to A.A. (two responses permitted).

Self-motivated	33%
Through an A.A. member	32%
Treatment facility	32%
Family	23%
Court order	12%
Counseling agency	8%
Health Care provider	7%
Employer or fellow worker	4%
Non-A.A. friend or neighbor	4%
A.A. literature	2%
Al-Anon or Alateen member	2%
Correctional facility	2%
Newspaper/magazine/radio/TV	1%
Member of clergy	1%
Other	4%

Ages of Members

Under age 21	2%
Age 21 through 30	9%
Age 31 through 40	24%
Age 41 through 50	31%
Age 51 through 60	20%
Age 61 through 70	10%
Over 70	4%

The average age of an A.A. member is 46 years.

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12 Step Volunteer Application

Name: (last initial only)	_____	Phone: _____
Towns you will accept calls from:	_____	
Available Hours:	_____	
I wish to help:	<input type="checkbox"/> Males only <input type="checkbox"/> Females only <input type="checkbox"/> Both	
Age Groups I prefer:	<input type="checkbox"/> Teens <input type="checkbox"/> 20-30 <input type="checkbox"/> 30-40 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-50 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-60 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 60 Other: _____	
I am willing to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to a person on the phone <input type="checkbox"/> Go to a persons home to talk <input type="checkbox"/> Give rides to A.A. Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Give rides to Detox/Rehab <input type="checkbox"/> Meet someone at a meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Note. It is strongly suggested that a person NOT go on a Twelfth Step call alone!



"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."

Dance Schedule

The Second Saturday of each month!

October 9 (Halloween)	November 13
December 11	January 8
February 12 (Valentines)	March 12
April 9	May 15 (Mother's Day)

Sacred Heart Church

596 Cambridge Street

Worcester, MA

7:00-11:00 pm

\$5.00 donation at the door

Request a Song....: intergroupdance@aol.com



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