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TRADITION FOUR

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

From The traditions Checklist:

1. Do I insist that there are only a few *right* ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?



4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?

5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths -- his lengths, not mine -- to stay sober?

6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

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Deadline

...for information to go into the May issue of *The Beacon* is April 21st, 2000. Information can be sent to:
Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 309
Worcester, MA 01605
or e-mailed to:
Brandyfb@aol.com
(please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

INSIDE 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 and would also have any donation receipts sent to them. To find out if we have your group contact, please call Brandy at ~~(800) 452-2729~~.

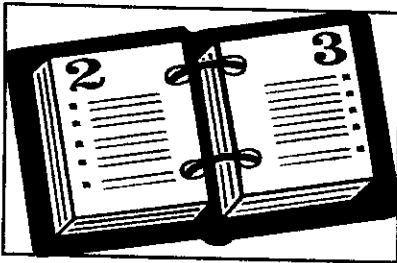
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Step 4: Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* The International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 29-July 2, 2000. The theme this year will be "Pass It On - Into the 21st Century". Registration forms are available at the Intergroup Office.



Group Anniversaries

If your Group would like to announce their Anniversary in The Beacon, Please call the Intergroup Office during their normal business hours.

Worcester Young People's will celebrate their 16th Anniversary on Tuesday, April 18th at St. Matthew's Church on Southbridge St. There will be an open meeting from 7:30-8:30pm followed by food, fun and fellowship!! We define young as anyone with room to grow. All are welcome!!

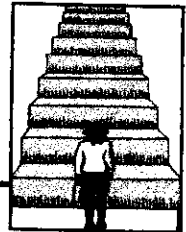
Southbridge Original Group will celebrate their 55th Anniversary on

Sunday, April 30th.

Coffee will be from 2-3pm with speakers from 3-4:30pm and buffet to follow. Their regular meetings will still be held that evening: Beginners at 6:15-7:15pm and Regular meeting from 7:30-9pm. All events will be at Holy Trinity Church, 44 Hamilton Street in Southbridge.

Worcester Four Corners Group will have their Anniversary on Wednesday, May 3rd. More details next issue.

Webster Triton Group will have their Anniversary on Sunday, May 7th at United Church of Christ, Main St, Webster. Coffee from 5:30-6pm, food 6-7pm and meeting 7:30-9pm.



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 16 hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Rich M. at (508) 480-8750 or leave a message for him at the Intergroup Office if you can fill any of these slots.

Treatment / Corrections is looking for

groups to fill the many new commitments that are coming up soon. If you can help, please call Robbie at (508) 395-3296.

District 25 is currently seeking people interested in helping with our Archives and Grapevine Committees. If you are interested, please let your group's GSR know, or contact The Beacon for more details.

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.

FROM THE EDITOR

Exciting things are going on this month!! First of all is the Spring Dance (see announcement). The Social Committee has worked hard to bring you a great time at the dances, and this one will prove to be as successful as the past dances, I'm sure!!

Nominations and Elections are being held as well (see announcement). Our

new year begins in June and our new slate of Officers and Trustees will take office at the Delegates Breakfast in June. Watch for announcements for that.

If you know of someone who would make a good Officer, Trustee or Committee Chairperson, please come to the next Intergroup Meeting and nominate

them!! Be sure to bring them along, though, as they need to be present to accept the nomination, or have submitted their acceptance in writing. Also, please be aware that they need to have a minimum of 6 months experience as a past





SERVICE MEETINGS:

INTERGROUP / DISTRICT 25

Steering Committee
St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.
Worcester
4th Thursday
6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates
St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.
Worcester
4th Thursday
7:00pm

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

Joint Treatment / Corrections
Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
2nd Tuesday
7:00pm
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

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



SPECIAL NEEDS

Do you know of a deaf person in need of a signed meeting? Network with others in the area with the same needs! Call Cathy C. at (508) 890-5512 for more information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf

AA members.

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

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yourself or someone you know!!

Charlton Courage To Change meeting is signed for the deaf and hearing impaired. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church, Rt. 31&20 in Charlton.

Steering Committee

Chairperson - Will C.
Vice Chair - Brandy H.
Secretary - Joanne O.
Treasurer - Maura Z.
Assistant Treasurer - Roseanne C.
Trustees - Joe H., Peg B., Kimball M., Ron C.

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.



Nominations And Elections

Nominations were opened at the March Intergroup Delegates' meeting for the upcoming year.

The positions being voted on are:

Vice Chairperson
Assistant Treasurer
Secretary
3 Trustees

Elections will be held at the next Intergroup Delegates' Meeting on April 27th. Please encourage all Group Delegates to come and vote!!

Just a few reminders:

- Only Intergroup Delegates or their Alternates are eligible to vote. This ensures only one vote per group.
- It is recommended that those elected have a minimum of 2 years sobriety, be a past or present Intergroup Delegate or Alternate with at least 6 months of service and belong to a group not currently represented on the Steering Committee.
- Nominating yourself for a position can be done by submitting it in writing up until 5:00pm of the day of elections. You may mail them directly to the Intergroup Office.
- Those nominated must be present at the elections in order to accept the position if elected or have submitted their acceptance in writing.
- All positions carry a 1 year term, with Vice Chair rotating to Chair the following year, Assistant Treasurer rotating to Treasurer the following year and Chairperson rotating to Trustee the following year.
- All Committee Chair positions will be available as of June. If anyone is interested in filling one of these positions, please contact the Steering Committee by the May 25th meeting.

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THIS AND THAT



Meeting Changes

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!!

Worcester Area Intergroup

Office Hours:

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

ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup
<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

A A General Service Office
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

GROUP BOOKIES

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)
 Neil R. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

How It Works (Worcester): (Sat. 6:45pm)
 Rich O. ~~(508) 753-7691~~ (beeper)

How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm)
 David C. ~~(508) 491-8712~~

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)

Tim S. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm)
 Jay B. ~~(508) 753-7691~~

Way Of Sobriety (Worcester) (Sun 10:00am)
 Debbie P. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00am)
 Tom S. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm)
 Howie C. ~~(508) 753-7691~~

Starting Anew (Holliston) (Wed. 8:00pm)
 Elaine K. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

Sutton Center Step (Mon. 6:45pm) (Outgoing Only)
 Deb W. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

GOYA (Whitinsville) (Thurs. 8:00pm)
 Bob L. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

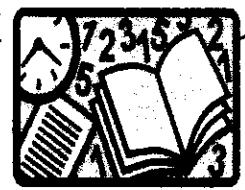
Worcester Young People (Tues. 7:30pm)
 Joanne O. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

Hudson Straight Shooters (Thurs. 8:00pm)
 Brian B. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

Hudson Sunday Best (Sunday 7:30pm)
 David B. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

Webster Triton (Sun. 7:30pm)
 Kevin K. ~~(508) 753-2411~~

Millis Fellowship (Thurs. 8:00pm)
 Bill G. ~~(508) 753-2411~~



Spring Dance

The Social Committee announces that the Spring Dance will be held on April 14th, 2000 from 8pm-12am. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office or at the door. The dance will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall on Circuit Ave in Worcester and all ages are welcome. Smoking will be permitted in designated areas only.



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