



# The Beacon

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Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday 9am-2pm

Sunday CLOSED

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## H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

All the time slots for the H.A.L.T. line are currently filled. However, there is opportunity to be on an alternate list for those who have a strong desire and time to be active. You can contact John B. at [Haltline@aaworcester.org](mailto:Haltline@aaworcester.org)

### Why Does Our Group Need An InterGroup Representative?

Worcester Regional Area Intergroup steering committee is set up to help handle the administrative activities of the intergroup office. The WAI Steering Committee holds regularly scheduled meetings and deals with policy and plans. Periodically, the steering committee reports to group representatives any Intergroup problems and accomplishments. It is extremely important to keep a two way flow of information going between the intergroup and groups. As an Intergroup Representative we are able to hear the group's conscience on issues concerning Worcester Area Intergroup. The rep is a trusted servant and at times is asked to vote in the best interest of his/her group. The rep also carries the AA message back to the group and keeps its members informed on the AA information given from the service committee present at the meeting.

### Local Service Meetings

**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.*



On-Line 12 Steps &  
12 Traditions, Arti-  
cles, and Tradition  
Checklists

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

#### 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 October 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

**STEP 7:** Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings

**TRADITION 7:** Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

### 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 per copy?
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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#### **Are you willing to carry the message to an alcoholic in need?**

Are you willing to help an alcoholic in need? The intergroup delegates are working to devise an updated list of people willing to volunteer for "12 Step calls". This information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and only be used by the HALT line chair and other appropriate individuals. Please complete the "12 Step Volunteer Application" on page 5 and return to your groups Intergroup representative or drop of at the Intergroup office. You may also mail the completed application to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St, Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

### Up coming AA related events

July 14th , with a rain date of July 21st, is a trip to Breezy Picnic Grounds and waterslides. The cost is \$14.50 ages 5 and up and ages 2-4 \$10.50. Children under 2 are not allowed on the waterslides. Tickets must be purchased no less than 10 days ahead of time because group rates are not given at the front gate. Attendees also must give their names when buying tickets so they can be put on the guest list. This will not break any ones anonymity because the people at the gate won't know they are will A.A. Flyers are available at the Intergroup office. Marc is also looking into a bowling trip to AMF in Auburn and a Picnic trip to Purgatory Chasm. Anyone wishing to contact Marc to go over ideas may do so at the Intergroup office Tuesdays after 2 pm and Thursdays 10am—8pm.

August 3rd—Sunday August 5th Newton Marriott Newton Ma. Call 800-228-9290 to make hotel reservations. Pre-Register now for \$15.00. Make checks payable to MSCY-PAA16. MSCYPAA 16 the 16th Annual Massachusetts State Convention of Young People In Alcoholics Anonymous. Online at [www.msccypaahost.com](http://www.msccypaahost.com).

August 11th , Saturday, is the district 26 Sober Cruise. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. More info can be found on the web site [aa.emassd26.org](http://aa.emassd26.org).

Sept 13—16, 2012 Thursday—Sunday. 54th ICYPAA Saint Louis, Missouri. International Conference Of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. To be held at The Millennium Hotel St. Louis. Online conference registration and hotel registration can be found at [icypaahost.org](http://icypaahost.org). Pre-Registration : \$25.00. For more information or to volunteer , email [contact@icypaahost.org](mailto:contact@icypaahost.org).

The last Sunday of every month the MSCYPAA 17 Worcester Bid committee meets in the basement of St Matthews Church at 695 Southbridge st. Worcester Ma. At 1pm.

Saturday July 14th the Haven Group of Putnam , Ct, 175 main st. back of church, is having their 44th anniversary meeting. The meeting is 7:30—9 pm and snacks at 6.

August 8th , at the Prince of Peace Parish, John T. will be celebrating his 50th AA anniversary. The church is located on Worcester Rd. in Princeton Ma. At the junctions of rtes 31 & 62. Food available after 6:30 pm.

Be sure to check out district 26 website , [aaemassd26.org](http://aaemassd26.org) for other upcoming events.

Any Group Anniversaries or A.A. functions please notify webmaster@aaworcester.org and we will put it on the website "calendar of events" as soon as possible. If you have a flyer in electronic format please send that along and we will include it.

**Corrections Committee Report.** Lt. Peter Bove has been named the new volunteer services co-coordinator @ the W.C.H.C. As a result of the change all AA volunteers, who were on the approved volunteer list, are unable to visit the WCHC for commitments until re-applying for approval. Filling out a new CORI form. Once approved an orientation for volunteer service must be completed. Approved volunteers must also schedule an appt. for obtaining a picture ID for admittance. A yearly review will be done. New applications will be available shortly.

**THE GRAPEVINE: AA's meeting in print IS IN TROUBLE! PLEASE HELP BY PURCHASING A SUBSCRIPTION!**

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**Meeting change... Meeting change... Meeting change...Meeting change...**

The Saturday Afternoon Upton Capertown Group, which used to meet at the Upton senior center, has a new name and location. The new name is Common Bond and the new location is the Evangelical Congregational Church in Grafton at 30 Grafton common. Same format ( ODH) same time (1:30—2:30 pm).



### Subscription Form

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Worcester Area Intergroup is a non-profit organization, dependent on members' contributions. Please make checks 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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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### FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) accepts information regarding AA related events to be included in the website calendar. Let us know if you have an event you would like publicized. Please email information to the Office Manager at:

[webmaster@aaworcester.org](mailto:webmaster@aaworcester.org)

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.