

The Newsletter from  
 Worcester Area Intergroup By AA  
 members for AA members.



I would like to thank you all for the positive input this month. All of the suggestions have been wonderful!!

I would like to personally commend the Social Committee on the great Winter Break Dance. If you missed the dance, you missed a wonderful time.

Just a reminder that **Intergroup Nominations and Elections** are fast approaching. If you or someone you know are interested, please come to the meetings!! Nominations are in April with Elections in May. See the meeting schedule on page 2 for when and where.

Brandy H.  
 Beacon Editor

### 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 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 yourself or someone you know!!

Deadline....

.....for information to go into the May issue of The Beacon is April 16th, 1999. Information can be sent to :

Worcester Area Intergroup  
 100 Grove St., Suite 309  
 Worcester, MA 01605

or e-mailed to: (please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

## 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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**New Arrivals**  
 Available now at Worcester Area Intergroup:  
 Living Sober on 4 Audio Tapes  
 Pioneers of AA on 3 Audio Tapes  
 Contact the Intergroup Office for prices and

Mass State Convention  
 Planning Committee meetings will be held on :  
 May 25, July 27, September 28 and October 26, 1999  
 from 8:00pm-9:30pm at  
 Central Mass Shelter for Homeless Veterans on Grove Street  
 in Worcester. Come help make

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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

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

\* Western

Mass Area

31 Assembly will be held on April 10-11, 1999 at Holyoke High School. The weekend will begin with a Welcome at 9:30 followed by committee meetings, a break and lunch. Saturday's activities end at 3pm. Sunday's events begin at noon with a business meeting and end at 3pm.

\* 30th Annual Western

Mass Round-Up will be held on May 14th and 15th, 1999 at Joshua's Restaurant in Holyoke. Registration for the weekend is \$5.00 and the Saturday evening dinner is \$10.00 ( must be ordered by May 1st) . Mail check or money order made payable to "Western Mass Round up Committee" with your name, address and phone number to: ( do NOT send cash) This years Saturday night dance will be hosted by Western Mass Young Peoples Conference Committees and will be held at Holyoke High School. Tickets will be available at the door.

\* 10th Annual Sobriety In

Action Convention - ' We Have To Live It ' will be held on May 28-30, 1999 at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton in St. Petersburg, FL. For more information write to: Convention Committee PO Box 2571, Pinellas Park, FL 33780-2571

\* Intergroup Breakfast will be held on June 6th at the Tuttle Post in Auburn.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office, or see your group's Intergroup Delegate. The buffet breakfast will start at 10am followed by speakers, installation of new Intergroup Officers and a raffle. Tickets **must** be purchased by May 22, 1999 so we have an accurate count for the caterer.

\* 8th Annual South Jersey Young People's Closed Conference "What's The Point??" will be held on June 11-13, 1999 at Camp Metallionequay in Medford, NJ. For more information, please write to: SJYP P.O.Box 82 Cape May, NJ 08204. The \$80 cost includes lodging (4-person screened cabins), meals, and T-shirt.

\* 29th Maryland State Convention "The Great Fact" Will be held June 17-20, 1999 at the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Hagerstown, MD. For more information, please write to: 1999 Convention Committee P.O.Box 6714 Columbia, MD 21045. Deadline for pre-registration is June 1, 1999.

• Western Mass. Young People's AA Conference "Humility Sharing Our Experience" will be held June 25-27, 1999 at Westfield State College. \$115.00 per person includes 2

nights' lodging, indoor swimming pool,

Sat. night meeting/ Dance, 6 full meals and a free gift to early bird participants. For more information call

• \* 23rd Annual Ocean State Young Peoples' Closed Conference "Keeping It Green" will be held on June 25-27, 1999 at Canonicus Conference Center in Exeter, RI. For more information, please write to: Ocean State Young Peoples' Conference P.O.Box 41091 Providence, RI 02940. Registration fee is \$120 for the weekend plus \$6 for a T-shirt. Money orders only after 5/1/99 and no refunds after 6/1/99. Space is limited to 92 registrants, so register early!!

\* 36th Annual Mass State Convention will be held November 12, 13, 14, 1999 at The Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg, MA. More information will be available in the next issue.

\* 14th Annual Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Andover next year. Planning Committee information and directions to the planning meeting are available at the Intergroup office.

## SERVICE MEETINGS

Meeting Locations:  
(s) = St. Matthews Church  
695 Southbridge St.  
Worcester

(i) = Intergroup Office  
100 Grove St. # 309  
Worcester

(a) = St. Joan of Arc Church  
570 Lincoln St.  
Worcester

Committee:  
Steering Committee (s)  
3rd Thursday  
6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates  
(s)  
3rd Thursday  
7:00pm

Public Information (i)  
2nd Monday  
7:00pm

Joint Treatment /  
Corrections (i)  
2nd Tuesday  
7:00pm

H.A.L.T.LINE (i)  
1st Wednesday  
7:00pm

Bookie Exchange (i)  
3rd Wednesday  
7:00pm

District 25 (GSR's) (a)  
1st Tuesday  
7:30pm

### Intergroup Breakfast

The Social Committee announces: Intergroup Breakfast. **When:** Sunday, June 6, 1999 10am **Where:** The Tuttle Post, Bancroft St., Auburn, MA **Price:** Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office or through your Intergroup Delegate. **Why:** To celebrate the newly elected Intergroup Officers and to have a great, sober time!!

**Tickets must be purchased by May 22,1999!!** Get yours now!!

#### 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!!

#### District 25 Archives Committee

is looking for donations of articles and books depicting the history of AA in this area. If you have something that you would like to donate, please call Tina (District 25 Archives Chair) at .

#### 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

#### 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:**

Neil R.

##### **How It Works (Worcester):**

Rich O.

##### **Sutton Center:**

Ken W. )

#### **HELP WANTED:** ways to get involved....

*H.A.L.T.line* is looking for a new Chairperson to assume the duties of arranging the schedule of volunteer telephone coverage for times when the Intergroup Office is closed. Please call John at if you are interested.

*H.A.L.T.line* is also looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. Currently, the slots we need to fill are: Tuesday 8pm-10pm, Wednesday 8pm-10pm, Thursday 9am-10am and Fridays 2pm-6pm. Please call John at if you can fill any of these slots.

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#### Please Note

As per the March Intergroup Delegates Meeting vote: **The Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates Meetings will be moved to the 4th Thursday of the month beginning in May.**

**Also note:** Treatment Facilities Committee and Correction Committee have been combined into one committee. Robbie G. is the Chairperson. The monthly Treatment Facilities meeting will now also include Corrections as well, eliminating the need for 2 separate meetings.

#### ONLINE....

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

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office  
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