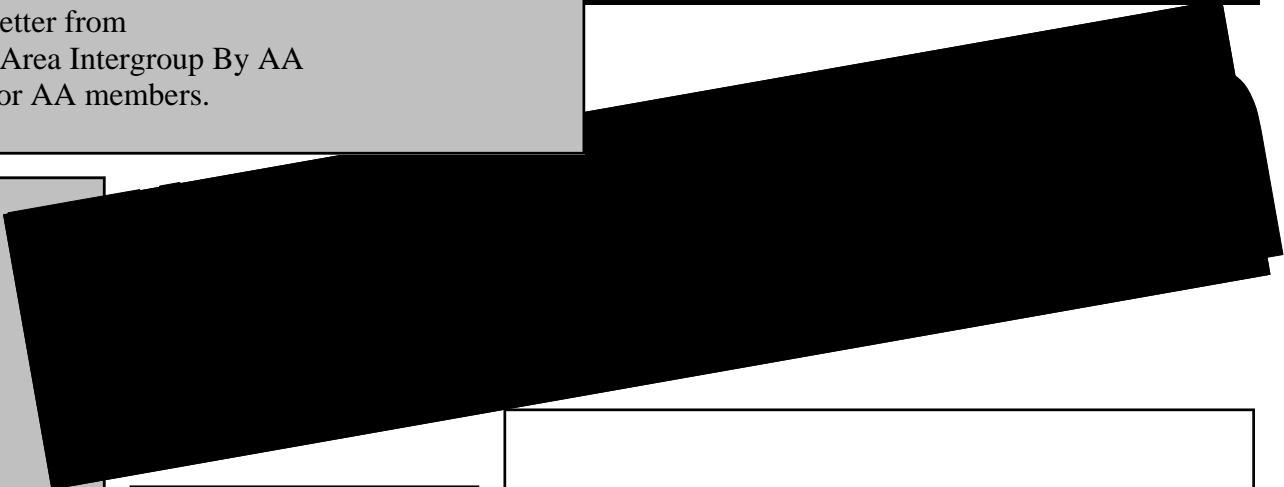


The Newsletter from
Worcester Area Intergroup By AA
members for AA members.



**ANNOUNCING!!
!**

The Beacon has returned.... bringing you the latest news and information for the AA community in the Worcester area.

This will be a monthly publication with articles of interest, Group Anniversaries, Special Events and much, much more. We encourage you to submit new ideas, questions and announcements.

Read further on to find out how to reach us.

Brandy H.

DID YOU KNOW....

.....Worcester Area Meeting Lists are available at the Intergroup office free of charge? I try to keep a few extras in my car to give the newcomer in case the meeting I'm at is out of them.

.....Worcester Area Intergroup recently purchased a TV/VCR with Closed Caption capabilities. Call the Intergroup Office during regular business hours to find out how your group can make use of this new tool. Most of the Videos from AAWS are now Closed

Deadline....
.....for information to go into the March issue of The Beacon is February 19th, 1999. Information can be sent to:

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[Redacted] (please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

TRADITION

Tradition Two:

and little knowledge?

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

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From The Traditions Checklist:

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

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) 885-5991 for more information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf

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<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

Office Hours:

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

Step 2: Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Need more copies of The Beacon?

Visit Worcester Area Intergroup or come to the Intergroup Delegates Meeting and pick up more.

NEW OPTION

Now you can have the convenience of having The Beacon delivered to you!! Just \$5 will give you a one

year subscription mailed to your home. Don't wait to rely on your group to have extras in stock!! See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.



UPCOMING EVENTS

* Worcester Area Intergroup Winter Break Dance will be held on Saturday, February 20th at the Tuttle Post on Bancroft St. in Auburn. Social Hour will be from 7:30pm-8:30pm followed by a dance. DJ Wicked D will play all your favorites from the 60's, 70's, 80's & 90's from 8:30pm till Midnight. Come join in the Sober Fun!! Tickets are just \$5.00 and are available at the door or at The Intergroup Office at 100 Grove St. in Worcester.

* 35th Annual I.A.A.W.C. February 11-14, 1999 *** The 35th Annual International Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Conference will be held in San Jose, California this year. Information and registration forms are available at the Intergroup office.

* 14th Annual

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

* 8th Annual NorthEast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly will be held February 26, 27 & 28, 1999 in Carlisle, PA. All AA Members are welcome to attend. Registration forms

ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup

<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

Group Anniversaries

Upton Capertown - Saturday, February 13, 1999 - 14 years - Speakers start at 1:30pm followed by buffet meal. Upton Senior Center, Centennial Court, Upton, MA

Quinsigamond - Tuesday, February 9, 1999 - 8:00-9:30pm - Speakers followed by Buffet. St. Catherine's Church, Wiser Ave., Worcester, MA

Webster Joy Of Living - Monday, February 22, 1999 - 16 years - Social 6:30pm-7:30pm - Speakers 7:30pm - Church of The

Large Print Meeting Lists will be available soon at the Intergroup Office in limited quantity. Please call the office for availability. (508) 752-9000.

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!!

The Fitchburg Keep It Simple group no longer meets at Rollstone Church in Fitchburg. It has moved to Christ Church, 569 Main St., Fitchburg.

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

Corrections Committee (i) 2nd Thursday 7:00pm

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

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

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

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

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

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 [REDACTED] 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: Sundays 11am-Noon, Mondays 2pm-6pm, Fridays 2pm-6pm and Saturdays from 8pm-10pm. Please call John at [REDACTED] 729 if you can fill any of these slots.

NERAASA Bus

There will be a bus available for those wishing to go to NERAASA this year. There will be 3 pick-up points: Braintree T Station, Riverside T Station and The Auburn Mall (in front of Caldor's). If 45 people sign up, the cost will be just \$51.50 per person **round trip**. For more information, please call Marilyn M.(Alternate Delegate, [REDACTED])



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 [REDACTED]

Bookie Board

If you are the bookie for your home group and wish to have your number poster 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!!

12 Step Volunteer Application

When completed, please mail to or drop off at the Intergroup Office.

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) _____

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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