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"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

<u>Step One</u> (Recovery)	<u>Tradition One</u> (Unity)	<u>Concept One</u> (Service)
<i>We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.</i>	<i>Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.</i>	<i>Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.</i>

This Month in A.A. History

- 1889 - Sister Ignatia born (Ballyhane, Ireland).
- 1915 - Dr. Bob & Anne marry, 17 years after meeting (January 25th).
- 1918 - Bill & Lois marry (January 24th).
- 1929 - Bill wrote a promise to quit drinking in Wilson Family bible.
- 1937 - Bill & Lois attend Oxford Group house party in West Point, NY
- 1939 - Alcoholic Foundation board increased from 5 members to 7.

Hi-Noon Group

New Location

As of
December 1, 2003
The
"Hi-Noon Group"
Will meet at
Notre Dame
Church
5 Salem Square
Worcester

Remember When

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Upcoming Events

January 11	Area 30 Kick-Off Assembly. Hosted by District 7. South Shore Regional Voc Tech High School, 478 Webster Street, Hanover, MA. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area Officers are responsible to attend. All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org
February 27 - 29	NERASSA 2004 - Nashua, NH - Call Nashua Area Service Office for more info [REDACTED]
March 21	Area 30 Pre-Conference Assembly. Hosted by Districts 15 & 16. Site TBD. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area Officers are responsible to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org
May 16	Area 30 Post Conference Assembly. Hosted by District 26. Site TBD. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area <u>Officers</u> are responsible to attend. All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org
June 24 - 27	34th Maryland State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous - For more info, please email... stateconvention@marylandaa.org
September 12	Area 30 Workshop Assembly. Hosted by Districts 12 & 13. Site TBD. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area Officers are responsible to attend. All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org

Meeting Locations

If your group is looking for a new location, or know of a new startup group that needs a place to meet, contact the Intergroup office. We get contacted by organizations who are willing to have A.A. meetings use their locations.

Call the Intergroup Office:

(508) 752-9000

If it's possible to be miserable, sad, and imprisoned, on a daily basis, then wouldn't the other side of that coin be a life that is joyous, happy and free? Our lives can be turned around 180 degrees through acceptance, willingness, and courage. The advice given early on will always apply: "Don't drink, go to meetings, join a group, get a sponsor, and get active!"

Anonymous

Attention!

Westboro area A.A. Meetings

Spectrum Transitional program (154 Oak Street Westboro, Ma) needs help with getting clients to meetings. These are people who will be released soon and need the hand of A.A. to help them learn about A.A. meetings. (what A.A. can and cannot do)

If you have a car and are willing to help out on any night of the week, Please call.....:

Ellen McQ.

(Treatment Facility Chairperson)

(508) 752-9000

(Intergroup # listed)

Grafton Reflections Group

New Location

Baptist Church of Grafton

1 South Street (on the Common)

Tuesday 5:15 pm

Open Discussion

(Formerly the

Shrewsbury Reflections Group)

Service Meetings

<u>InterGroup/District 25 & 26</u>		<u>Area 30</u>	
<p><u>Steering Committee</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 6:15pm</p>	<p><u>Intergroup Delegates</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Eastern Mass. General Service Committee</u> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm</p>	<p><u>Grapevine Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Sunday 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>
<p><u>Public Information</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Monday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Joint Treatment</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 3rd Saturday 10am</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-15deg); border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px;">Will not meet until further notice!</p>	<p><u>CPC Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Joint Treatment Facilities</u> St. Luke's 950 East St. Dedham 3rd Friday 8:00pm</p>
<p><u>Joint Corrections</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p><u>Social Committee</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p><u>Archives Committee</u> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 3rd Thursday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Literature Committee</u> Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham 1st Monday 7:30pm</p>
<p><u>District 25 - CPC Committee</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><u>District 25 (GSR's)</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 1st Tuesday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Corrections Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Thursday</p>	<p><u>Joint Public Information</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 1st Thursday 7:00 pm</p>
<p><u>District 26 (GSR's)</u> Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1st Thursday 7-9pm</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sobriety One-Liners</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“...spread recovery, not the disease...”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“...do something for someone and expect nothing in return...”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“...Why am I an alcoholic? Why not!...”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“...we may be the only version of A.A. anyone ever sees...”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">“...How does the program work? Very well thank you...”</p>	

Serenity * Courage * Wisdom

Intergroup Office Phone # listed.
Please contact the office for
Bookie Phone Number(s).

The Bookie Board

SUNDAY	Brookfield	"Sunday Morning"	10:00 am	Leon F.	(508) 752-9000
	Shrewsbury	"Shrewsbury Gratitude"	7:00 pm	TBD	(508) 752-9000
	Southbridge	"Southbridge Originals"	7:00 pm	Bill B.	(508) 752-9000
	Stow	"Stow Sunday"	11:00 am	Tom S.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	"Triton"	7:30 pm	Kim W.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	"Early Risers"	10:00 am	John O.	(508) 752-9000
"Gratitude"		7:00 pm	Christine T.	(508) 752-9000	

MONDAY	Leominster	"Original Group"	7:45 pm	Dean R.	(508) 752-9000
	Spencer	"Spencer Fellowship"	7:30 pm	Anna R.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	"Joy of Living"	8:00 pm	Bob W.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	"Crozier"	8:00 pm	Brenda L.	(508) 752-9000

TUESDAY	Groton	"Easy Does it"	7:30 pm	Joe F.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	"The Fellowship of Webster"	7:30 pm	TBD	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	"Young People"	7:30 pm	TBD	(508) 752-9000

WEDNESDAY	Auburn	"Auburn Group"	7:30 pm	Tony B.	(508) 752-9000
	Westboro	"Westboro Forge"	8:00 pm	Sue N.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	"Four Corners"	8:00 pm	Terry A.	(508) 752-9000
		"Top of the Hill"	8:00 pm	Bonnie	(508) 752-9000
		"We Mean Business"	7:00 pm	TBD	(508) 752-9000

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THURSDAY	Douglas	"Maintenance & Repair"	7:00 pm	Paul P.	(508) 752-9000
	Dudley	"Day at a Time"	8:30 pm	TBD	(508) 752-9000
	Holden	"Holden Group"	8:00 pm	Mike K.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	"Stay Active"	6:45 pm	Rose	(508) 752-9000

FRIDAY	Westboro	"As Bill Sees it"	7:30 pm	Pat C.	(508) 752-9000
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SATURDAY	Millbury	"Millbury Traditions"	7:30 pm	Donna H.	(508) 752-9000
	Upton	"Upton Capertown"	1:30 pm	Fred S.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	"How it Works"	6:45 pm	Happy C.	(508) 752-9000

***** Group Updates Needed!! *****

If your group is not listed, or your group has "TBD" (To be Determined) as part of it's bookie information, please get your updates to the Beacon staff by emailing them to AABeacon@netscape.net, or calling the Intergroup office at (508) 752-9000 and let them know you have a Bookie Board update.

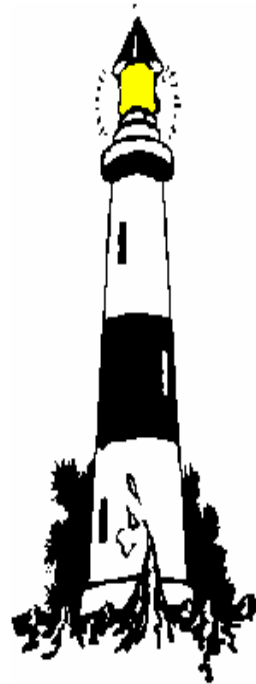
2004 InterGroup Timeline

January 8	Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Intergroup Office Inventory
February 12	Nominations Committee appointed
March 11	Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpersons
April 8	Elections and appointments
May 13	New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on
June 10	New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office; Meeting times for the year established
October 14	Slots for Thanksgiving Alcathon drawn
November 11	Slots for the Christmas and New Years Alcathons drawn

Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson	<i>Bob D.</i>
Alternate Chair	<i>Mike B.</i>
Secretary	<i>Jamie F.</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jeanne L.</i>
Alternate Treasurer	<i>Harry H.</i>
Trustees	<i>Brandy H., Janet L., Bob Mc., Tom W.</i>
Office Manager	<i>John H.</i>
Treatment Facilities	<i>Ellen Mc.</i>
Correctional Facilities	<i>Roosevelt S.</i>
H.A.L.T. Line	<i>Enzo H.</i>
Social Committee	<i>Brandy H.</i>
Public Information	<i>Bruce W.</i>
Beacon Editor	<i>Charlie W.</i>
Liaison to District 25	<i>Janet L.</i>
Liaison to Area 30	<i>Roosevelt S.</i>
Alcathon Committee	<i>Billy S.</i>

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.



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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

Deadline!

For Information to go into the FEBRUARY issue, submissions

Must be received by

January 9, 2004

Email "The Beacon" at:

AABeacon@netscape.net

EBeacon

The EBeacon is the electronic version of your Worcester Area Intergroups newsletter.

The EBeacon contains everything that is in the paper version except personal phone numbers. Please call the Intergroup Office at (508) 752-9000 to get Bookie Phone Numbers.

Help Wanted

H.A.L.T. Line needs your help! We currently have several openings that need to be filled. Please call Enzo @ (508) 752-9000 or email him at worchaltline@aol.com.

Treatment Facilities needs your help! Please contact the InterGroup office @ (508) 752-9000 for more information.

Corrections Facilities needs your help! Please contact the InterGroup office @ (508) 752-9000 for more information.

NERAASA 2004

(13th Annual)

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

February 27, 28, 29 - 2004

Nashua, New Hampshire

“Our Singleness of Purpose - the Cornerstone of A.A.”

(2004 General Service Conference Theme)



Purpose:

The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERASSA) is for GSR's, DCM's, Area Committee Members and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of Recovery, Unity and Service common to the areas of the Northeast Region.

All A.A.
Members are
Welcome!

More Information?
www.nhaa.net/neraasa2004

Hosted by:
NH Area Assembly
Area 43

Where?
Sheraton Nashua Hotel
11 Tara Blvd
Nashua NH

Registration:
Feb. 27, 2004
1:00 pm

First Panel begins
at 3:00 pm!

12 Step Volunteer Application

Name: (First Name & Last initial only) : _____

Telephone Number : _____

Towns You will accept calls from : _____

Hours you are available : _____

I wish to help : Males Only Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with : Teens 20-30 30-40
 40-50 50-60 Over 60
 Other (Please specify): _____

I am willing to : Talk to a person on the phone Go to a person's home to talk *
 Give rides to A.A. Meetings Give rides to a Detox/Rehab *
 Meet someone at A.A. Meetings Other: _____

(* Note. It is strongly 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/Rehab) without another member of A.A. with you. If you checked either of these items above, please be sure to

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"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."

