

The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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Tradition Three

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

From The traditions Checklist:

1. In my mind, do I prejudice some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud),

does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he has been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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Save your Grapevines!!
Please set up a box at **YOUR** meetings. Worcester Area Intergroup will take you donations of old Grapevine issues to send out to Treatment and Correctional Facilities.

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!!

NEW MEETING – E. Brookfield

Women's Open Discussion Meeting – Harrington Abuse Center 7:30-9pm on Saturdays

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The Intergroup Office reports that there is a huge need for 12-Step volunteers. There just aren't enough to cover the whole area and we need for the hand of AA to be there to welcome newcomers and talk to people who just aren't sure AA is for them. There is a form in this issue to fill out if you are interested. It could involve anything from visiting a wet drunk, to meeting someone at a meeting. Your level of involvement is completely up to you. Please help us help those who are still sick and suffering.

Deadline....

.....for information to go into the April issue of The Beacon is March 14th, 2003.

Information can be sent to:

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

or e-mailed to:

BRANDYLH1@yahoo.com
(please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)



Step 3:

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him.*

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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

Joint Treatment Facility committee

****Request for information****

If your group currently has a commitment with any of the following treatment facilities ** please have your bookie contact the NEW treatment facility chair. we are trying to update our records for: Group contact Names & phone numbers & to find out when your commitment ends. I look forward to working with your group to help spread the message of recovery from Alcoholism. JTF-Chair Ellen McQ (508) 752-9000 Treatment Facilities: ADCARE, Community Health Link, Spectrum Detox or residential, UMass 8th floor, Westboro state Hospital & Worcester Youth Guidance.

Joint treatment Facility committee

*****Request for information*****

If your Group is interested in taking a standing commitment with any of these treatment Facilities please have your bookie call the committee Liaisons. Ad Care - Maureen A (508) 752-9000 Community Health Link - Ellen McQ (508) 752-9000 U Mass Hospital - Elizabeth M. (508) 752-9000 Worcester youth Guidance - Ellen McQ (508) 752-9000 Westboro State Hospital - Janet L. (508) 752-9000 Spectrum residential - Michael G. (508) 752-9000

we are looking for help in spreading the message of recovery from Alcoholism. If you would like to attend our meetings we meet the 3rd Saturday of every month at Worcester Area Intergroup 10:00 am.

Auburn Group (*Wednesdays 7:30-9pm*)

Tony B. (508) 752-9000

Aurora Group (*6:45pm-8pm*)

Deborah L. (508) 752-9000 leave message

Brookfield Sunday Morning (*Sun. 10am*)

Leon F. (508) 752-9000

Crozier (*Mondays 8-9:30pm*)

Brenda L. (508) 752-9000

Douglas Maintenance and Repair (*Thurs. 7-8pm*)

Pat O. (508) 752-9000

Dudley Day At A Time (*Thursdays 8:30-10pm*)

Kerry T. (508) 752-9000

Early Risers (*Sun. 10-11am*)

John O. (508) 752-9000

Four Corners (Worcester): (*Wed. 8:00pm*)

John Y. (508) 752-9000

Groton Easy Duz It (*Tuesday 7:30pm*)

Joe F. (508) 752-9000

Leominster Original (*Mon 7:45-9:00pm*)

Ann P. (508) 752-9000

Millbury Traditions (*Saturdays 7:30pm-8:30pm*)

Carol (508) 752-9000

Spencer Fellowship (*Mon. 7:30pm*)

Peter (508) 752-9000

Stay Active (*Thurs. 6:45pm*)

Rose (508) 752-9000

Stow Sunday: (*Sun. 11:00 am*)

Tom S. (508) 752-9000

Top of The Hill (*Wed. 8pm*)

Jeanne M. (508) 752-9000

Upton Capertown: (*Sat. 1:30pm*)

John H. (508) 752-9000

Webster Triton (*Sundays 7:30-9:00pm*)

Gail D. (508) 752-9000

Whitinsville GOYA (*Thurs. 8:00-9:30pm*)

Erin O. (508) 752-9000

Worcester Young People (*Tues. 7:30pm*)

Chris H. (508) 752-9000

Responsibility Declaration

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Please note:

WAI/District 25 Public Information Committee will now be meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Inter-group Office.

ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup

<http://www.aaworcester.org>

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office

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

Grapevine

<http://www.aagrapevine.org>



Service Meetings

<u>INTERGROUP / DISTRICT 25</u>	Worcester	1:00pm-3:00pm
Steering Committee	TBA	CPC Committee
St. Joan of Arc Church	Beacon Committee	Boston Central Service
570 Lincoln St.	Intergroup Office	368 Congress St. Lower Level
Worcester	100 Grove St. # 309	Boston
2nd Thursday	Worcester	2nd Thursday
6:15pm	TBA	7:00pm
Intergroup Delegates	District 25 (GSR's)	Joint Treatment Facilities
St. Joan of Arc Church	St. Joan of Arc Church	St. Luke's
570 Lincoln St.	570 Lincoln St.	950 East St.
Worcester	Worcester	Dedham
2nd Thursday	1st Tuesday	3rd Friday
7:30pm	7:30pm	8:00pm
Public Information	District 26 (GSR's)	Archives Committee
Intergroup Office	Local 60 Union Hall	St. John's
100 Grove St. # 309	Mechanic St.	80 Mt. Auburn
Worcester	Leominster	Watertown
2nd Monday	1 st Thursday	3rd Thursday
7:30pm	7-9pm	7:30pm
Joint Treatment	<u>AREA 30</u>	Literature Committee
Intergroup Office	Eastern Mass. General Service Committee	Carter Methodist Church
100 Grove St. # 309	St. John's	800 Highland Ave.
Worcester	80 Mt. Auburn	Needham
3 rd Saturday 10am	Watertown	1st Monday
Joint Corrections	4th Wednesday	7:30pm
Intergroup Office	8:00pm	Corrections Committee
100 Grove St. # 309		Boston Central Service
Worcester	Grapevine Committee	368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston
TBA	Boston Central Service	4th Thursday
Social Committee	368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	7:00pm
Intergroup Office	4th Sunday	
100 Grove St. # 309		

UPCOMING:

March 15, 2003 – 5th Annual Eastern Mass. Women’s Round-up - Thayer Academy Call Lyn for more info (508) 752-9000

April 6, 2003 – Area 30 Pre-Conference Assembly hosted by District 21. Call Kevin for more info (508) 752-9000

April 10-13, 2003 – EACYPAA 1 – Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Contact Joe M. for more info (508) 752-9000

April 11-13, 2003 – 37th Annual NH State Convention – Sheraton Nashua Hotel. Call Lin L. for more info (508) 752-9000

April 11-13, 2003 – 40th Annual VT Area 70 Convention. Clarion Hotel, Burlington. Call Rita for more information (508) 752-9000

May 16-18, 2003 – 43rd Annual DE Convention – Rehoboth Beach. Write to: Convention 03, P.O.Box 57, Woodside, DE 19980

May 17, 2003 – Grapevine/Archive Special Event – Holy Name Parish Hall. Call Al for more info (508) 752-9000

June 8, 2003 – Area 30 Post Conference Assembly hosted by District 6. Call Ann for more info (508) 752-9000

June 12-14, 2003 – 33rd Annual MD State Convention – email marylandstateconvention@hotmail.com for more information

June 20-22, 2003 – NERF – Northeast Regional Forum – Grand Island, NY. Contact www.aa.org for more details

July 11-13, 2003 – 36th Annual NY State Convention – Crowne Plaza Hotel, White Plains. Call Barbara R. for more info (508) 752-9000

July 18-20, 2003 – 26th Annual Maine Area Round-Up – Sugarloaf Mountain. Call Julia for more info (508) 752-9000

September 28, 2003 – Area 30 Workshop Assembly hosted by Districts 1&2. Call Maggie for more info (508) 752-9000

October 17-19, 2003 - NERC – Northeast Regional Convention – Mount Laurel, NJ – Call Kathie S. for more info (508) 752-9000

October 31-November 2, 2003 – North East Regional Woman to Woman Conference Farmington, CT Call Davi for more info (508) 752-9000

November 7-9, 2003 – 40th Anniversary of MA State Convention – Fitchburg, MA – Call Marilyn M. for more info (508) 752-9000

February 27-29, 2003 – NERAASA 2004 – Nashua, NH – Call Nashua Area Service Office for more info (508) 752-9000

Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons

Chairperson – Brandy H.

Alternate Chair – Bob D.

Secretary – Tom B.

Treasurer – Kimball M.

Alternate Treasurer – Glen S.

Trustees – Enzo H., Darlene V., Billy S., Ellen Mc.

Office Manager - John H.

Treatment Facilities – Ellen Mc.

Correctional Facilities – Roosevelt S.

H.A.L.T.line – Paul P.

Social Committee – Natasha H. 

Public Information – John H.

Beacon Editor – Brandy H.

Liaison to District 25 – Kate F.

Liaison to Area 30 – Brandy H.

Alcathon Committee – Billy S.

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.



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. To find out if we have your group contact, please call Brandy at (508) 752-9000.

Group Anniversaries

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

Need more copies of The Beacon?

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

Worcester Area Intergroup Delegates Meetings June 2002 to May 2003

March 13, 2003 – Nominations made for all officers and recommendations taken for Committee chairpersons

April 10, 2003 – Elections and appointments

May 8, 2003 – New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on

EACYPAA!!!

The Eastern Area Convention of Young People in AA .

April 10-13, 2003 – EACYPAA 1 – Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Contact Joe M. for more info (508) 752-9000.

Please visit the calendar at: <http://calendar.yahoo.com/eacypaacalendar/>

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. We currently have several hours open that need to be filled!! If you can help, even an hour a week please call Paul P. at (508) 752-9000.

Treatment Facilities needs groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. Please Call the Intergroup Office for more details.

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved.

Public Information is looking for more people to get active with their committee

Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. Worcester Area Intergroup is trying to eliminate the need to have 'committees of one'. 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.

Special Needs

Deaf AA members requiring interpreters for AA meetings can call Paul

Hostovsky at (508) 752-9000 or e-mail at

Paul.Hostovsky@state.ma.us

There is also a number to call for an update of meeting in the Boston Area that are interpreted, the number is (508) 752-9000 and this list of meetings is updated every Friday.

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!!

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Please bring this form, along with \$5.00 for a one year subscription to the Intergroup Office, or mail to:

Worcester Area Intergroup

100 Grove Street Suite 309

Worcester, MA 01605

ATTN: Beacon

Checks may be made 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) _____

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.