

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

We have
 lots of
 informa-
 tion
 jammed
 inside this
 issue!!

Every-
 thing
 from the
**Holiday Al-
 cathons** to when
 the Intergroup Of-
 fice will be **closed
 for the holi-
 days....** As well as
 our regular notices
 of Service Com-
 mittee meetings,
 Meeting changes
 and all the rest!

I want to commend
 the Social Com-
 mittee on the great
 job they have done
 filling the next few
 months with fun
 events

I particularly want
 to emphasize the
 Plea for Help in-
 side. It is so impor-
 tant for us to be
 there to help out
 the newcomer, and
 this is one of the
 best ways.

What are your
 wishes for the New
 Year?? I'd like to
 hear some of them
 and will make
 room in Decem-
 ber's issue to print
 as many of them as
 I can. Contact in-
 formation for sub-
 mitting items to
 The Beacon can be
 found inside.

Enjoy!!

Brandy H.

Special Needs

Do you know of a deaf per-
 son in need of a signed
 meeting? Network with
 others in the area with the
 same needs. Call Cathy C.
 at [redacted] 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!!

Charlton Courage To
 Change meeting is signed
 for the deaf and hearing
 impaired. They meet on
 Tuesdays at 7:30pm at St.
 Joseph's Church, Rt. 31&20
 in Charlton.

Deadline....

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

Worcester Area Intergroup
 100 Grove St., Suite 309
 Worcester, MA 01605
 or e-mailed to:

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

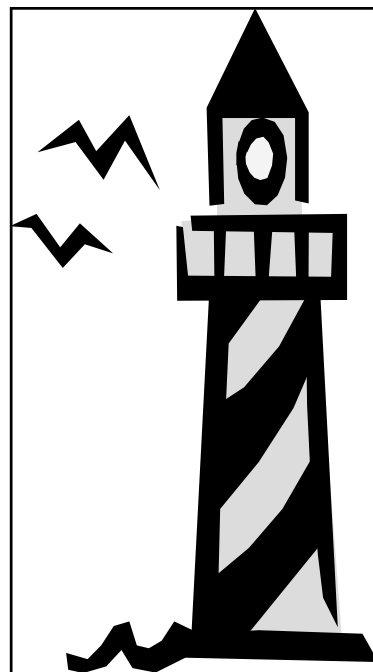
TRADITION Eleven

Our public relations policy
 is based on attraction rather
 than promotion: we need
 always maintain personal
 anonymity at the level of
 press, radio and films.

From The Traditions
 Checklist:

1. Do I sometimes promote
 AA so fanatically that I
 make it seem *unattractive*?
2. Am I always careful to
 keep the confidences re-
 posed in me as an AA mem-
 ber?
3. Am I careful about throw-
 ing AA names around –
 even within the fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a
 recovered, or recovering
 alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if
 we were not guided by the
 ideas in Tradition Eleven?
 Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attrac-
 tive enough that a sick
 drunk would want such a
 quality for himself?

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS

* District 11, South Boston is having a "Unity in Recovery" Round-Up with Alanon participation on Saturday, October 16th, 1999. This full day event will be held at Boston College High School from 10am-midnight and includes Dinner and a Sober Dance. There will be many meetings to choose from. Registration starts at 10am.

* District 20 will be holding their fifth annual Roundup on Saturday, October 23rd, 1999 at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, MA. It will run from noon to 11:00pm. Donation is \$6.00. For more information, call Warren [REDACTED]

* 38th Annual Hawaii Convention will be held Nov. 4th-Nov. 7th, 1999 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Contact the Intergroup Office for more details and registration information.

* There will be an Area Workshop Assembly on November 7th, 1999 hosted by District 3. It will be held at the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, 1121 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford from 9am through 4pm. All GSR's, DCM's, Area Officers and their Alternates and Committee Chairs are required to be there. All interested AA's are encouraged to attend.

* 36th Annual Mass State Convention will be held November 12, 13, 14, 1999 at The Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg, MA. Registration is \$20 for the weekend or \$12 for one day. You can pick up your registration forms at the Intergroup office.

* NECYPAA X will hold their annual Conference on February 3-6, 2000 at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Burlington, VT. The theme this year is "Walking Toward Serenity". Contact John H. (chairperson) for more info at [REDACTED]

* The International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 29- July 2, 2000. The theme this year will be "Pass It On - Into the 21st Century". Registration forms are available at the Intergroup Office.

* 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.

ONLINE....

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

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

Commitment Exchange

The next Commitment Exchange will be held at the Intergroup Office on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Come and meet with other area Bookies and get your calendar filled!! Coffee and munchies will be

Steering Committee

Chairperson - Will C.
Vice Chair - Brandy H.
Secretary - Joanne O.
Treasurer - Maura Z.
Assistant Treasurer - Roseanne C.
Trustees - Joe H., Peg B., Kimball M., Ron C.

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.

HELP WANTED: ways to get involved....

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. Currently, the slots we need to fill are: Sunday 9am-3pm, Monday 2pm-6pm, Tuesday 8am-10am, Wednesday 8am-10am and Friday 2pm-6pm. Please call Rich M. at [REDACTED] or leave a message for him at the Intergroup Office if you can fill any of these slots.

Treatment / Corrections is looking for groups to fill the many new commitments that are coming up soon. If you can help, please call Robbie at [REDACTED]

Several of our Intergroup Committees are in need of help. If you have one day a month you could devote to helping out on a Committee, please ask you Intergroup Delegate or call the Intergroup Office for

Attention!!

Due to the timing of the Holidays this year, the following changes have been made:

Area 30 Committee Meeting will be held on the **THIRD Wednesdays** of November and December.

Intergroup Delegates Meeting will be held on the **THIRD Thursday** in November.

Service Meetings:

INTERGROUP / DISTRICT 25

Steering Committee

St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.

Worcester
4th Thursday
6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates

St. Matthews Church
695 Southbridge St.

Worcester
4th Thursday
7:00pm

Public Information

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309

Worcester
2nd Monday
7:00pm

Joint Treatment / Corrections

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309

Worcester
2nd Tuesday
7:00pm

District 25 (GSR's)

St. Joan of Arc Church

570 Lincoln St.

Worcester
1st Tuesday
7:30pm

AREA 30

Eastern Mass. General Service Committee

St. John's
80 Mt. Auburn
Watertown

4th Wednesday
8:00pm

Grapevine Committee

Boston Central Service
368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston

4th Sunday
1:00pm-3:00pm

CPC Committee

Boston Central Service
368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston

2nd Thursday
7:00pm

Joint Treatment Facilities

St. Luke's

950 East St.

Dedham
3rd Friday
8:00pm

Archives Committee

St. John's
80 Mt. Auburn
Watertown

3rd Thursday
7:30pm

Literature Committee

Carter Methodist Church
800 Highland Ave.
Needham

1st Monday
7:30pm

Corrections Committee

Boston Central Service
368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston

4th Thursday
7:00pm

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.

Step 10: Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

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: (Sat. 1:30pm)
Neil R. [REDACTED]

How It Works (Worcester): (Sat. 6:45pm)
Rich O. [REDACTED] (beeper)

How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm)
David C. [REDACTED]

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)
Tim S. [REDACTED]

4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm)
Jay B. [REDACTED]

Greendale: (Fri. 8:30pm)
Jeanne [REDACTED]

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00am)
Tom S. [REDACTED]

Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm)
Howie C. [REDACTED]

Webster Joy Of Living (Mon. 8:00pm)
Linda [REDACTED]

The final **Mass State Convention Planning Committee** meeting will be held on :

October 26, 1999

The meetings will be held at 7:30pm at St. Ann's Catholic Church 652 Main St (Route 12) in North Oxford, MA
Come help make our next Convention a success!!

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 stie!!

Charlton Courage To Change, Tuesdays 7:30pm, St. Joseph's Church, Rt 31 & 20 is now interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Worcester Young People's Meeting has changed!! They now offer a Beginners and Open Discussion meeting on Tuesdays. The location is the same, but the new time is 7:30pm-9:00pm.

Candlelight Meeting, St. Anne's Church, Rt.9, Shrewsbury, Wednesday nights has changed their format slightly. Instead of Step 1 each week, they now offer rotating steps 1,2,3 as well as the regular rotating 1-12 and Traditions meeting on the first Wed. of the month.

Chestnut Meeting, Worcester, Mondays 7:30pm at 6 Institute rd. has now been dissolved.

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]

Archives

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 [REDACTED]

Group Anniversaries

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

Crozier Group on Thorne St in Worcester will be holding their group Anniversary on October 25th. The meeting will be from 7:30-8:30pm with food to follow.

DANCE TIME!!!!

The Social Committee has organized yet another of their wonderful dances. This one will be held on November 12, 1999 from 8-midnight. It will be at the Knights Of Columbus hall on Circuit Ave. in Worcester. Tickets are \$5 each and are available at the Intergroup Office or at the door. The committee has stressed that this dance is for ages 16 and over.

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