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## H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

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Tuesday 10am-8pm

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Thursday 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday 9am-2pm

Sunday CLOSED

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**Thank you to all the new H.A.L.T. line Volunteers!** We still have hours available that need to be covered on the H.A.L.T. line.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

What is the HALT line? One alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. Isn't that what AA is all about?

*"Talk to a drunk", you may be the link in the chain that could save their life.*

#### What volunteers do:

- Give out current meeting list information.
- Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic in danger of picking up a drink.
- Talk to those seeking help with their drinking problem.

#### What do you need to volunteer?

A phone

One year of sobriety is recommended.

Meeting list

A phone (touch tone or cell phone)

An hour of your time.

**Great way to do service without leaving your home.**

If you would like information please email [haltline@aaworcester.org](mailto:haltline@aaworcester.org). Will train the right candidate - great pay - HUGE REWARDS! **From time to time the HALT Line will be rewarding volunteers for their time and dedication by awarding someone with a subscription to the GRAPEVINE.**

## Local Service Meetings

**Intergroup Steering Committee\*** - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St.  
Shrewsbury, MA —6:00pm

**Intergroup Delegates\*** - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St. Shrewsbury, MA  
—7:00pm

*\*The Intergroup meetings occur the second THURSDAY of each month.*



On-Line 12 Steps &  
12 Traditions, Arti-  
cles, and Tradition  
Checklists

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#### Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through October 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

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

**TRADITION 2:** 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

### TRADITIONS CHECKLIST: Tradition Two

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Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?

Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?

Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?

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?

Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?

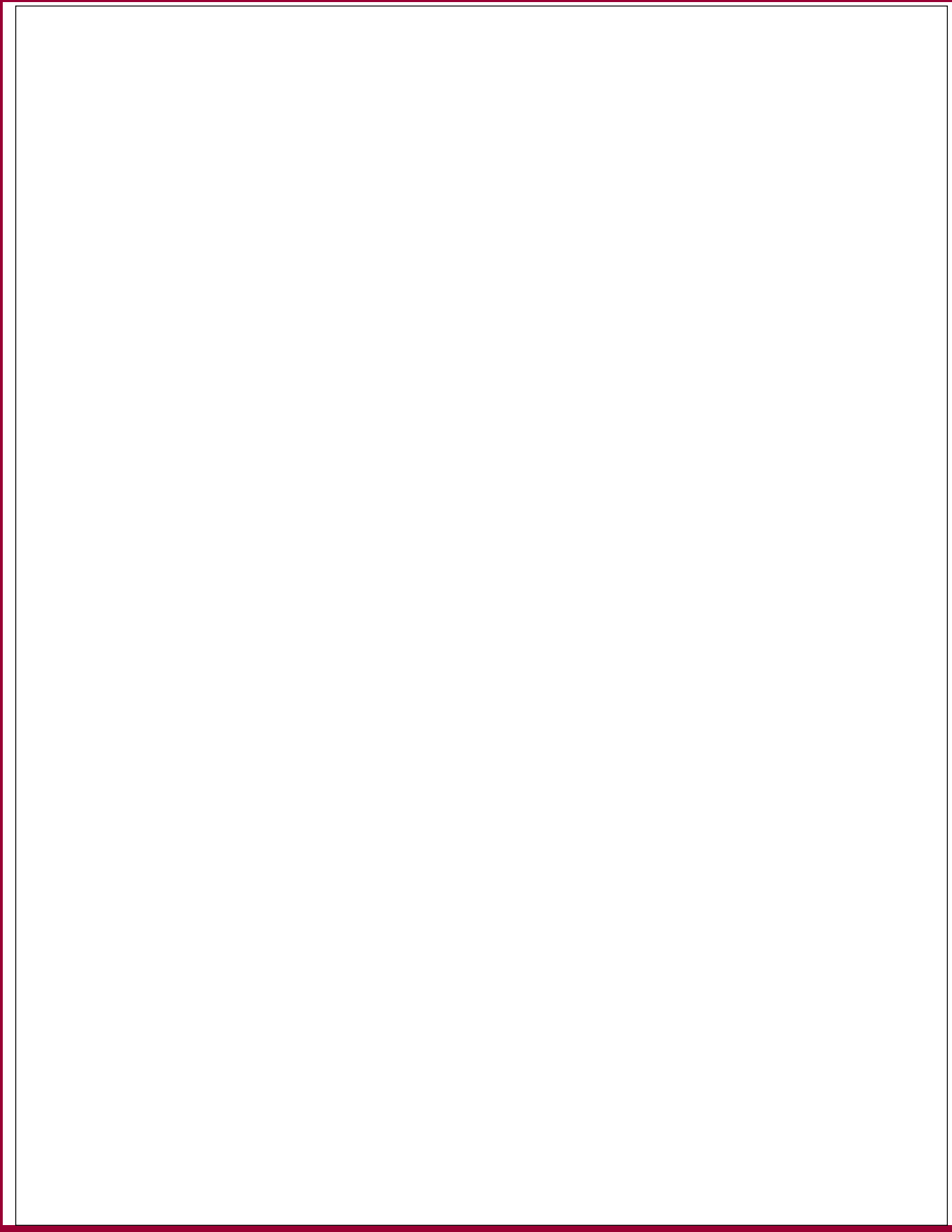
In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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#### **Are you willing to carry the message to an alcoholic in need?**

Are you willing to help an alcoholic in need? The intergroup delegates are working to devise an updated list of people willing to volunteer for "12 Step calls". This information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and only be used by the HALT line chair and other appropriate individuals. Please complete the "12 Step Volunteer Application" on page 6 and return to your groups Intergroup representative or drop of at the Intergroup office. You may also mail the completed application to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St, Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

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### 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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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### FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) accepts information regarding AA related events to be included in the website calendar. Let us know if you have an event you would like publicized. Please email information to the Office Manager at:

[webmaster@aaworcester.org](mailto:webmaster@aaworcester.org)

### MEETING NEWS

**MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE:** Meeting space is now available for AA meetings at Veterans Inc., 59 South St., Shrewsbury, MA. For more information please contact: Susan Boucher at 508-791-1213, x132.