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H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

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.

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 month.*



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

TRADITION THREE:

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

On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, and Tradition Checklists

www.aagrapevine.org

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.

TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:

In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers? Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?

Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?

Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?

Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, and ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?

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 had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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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 off at the Intergroup office. You may also mail the completed application to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St, Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

2011 Northeast Regional Forum

**With our U.S./Canada General Service Board
Of Alcoholics Anonymous
May 20-22, 2011
7pm to 10pm Friday
9am to 9:45pm Saturday
9am to noon on Sunday
Sturbridge Host Hotel and
Conference Center
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Sturbridge, MA 01566
1-508-347-7393**

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Reservations by phone: 508-347-7393
Fax: 508-347-3944
Single/Double: \$106.00 plus tax
Triple: \$116.00 plus tax
Quad: \$126.00 plus tax
Please mention Group Code: 1105NEREGI
Link to Hotel Reservation Online:
www.aa.org/northeast2011

Purpose of this Forum

This Forum is put on by the A.A. General Service Board and is "open" to A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A. Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of the late Chairman of the General Service Board of Trustees, Dr. Jack Norris.

Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation among A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office Staff and the A.A. Grapevine. Forums offer a meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the Northeast Region to share their experience, strength and hope.

***For more information please contact G.S.O. @ 212-870-3400, see G.S.O.'s A.A. Web Site at www.aa.org
Hosted by 18 areas of the Northeast Region***

Registration Information: ❖ ***Registration is free.*** ❖ You can register online at www.aa.org. Go to "Services for Members" and click on "Regional Forums" link. ❖ You do not have to register to attend, but, please register early to help us plan for setup. ❖ You are on your own for meals. ❖ All who register will receive a final report of all discussions at the Forum. ❖ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except sending the final report!

Schedule of Events

Friday

2:00—till closing Registration
6:30—7:00 p.m. Forum First Timer Orientation
7:00—8:30 p.m. Welcoming and introductory remarks by Board and Staff
8:30—8:45 p.m. Break
8:45—9:15 p.m. Video
9:15—10:00 p.m. General Sharing/Questions for Board and Staff

Saturday

9:00 a.m.—till closing Registration
9:00—10:00 a.m. A.A. Grapevine/LaViña Presentations
10:00—10:15 a.m. Break
10:15—10:45 a.m. General Sharing/Ask-It Basket
10:45—11:45 a.m. Delegates' Presentations
11:45—12:00 noon Skit
12:00—1:30 p.m. Lunch

Saturday (Continued)

1:30—2:30 p.m. A.A.W.S. and Finance Presentations
2:30—3:30 p.m. General Sharing Session
3:30—3:45 p.m. Break
3:45—4:00 p.m. Presentation
4:00—5:00 p.m. General Sharing Session/Ask-It Basket
5:00—7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00—8:15 p.m. Workshops
8:15—8:30 p.m. Break
8:30—9:45 p.m. Workshops

Sunday

9:30—10:30 a.m. General Sharing Session/Ask-It Basket
10:30—10:45 a.m. Break
10:45—11:30 a.m. Past Trustees' Talks
11:30—12:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

"It is when we try to make our will conform with God's that we begin to use it rightly. To all of us, this was a most wonderful revelation. Our whole trouble has been the misuse of willpower. We had tried to bombard our problems with it instead of attempting to bring it into agreement with God's intention to us. To make this increasingly possible is the purpose of A.A.'s Twelve Steps and Step Three opens the door." Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 40.

Get Active In Recovery!

Isn't that what your sponsor always tells you? Well, that's a great suggestion and best of all it works. So why don't you **consider joining the Social Committee** you can kill three birds with one stone!

You'll get active-stay sober, meet new people and have a blast! We have some great events planned for the New Year - but, help is needed to pull off these events! Come and join us, we'd love to have you! E-mail Patty M at **Bropa02aol.com** with your contact information, and someone will get back to you! Thanks, let's make 2011 - the most exciting year yet!

THE GRAPEVINE: AA's meeting in print IS IN TROUBLE! PLEASE HELP BY PURCHASING A SUBSCRIPTION!

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Written, edited, illustrated and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism, the Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. The AA Grapevine communicates the experience strength and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current AA experience with recovery, unity and service. ©GRAPEVINE

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2. Online at: <http://www.aagrapevine.org/catalog/shop/gvsuborder.php>
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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

MEETING NEWS

MEETING CHANGES/MOVES: the SATURDAY NIGHT HOW IT WORKS MEETING AT CHL IS NO LONGER MEETING. The 11th STEP IN THE PARK meeting in Clinton on Wednesday nights is NO LONGER MEETING. **MOVED:** Gardner mid-day has moved to 195 Main Street. There Is Hope group (Saturday night) has MOVED from CHL to St. Casimir's Church, 22 Waverly St. **NEW MEETINGS:** She Means Business (CDW) meets from 5-6PM on Tuesday nights at Bethel Lutheran, 90 Bryn Mawr in Auburn. Tuesday night in Northboro : **Desire to Stop Drinking**—(OB12). Meets 6-7 PM at 45 Howard Street. Saturday morning in Harvard: **Happy, Joyous and Free**—(OD) meets from 9-10 a.m. at St. Teresa's 15 Still River Rd. **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.



Subscription

Form

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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 BothAges I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60

Other (Please specify) _____

MAIL TO: Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 314
Worcester, MA 01605

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.