



The Beacon

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Sunday CLOSED

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Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

Why does your group need an Intergroup Representative?

The Worcester area Intergroup has no authority of its own but derives it from the participating groups. The representative that each group elects is the groups voice to intergroup—your link to those who maintain and operate the Intergroup Office.

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.*

District 25 General Service Committee—Joan of Arc Church, Lincoln Street Worcester, Ma meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm

District 26 General Service Committee—Local 60 Union Hall, Mechanic Street, Leominster, Ma meets first Thursday of the month 7:00pm

AA members welcome—please come join us!

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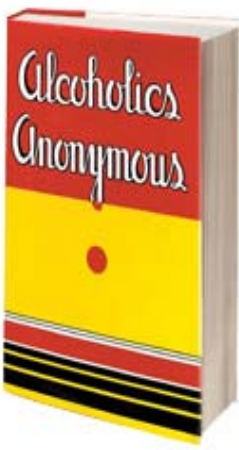


On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, and Tradition Check-lists

www.aagrapevine.org

\$13.00 at Worcester Area Intergroup

Announcing the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*



Step 6 : “Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

Tradition 6 : “An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”

TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

1. In my mind, do I prejudge 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 over impressed 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 had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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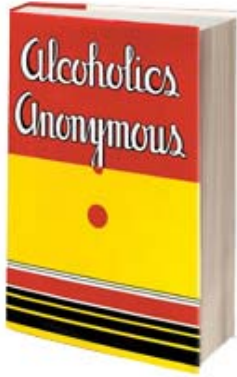
Traditions Checklist

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.

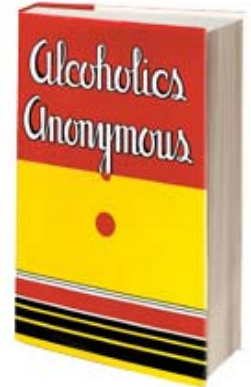
Concept 6: “On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognized that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous..”

Montachusett Young People, "Young at Heart", Meeting All Are Welcome, Wednesday Nights, 7:00—8:15

St Marks Church, 11 Cotton Street, Leominster, Ma, Contact info: Rob S. 978-230-3704



Women to Women New England Conference
Nov 13-16
Holiday Inn, Boxborough, Ma



The 2015 International Convention is rapidly approaching. GSR's and Intergroups be on the lookout for registration forms to be mailed in August 2014. Registration online will be available and the registration cost is expected to be \$100.00

5th Annual District 25

P I C N I C

All A.A.s and Families Welcome!

Sunday, June 22nd, 2014

Noon – 4:00

Green Hill Park Pavilion

Worcester, MA

BYOB: BRING YOUR OWN BURGERS

(or other grillables)

Grillmaster Jim will be grill'n to perfection While Rock'n Ronny spins the tunes!

Bring a dish to share

Beverages provided
(water, soda, coffee...)

**We'll be collecting
AA Literature for inmates: no hard
covers, no staples**



District 25 General Services Committee
For more info, contact:
P.O. Box 4553 – Turnpike Station
Shrewsbury, MA 01545-7553

FOUNDER'S DAY CELBRATION

Bill W. and Dr. Bob / AA Co-Founders

"He suddenly realized that in order to save himself he must carry his message to another alcoholic. That Alcoholic turned out to be the Akron Physician."

COOKOUT & FELLOWSHIP – June 8th, 2014 - \$5.00

Noon to 4 pm / AA Meeting 4pm – 5 pm

LOCATION: TEMPLETON FISH & GAME CLUB, 1 Club Rd., Templeton

DIRECTIONS: Rt. 2 West to exit 21, right off ramp, follow 2A 8/10 mile, turn left onto Partridgeville Rd., proceed 1 mile, turn right into Club Rd.)

MENU: Burgers, Dogs, Coffee (please bring a side dish)



Book and raffle donations appreciated.

ACTIVITIES: Pony rides, Swimming, Karaoke, Games



Visit our website www.aadistrict26.org

Contact your GSR or / call Karen (978) 496-0500 or Happy Pat (978) 790-9952

Any Group Anniversaries or A.A. functions please notify webmaster@aaworcester.org and we will put it on the website "calendar of events" as soon as possible. If you have a flyer in electronic format please send that along and we will include it.

Group and District News Wanted Field Editors Needed

Beacon is looking for volunteers who would be willing to be writers, roving reporters and field editors. Must be sober, fun loving and have a zest for life. Interest in journalism is helpful but not required. A computer with desktop publishing software or Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher will be the only prerequisite to getting started. Please contact the Beacon editor at beacon@aaworcester.org

Group Spotlight

Tell us why your group is the best group in AA and we'll do a spotlight on your group in the Beacon.

AA Activities

If anyone has any information about upcoming AA related activities please contact the editor at Beacon@aaworcester.org. Be sure to check out the following websites in the meantime for information as well, aaworcester.org, aadistrict26.org, aamass.org .

"Don't drink , go to meetings and ask for help. Get a home group

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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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) _____

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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

Worcester Area Intergroup could use support from the local A.A. Groups. If your group has an excess amount in your treasury please consider making the pie chart split to help not only Worcester Intergroup but the other local A.A. entities and also A.A. World Services. If you are a group treasurer and need more information, feel free to call the office at 508-752-9000.