



# The Beacon

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## Worcester Area Intergroup

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Monday 10am-2pm

Tuesday 10am-8pm

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Thursday 10am-8pm

Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday 9am-2pm

Sunday CLOSED

The Office will be closed on  
Dec. 25, 2009 and Jan. 1,  
2010

*The Beacon Staff:* January  
2009 to December 2009

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and John H.

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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. If you have a phone (cell or land-line) and an hour or more of time...WE NEED YOU!!

Hours currently available are:

Sunday 10pm-12mn

Monday 12am-3am, 7am-8am, 2pm-6pm

Tuesday 12am-4am, 6am-8am

Wednesday 12am-4am, 7am-8am,

Thursday 12am-5am, 6am-10am, 8pm-9pm

Friday 6am-8am, 7pm-9pm

Saturday 12am-4am, 6am-7am

If you would like information please email [haltline@aaworcester.org](mailto:haltline@aaworcester.org) or call the Intergroup office at (508) 752-9000. Will train the right candidate - great pay - huge rewards!

## Local Service Meetings

**Intergroup Steering Committee** - St. Mary of the Hills 630 Cross St Boylston - 2nd Thursday of each month—6:00pm

**Intergroup Delegates** - St. Mary of the Hills 630 Cross St Boylston - 2nd Thursday of each month—7:00pm

**Joint Public Information Committee**— Worcester Area Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. Suite 314—4th Monday of each month—7:00pm

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### STEP TWELVE:

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

### TRADITION TWELVE:

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, 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.

### TRADITIONS CHECKLIST:

- Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
- When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
- In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
- Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
- Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?

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### W.A.I. Needs your help!

There are service positions that remain unfilled. Join us the 2nd Thursday of each month 7:00pm St. Mary of the Hills Church, 630 Cross St., Boylston (Exit 23B from I290) ...come see where you can help! Please Join us !!

# 2009 Alcaathons

## Drawing Dates for Group Time Slots

### District 25/GSR Meeting

Location: St. Joan of Arc Church  
Lincoln St., Worcester, MA 01605  
October 6, 2009 @ 7:00pm  
November 3, 2009 @ 7:00pm

### WAI Meeting

Location: St. Mary's of the Hill  
630 Cross St., Boylston, MA 01505  
October 8, 2009 @ 7:00pm  
November 12, 2009 @ 7:00pm

### Thanksgiving

**Starting:** Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:00 NOON  
**Ending:** Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:00 MIDNIGHT

### Christmas

**Starting:** Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:00 NOON  
**Ending:** Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 12:00 MIDNIGHT

### New Years

**Starting:** Thursday, December  
at 12:00 NOON  
**Ending:** Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 12:00 MIDNIGHT

**St. John's Church**  
**44 Temple Street, Worcester, MA 01604**

Parking on 44 Temple Street across from the church. Parking for **HANDICAPPED ONLY** in church lot.  
Handicap accessible at rear of church (see signs). Watch for SIGNS on site for entrance to Alcaathon.

**Food Donations Appreciated by Groups and Individuals**

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## Christmas Alcathon Slots

SLOT#	DATE	TIME	GROUP
1	Thurs. 12/24	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Worcester 7am Group
2	Thurs. 12/24	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Worcester The Way Out Group
3	Thurs. 12/24	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Charlton Courage To Change
4	Thurs. 12/24	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	As Bill Sees It
5	Thurs. 12/24	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Worcester People Helping People
6	Thurs. 12/24	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Fellowship - Worcester
7	Thurs. 12/24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Auburn The Way Out
8	Thurs. 12/24	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	It's About Time
9	Thurs. 12/24	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Shrewsbury Gratitude
10	Thurs. 12/24	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Millbury Traditions
11	Thurs. 12/24	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Webster - High Noon
12	Thurs. 12/24	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Auburn Sunday Night Big Book
13	Fri. 12/25	12:00 am - 1:00 am	Brookfield Sunday Morning
14	Fri. 12/25	1:00 am - 2:00 am	Webster Triton
15	Fri. 12/25	2:00 am - 3:00 am	Worcester Gratitude
16	Fri. 12/25	3:00 am - 4:00 am	Northborough How It Works
17	Fri. 12/25	4:00 am - 5:00 am	E. Brookfield Primary Purpose
18	Fri. 12/25	5:00 am - 6:00 am	Westborough Forge
19	Fri. 12/25	6:00 am - 7:00 am	Douglas - Maintenance & Repair
20	Fri. 12/25	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Worcester We Mean Business
21	Fri. 12/25	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Southbridge Saturday Night
22	Fri. 12/25	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Greendale Group
23	Fri. 12/25	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Crossroads
24	Fri. 12/25	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Worcester Wednesday Big Book Step Study
25	Fri. 12/25	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Way Of Sobriety
26	Fri. 12/25	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Grafton Daily Reflections
27	Fri. 12/25	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Seven Hills Group
28	Fri. 12/25	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Monday Steps To Recovery
29	Fri. 12/25	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Crozier
30	Fri. 12/25	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Quinsigamond Group
31	Fri. 12/25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Worcester Rebound
32	Fri. 12/25	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Charlton Daybreakers
33	Fri. 12/25	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Westborough Sunday Morning
34	Fri. 12/25	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	There Is Hope
35	Fri. 12/25	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Worcester Serenity
36	Fri. 12/25	11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Worcester Young People

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## New Years Alcathon Slots

SLOT#	DATE	TIME	GROUP
1	Thurs. 12/31	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Worcester 7am Group
2	Thurs. 12/31	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Wendesday Worcester Big Book Step Study
3	Thurs. 12/31	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Saturday Worcester Big Book Step Study
4	Thurs. 12/31	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Grafton Daily Reflections
5	Thurs. 12/31	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Assumption Friday Night
6	Thurs. 12/31	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Greendale Group
7	Thurs. 12/31	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Westborough Sunday Morning
8	Thurs. 12/31	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Quinsigamond Group
9	Thurs. 12/31	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Worcester Gratitude
10	Thurs. 12/31	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Northborough How It Works
11	Thurs. 12/31	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Crossroads
12	Thurs. 12/31	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Millbury Traditions
13	Fri. 1/1/10	12:00 am - 1:00 am	Hudson Second Chance
14	Fri. 1/1/10	1:00 am - 2:00 am	It's About Time
15	Fri. 1/1/10	2:00 am - 3:00 am	Hudson Straight Shooters
16	Fri. 1/1/10	3:00 am - 4:00 am	Steps To Recovery
17	Fri. 1/1/10	4:00 am - 5:00 am	Auburn The Way Out
18	Fri. 1/1/10	5:00 am - 6:00 am	We Mean Business
19	Fri. 1/1/10	6:00 am - 7:00 am	Douglas - Maintenance & Repair
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26	Fri. 1/1/10	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	As Bill Sees It - Worcester
27	Fri. 1/1/10	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Webster - High Noon
28	Fri. 1/1/10	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Auburn Sunday Night Big Book
29	Fri. 1/1/10	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Courage To Change
30	Fri. 1/1/10	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Webster Triton
31	Fri. 1/1/10	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Sturbridge Key To Freedom
32	Fri. 1/1/10	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Worcester The Way Out Group
33	Fri. 1/1/10	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Seven Hills Group
34	Fri. 1/1/10	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Charlton Daybreakers
35	Fri. 1/1/10	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Way Of Sobriety
36	Fri. 1/1/10	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Fellowship Group

## *The Preamble*

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*Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions.*

*A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses or opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.*

*Happy Holidays from all of us at  
Worcester Area Intergroup, Inc.*

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### -----Meeting Changes-----

**Tuesday night Worcester Quinsigamond Group is moving from St. Catherine of Sweden Church on Wiser Ave to Sacred Heart Church at 600 Cambridge St. effective November 24.**

**Friday night Westboro As Bill Sees It Closed Discussion meeting has found a new home! Beginning December 4th they will meet at the Methodist Church, 120 W. Main Street in Westboro**

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### From the Office Manager

Due to the addition of a number of new meetings we have opted to try changing our meeting list format from 8.5" X 14" paper to 11" X 17" paper. The next printing will be a trial edition on the new size paper. We hope that everyone will comment good and bad so that we may go on from here and either permanently make the change or find a more suitable solution. The new edition is back from the printer and available for your group to pick up at the Intergroup Office.



The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme "A Vision for You." Convention registration and housing reservations will open in fall 2009. All necessary information will be included in the registration packet which will be available in September 2009. Information is available at <http://www.aa.org>