



# The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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## Tradition Eleven

*Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.*

### 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 reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing 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 attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

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**The Alcathons are coming!**

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See Page 6 for District 26!

See Page 7 for District 25!



Smile  
\*  
Be Nice  
\*  
Help  
Someone  
\*  
Find  
Gratitude  
\*  
Enjoy  
Life

## This Month in A.A. History

- November 26, 1895 - Bill W. was born in a small room behind a bar in East Dorset, Vermont.
- November 1929 - Bill W. goes to Canada for a job, after Stock Market Crash.
- November 1934 - Ebby T. carries message to Bill W. at his home.
- November 1934 - Bill W. enters Towns Hospital for his last drying out.
- November 16, 1950 - Dr. Bob dies.
- November 2001 - 4th edition of Alcoholics Anonymous is published.



*"...Don't let bad behavior ruin your day..."*

## Meeting Locations

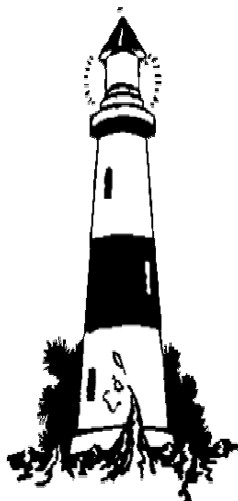
If your group is looking for a new location, or know of a new startup group that needs a place to meet, contact the Intergroup office. We get contacted by organizations who are willing to have A.A. meetings use their locations.

Call the Intergroup office for further information at...:

**(508) 752-9000**

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Sobriety One-Liners

- "...I never met anyone who drank like me...well, until I got to AA..."
- "...a snow storm never kept me from drinking, so why would it keep me from going to a meeting?..."
- "...stay on the pity pot for as long as you want, just remember to flush it when you're done..."
- "...there's only two things you have to do to have long-term sobriety – Don't Drink and Don't Die!!..."

**Step Eleven**

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscience contact with God, *as we understood Him.*

Upcoming Events

2003

Nov. \* 7-9 - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MA State Convention – Fitchburg, MA – Call Marilyn M. for more info [REDACTED]

2004

Feb. \* 27-29 - NERAASA 2004 – Nashua, NH – Call Nashua Area Service Office for more info [REDACTED]

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**Deadline!**

For Information to go into the  
NOVEMBER issue of  
"The Beacon"  
Submissions must be  
Received by November 14, 2003.

Mail your information to the  
Intergroup office, or  
Email "The Beacon" staff at  
[AABeacon@netscape.net](mailto:AABeacon@netscape.net)

**Service Meetings**

*Intergroup/District 25/District 26*

<p><b>Steering Committee</b> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 6:15pm</p>	<p><b>Intergroup Delegates</b> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Public Information</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Monday <b>7:00pm</b></p>
<p><b>Joint Treatment</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 3rd Saturday 10am</p>	<p><b>Joint Corrections</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p><b>Social Committee</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>
<p><b>District 25 - CPC Committee</b> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>District 25 (GSR's)</b> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 1st Tuesday 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>District 26 (GSR's)</b> Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1st Thursday 7-9pm</p>

**New Time** →

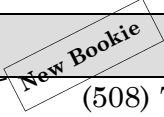
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<p><b>Eastern Mass. General Service Committee</b> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm</p>	<p><b>Grapevine Committee</b> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Sunday 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>CPC Committee</b> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Joint Treatment Facilities</b> St. Luke's 950 East St. Dedham 3rd Friday 8:00pm</p>
<p><b>Archives Committee</b> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 3rd Thursday 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Literature Committee</b> Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham 1st Monday 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>Corrections Committee</b> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Thursday</p>	<p><b>Joint Public Information</b> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 1st Thursday 7:00 pm</p>

### The Bookie Board

Day of Week	Town	Group Name	Meeting Time	Bookie Contact	Phone Number
<i>Sunday</i>	Brookfield	Sunday Morning	10:00 am	Leon F.	(508) 752-9000
	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Gratitude	7:00 pm	Peter I.	(508) 752-9000
	Southbridge	Southbridge Originals	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Bill B.	(508) 752-9000
	Stow	Stow Sunday	11:00 am	Tom S.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	Triton	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Kim W.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Early Risers	10:00 am	John O.	(508) 752-9000
<i>Monday</i>	Worcester	Crozier	8:00 – 9:30 pm	Brenda L.	(508) 752-9000
	Leominster	Leominster Original Group	7:45 – 9:00 pm	Dean R.	(508) 752-9000
	Spencer	Spencer Fellowship	7:30 pm	Anna R.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	Joy of Living	8:00 pm	Bob W.	(508) 752-9000
<i>Tuesday</i>	Groton	Easy Does it	7:30 pm	Joe F.	(508) 752-9000
	Webster	The Fellowship of Webster	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Sue D.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Young People	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Mike S.	(508) 752-9000
<i>Wednesday</i>	Auburn	Auburn Group	7:30 – 9:00 pm	Tony B.	(508) 752-9000
	Westboro	Westboro Forge	8:00 – 9:00 pm	Sue N.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Four Corners	8:00 pm	Terry A.	(508) 752-9000
		Top of the Hill	8:00 pm	Bonnie	(508) 752-9000
		We Mean Business	7:00 – 8:30 pm	Mike S.	(508) 752-9000

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<i>Thursday</i>	Douglas	Maintenance & Repair	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Paul P. 	(508) 752-9000
	Dudley	Day at a Time	8:30 – 10:00 pm	TBA	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Stay Active	6:45 pm	Rose	(508) 752-9000
<i>Friday</i>	Westboro	As Bill sees it	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Pat C.	(508) 752-9000 (Outgoing Only)
<i>Saturday</i>	Millbury	Millbury Traditions	7:30 – 8:30 pm	Donna H.	(508) 752-9000
	Upton	Upton Capertown	1:30 pm	John H.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	How it Works	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Happy C.	(508) 752-9000

Group not listed? Email “The Beacon” staff directly at [aabeacon@netscape.net](mailto:aabeacon@netscape.net), or call the Intergroup office at (508) 752-9000 and let them know you have a “Bookie Board” update.

## Help Wanted

***H.A.L.T.line*** is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. We currently have several hours open that need to be filled!! If you can help, even an hour a week please call Enzo H. at (508) 752-9000 or email him at ***worchaltline@aol.com***.

***Treatment Facilities*** needs Help! Please Call the Intergroup Office for more details.

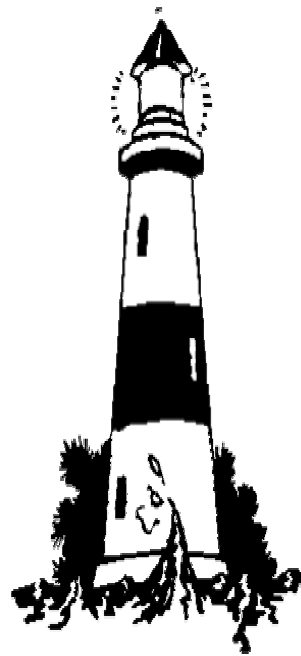
## 2003 - 2004 InterGroup Timeline

<b>November 13, 2003</b>	Slots for the Christmas and New Years Alcathons drawn
<b>January 8, 2004</b>	Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Intergroup Office Inventory
<b>February 12, 2004</b>	Nominations Committee appointed

**Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons**

Chairperson	<i>Bob D.</i>
Alternate Chair	<i>Mike B.</i>
Secretary	<i>Jamie F.</i>
Treasurer	<i>Jeanne L.</i>
Alternate Treasurer	<i>Harry H.</i>
Trustees	<i>Brandy H., Janet L., Bob Mc., Tom W.</i>
Office Manager	<i>John H.</i>
Treatment Facilities	<i>Ellen Mc.</i>
Correctional Facilities	<i>Roosevelt S.</i>
H.A.L.T. Line	<i>Enzo H.</i>
Social Committee	<i>Brandy H.</i>
Public Information	<i>Bruce W.</i>
Beacon Editor	<i>Charlie W.</i>
Liason to District 25	<i>Janet L.</i>
Liason to Area 30	<i>Roosevelt S.</i>
Alcathon Committee	<i>Billy S.</i>

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.



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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



“...it’s as simple as two drunks talking with one another...”

**2003 Alcathon Information**

(District 26)

**Christmas Alcathon**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

**110 South Main Street**

**Gardner, Ma**

**(Dates & Times to be published next month)**

## 2003 Alcathon Information (District 25)

### Thanksgiving Alcathon

**Start Time** : Noon November 26, 2003

**End Time** : Midnight November 27, 2003

- Timeslots were drawn as follows:
  - 1) GSR's - Drawn on October 7, 2003
  - 2) Intergroup Delegates - Drawn on October 9, 2003

*The Thanksgiving Timeslots have already been drawn!*

**\*\* See your Group's GSR and/or Intergroup Delegate for further information \*\***

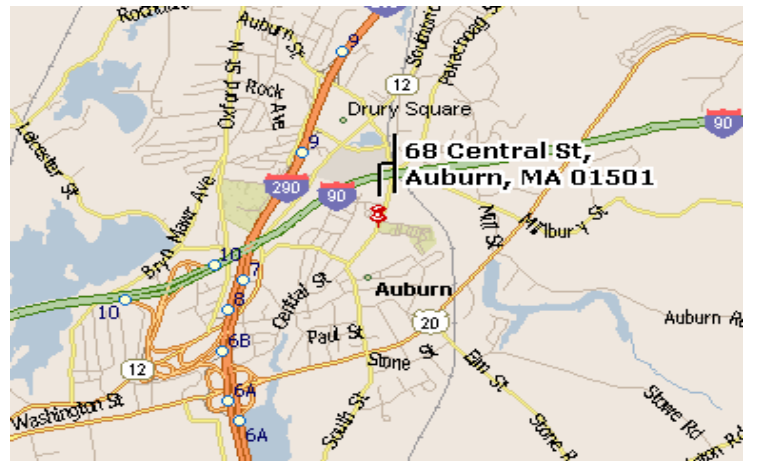
<u>Christmas Alcathon</u>	<u>New Year's Alcathon</u>
<b>Start Time</b> : 6:00 pm December 24, 2003	<b>Start Time</b> : Noon December 31, 2003
<b>End Time</b> : Midnight December 25, 2003	<b>End Time</b> : Midnight January 1, 2004

- Timeslots to be drawn as follows:
  - 1) GSR's - **November 4, 2003**
  - 2) Intergroup Delegates - **November 13, 2003**

**Where will the slots be drawn?** St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln Street Worcester, MA  
**MAKE SURE YOUR GROUPS GSR AND INTERGROUP DELEGATE ATTEND!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

All (District 25) Alcathons will be held at:

St Edmund of Canterbury  
Chapel  
68 Central Street  
Auburn, MA



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City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring this form, along with \$5.00 for a one year subscription to the Intergroup Office, or mail to:

**Worcester Area Intergroup  
100 Grove Street Suite 309  
Worcester, MA 01605  
ATTN: Beacon**

(Checks may be made payable to: *Worcester Area Intergroup*)



**"I Am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I AM RESPONSIBLE."**

**12 Step Volunteer Application**

Name: (First Name & Last initial only) : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number : \_\_\_\_\_

Towns You will accept calls from : \_\_\_\_\_

Hours you are available : \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to help :  Males Only  Females Only  Both

Ages I am willing to work with :  Teens  20-30  30-40  
 40-50  50-60  Over 60  
 Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to :  Talk to a person on the phone  Go to a person's home to talk \*  
 Give rides to A.A. Meetings  Give rides to a Detox/Rehab \*  
 Meet someone at A.A. Meetings  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(\* Note. It is strongly 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/Rehab) without another member of A.A. with you. If you checked either of these items above, please be sure to have someone ready to go with you in case you're called.)