

All Phone numbers have been changed to the Intergroup Office Number.

# THE BEACON

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### Deadline....

.....for information to go into the October issue of The Beacon is September 15th, 2001. Information can be sent to :

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BRANDYLH1@yahoo.com (please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

## TRADITION NINE

***AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.***

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program - even if no one make do so - with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in



any AA job?

6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and by-laws?

7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully - and profit thereby - when the time comes?

8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

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## NEW INTERGROUP DELEGATE MEETING PLACE

Chairperson – Enzo H..  
Vice Chair – Jack H.  
Secretary – Kate G.  
Treasurer – Joanne O.  
Assistant Treasurer – Kimball M.  
Trustees - Brandy H., Bob D., Eric R., Tom W.

**As per a vote of the Intergroup Delegates in June, The Worcester Area Intergroup Steering Committee and**

**Delegates meeting Will now be held at St. Joan of Arc Church on Lincoln St. in Worcester. Call the Intergroup Office if you need directions.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 19-21, 2001** – 31<sup>st</sup> Northeast Regional Convention will be held at the Hilton Parsippany in Parsippany, NJ. For more information call (508) 752-9000.

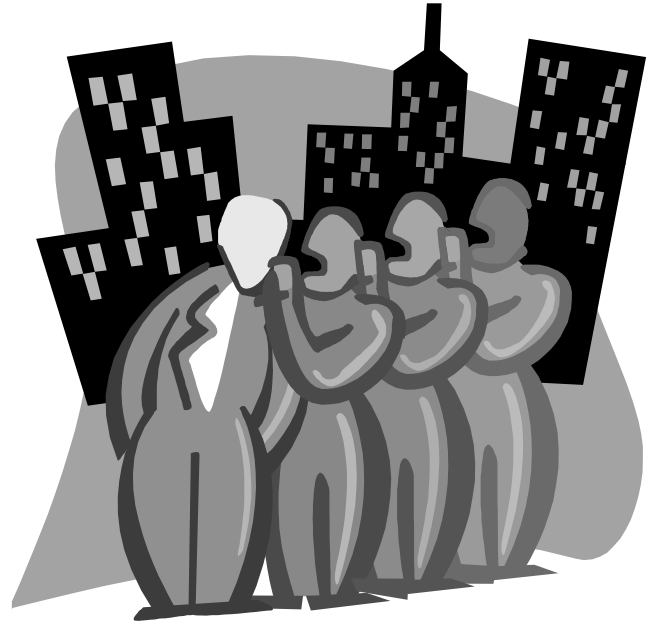
**October 26-28, 2001** – 2001 HMB Area Convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Utica, NY. For more information, write to: 51<sup>st</sup> HMB Area Convention P.O.Box 8112 Utica, NY 13505.

**November 1-4, 2001** – 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii AA Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. For more information call (508) 752-9000

**November 9-11, 2001**— 38th Ma State AA Convention will be held at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. Call Annemarie M. (508) 752-9000 for more information.

**February 22-24, 2002** – NERAASA 2002 will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in Pittsburgh, PA. For more info call: Arlene H(508) 752-9000

**October 4-6, 2002** – Northeast Regional Convention will be held at the Sheraton South Portland Hotel in Portland Maine. More details to come.



### Step 9:

**Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Deaf AA members requiring interpreters for AA meetings can call Paul Hostovsky at (508) 752-9000 or e-mail at Paul.Hostovsky@state.ma.us

There is also a number to call for an update of meetings in the Boston Area that are interpreted, the

number is (508) 752-9000 and this list of meetings is updated every Friday.

Large print Meeting Lists are now available for those with vision problems. Call the Intergroup Office to find out how to get a copy for yourself or someone you know!!



**HELP WANTED:** ways to get involved...

**H.A.L.T.line** is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. Currently, there are 18 hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Paul P. at (508) 752-9000.

**Treatment Facilities** is happy to welcome a new Chairperson and needs groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. If you can help, please call at the Intergroup Office.

**Corrections Facilities** is looking for people to get involved. Please contact the Intergroup Office for more details. (508) 752-9000.

Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. If you have one day a month you could devote to helping out on a Committee, please ask your Intergroup Delegate, GSR or call the Intergroup Office for more information. We are currently looking for active Chairpeople for CPC and Archives committees.

**Addresses needed!!**

We still have several groups in this area that we do not have contact information for. The contact person would receive The Beacon to bring to their groups. To find out if we have your group contact, please call Brandy at [redacted]



**Need more copies of The Beacon?** Visit Worcester Area Intergroup or come to the Intergroup Delegates Meeting and pick up more. You can have the convenience of having The Beacon delivered to you!! Just \$5 will give you a one year subscription mailed to your home. See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.

**PLEA FOR HELP**

The Intergroup Office reports that there is a huge need for 12-Step volunteers. There just aren't enough to cover the whole area and we need for the hand of AA to be there to welcome newcomers and talk to people who just aren't sure AA is for them. There is a form in

this issue to fill out if you are interested. It could involve anything from visiting a wet drunk, to meeting someone at a meeting. Your level of involvement is completely up to you. Please help us help those who are still sick and suffering.



**ONLINE....**

**Worcester Area Intergroup**

**NEW!!!**  
<http://www.aaworcester.org>

**Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office**  
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

**Grapevine**  
<http://www.aagrapevine.org>

## KORTE'S CORNER

**As alcoholics, maybe we are in a rare position to grasp what the heck these guys are talking about, no one else seems to be able to figure them out.**

The latest in a long line of “misunderstood” athletes begs me to focus on the topic this morning, primarily because I can’t think of anything else to write about. The guys in question have a habit of feeling victimized and unappreciated. Sounds a little like an alcoholic to me, sans booze.

It further amuses and amazes me that so called “regular” people have little or no empathy for these athletes, primarily because of the exorbitant amount of money they earn. As alcoholics, maybe we are in a rare position to grasp what the heck these guys are talking about, no one else seems to be able to figure them out.

A good friend of mine can’t grasp the gall an athlete must have to complain about being moved to a new position on the field. “For that kind of money, they should do what they’re told!”

Interesting...but would a computer programmer take kindly to being told he was now going to be delivering pizzas? Would an architect be just as happy to cash his check if he were cleaning the septic system instead of designing buildings? What would he say when an article was written about him being “selfish” or “not a team player” for arguing about the new assignment?

Our differences, I think, are fewer than our similarities. As a recovered alcoholic, I am in the strange position to actually grasp what’s eating these guys. They might sound insane to the bulk of society, but don’t we parrot the same behavior and demands on a smaller scale.

Boston Red Sox outfielder Carl Everett exploded on the field last year after “he was disrespected” by an umpire. Umpire Ronald Kulpa asked Everett to stand inside the batter’s box, as the opposing team had complained that Everett had been rubbing out the lines with his foot and standing outside the batter’s box. Everett picked up a ten game suspension and terrified the 30+ thousand fans that watched his meltdown. Joe Shmoe on the street can’t grasp why a guy would blow up like that, and assumes he must be out of his mind. I totally related to the incident, and said a prayer for ol’ Carl to get some professional help.

Let’s have some fun and do what alcoholics do best—take someone else’s inventory! Okay, I’m Carl Everett, doing a tenth step. Since I’m feeling pretty sick, (as I just humiliated myself not only in front of the fans, but on national television and on “family day” no less) I’d better write it out, a phone call to my pal, Terry probably won’t be enough.

***I am resentful at:  
Umpire Ron Kulpa  
The Cause  
Disrespected me in  
front of fans.***

***Affects  
Security (Fear), self  
esteem, pride, personal rela-  
tions, ambition***

Okay, Carl, you’ve said your piece, now let’s refer to page 67 in the book Alcoholics Anonymous, to see *your part* in this deal.

Where might you have a tinge of selfishness here? What is it that

you want, Carl?

*I want respect. I want to behave the way I want with impunity. I want my way.*

Good, Carl. How about the dishonesty? Is there a lie in there somewhere, what’s the truth of the situation?

*Dishonest, huh...well...I holding Ron responsible for my feelings of not being respected, when in fact, it isn’t just respect I want, but preferential treatment based on who I think I am. I want the rules to be different for me. The big lie, I guess, is telling myself that all would be just dandy if this jerk hadn’t done that. I’m also taking this personally when the guy is just enforcing the same rule on me that everyone else has to follow.*

Carl...you are really impressing me. How are you self-seeking in this resentment?

*I blamed Ron Kulpa for my outburst, then I blamed the media for portraying me as a lunatic, when in reality I set the ball rolling with my behavior. I refused to accept responsibility for my actions and played the victim.*

Carl, there might be hope for you, buddy. I know you have it in you, now what’s the fear?

*Hmmm...I must be terrified, based on my behavior. I’m afraid of not being respected, financial insecurity, people’s opinions, not getting my own way, not having control.*

Boy it’s fun to take other people’s inventory. I wonder what spiritual price tag this is going to carry.

# BOOKIE BOARD

If you are the bookie for your home group and wish to have your number posted here, please call or write to the Intergroup Office. This is a great way to learn who the Bookies are for other groups and to get your number out to others!!

Upton Capertown: (Sat. 1:30pm)  
Cindy S. (508) 752-9000

How It Works (Worcester): (Sat 6:45pm)  
Dayna (508) 752-9000

How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm)  
David C. (508) 752-9000

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)  
Carol Y. or Ricky B. (508) 752-9000

4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm)  
John Y. (508) 752-9000

Way Of Sobriety (Worcester) (Sun 10:00 am)  
Debbie P. (508) 752-9000

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00 am)  
Tom S. (508) 752-9000

Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm)  
Gill B. (508) 752-9000

Starting Anew (Holliston) (Wed. 8:00pm)  
Elaine K. (508) 752-9000

GOYA (Whitinsville) (Thurs. 8:00pm)  
Mike H. (508) 752-9000  
Marybeth N. (508) 752-9000

Worcester Young People (Tues. 7:30pm)  
Tom B. (508) 752-9000

Hudson Straight Shooters (Thurs. 8:00pm)  
Brian B. (508) 752-9000

Hudson Sunday Best (Sunday 7:30pm)  
David B. (508) 752-9000

Millis Fellowship (Thurs. 8:00pm)  
Bill G. (508) 752-9000

Douglas Maintenance and Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)  
Paul P. (508) 752-9000

Top Of The Hill (Wed. 8:00pm)  
Jeanne M. (508) 752-9000

Webster Joy of Living (Mon. 8:00pm)  
Harry (508) 752-9000

Hudson Townline (Sat. 8:00pm)  
Bob G. (508) 752-9000

Greendale Group (Worcester Fri. 8:30pm)  
Paul H. (508) 752-9000

Putnam Young People's (Putnam, CT Fri. 8:00pm)  
Keith K. (508) 752-9000

Northboro Sat. Morning (Sat. 10am)  
Adam S. (508) 752-9000

Westboro Sunday Morning (Sunday 11-noon)  
Jim L. (508) 752-9000

Upton Spirit (Wednesday)  
Amy L. (508) 752-9000

Groton Easy Duz It (Tuesday 7:30pm)  
Joe F. (508) 752-9000

Early Risers (Worcester Sun 10am)  
Dayle (508) 752-9000

Leominster Original (Mon 7:45-9:00pm)  
James S. (508) 752-9000

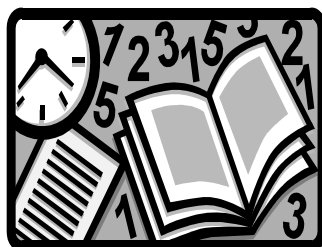
Clinton Shamrocks (Tues. 7:15p-8:30pm)  
Cheryl D. (508) 752-9000

Aurora Group (6:45pm-8pm)  
Joanne K. (508) 752-9000  
leave message

New Way Of Life ( Mon. 7pm-8pm)  
Audrey M. (508) 752-9000

Sherborn Wednesday Night (Wed 8pm-9:15pm)  
Debbie C. (508) 752-9000

7AM Group (daily)  
Alan S. (508) 752-9000



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**NEW!!!**  
<http://www.aaworcester.org>

**Office Hours:**  
Monday 10am-2pm  
Tuesday 10am-8pm  
Wednesday 10am-8pm  
Thursday 10am-8pm  
Friday 10am-2pm  
Saturday 9am-2pm  
Sunday CLOSED

## MEETING CHANGES & ANNIVERSARIES

*Is your meeting changing time or location? Closing? New Meeting starting? Let us know!! Send the information to the Intergroup Office and it will go into The Beacon, the next update of the Meeting List and updated on our web site!!*



**CHANGE!!** Worcester Happy Destiny Mondays 7:00pm-8:30pm Bethany Congregational Church .

**NEW!!** Sober Pride (gay open discussion ) Meeting Sundays from 6pm to 7pm at 275 Main St. Webster.

**NEW!!** A New Way Of Life open speaker Meeting Mondays 7pm-8pm at the Trinitarian Church, Route 32, Gilbertville.

**CHANGE!!** It's About Time Mondays in Worcester will now meet from 7pm to 8:30pm.

**CHANGE!!** Fridaya night meeting st Assumption College is now in La Maison, Main Building, 2nd floor.

**CHANGE!!** The Holdan Group Thursday night meeting will be changing their meeting time from 8:30-9:30pm to 8:00-9:00pm beginning in September.

### Bookie Meeting

There will be a Bookie Exchange Meeting on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2001 at the Intergroup Office, 100 Grove St., Suite 309, Worcester. The exchange will begin at 6:30pm and will be available until 7:45pm.

Coffee and Munchies will be served. Come and fill up those blank spots!!!

### PROPOSED INTERGROUP MEETING TIMELINE

#### June 2001 to May 2002

**September 13, 2001** - Outreach from Area 30 Corrections Committee

**October 11, 2001** - Outreach from Area 30 Literature Committee.

**November 8, 2001**- Thanksgiving Alcathon Drawing. Outreach from Area 30 Grapevine Committee.

**December 13, 2001** - Christmas

and New Years Alcathon Drawings. Outreach from the Area 30 CPC Committee

**January 10, 2002** - Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Outreach from Area 30 Public Information Committee

**February 14, 2002** - Nominations Committee appointed

**March 14, 2002** - Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpersons

**April 11, 2002** - Elections and appointments

**May 9, 2002** - New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on

# SERVICE MEETINGS

## INTERGROUP

**Steering Committee**  
 St. Joan of Arc Church  
 570 Lincoln St.  
 Worcester  
 2nd Thursday  
 6:15pm

**Intergroup Delegates**  
 St. Joan of Arc Church  
 570 Lincoln St.  
 Worcester  
 2nd Thursday  
 7:00pm

**Public Information**  
 Intergroup Office  
 100 Grove St. # 309  
 Worcester  
 2nd Monday  
 7:00pm

**Joint Treatment**  
 Intergroup Office  
 100 Grove St. # 309  
 Worcester  
 2nd Monday  
 7:00pm

**Corrections**  
 Intergroup Office  
 100 Grove St. # 309  
 Worcester  
 TBA

**Social Committee**  
 Intergroup Office  
 100 Grove St. # 309  
 Worcester  
 1st Monday  
 6:30pm

**Beacon Committee**  
 Intergroup Office  
 100 Grove St. # 309  
 Worcester  
 TBA

## DISTRICT

**District 25 (GSR's)**  
 St. Joan of Arc Church  
 570 Lincoln St.  
 Worcester  
 1st Tuesday  
 7:30pm

## AREA 30

**Eastern Mass. General Service Committee**  
 St. John's  
 80 Mt. Auburn  
 Watertown  
 4th Wednesday  
 8:00pm

**Grapevine Committee**  
 Boston Central Service  
 368 Congress St. Lower Level  
 Boston  
 4th Sunday  
 1:00pm-3:00pm

**CPC Committee**  
 Boston Central Service  
 368 Congress St. Lower Level  
 Boston  
 2nd Thursday  
 7:00pm

**Joint Treatment Facilities**  
 St. Luke's  
 950 East St.  
 Dedham  
 3rd Friday  
 8:00pm

**Archives Committee**  
 St. John's  
 80 Mt. Auburn  
 Watertown  
 3rd Thursday  
 7:30pm



*I am responsible....*

**Literature Committee**  
 Carter Methodist Church  
 800 Highland Ave.  
 Needham  
 1st Monday  
 7:30pm

**Corrections Committee**  
 Boston Central Service  
 368 Congress St. Lower Level  
 Boston  
 4th Thursday  
 7:00pm

**Public Information**  
 Boston Central Service  
 368 Congress St. Lower Level  
 Boston  
 1st Thursday  
 7:00pm

## ***Responsibility Declaration***

*I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible*

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Worcester Area Intergroup

100 Grove Street Suite 309

Worcester, MA 01605

ATTN: Beacon

Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup

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

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.