

# THE BEACON

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## TRADITION ONE

**Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity.**

From the Traditions Checklist

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?



6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
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## 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.

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### Deadline....

.....for information to go into the February issue of The Beacon is January 28th, 2000. Information can be sent to :

Worcester Area Intergroup  
100 Grove St., Suite 309  
Worcester, MA 01605

or e-mailed to:

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**Step 1:** We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.



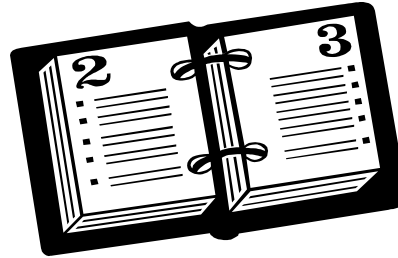
## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*Area 30 Kick-off Assembly will be held on January 9, 2000 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 484 Lancaster St (Rt. 117) in Leominster beginning at 9:00am. It will be hosted by District 26 and all interested AA's are welcomed.

\* The 37th MA State AA Convention Planning Committee will meet on January 25, 2000 at St. Ann's Church at 652 Main St (rt. 12) N. Oxford at 7:30pm. Come help us make the next Convention a success!

\* Worcester Area Intergroup's Social Committee will be hosting a Sober Dance on February 5, 2000 at 8pm. It will be held at the Tuttle Post in Auburn, MA. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office

or at the door. Teens are welcomed, but the Dance is appropriate for young children.



\* NECYPAA X will hold their annual Conference on February 3-6, 2000 at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Burlington, VT. The theme this year is "Walking Toward Serenity". Contact John H. (chairperson) for more info at

\* The International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 29-July 2, 2000. The theme this year will be "Pass It On - Into the 21st Century". Registration forms are available at the Intergroup Office.

\* 14th Annual Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held at the Ramada Inn Rolling Green in Andover on March 17, 18 and 19,2000. For more information call Penny P.



## 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 Rich M. at [redacted] or leave a message for him at the Intergroup

Office if you can fill any of these slots.

**Treatment / Corrections** is looking for groups to fill the many new commitments that are coming up soon. If you can help, please call Robbie at [redacted]

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## STEERING COMMITTEE

- Chairperson** - Will C.
- Vice Chair** - Brandy H.
- Secretary** - Joanne O.
- Treasurer** - Maura Z.
- Assistant Treasurer** - Roseanne C.
- Trustees** - Joe H., Peg B., Kimball M., Ron C.



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.





# SERVICE MEETINGS:

## INTERGROUP / DISTRICT 25

### Steering Committee

St. Matthews Church  
695 Southbridge St.  
Worcester

4th Thursday  
6:15pm

### Intergroup Delegates

St. Matthews Church  
695 Southbridge St.  
Worcester

4th Thursday  
7:00pm

### Public Information

Intergroup Office  
100 Grove St. # 309  
Worcester

2nd Monday  
7:00pm

### Joint Treatment / Corrections

Intergroup Office  
100 Grove St. # 309  
Worcester

2nd Tuesday  
7:00pm

### 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

### 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

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# SPECIAL NEEDS

Do you know of a deaf person in need of a signed meeting? Network with others in the area with the same needs! Call Cathy C. at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf AA

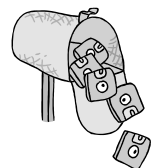
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members.

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!!

Charlton Courage To Change meeting is signed for the deaf and hearing impaired. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church, Rt. 31&20 in Charlton.



# INSIDE INFORMATION

## 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 and would also have any donation receipts sent to them. 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.

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See back page for subscription form or pick up forms at the Intergroup Office.

## 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.

Please fill out this form and return it to:  
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# THIS AND THAT

## Archives

District 25 Archives Committee is looking for donations of articles and books depicting the history of AA in this area. If you have something that you would like to donate, please call Tina (District 25 Archives Chair) at [REDACTED]

## Meeting Changes and Anniversaries

Is your meeting changing time or location? Closing? New Meeting starting? Having an Anniversary?

Let us know!! Send the information to the Intergroup Office

## Worcester Area Intergroup

### Office Hours:

Monday	10am-2pm
Tuesday	10am-8pm
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-2pm
Saturday	9am-2pm
Sunday	CLOSED

### ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup  
<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

A A General Service Office  
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

## Hello.

My name is Ken W. I am the new chair of the CPC Committee for district 25. CPC stands for **Co-operation with Professional Community**. My job is to contact professionals (doctors, lawyers, courts, police, etc) who may want or need information on what AA is, is not, and how it may be useful to them and/or their clients or people they may have contact with.

If you know of a professional person who could use this information, please contact me at:  
days [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



## FROM THE EDITOR

Ok...we've been around a whole year now....time to start doing some fine tuning.

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Some of you will

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notice a Renewal Letter attached to this issue.

Yup, it's that time already!! The renewals have already started coming in, but we're enclosing reminders for those we haven't gotten yet.

Yes, they're early. We want you to have plenty of time to get your form sent in to the Intergroup Office.

Thank you for a wonderful year... and stay tuned for more news and information from us here at The Beacon!!

Brandy H.  
Beacon Editor

## GROUP BOOKIES

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)  
Neil R. [REDACTED]

How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm)  
David C. [REDACTED]

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)  
Tim S. [REDACTED]

4 Corners (Worcester): ( Wed. 8:00pm)  
Jay B. [REDACTED]

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00am)  
Tom [REDACTED]

Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm)  
Howie C. [REDACTED]

Webster Joy Of Living ( Mon. 8:00pm)  
Linda D. [REDACTED]



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Worcester, MA 01605  
ATTN: Beacon

Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup