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Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

Anyone with sobriety and desire to get active on a higher level is welcome to show up at the next Intergroup Meeting on May, 9th 2013. There may be a number of service positions available and your service will be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Marc B., Treatment Committee chair, is currently in talks with the new Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital attempting to bring meetings into the facility. Discussed was the possibility of having a meeting on Tuesdays at either 6:30—7:30 or 7:30—8:30 pm. And a meeting on Saturday afternoons either 1:15—2:15 or 2:15-3:15 pm. Any groups interested in more information are encouraged to contact Marc at treatment@aaworcester.org.

Kathleen C., Social Committee chair, is looking into the possibility of having another outing at the Breezy Picnic Grounds and Waterslides in Douglas Ma. Last year we were blessed with fabulous weather and a good turnout for this event and fun was had by all. Keep an eye out for more information and possible flyers for this event.

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.*



**On-Line 12 Steps &
12 Traditions, Arti-
cles, and Tradition
Checklists**

www.aagrapevine.org

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.

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

- 1: Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
- 2: Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
- 3: Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
- 4: Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
- 5: Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
- 6: Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

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Concept 5 : Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” out to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Are you willing to carry the message to an alcoholic in need?

Are you willing to help an alcoholic in need? The intergroup delegates are working to devise an updated list of people willing to volunteer for “12 Step calls”. This information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and only be used by the HALT line chair and other appropriate individuals. Please complete the “12 Step Volunteer Application” on page 5 and return to your groups Intergroup representative or drop of at the Intergroup office. You may also mail the completed application to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St, Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

Up coming AA related events

5-4-13 St. Anne's in Shrewsbury (rt. 9) 9:30 am—2:30 pm 2nd Annual District 25 Roundup.

Stay tuned for more information to come.

5-5-13 Webster Triton will be holding their 48th Anniversary

Food and fellowship 6-7 with meeting to follow 7-8:30 pm

Greek orthodox 35 Lake parkway Webster Ma.

6-1-13 Grand Ballroom Lantana , Randolph Ma.

72nd Annual Dinner Dance & Meeting. Of Alcoholics Anonymous

Tickets \$40 per person First come First Served.

Sponsored by Central Service Committee, A.A.

6-2-13 Area 30 Post Conference Assmebly

Hosted by districts 18 & 19

9am—4pm Coolidge Hall Topsfield Fairgrounds

Rt 1 Topsfield Ma. Check out aaemass.org for more info.

6-7-9-13 78th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous Akron Ohio

For more info go to www.akronaao.org

6-7th-9th-13 in Cromwell Ct. the next N.E.R.F. (Northeast Regional Forum) will be held.

For more information on upcoming A.A. related events please check out the following websites,

aaworcester.org

aadistrict26.org

aaemass.org

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.

Corrections Committee Report. Lt. Peter Bove has been named the new volunteer services co-coordinator @ the W.C.H.C. As a result of the change all AA volunteers, who were on the approved volunteer list, are unable to visit the WCHC for commitments until re-applying for approval. Filling out a new CORI form. Once approved an orientation for volunteer service must be completed. Approved volunteers must also schedule an appt. for obtaining a picture ID for admittance. A yearly review will be done. New applications will be available shortly.

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New Meeting Info.. New Meeting Info,,New Meeting Info...New Meeting Info...

Grapevine Group, O.D. 7:30—8:30 pm Thursday @ the Congregational Church on the Barre Common in Barre Ma.

Last Sunday of every month @ 12pm @ St. Mathews Church 695 Southbridge st. Worcester Ma. In the basement . WCYPAA..... Worcester County Young Peoples In Alcoholics Anonymous.....



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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 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) _____

MAIL TO: Worcester Area Intergroup
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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.