



The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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Tradition Twelve

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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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 at...:

(508) 752-9000

Get Active

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Have Hope

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Laugh

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Be Happy

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Enjoy Life

Life

This Month in A.A. History

- December 11, 1934 - Bill W.'s sobriety date.
- December 1934 - Ebby brought Bill a copy of William James' "Varieties of Religious Experience".
- December 1938 - Twelve Steps written.
- December 1939 - Akron AAs break away from Oxford Group and begin meeting at Dr. Bob's house



"...A smile can make someone's day..."

Group Anniversary

Worcester Gratitude

Is celebrating it's 2nd Anniversary!

Sunday

December 7, 2003

5:00 - 6:30pm * **Food & Fellowship**

7:00pm * **Speakers & Raffle**

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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.
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Upcoming Events

January 11	Area 30 Kick-Off Assembly. Hosted by District 7. South Shore Regional Voc Tech High School, 478 Webster Street, Hanover, MA. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area Officers are responsible to attend. All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org
February 27 - 29	NERASSA 2004 - Nashua, NH - Call Nashua Area Service Office for more info [REDACTED]
March 21	Area 30 Pre-Conference Assembly. Hosted by Districts 15 & 16. Site TBD. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area Officers are responsible to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org
May 16	Area 30 Post Conference Assembly. Hosted by District 26. Site TBD. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area <u>Officers</u> are responsible to attend. All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org
June 24 - 27	34th Maryland State Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous - For more info, please email... stateconvention@marylandaa.org
September 12	Area 30 Workshop Assembly. Hosted by Districts 12 & 13. Site TBD. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area Officers are responsible to attend. All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org

Hi-Noon Group

<u>New Location</u>	<u>Christmas Party</u>
As of December 1, 2003 the "Hi-Noon Group" will meet at their new location @ Notre Dame Church - 5 Salem Square (side entrance off Franklin Street).	The annual "Hi-Noon Group" Christmas Party will be held on December 19, 2003 during the regular meeting, at their new location.

Attention!

Westboro area A.A. Meetings

Spectrum Transitional program (154 Oak Street Westboro, Ma) needs help with getting clients to meetings. These are people who will be released soon and need the hand of A.A. to help them learn about A.A. meetings. (what A.A. can and cannot do)

If you have a car and are willing to help out on any night of the week, Please call....:

Ellen McQ.
(Treatment Facility Chairperson)
(508) 752-9000
(Intergroup# listed)

Deadline!

For Information to go into the
JANUARY issue of
"The Beacon"
Submissions must be
Received by December 12, 2003.

Mail your information to the
Intergroup office, or
Email "The Beacon" staff at
AABeacon@netscape.net

"...to keep it, we must give it away..."

Service Meetings

Intergroup/District 25/District 26

<p><u>Steering Committee</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 6:15pm</p>	<p><u>Intergroup Delegates</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Public Information</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Monday 7:00pm</p>
<p><u>Joint Treatment</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 3rd Saturday 10am</p> <p><i>Will not meet until further notice!</i></p>	<p><u>Joint Corrections</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>	<p><u>Social Committee</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester TBA</p>
<p><u>District 25 - CPC Committee</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><u>District 25 (GSR's)</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 1st Tuesday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>District 26 (GSR's)</u> Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1st Thursday 7-9pm</p>

Area 30

<p><u>Eastern Mass. General Service Committee</u> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown In December, will meet on the 17th - 3rd Wednesday!</p>	<p><u>Grapevine Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Sunday 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>	<p><u>CPC Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Joint Treatment Facilities</u> St. Luke's 950 East St. Dedham 3rd Friday 8:00pm</p>
<p><u>Archives Committee</u> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 3rd Thursday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Literature Committee</u> Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham 1st Monday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Corrections Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Thursday</p>	<p><u>Joint Public Information</u> 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	Harry H.	(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	TBD	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Young People	7:30 – 9:00 pm	TBD	(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	TBD	(508) 752-9000

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<i>Thursday</i>	Douglas	Maintenance &	7:00 – 8:00 pm	Paul P. ← <i>New Bookie</i>	(508) 752-9000
	Dudley	Day at a Time	8:30 – 10:00 pm	TBD	(508) 752-9000
	Holden	Holden	8:00 - 9:00 pm	Mike K.	(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	Fred S.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	How it Works	6:45 – 8:00 pm	Happy C.	(508) 752-9000

***** Group Updates Needed!! *****

If your group is not listed, or your group has “TBD” (To be Determined) as part of it’s bookie information, please get your updates to the Beacon staff by emailing them to AABeacon@netscape.net, or calling the Intergroup office at (508) 752-9000 and let them know you have a Bookie Board update.

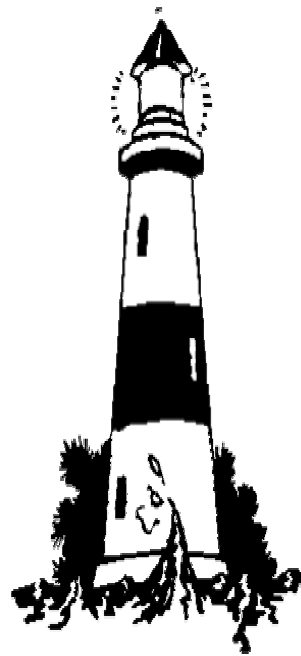
2004 InterGroup Timeline

January 8	Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Intergroup Office Inventory
February 12	Nominations Committee appointed
March 11	Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpersons
April 8	Elections and appointments
May 13	New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on
June 10	New Officers and Committee chairs begin term of office; Meeting times for the year established
October 14	Slots for Thanksgiving Alcathon drawn
November 11	Slots for the Christmas and New Years Alcathons drawn

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

2003 Alcathon Information

(District 25)

Christmas Alcathon

Start Time : 6:00 pm December 24, 2003
End Time : Midnight December 25, 2003

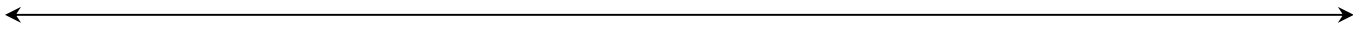
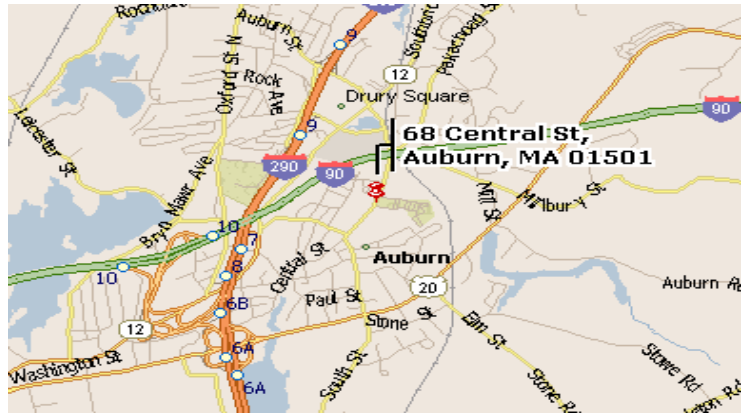
New Year's Alcathon

Start Time : Noon December 31, 2003
End Time : Midnight January 1, 2004

Attention GSR's!!
New Year's Slots to be drawn on December 11th!

All (District 25) Alcathons will be held at:

**St Edmund of Canterbury
Chapel
68 Central Street
Auburn, MA**



Amateur Night

Many of us have made many resolutions over the course of our lives. We promise to improve a part of our lives that needs it, or to diminish a negative side. We make these pledges with every intention of following through with them, only to reverse our pledge in very little time, sometimes, within 24 hours of making them. How many of us can deny having pledged, during our drinking days, to *never drink again*? Not too many, I would imagine.

With a new year dawning soon, many of us, even some of us *old-timers*, may make some pledges and promises to work the Twelve Steps more vigorously in the year to come. We promise to be more attentive to our newcomers, and to allow our minds to become more open to accepting others as they are, and in turn, making us better people. We vow to be better members of our home groups, and maybe finally raise our hands as we volunteer at some level of service outside of our groups. Yes, this year we will be more active, we promise ourselves.

With such thoughts, I have to focus on what is the real issue, and what it is that I can do to better myself. In using this approach, I find that the only "pledge" that works in my current life of sobriety, are those that I make for today, and today only. And even then, "pledges" can be fodder for anticipated life improvements that may never rise. My sponsor says it's best to resist making too many promises, or pledges to ones self or others. Instead, live the Twelve Steps to the best of your ability, and you will see, in time, the only Promises you need to be aware of are in the Big Book, on pages 83 and 84.

Imagine that? Instead of me making a host of false promise's, if I pick up the tools of this program, and work and live the Twelve Steps to the best of my ability, some of the greatest promises ever envisioned will be *given to me!* I should not expect them, but I do need to work and pray for them. The fruits of my labors, for the new life that I will have, are in writing for me to cherish and a goal that I may achieve if I honestly work this simple program of recovery.

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Address _____

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*)

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Many of us have troubles around the holidays that were big drinking events for us in our past lives. My first sponsor put it best for my little pea-brain to understand. He would ask "Did you get drunk on Groundhogs' Day?". I would say something witty like "Huh?". "Then why worry about New Year's Eve?", he would continue, "It's just another day, just like any other day". I've carried those words around with me for the past 17+ years, and although the thought is a basic concept, it works for me, and I pass it on whenever I get a chance; *Live for today & Live in today.*

So as we all begin to celebrate the beginning of a new year, let's not forget, that as sober alcoholics living the Steps of Recovery this program offers us, each day is a new beginning and another chance for a grateful and happy life. Why wait until a new year is upon us? We can start our life over again, every day, at any time, if we're willing.

Have a Happy New Day!

Charlie W.

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.)