

The Newsletter from
Worcester Area Intergroup By AA
members for AA members.

Well, here we are a year later. I'm looking for new ideas for the Y2K issues of The Beacon. Are you happy with it the way it is, or is there something you feel might be done differently? Shall we keep doing the Traditions Checklist each month? What about new features? Perhaps someone would like to write an article each month on AA history in this area? Let me know!! Look inside for ways to contact me. Thanks for a great Beacon year.....I'm looking forward to the coming year.

Brandy H.
Beacon Editor

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] for more information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf AA 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!!

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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

TRADITION Twelve

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to *me* if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition – or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

AAs' behavior – especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?

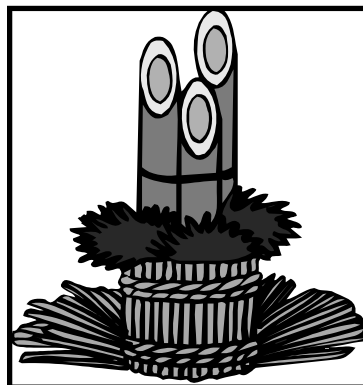
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?

10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?

11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?

12. What is the real importance of *me* among more than a million AAs?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

* 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 [REDACTED]

* 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 in Andover next year. Planning Committee information and directions to the planning meeting are available at the Intergroup office.



Attention!!

Due to the timing of the Holidays this year, the following changes have been made:

Area 30 Committee Meeting will be held on the **THIRD** Wednesday of December.

Intergroup Delegates Meeting will be held on the **THIRD** Thursday of December.

Also please note that the Intergroup Office will be **closed** Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Meeting Changes

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!!

New Beginnings in Hopedale, Thursday at 10am has been dissolved.

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.



Group Anniversaries

If your Group would like to announce their Anniversary in The Beacon, Please call the Intergroup Office during their normal business hours.

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]

Several of our Intergroup Committees are in need of help. If you have one day a month you could devote to helping out on a Committee, please ask you Intergroup Delegate or call the Intergroup Office for more information.

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

Boston Central Service
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Boston
1st Thursday
7:00pm

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.

It's Alcathon Time!!!!

All alcathons this year will be held at St. Matthews' Church at the corner of Southbridge and Cambridge streets. If your group has not picked a slot yet, you can still get involved. The open time slots will be available at the next District meeting and at the Intergroup Office. Stop in or call and get your group involved!!!

Christmas

Noon on Dec 24th until Midnight on Dec 25th
Chairperson Enzo H.

New Years

Noon on Dec 31st until Midnight on January 1st
Chairperson Enzo H.

We have been asked to stress that there are no **bad** time slots to pick, they are **all** important!!

If you are interested in helping out with refreshments for the Christmas or New Years Alcathons, please call Joanne O. at [REDACTED]

We need everyone to get involved!! The alcathons are often the first place a newcomer hears about the great changes recovery has made in our lives. Sometimes the first place someone get a glimmer of hope. And it's always fun to be there and spend the Holidays with our AA friends!!!! I'm sure both alcathons could use help in setting up and cleaning up, too!!!

ONLINE....

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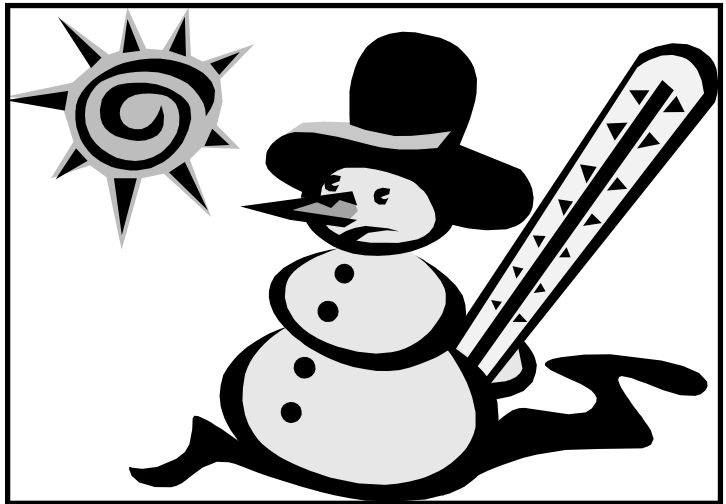
Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office

<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

Happy Holidays from the Beacon Staff!!

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.



Commitment Exchange

The next Commitment Exchange will be held at the Intergroup Office on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Come and meet with other area Bookies and get your calendar filled!! Coffee and munchies will be available.

Step 12: Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.



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)
Neil R. [REDACTED]

How It Works (Worcester): (Sat. 6:45pm)
Rich O. [REDACTED] (beeper)

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]

Greendale: (Fri. 8:30pm)
Jeanne [REDACTED]

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

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

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

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]



Deadline....

.....for information to go into the December issue of The Beacon is December 17th, 1999. Information can be sent to :
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or e-mailed to: [REDACTED]
(please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

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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]

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