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H.A.L.T.LINE NEWS

The Haltline currently has a few open hours available for anyone with a year or more of continuous sobriety (recommended), a touch tone or cell phone, a meeting list and an hour of their time. A great way to get active. Most calls are people seeking someone to talk with or simply listen to them and assist with meeting information. You are not obligated to go any further. Also, your number does not get passed along to the callers. The call is forwarded to you.

If interested, please email haltline@aaworcester.org for more information and they will be happy to help you get started. Even if the slots are filled there are always slots for alternates.

The Holiday seasons are fast approaching and that means the Alcathons for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years will be here before we know it. The Alcathons will be held at St. Johns church on Temple street in Worcester Ma. 36 hrs of continuous meetings starting 12 pm Wednesday, November 21st, Thanksgiving eve straight thru to midnight Thanksgiving day.

District 26 is also having a Thanksgiving day Alkathon from 8am to 9pm At the Unitarian Church 15 West st. Leominster Ma.

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 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out.

TRADITION 11: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

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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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

The 49th Annual Mass State Convention will be held at the Sheraton in Framingham from Friday, November 09 to Sun November 11. Registration fee is \$20.00 at the door and open registration begins at 2 pm Friday. Please see the flyer on the W.A.I. website at aaworcester.org for more information.

Wednesday, November 21st 12 pm to 12 am Friday November 23rd the Thanksgiving Day Alcathon takes place at St. John's Church on Temple st. in Worcester Ma.

Thursday, November 22nd 8 am to 9 pm District 26 is holding their Thanksgiving Day Alcathon at the Unitarian Church 15 West st. Leominster Ma.

Saturday, December 8th, 2012 Saint Anthony's of Padua hall 14 Phoenix St., Shirley Ma. District 26 will be holding a Winter Breakfast from 9 am to noon. Tickets are \$8.00. Please go to District 26 website at aamassd26.org for more info.

Every 4th Thursday of the month Lynn S. (District 25 Grapevine rep) has a meeting at the Intergroup office for anyone wishing to get active and learn more of what the Grapevine is all about. Meeting begins at 6:30pm.

New Meeting..

Closed Women's Discussion

Friday 7:30—8:30pm

Good Shepherd Church

183 W. Main St.

Westborough Ma.

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SLOT#	DATE	TIME	GROUP
1	Wed. 11/21	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	
2	Wed. 11/21	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Seven AM Group
3	Wed. 11/21	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Crozier
4	Wed. 11/21	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Webster Triton
5	Wed. 11/21	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	
6	Wed. 11/21	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Auburn Happy Hour
7	Wed. 11/21	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	
8	Wed. 11/21	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Worcester Young People
9	Wed. 11/21	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Rebound
10	Wed. 11/21	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Courage to Change
11	Wed. 11/21	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	
12	Wed. 11/21	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Westside
13	Thurs. 11/22	12:00 am - 1:00 am	Douglas Maintenance and Repair
14	Thurs. 11/22	1:00 am - 2:00 am	Eternal Vigilance
15	Thurs. 11/22	2:00 am - 3:00 am	
16	Thurs. 11/22	3:00 am - 4:00 am	Hudson Second Chance
17	Thurs. 11/22	4:00 am - 5:00 am	
18	Thurs. 11/22	5:00 am - 6:00 am	There is Hope

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19	Thurs. 11/22	6:00 am - 7:00 am	
20	Thurs. 11/22	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Saturday Big Book Step Study
21	Thurs. 11/22	8:00 am - 9:00 am	
22	Thurs. 11/22	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Shrewsbury Sunday Morning
23	Thurs. 11/22	10:00 am - 11:00 am	
24	Thurs. 11/22	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Daybreaker
25	Thurs. 11/22	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	
26	Thurs. 11/22	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Westboro Forge
27	Thurs. 11/22	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Southbridge Original
28	Thurs. 11/22	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Wednesday Big Book Step Study - Worc
29	Thurs. 11/22	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Greendale
30	Thurs. 11/22	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Quinsig
31	Thurs. 11/22	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dudley Day At A Time
32	Thurs. 11/22	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Key to Freedom
33	Thurs. 11/22	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Fellowship - Worcester
34	Thurs. 11/22	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Millbury Traditions
35	Thurs. 11/22	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	
36	Thurs. 11/22	11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Millbury Center Step

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.

THE GRAPEVINE: AA's meeting in print IS IN TROUBLE! PLEASE HELP BY PURCHASING A SUBSCRIPTION!

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Meeting change... Meeting change... Meeting change...Meeting change...

The following two meetings are being cancelled due to lack of attendance.

Thursday. ODYP Recovery Lifestyle—Recovery Center, 25 Pleasant st. 3:30—4:30pm.

Friday. ODYP Recovery Lifestyle—Recovery Center, 25 Pleasant st. 12:00—1:00 pm.



Subscription Form

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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.