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December 2015

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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.

I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere,
Reaches out for help, I want
The hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that, I am responsible.

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?
8. Do I complain about certain 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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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 event you would like publicized.

Electronic format flyers accepted.

Please email information to the **Office Manager** at: webmaster@aaworcester.org

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Shrewsbury Sunday Morning meeting will be at SAC Park , 438 Lake St., Shrewsbury 10:00 to 11:00 am for November and December 2015.

Congratulations to the following people elected at the November Intergroup Meeting for 2016:

Alternate Chairperson: Brandy H.
 Alternate Treasurer: Mike D. (6 month Interim)
 Secretary: Bob S.
 Trustees: Bob L. (automatic), Nicole G., John B., Anne G.
 Website: John H.
 Alcathon: Don K.
 Beacon: Brandy H.
 Corrections: OPEN
 HALTline: Dot B.
 Area 30 Liaison: Marc B. (Interim)
 District 25 Liaison: Nicole G.
 District 26 Liaison: Bob S.
 Public Information: OPEN
 Social Committee: Ellen McQ.

NERAASA 2016!!

"Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts"

February 26, 27, 28, 2016

www.neraasa2016.org

Sheraton Monarch Place / Springfield Marriot—Springfield, MA

Pre-registration deadline January 27, 2016

On-site Registration February 26, 2016

Kick-off `Redball` Meeting Thursday, February 25, 2016 8:00pm



Worcester Area Intergroup / District 25 Christmas Alcathon Schedule

2015 CHRISTMAS ALCATHON

SLOT#	DATE	TIME	GROUP
1	Thur. 12/24	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Hudson Second Chance
2	Thur. 12/24	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Middy
3	Thur. 12/24	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Southbridge Original
4	Thur. 12/24	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Saturday Worcester Big Book Step Study
5	Thur. 12/24	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	As Bill Sees It
6	Thur. 12/24	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Staying Active
7	Thur. 12/24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Wednesday Worcester Big Book Step Study
8	Thur. 12/24	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Millbury Traditions
9	Thur. 12/24	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	It All Starts Here
10	Thur. 12/24	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Life Second to None
11	Thur. 12/24	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Holden Thursday Night
12	Thur. 12/24	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Dudley Day At a Time
13	Fri. 12/25	12:00 am - 1:00 am	People Helping People
14	Fri. 12/25	1:00 am - 2:00 am	Naquag Firewater
15	Fri. 12/25	2:00 am - 3:00 am	Webster Early Risers
16	Fri. 12/25	3:00 am - 4:00 am	Worcester Young People
17	Fri. 12/25	4:00 am - 5:00 am	Oxford Primary Purpose
18	Fri. 12/25	5:00 am - 6:00 am	Rebound
19	Fri. 12/25	6:00 am - 7:00 am	Greendale
20	Fri. 12/25	7:00 am - 8:00 am	High Noon
21	Fri. 12/25	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Daily Choice
22	Fri. 12/25	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Key to Freedom
23	Fri. 12/25	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Worcester Quinsig Group
24	Fri. 12/25	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	The Way Out (Worcester)
25	Fri. 12/25	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Shrewsbury Gratitude
26	Fri. 12/25	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Shrewsbury Sunday Morning
27	Fri. 12/25	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Tuesday Daily Reflections Group
28	Fri. 12/25	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Westboro Forge
29	Fri. 12/25	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Spencer Fellowship
30	Fri. 12/25	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Serenity
31	Fri. 12/25	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Eternal Vigilance
32	Fri. 12/25	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Way of Sobriety
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44 Temple Street
Worcester
MA

12/24/2015
12:00 noon
thru
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5	Thur. 12/31	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Shrewsbury Sunday Morning
6	Thur. 12/31	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Holden Thursday Night
7	Thur. 12/31	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Happy, Joyous & Free
8	Thur. 12/31	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Staying Active
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Service Meeting Schedule

NOTE:

Worcester
Area
Intergroup
Meeting

December
10th, 2015

Will be held
at:
100 Grove
Street
Worcester

4th Floor

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.*

District 25 General Service Committee—St. Joan of Arc Church, Lincoln Street Worcester, Ma meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm

District 26 General Service Committee—Local 60 Union Hall, Mechanic Street, Leominster, Ma meets first Thursday of the month 7:00pm AA members welcome— please come join us!

AREA 30 Eastern Mass. General Service Committee — Grace Vision Church 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm

Why does your group need an Intergroup Representative?

The Worcester area Intergroup has no authority of it's own but derives it from the participating groups. The representative that each group elects is the groups voice to intergroup—your link to those who maintain and operate the Intergroup Office.

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>
Chairperson	Bob L.	chair@aaworcester.org
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Liaison to District 26	Richard M.	
Liaison to Area 30	Open	

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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.

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

Ag^es 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 mail to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St. Suite 314
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