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TRADITION THREE

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

From The traditions Check-list:

1. In my mind, do I pre-judge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?



5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?

6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to

me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he has been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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Deadline....

.....for information to go into the April issue of The Beacon is March 24th, 2000. Information can be sent to :

Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 309
Worcester, MA 01605

the word "beacon" in the subject line)

INSIDE INFORMATION

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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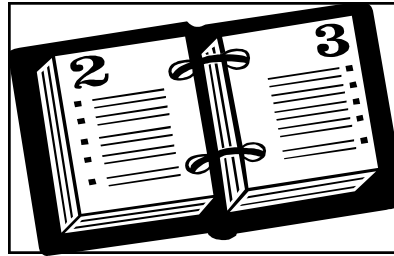
Step 3: Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*The Second Annual Eastern Mass. Women's Round-up of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held at Thayer Academy in Braintree on March 18, 2000. This one day event begins with registration at 8:30 am and features workshops, meetings and fellowship. Mail-in registration deadline is March 1st. For more information, please call Cheryl S. [REDACTED] or Brenda L. [REDACTED]. Please note: This is a closed Round-up. There are no accommodations for children.

*The Area 30 Pre-Conference Assembly will be held on March 19th, 2000 at the Franciscan Center in Andover and will be hosted by District 20. Registration begins at 9am. All GSR's, DCM's,

Area Officers and their Alternates and Committee Chairs are encouraged to attend. All interested AA's are welcome.



*The Puget Sound Jamboree in Tacoma, WA will be held on March 24-26, 2000. For more information please call the Intergroup Office.

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



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 16 hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a [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]

District 25 is currently seeking people interested in helping with our Archives and Grapevine Committees. If you are interested, please let your group's GSR know, or contact The Beacon for more details.

Several of our Intergroup and District 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, GSR or call the Intergroup Office for more information.



FROM THE EDITOR

You may have noticed an envelope and a letter attached to this month's Beacon if you receive it by mail. This is because we are updating our mailing list!!

After a full year and many revisions, it was decided to give the list a 'face-lift' and do some checking around. If you know of a group that is NOT receiving The Beacon at this time, please contact

me and we'll see to it that your group gets included.

Each month, when The Beacon arrives from the printer, two very important people help me get them addressed and folded. I'd like to thank both my Mom and my Daughter for the pleasurable times we've spent together. We've had some pretty meaningful conversations during these times and the help has

been appreciated.

Brandy H.
Beacon Editor





SERVICE MEETINGS:

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

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368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston
1st Thursday
7:00pm



SPECIAL NEEDS

Do you know of a deaf person in need of a signed meeting? Network with others in the area with



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

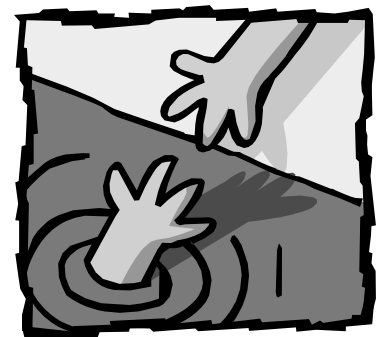
or someone you know!!

Charlton Courage To Change meeting is signed for the deaf and hearing impaired. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church, Rt. 31&20 in Charlton.

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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.



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.

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THIS AND THAT



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!!

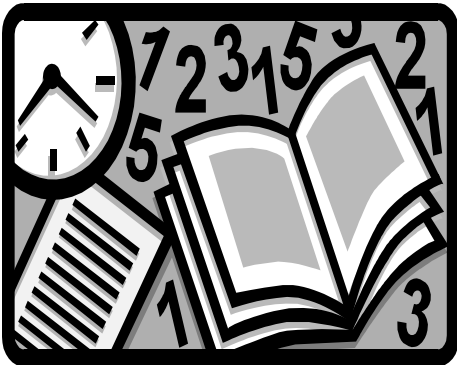
Worcester Area Intergroup
Office Hours:
 Monday 10am-2pm
 Tuesday 10am-8pm
 Wednesday 10am-8pm
 Thursday 10am-8pm
 Friday 10am-2pm
 Saturday 9am-2pm
 Sunday CLOSED

Commitment Exchange

The next Commitment Exchange will be held at the Intergroup Office on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Come and meet with other area Bookies and get your calendar filled!! Coffee and munchies will be available.

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

ONLINE....
 Worcester Area Intergroup
<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>
 A A General Service Office
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>



GROUP BOOKIES

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 [redacted]

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)
 Tim [redacted]

4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm)
 Jay B. [redacted]

Way Of Sobriety (Worcester) (Sun 10:00am)
 Debbie P. [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]

Spring Dance

The Social Committee announces that the Spring Dance will be held on April 14th, 2000 from 8pm-12am. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office or at the door. The dance will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall on Circuit Ave in Worcester and all ages are welcome. Smoking will be permitted in designated areas only.



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