

THE BEACON

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TRADITION EIGHT

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get *some* reward - even if not money - for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology?



On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on *humility*?

5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?

6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?

7. Have I paid enough attention to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*?

To the pamphlet *AA Tradition - How It Developed*?

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Deadline....
.....for information to go into the September issue of The Beacon is August 18th, 2000. Information can be sent to :

Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 309
Worcester, MA 01605
or e-mailed to:

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"beacon" in the subject line)

Social Committee Events Off to a Great Start

The rain held off till after 6 p.m., the water was warm and Breezy Picnic Grounds lived up to its name. At some points during the day you might have thought you were at "Windy" Picnic Grounds but no one was complaining as over 100 people enjoyed a sunny, summer day of food, fun and fellowship.

The grill was sizzling with the usual hamburger and hot dogs while others enjoyed steak tips, chicken shish-kebab and even ostrich and buffalo burgers. (I'm not telling who ate them - this is an anonymous program). A village of sandcastles was created by some of the younger folks and several people braved the waterslides. A few even took multiple trips down the slide.

The afternoon wound down with a raffle for two tickets to the next social committee

event: the August dance. Tuckie G. was the excited winner. Thanks to all for their help on this event. It was beyond our wildest dreams.

Step 8: Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.



UPCOMING EVENTS

*The Social Committee is hosting “Dancing Under The Stars” on August 18th 8pm – midnight at Sovittaja Park in Rutland. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the door or at the Intergroup Office.

*Extreme Bowling, sponsored by the Social Committee will be held on September 23 at 9pm. Cost is \$4.50 per string and shoe rental is free.

* There will be a Bookie Meeting on Wednesday, September 6th at 6:30 pm held at The Intergroup Office. Call

Someone who speaks Polish in the Webster area is needed to help a gentleman coming out of treatment. Please call the Intergroup Office for more details. (508) 752-9000.

Need more copies of The Beacon? Visit Worcester Area Intergroup or come to the Intergroup Delegates Meeting and pick up more. You can have the convenience of having The Beacon delivered to you!! Just \$5 will give you a one year subscription mailed to your home. Don't wait to rely on your group to have extras in stock!! See back page for subscription form or pick up forms 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 only seven hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Rich M. [redacted] or leave a message for him at the Intergroup Office.

Treatment Facilities is looking for groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. If you can help, please call Robbie at [redacted]

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved. Please leave a message at the Intergroup Office for Eric R. for more details. (508) 752-

9000.

District 25 is currently seeking people interested in helping with our Grapevine Committee. 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 your Intergroup Delegate, GSR or call the Intergroup Office for more information.

Job Opportunity

Worcester Area Intergroup is currently looking for someone to work in the office for various shifts. Please call the office between 10am and 2pm weekdays and speak to John for more information. Qualified candidates must be a sober member of AA and possess basic computer skills. (508) 752-9000.



STEERING COMMITTEE

- Chairperson – Brandy H.
- Vice Chair – Enzo H.
- Secretary – Christine T.
- Treasurer – Rose Ann C.
- Assistant Treasurer – Ron C.
- Trustees - Peg B., Kimball M., Kate G., Joanne O.

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.

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!!



SERVICE MEETINGS:

INTERGROUP / DISTRICT 25

7:00pm

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

Social Committee

Intergroup Office
100 Grove St. # 309
Worcester
2nd Thursday

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

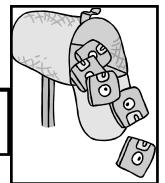
Carter Methodist Church
800 Highland Ave.
Needham
1st Monday
7:30pm

Corrections Committee

Boston Central Service
368 Congress St. Lower Level
Boston
4th Thursday
7:00pm

Public Information

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



FROM THE EDITOR

.....and I thought, when I first got sober, that there was nothing to do in sobriety but go to meetings!!! Meetings are still upfront and foremost for me, but The Social Committee has added some fun times to my sobriety. There are a lot of new events happening and I plan on going to as many as I can (without missing my meetings, of course!). The Social Committee wants to hear from you!!! E-mail us and tell us what kind of events YOU would like to see!! Their e-mail address is:

[REDACTED]

Well, the Mass State Convention is just around the corner!! Watch for more information coming up in future issues.

Did make it to Minneapolis?? We'd love to hear from you!! Please send us a short account of your experience at the International Convention!! Perhaps it will inspire others to go in 2005!!

Brandy H.
Beacon Editor

New Events

Our 2000-2001 Social Committee has made a list of proposed Social Events for this year:

August 18, 2000 – Dancing Under the Stars – Outdoor Dance Sovittaja Park – Rutland
Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door or from the Intergroup Office. Refreshments will be available.

September 11, 2000 (Saturday) – End of summer bar-b-que.
Location to be determined.

September 23, 2000 – Extreme Bowling
Auburn AMF Lanes – 9pm
\$4.50 per string – free shoe rental

October 28, 2000 (Saturday) – Halloween Dance and Costume Contest
Location to be determined.

December – Holiday Dance
Location and date to be determined.

January 6, 2001 (Saturday) – Worcester Intergroup 21st Anniversary Dinner Dance
Location to be determined.

February/March – Round-Up and Dance.

April/May – Spring Picnic.

June 10, 2001 (Sunday) – Worcester Intergroup Installation Breakfast
Location to be determined.

Meeting Timeline June 2000 to May 2001

Here's a brief look at what the Intergroup Delegates will be doing this year. We'll keep this as updated as possible, but there may be slight changes and new items brought after publication.

August 24, 2000 – Discuss meeting time change, Mission statement for Social Committee

September 28, 2000 – Alcathon Chairperson appointed

October 26, 2000 – Thanksgiving Alcathon Drawing (if the District has slots still available)

November 16, 2000 (3rd Thurs. due to Thanksgiving) – Christmas and New Years Alcathon Drawings

December 28, 2000

January 25, 2001 – Guidelines reviewed to determine if revisions are needed

February 22, 2001 – Nominations Committee appointed

March 22, 2001 – Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpeople

April 26, 2001 - Elections

May 24, 2001 – New signature cards for bank account signed

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!!

The Thursday afternoon open Discussion meeting at **50 Murray Ave.** has been discontinued.

REMINDER: **Rebound** (Worcester, Saturday Nights) will be switching to their summer hours of 7:30pm-9:00pm for July and August only.

The **Tuesday Night Big Book** meeting in Warren has closed..



THIS AND THAT

Commitment Exchange

There will be a Commitment Exchange at the Intergroup Office on September 6th. It will start at 6:45 pm and refreshments will be provided. Come and meet the other Bookies in the area and fill up those calendars!!

Group Anniversaries

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

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 are forms available from the Intergroup Office 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.

Date Set For August Dance

It's hot in the city so we're taking our dancing shoes out under the stars in the woods of Rutland.

Friday, August 18th from 8 p.m. to midnight you are invited to dance the night away at Sovittaja Park in Rutland. The Finnish temperance society built a lovely dance hall that houses a 2,000 square foot maple dance floor. The "stars" are the hundreds of Christmas lights that surround the roofline indoors. There is a separate seating area for the non-dancers and those who want to sit and enjoy a cold drink in between numbers. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. Smoking is available outside. Music for all ages will be played. It's a short drive from the Worcester area, Route 122 or 122A to Pleasantdale Road to Finn Park. Hope to see you there!

GROUP BOOKIES

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)
Cindy S. [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]

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

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

Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm)
Gill B. [REDACTED]

Starting Anew (Holliston) (Wed. 8:00pm)
Elaine K. [REDACTED]

Sutton Center Step (Mon. 6:45pm) (Outgoing Only)
Deb W. [REDACTED]

GOYA (Whitinsville) (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Bob L. [REDACTED]

Worcester Young People (Tues. 7:30pm)
Joanne O. [REDACTED]

Hudson Straight Shooters (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Brian B. [REDACTED]

Hudson Sunday Best (Sunday 7:30pm)
David B. [REDACTED]

Webster Triton (Sun. 7:30pm)
Kevin K. [REDACTED]

Millis Fellowship (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Bill G. (508) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)
Melissa A. [REDACTED]

Top Of The Hill (Wed. 8:00pm)
Jeanne M. [REDACTED]

Webster Joy of Living (Mon. 8:00pm)
Ken M. [REDACTED]

Hudson Townline (Sat. 8:00pm)
Tom C. [REDACTED]

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

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Worcester, MA 01605
ATTN: Beacon

Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup

Guideline Update

At our last Delegates Meeting, we approved all proposed guideline changes in the second of two required consecutive votes. If you have questions about any of the changes, please call Brandy at [REDACTED] and she'll be glad to answer any questions. Just a reminder to Committee Chairpeople....this means you MUST have a written report at each Intergroup Delegates' Meeting, whether or not you will be there. This is the only fair way to insure that the groups are kept informed of what's going on in the Worcester Area with your committee.

ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup
<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office
<http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

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 [REDACTED]

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Office Hours:

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| Thursday | 10am-8pm |
| Friday | 10am-2pm |
| Saturday | 9am-2pm |