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TRADITION SEVEN

Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and pris-



ons?

4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

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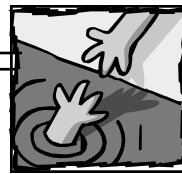
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Deadline....
.....for information to go into the August issue of The Beacon is July 21st, 2000. Information can be sent to :

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

(please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

SPECIAL SERVICES



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]

[redacted] 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!!



*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.

*Northboro How It Works is hosting their Annual Chicken Barbeque on

July 5th. Food will be served at 7:30pm with the meeting to follow at 8pm.

*The Social Committee is hosting the first Social event of our new year at Breezy Picnic Grounds and Waterslides on July 9th from 10am-6pm. Tickets must be purchased by July 3rd. Please see article.

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 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.



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 a few hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Rich M. [redacted] 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. [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 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 on 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.



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.

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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.

If you need to speak to any of these people, you can leave a message at the Intergroup Office, 752-9000, and the



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

Social Committee

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

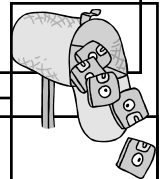
Corrections Committee

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

Public Information

Boston Central Service
368 Congress St. Lower Level
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A big **Thank You to Sandra B.** for the wonderful Intergroup Breakfast, as well as for the fine job she did as our Social Committee Chairperson last year. Great job!!!



FROM THE EDITOR

Please read this issue carefully.....there are new, exciting things happening!! The first Social Committee event is about to happen... a trip to the Waterslides!! Also a Chicken Barbeque in Northboro, and several meeting changes.

Speaking of changes, the proposed changes to the Intergroup Guidelines have been approved at the first of two consecutive votes needed to make the changes. We will vote on them again at the July meeting, and announce the results in the August issue of The Beacon.

And one more change.....my email address is changing. I'm not sure when yet or to what, but I'm redirecting all my email to my Yahoo account for the time being. If you have articles to submit, or things to notify me of, or even questions, I can now be [REDACTED]

Brandy H.
Beacon Editor

New Events

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

July 9, 2000 (Sunday) – Breezy Picnic Grounds
Waterslides
10:00am to 6:00pm
Watermelon, soda and grill will be provided.
Bring your own food for grilling.
Adults: \$9 / Children (5 to 18) \$7 / Children (2 to 4) \$4
Tickets MUST be purchased by July 3rd and
will NOT be available at the gate.

August – Dancing Under the Stars – Outdoor Dance
 Date and location to be determined.

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

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 Installa-
 tion 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.

July 27, 2000 – 2nd consecutive vote on proposed Guideline changes.

August 24, 2000

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

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 Marlboro Saturday Night Meeting has moved to the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Marlboro Rd. in Hudson. The meeting is from 8pm-9pm.

NEW MEETING: **Worcester BBSS (Big Book Step Study)** Saturdays from 10am-11:30am at St. Bernard's Church, corner of Lincoln and Harlow St. Worcester, MA

Spencer Primary Purpose has moved to the Council on Aging Center, 136 Main St, Spencer. It is still on Thursdays from 7:30pm-9:00pm

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.

THIS AND THAT



Northboro How It Works will be hosting their Annual Chicken Barbeque on Wednesday, July 5th. Food will be served at 7:30pm and the meeting will begin at 8:00pm. This is NOT the groups anniversary, but their Annual Barbeque. All are welcome.

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.

Some Big Books we gave away:

- 1 millionth-** Pres. Richard Nixon
- 2 millionth-** Joseph Califano Jr-Sec of Health, Education, and Welfare 1977-79
- 5 millionth-** Ruth Hock-Bills secretary who typed the Big Book
- 10 millionth-** Nell Wing - Bill Secretary and AA 1st archivist
- 15 millionth-** Ellie Norris - Dr Jack Norris wife, Jack was AA's chairman of the board for many years and was also the man who gave Nixon his copy of the book..
- 20 millionth** should be given away at the convention in Minneapolis this year to someone!

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)
Neil R. [REDACTED]

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

How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm)
David C. [REDACTED]

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)
Tim S. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (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)
Gill B. [REDACTED]

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

Douglas Maintenance and Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)
Melissa A. [REDACTED]

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

LOST BOOK:

The Greendale Group has lost their book. If your group has a commitment scheduled with them or if you have found their book, please call [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 first of two required consecutive votes. If your group has not had a chance to review the proposed changes, please pick up a copy at the Intergroup Office. According to our current Guidelines, any changes **MUST** pass 2 consecutive votes to be accepted. If you have questions about any of the proposed changes, please call Brandy at [REDACTED] she'll be glad to answer any questions.

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]

ONLINE....

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

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

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Worcester, MA 01605
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<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

Office Hours:

Monday	10am-2pm
Tuesday	10am-8pm
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-2pm
Saturday	9am-2pm