

The Newsletter from
Worcester Area Intergroup By AA
members for AA members.

The Beacon

July 1999

Well, time for a few changes. The first thing we'll be introducing is a more expanded service meeting listing and a calendar section. Please do NOT submit non-AA functions for this section (such as Sober In The Sun and other general Recovery-based events) as this is an AA publication. We are also looking for a few Old-Timers to share their thoughts on different topics in AA. If you have a particular topic you would like to see written about, contact me and we'll try to include it.

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Office Hours:

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

Deadline....

.....for information to go into the August issue of The Beacon is July 23th, 1999. Information can be sent to :
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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 prisons?
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 re-

covery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?



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Mass State Convention Planning Committee meetings will be held on :
July 27, September 28 and October 26, 1999 from 8:00pm-9:30pm at Central Mass Shelter for Homeless Veterans on Grove Street in Worcester. Come help make our next Convention a success!!

Archives

District 25 Archives Committee is looking for donations of articles and books depicting the history of AA in this area. If you have something that you would like to donate, please call Tina (District 25 Archives Chair) at (508) 886-2899.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* 38th Annual Hawaii Convention will be held Nov. 4th-Nov. 7th, 1999 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Contact the Intergroup Office for more details and registration information.

* 36th Annual Mass State Convention will be held November 12, 13, 14, 1999 at The Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg, MA. Registration is \$20 for the weekend or \$12 for one day. Look for more information in the next issue.

* 14th Annual Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Andover next year. Planning Committee information and directions to the planning meeting are available at the Intergroup office.

Thank You.....

....to all those who helped make the Intergroup Breakfast a wonderful success!! There were about 67 people in attendance on June 6th this year. The morning started off with a Welcome from Ron C., our outgoing Chairperson. He then went on to explain what Intergroup is and introduced the Office Staff, the outgoing officers and Steering Committee members and this year's incoming officers and members. This was followed by a Thank You to the various committee Chairpersons who helped to make this a great year. After a wonderful breakfast buffet, Ken W. was introduced. Ken shared his story with us and told us how he got involved in service work. He carried a powerful message about giving back in the program and about how service work is helping him to stay sober. Ron then introduced Will C., our incoming Chairperson, who conducted the raffle and closed the event. If you missed out on the Breakfast this year, you missed a great time of sharing and fellowship.

Steering Committee

Chairperson - Will C.

Vice Chair - Brandy H.

Secretary - Joanne O.

Treasurer - Maura Z.

Assistant Treasurer - Roseanne C.

Trustees - Joe H., Peg B., Kimball M., Ron C.

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.

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. (~~508-355-8994~~)

How It Works (Worcester): (Sat. 6:45pm)
Rich O. (~~508-355-8994~~) (beeper)

Sutton Center: (Mon. 6:45pm)
Ken W. (~~508-355-8994~~) (days)

Greendale: (Fri. 8:30pm)
Jeanne (~~508-355-8994~~)

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00am)
Tom S. (~~508-355-8994~~)

Commitment Exchange

(Bookie Meeting)

The next Commitment Exchange will be held at the Intergroup Office on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Come and meet with other area Bookies and get your calendar filled!! Coffee and munchies will be available.

ONLINE....

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

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

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

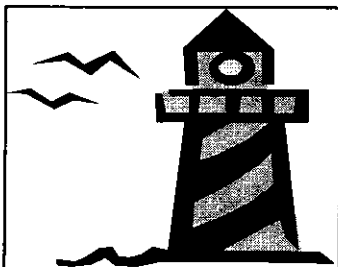
St. Luke's
950 East St.
Dedham
3rd Friday
8:00pm

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



JULY 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	LITERATURE COMMITTEE 7:30PM	DISTRICT 25 GSR 7:30PM		CFC COMMITTEE 7:00PM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	PUBLIC INFORMATION 7:00PM	JOINT TREATMENT/ CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE 7:00PM		ARCHIVES COMMITTEE 7:30PM	JOINT TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE 8:00PM	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				STEERING COMMITTEE 6:15PM		
				INTERGROUP DELEGATES 7:00PM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE 1:00PM-3:00PM			EASTERN MASS. GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE 8:00PM			

Step 7: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Need more copies of The Beacon?

Visit Worcester Area Intergroup or come to the Intergroup Delegates Meeting and pick up more. Now 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.

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 ~~508-853-1111~~.

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!!

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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