



# The Beacon

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## Worcester Area Intergroup

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Friday 10am-2pm

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## Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year !!!

Upcoming Christmas and New Years Alcathon schedules enclosed. Both to be held at St. Johns Church on Temple st. Worcester.

Christmas alcathon from noon on Christmas eve to midnight Christmas day. And New Years from noon New Years eve to midnight New Years day. Come one, Come all.

The Shrewsbury Turning Point BBSS meeting is looking for support. They meet Thursday nights from 6:30—7:45 pm at the St. Mary's Pastoral center at 20 Summer street.

Please be sure to check out the following websites for upcoming AA related events, [aaworcester.org](http://aaworcester.org), [aadistrict26.org](http://aadistrict26.org) and [aaemass.org](http://aaemass.org).

Any Group Anniversaries or A.A. functions please notify webmaster@[aaworcester.org](mailto:aaworcester.org) and we will put it on the website "calendar of events" as soon as possible. If you have a flyer in electronic format please send that along and we will include it.

### Local Service Meetings

**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.*



**On-Line 12 Steps &  
12 Traditions, Arti-  
cles, and Tradition  
Checklists**

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

**Traditions Checklist**

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through October 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

**Step 12 :** Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

**Tradition 12 :** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

**TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :**

1. Why is it 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 AA's ?

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**Concept 12 :** The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be it's prudent financial principal; that it place none of it's members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote and ,whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that it's actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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2	Tue. 12/24	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Worcester Wednesday BBSS
3	Tue. 12/24	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Spencer Fellowship
4	Tue. 12/24	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Eternal Vigilance
5	Tue. 12/24	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Four Corners
6	Tue. 12/24	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Worcester - Young People
7	Tue. 12/24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Northboro - How It Works
8	Tue. 12/24	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Dudley - Day At A Time
9	Tue. 12/24	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Hi-Noon
10	Tue. 12/24	9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Courage To Change
11	Tue. 12/24	10:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Worcester Gratitude
12	Tue. 12/24	11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Worcester 7 A.M. Group
13	Wed. 12/25	12:00 am - 1:00 am	Oxford Primary Purpose
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26	Wed. 12/25	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Way of Sobriety
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28	Wed. 12/25	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Sunset Group
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### 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Worcester Area Intergroup**

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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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### 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 an event you would like publicized. Please email information to the Office Manager at:

[webmaster@aaworcester.org](mailto:webmaster@aaworcester.org)

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.