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The light at the end of the tunnel

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Ever wonder WHY the short form of Tradition 2 is longer than the long form?

The General Service Office in New York is asked this question almost every single week. They answered in a Box 459 article 2012. You can find it inside.

You'll also read the experience, strength and hope from local AAs about Step 2, Tradition 2, and even Concept 2.

You can also stay in touch with upcoming events and activities as well as the latest news from Intergroup and the districts.

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Morning Prayers

On awakening let us think about the twenty-four hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking, especially asking that it be divorced from self-pity, dishonest, or self-seeking motives. Under these conditions we can employ our mental faculties with assurance, for after all God gave us brains to use. Our thought-life will be placed on a much higher plane when our thinking is cleared of wrong motives.

In thinking about our day we may face indecision. We may not be able to determine which course to take. Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don't struggle. We are often surprised how the right answers come after we have tried this for a while.

What used to be the hunch or the occasional inspiration gradually becomes a working part of the mind....

(Continued in Big Book, page 89.)



Tradition Two:

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The long and the short of it



Long Form:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Short Form:

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.



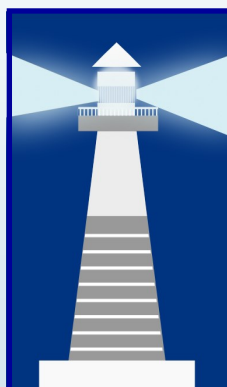
A.A.'s Twelve Traditions were originally published in a series of articles starting with the May 1946 issue of the Grapevine.

These are what we consider the Long Form of the Traditions. For the next several years, Bill W. traveled around the country explaining the Traditions and trying to get members to become more familiar with them. In 1949, A.A. member Earl T. of Chicago initially suggested to Bill that he rewrite the A.A. Traditions, stating that they were too long. Bill worked on shortening the Traditions with the idea of producing a concise statement for information and instructional purposes that could be printed along with the Twelve Steps.

In a letter dated June 17, 1949, Bill explained the following about the “short form” of the Traditions. He wrote, *“Accordingly, I have worked over the material once more, coming up with what I hope is a quieter and clearer job — something which would be a more fitting companion to the Twelve Steps themselves and of just about the same wordage.”*

After many searches through the years, the Archives staff has been unable to find any documentation by Bill as to why he chose to include the additional line in Tradition Two, “Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.” In their search they turned up a letter written by former G.S.O. Archivist Frank M.:

“As you’ll recall historically, the climate was not fully positive for ‘organizing’ Alcoholics Anonymous in the late ‘40s and early ‘50s. Folks thought things might get too complicated if Traditions were to come on line and a General Service Conference started. They worried about ‘control issues.’ Thus the line about ‘our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern’ was added to allay these fears.”



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STEP
2

Find Hope



Came to believe that a
Power greater than
ourselves could restore
us to sanity

Admission Was Not Enough For This Alcoholic

Now wait just a minute! Didn't I just admit I was powerless over alcohol and that my life was unmanageable? Isn't that enough?

I have no problem with the thing Higher Power thing. I have believed in God since I was a small child. It is the insanity aspect I don't care for. I am NOT insane!

Ok, Ok, drinking until I blacked out every night was a little crazy now that I think of it. Isolating myself from family and friends because I would rather drink isn't exactly "normal". Could that be insane? Maybe...

That's how I thought 16 years ago. Now I know the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results. Let me tell you a little story.

I have suffered from anxiety, depression and OCD for a long time. My OCD was not the "cleaning kind", but a more debilitating version. I had to constantly count things, I had to have my 3 sets of silverware in a certain order, I had to keep going back to make sure whatever appliance I was using was turned off. You get the picture.

After being in the program for a short period of time, I decided to jump in with both feet. This meant I would do the steps and follow suggestions. Over time, my obsession with alcohol was relieved. My life became more manageable. And, believe it or not, some of the more debilitating aspects of my OCD were relieved.

Did my Higher Power do this for me, restored me to sanity? Yes, I came to believe this.

— Beth H.





Concept 2:

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

The Voice of AA

Concept 1 tells us the members and groups are the ones who make the decisions. Concept 2 tells us the General Service Conference (GSC) is the face and voice of A.A. in worldwide affairs. Some might think that this contradicts the first concept, but it doesn't. Let's take another look at it to see how they work together:

Concept 1:

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

That "collective conscience" is represented by the delegates to the GSC. These delegates are elected by their fellow AAs in their home groups.

When AA groups confirmed the permanent charter for the GSC, they delegated the task of maintenance of our World Services to the delegates. SOMEONE had to oversee the GSC and be the face of A.A. to the public.

Every April the Delegates from the 93 areas in the US and Canada meet for 6 days with the Trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of General Service Office and The Grapevine, and other service workers.

The first GSC was held in April, 1951 at the Commodore Hotel in New York. Bill W. would later write that: "The delegates... listened to reports from the Board of Trustees and from all of the services. There was warm but cordial debate on many questions of A.A. policy... [It was proved] as never before that A.A.'s Tradition Two was correct: Our group conscience could safely act as the sole authority and sure guide for Alcoholics Anonymous." Bill W. Grapevine, Vol. 314, Worcester, MA 01105

While the GSC is the active voice and face of AA, its power is limited and controlled by the membership. They cannot, for example, change the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions or Article 12 of the Conference Charter, probably THE most important article!

The very first thing it says is that the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition in ALL it's proceedings. They are also tasked with making sure the Conference does not become a 'seat of perilous wealth or power', insuring there are sufficient operating fund with an ample prudent reserve. There are several more items the Conference is tasked with which will be discussed next month!

— **Brandy H**



FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Did you know that Central Offices and Intergroups have been around longer than the General Conference?? Yup!! While we are not in a direct downline in the service structure, we are an important part of AA. We actually run parallel to it. We are the contact point for people who are looking for help, need books and literature, and manage the Meeting List.

With COVID still a major part of our lives right now we have MANDATORY masking. A huge thank you to all who have complied and not complained!

Winter is here!! If we have bad weather, the decision whether to open the office or not will be made in the morning and posted on our website and our Facebook page. General rule is: if you are not sure, please call first.

— **Brandy H. WAI Office Manager**

Pandemic Hits Publishing: GSO is Out of Big Books

Add another victim to the Covid crisis... the Big Book.

Jan W, our Area 30 delegate, told the Eastern Massachusetts 2022 Kickoff Assembly last month that “a higher than expected demand for the English hardcover Big Book in the last quarter of 2021” means that New York has run out of them.

New York cannot get enough paper to print more because of Covid-caused supply chain problems. AAWS Publishing says the earliest it can hope to get another print run started and have the books back in stock is in mid-February.

Big Books are still available locally, however. Intergroup still has several cases in stock.

The forerunner to today's Intergroup / Central Offices, the Central Committee, was established in Cleveland Ohio in October 1939, four years after AA's co-founders Bill W. and Dr. Bob met.



Two Of a Kind: Tradition 2 & Step 2

Tradition Two (Short Form):

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.”

Step Two:

“We came to be aware that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.”

The Steps and the Traditions do not normally match.

They do here.

The 12 Steps show us how to live as sober alcoholics and have a life that is generally “happy, joyous, and free.” Following the steps help us survive.

Following the 12 Traditions are how a group, Inter-group, District, Area, GSO, etc., survives.

Step Two talks about “a power greater than ourselves,” while Tradition Two comes right out and identifies that power as: “a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.”



Both deal with the power of God. In Step 2, it is about God restoring our own sanity. In Tradition 2, it is about God leading us as a group to act sanely.

Once you have done your own fourth step, you know how insane you have been. (That’s just looking at what you actually did, not what you thought about doing.) And after you have attended and participated in some AA business meetings you know how insane we can be as a group.

I’m not just talking about the grandiose insanity that so many of us recognized and admitted to in our fourth steps, like getting married in a Los Vegas wedding chapel to the “love of your life” you met in the bar two hours earlier, or quitting your job because you didn’t get the raise, promotion, or assignment you wanted and were “too good for that !&@# \$! group of idiots.” They didn’t deserve an employee of your caliber.



AA Business Meetings,
the Group Conscience and
Group Conscience Meetings

Nor am I talking about the grandiose insanity of a group using its 7th Tradition to rent a boat for a group outing or deciding to invest its “prudent reserve” in

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Two of a Kind

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Tradition Two shows us that our groups can do the same through our group conscience. But a group conscience is more than a group of people making quick decisions, such as picking a topic for the day's discussion or where to go for coffee after the meeting. What we are looking for is an "informed group conscience."

Here's how it is explained in **The AA Group**, a pamphlet put out by GSO in 1995:

"The term 'informed group conscience' implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes...This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of AA principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind. On sensitive issues, the group works slowly, discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges."



As Tradition Two shows us, an informed group conscience is how God expresses Himself, and why the group should follow it.

— **The Cyber Sot**



"I once heard a sober alcoholic say that drinking never made him happy, but it made him feel like he was going to be happy in about 15 minutes. That was exactly it, and I couldn't understand why the happiness never came, couldn't see the flaw in my thinking, couldn't see that alcohol kept me trapped in a world of illusion, procrastination, paralysis.

I lived always in the future, never in the present. Next time, next time! Next time I drank it would be different, next time it would make me feel good again. And all my efforts were doomed, because already drinking hadn't made me feel good in years."

Heather King
Parched: A Memoir



Came, Came to Came to Believe

Step 2:

“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity”

Why don't you choose your own conception of God?...It was only a matter of being willing to believe in a Power greater than myself. Nothing more was required of me to make my beginning.

Bill's Story, Big Book

For the beginner, it's such a challenge. First to admit that you are a alcoholic, then, in the same sentence, that your life is unmanageable. Now comes the God thing: “a Power greater than ourselves”

In Step 1 we talk about being powerless. In two we talk about the one that is all powerful.

When I first came into AA, I had my own conception of God from when I grew up, as a Catholic. I was an altar boy, involved with the youth group, and with the church for most of my young adult life. I strayed after as my drinking and escapades increased..

Coming into AA, I was all geared up to talk about the Church along with what ideas I had about God. I had resentments, large ones. How come God had left my life? Why was I cursed with the life I had? Where was God when I called out to Him? Why was I cursed with this disease ?

God and I needed to have a talk.

But when I came in, I quickly found out that it has nothing to do with the God we grew up with. The concept of God yes, but the religious aspect that goes along with that God, the deity if you will, does not come into play. The founders were quick to realize that being associated with a specific religion would prevent other alcoholics from seeking help if they thought they would have to change their religion.

We are not religious. We are, however, a spiritual program.

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Came, Came to Came to Believe (Continued from previous page)

In the Big Book, Ebby and Bill are having a discussion at the kitchen table and Bill offers Ebby a drink. Ebby turns it down and tells Bill that he got religion in his life from a group known as the Oxford Group. Bill and Ebby discuss it further with Bill having his reservations about religion. It is in that discussion where we first hear the statement “why not try your own conception of God.”

My first thought is that whatever my concept of God/Higher Power is would not do justice to whatever that power or being is. We may have a preconceived idea as to what it may be, but the longer we stay in the program, the more our relationship with that Higher Power grows and changes.

The moment I realized that I could have a conversation with my God, ask questions, ask for direction, or turn over whatever I can't handle, my life began to change.

At the end of the statement of the second step, it says “could restore us to sanity”. Merriam-Webster's definition of sanity is “soundness of mind.” At first, I questioned the statement. I felt that this inferred that I was not sane at the time. Was I insane?

Then I began to think about it. The thoughts that would come into my head when I first came in that kept telling me that I've been sober for a few weeks or months. I got this now. I know I can control this, or maybe drink just one beer next time.

How insane is that? Am I in touch with reality?

Think of the story we read in the Big Book where the salesman goes out in the country to try to sell some cars. He stops at a diner and is feeling good about himself and decides that having a shot of whiskey in his milk would be a “good idea,” or the story about the jaywalker who keeps running into traffic. How sane was their thinking? Then I began to think, how rational was my thinking during the time of my drinking. The *insanity* in my head was the result of my drinking. I have a *disease*; it is called *alcoholism*. It is a threefold disease: spiritual, physical, and mental. I need to address all of three aspects of it if I want to succeed. I do that by talking with my higher power daily, going to meetings, working my program, and trying to help another alcoholic. With this I gain serenity, peace of mind and a better life. It is well worth it.

— *The Digital Drunk*



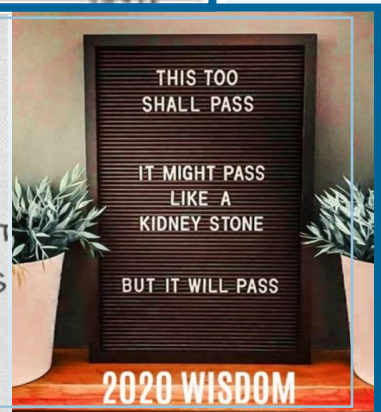
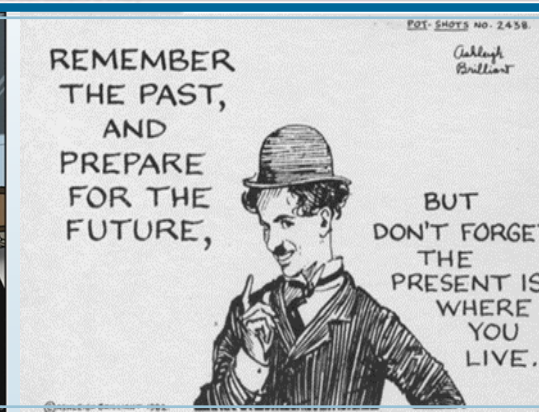
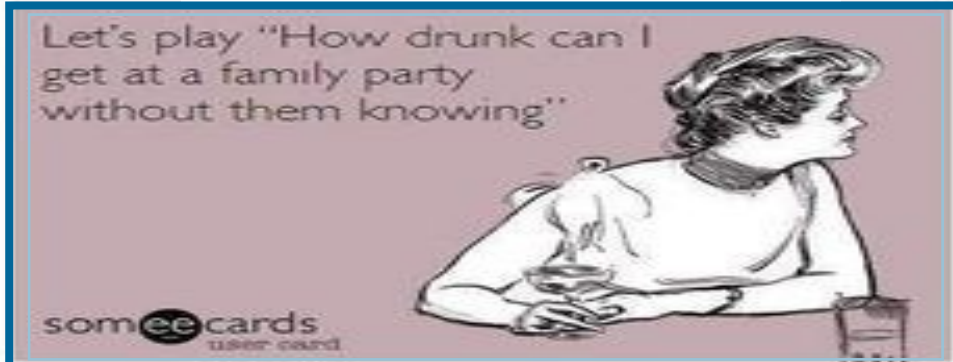
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I had sent her to four consecutive psychiatrists, and not one of them had gotten me sober.

MY BLOOD TYPE USED TO BE WHISKEY NEGATIVE. NOW IT'S COFFEE POSITIVE.





WHAT'S GOIN ON

Twenty-two Alcoholics meet with Medical Students

This past January 20, Twenty-two members of District 25 and Worcester Area Intergroup met with the UMass Medical School first year medical students over Zoom to share their Experience, Strength, and Hope as well as answer questions after their talks. . “Dr. Hogan and her fellow faculty members are very appreciative of each AA’s participation and think the students gained a range of insights about alcoholism and recovery through AA. Their questions and comments were illuminating” was the message received by Paul O. CPC chair, co- coordinator of the event.

As an individual who took part of this annual event, I can say it was an engaging and enjoyable discussion. We were broken up into groups of 2 speakers to 12 – 14 students along with 2 faculty members. It was the questions from students that was interesting. You could tell that they heard the message that we talked about. It was an event where you walked away feeling good about what just happened. I hope this becomes an annual event as a lot of good came out of this.

The Digital Drunk

Quinsigamond Group re-opening March 8th—New location

We have found a new location for our Tuesday AA meeting

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 200 Greenwood St., Worcester meeting will start up on March 8 at 8 PM if we could announce it at other meetings hopefully we shall return to a healthy turn out.

If you need to reach me about details my phone number is 781-726-1000 the name is Tom Baker secretary for Quinsigamond group



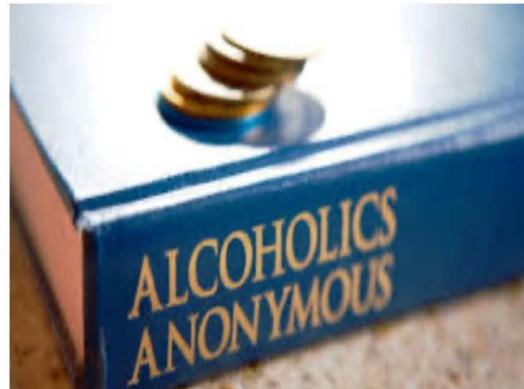
“In early sobriety I heard that if you have an idea after ten p.m., it is probably not a good idea — and this was before e-mail.”

— Anne Lamott, Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith



WHAT'S GOIN ON FROM THE BOOKIE EXCHANGE

Worcester Area Intergroup Zoom Bookie Exchange



Sunday, February 20, 2022, 6:00pm
WAI ZOOM Bookie Swap For:
bookies & interested AAs to swap
commitments both group to group and
treatment facilities

Zoom link: zoom.us/j/99404384915
Zoom ID: 994-0438-4915
Passcode: Bookie2021



WHAT'S GOIN ON FROM THE ALCATHON COMMITTEE

As Co-Chairs for the Worcester Area Intergroup / District 25 2022 Alcathon, we would like to make as many of our AA fellows as possible aware of our upcoming committee meetings. Last year we were met with some tension regarding the way the 2021 Alcathon was set-up and conducted (Zoom venue only). That being said, all AA fellows were and are invited to attend the Alcathon committee meetings. All comments and/or suggestions are welcomed and requested. No AA fellow is turned away from participating whether they come as a GSR, a WAI delegate, a group representative, or as an individual.

Let us look to our co-founder who was quoted in our Grapevine in May 1964, "Faith without work is dead – action is the magic word!" Bill Wilson.

Tradition Two tells us: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

And lest we forget Tradition Five: "Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

If you have opinions, and you wish to have those opinions heard, you need to come to the meetings, send your WAI delegate, GSR, or representative, fill out the feedback form, or send an email to the Alcathon committee. With the exception of the new feedback form, all of these avenues listed are friendly reminders, as these options have been available right along. We strongly encourage all AA fellows to take one of these avenues to make your suggestions known. The contact avenues are listed at the bottom of this message, along with the meeting information. Flyers will be posted to Facebook, emailed to your GSRs, and WAI delegates, and presented at both district and intergroup meetings. All information can also be found on the Worcester Area Intergroup web page, District 25 web page, Alcathon web page, and the WAI Facebook page (see links below).

Next month (2/16/22 @ 7pm) the committee will be discussing the venue (i.e., In-person, Zoom, or Hybrid) We will be voting on the venue at July's meeting.

"Anyone can complain, and they should have the right to, but if you want to see change you must act. Actions speak louder than words. Don't complain about things, change things." – Benjamin Franklin

Please fellows, we urge you to get involved. We look forward to collaborating with you at the next Alcathon Planning Committee!

Yours in service and fellowship,
Heather (Intergroup Alcathon Co-Chair) & Norine (District 25 Alcathon Co-Chair)

Next meeting of the WAI/District 25 Alcathon committee: (this meeting takes place the third Wednesday EVERY month @ 7pm)

Wednesday, February 16 2022

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Zoom link: us06web.zoom.us/j/86796527922

Meeting ID: 867 9652 7922

Passcode: Alcathon

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



URL to feedback form

Email Worcester Area Intergroup/District 25 Alcathon committee at: alcathon@aaworcester.org



WHAT'S GOIN ON FROM THE ALCATHON COMMITTEE

SAVE *the* DATE

Alcathon Dates 2022:

Thanksgiving November Wednesday
23-Thursday 24, 2022

Christmas December Saturday 24-
Sunday 25, 2022

New Year's Saturday 12/31-Sunday
1/1 2022-2023



WHAT'S GOIN ON FROM THE ALCATHON COMMITTEE



Alcathon Planning Meeting 2022

Alcathon Planning Meeting

2nd Wednesday monthly

7:00pm - 8:00pm

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URL to feedback form



DISTRICT 25

(DCM) District Committee Member Report – District 25 – Worcester February 2022

****SAVE THE DATE – PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY - Your group conscience is heard IF you attend as the GSR**

Pre-Conference Assembly – April 11, 2022 – 9:30am-3:00pm
Hosted by Districts 18/19 at Peabody High School - 485 Lowell St, Peabody, MA 01960

Hybrid Format – Virtual Information to be sent closer to the date

I will be attending in-person and can drive. Let's represent District 25 together!

Our district will be hosting the Post-Conference Assembly on Sunday May 15, 2022 at St. Anne's Church in Shrewsbury, MA. We will need assistance in person on that Sunday.

A Hybrid format has been discussed pending the success from the trial run in April.

72nd General Service Conference Update

Our cluster meeting will be with District 26 on Thursday February 3rd at 7:00pm. Jan, our delegate will be present with Jerry, our Alt. Delegate. This can be attended in-person or virtually. (attached is the other cluster meetings located in the area if you cannot make this one).

GSRs are encouraged to attend an outreach at any of the hosting Districts. The delegate will share on the GSRs role in bringing information about Conference agenda items to their groups, and how they can communicate their group's voice to the delegate prior to the conference.

The General Service Board met this past weekend and finalized the agenda for Conference. The final agenda and background information will be made available in the next couple of weeks. I will send out as soon as I receive it from our delegate, Jan. There will be a survey that any AA's can fill out prior to the conference.

In-person location: Emanuel Lutheran Church, [1200 John Fitch Highway](#), in Fitchburg

Virtual Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86499842960?pwd=V2pkbXVOTFFxcWl3bHNLdTRTMXFMZz09>

Meeting ID: 864 9984 2960 | Passcode: 025337

AAWS Publishing Update

There has been a higher-than-expected demand for the English hardcover Big Book in the last quarter of 2021. This has led to this item currently being out of stock at GSO. There is also a supply chain issue that has disrupted the delivery of paper to the printing plant. The earliest date this item is expected to be in our warehouses is mid-February. **Big books are in-stock at Worcester Area Intergroup and can be purchased there as supply is still available locally.**



DISTRICT 25



DISTRICT 25 BULLETIN

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2022
PLEASE READ AT YOUR MEETINGS WEEKLY

TREATMENT COMMITMENTS

Some commitments have gone virtual temporarily. Each calendar designates whether the commitment is virtual or in-person. Please consider sharing the message in either format.

Select "Take A Commitment" and select your facility and day preference.

Questions? contact Dave S. at D25Treatment@AAWorcester.org or scan FlowCode below for openings:



GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE IN APRIL

The conference agenda items will be discussed in your groups business meetings over the next month to ensure the fellowship is informed. A survey will go out to allow individual AA's to vote. The General Service Conference is where groups propose items to be changed for AA as a whole.

See your group GSR or send a representative to the next district meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, please inquire on the District or Intergroup Website for location information for the District Meeting.

2022 ALCATHON PLANNING

Planning is underway on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Would you prefer in-person, hybrid or virtual?

All interested AA's welcome virtually. see the Intergroup website or district website for login information.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA CONFERENCE PLANNING

If you would like to help plan the october conference, The planning committee meets the FIRST SAT of every month virtually.

Questions? Visit <https://MSCYPAA.com>
Zoom ID: 869 1334 3981 -- Passcode: 620884



DISTRICT 25

Open District Positions – February 2022

Alternate District Committee Member

District committee members (D.C.M.s) are essential links between the group G.S.R.s and the area delegate to the General Service Conference. D.C.M.s pass on their district's thinking to area committees and service workers. They carry information back to local G.S.R.s, who in turn keep their group members informed on various A.A. issues.

- The DCM or Alternate is responsible for attending the monthly Area 30 committee meetings in Belmont or virtually on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The DCM or Alternate is responsible to attend the five Area 30 assemblies each year.
- The DCM or Alternate is the essential link between the District 25 committee, and the Area 30 committee, representing the group conscience to the Area, and carrying critical information back into the District from Area 30.

Public Information Committee Chair

Responsible for creating greater understanding of — and preventing misunderstandings of — the A.A. program through the public media, electronic media, P.I. meetings, and speaking to community groups.

Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. We carry the message by getting in touch with the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics.

As our co-founder Bill W. wrote: "Public Information takes many forms – the simple sign outside a meeting place that says "A.A. meeting tonight;" listing in local phone directories; distribution of A.A. literature; and radio and television shows using sophisticated media techniques. Whatever the form, it comes down to "one drunk carrying the message to another drunk," whether through personal contact or through the use of third parties and the media."



7th Tradition

Worcester Area Intergroup



Worcester Area Intergroup Contributions as of

Group Name	Jan	Total 2021
AA Anniversary Contribution		0.00
AA Member Contribution	196.80	196.80
AA Faithful Fiver Contribution	186.00	186.00
AA Coffee Can Contribution	11.65	11.65
Ashburnham Naukeag	450.00	450.00
Auburn Grapevine Group	80.00	80.00
Auburn Happy Hour	59.00	59.00
Charlton Daybreaker	448.16	448.16
Charlton Life Second to None	162.50	162.50
East Brookfield Friday Night Big Book	100.00	100.00
East Brookfield Noon		0.00
Grafton Common Bond	55.00	55.00
Harvard Catacombs III	75.00	75.00
Harvard Happy Joyous and Free	290.00	290.00
Holden Open Air	100.00	100.00
Hudson Second Chance	600.00	600.00
Leicester Road to Recovery	23.00	23.00
Northboro Friday Big Book	25.00	25.00
Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance	391.50	391.50
Shrewsbury Simple Steps	50.00	50.00
Transgender In Sobriety	50.00	50.00
Webster Triton	200.00	200.00
Westboro Easy Does It	46.00	46.00
Westboro Get Well Slowly Step	103.00	103.00
Whitinsville G.O.Y.A.	350.00	350.00
Worcester Come As You Are	300.00	300.00
Worcester Crozier	25.00	25.00
Worcester Daily Choice	230.00	230.00
Worcester Green Hill Park Noontime	423.27	423.27
Worcester Wednesday BBSS	150.00	150.00
Column Totals	5,180.88	5,180.88



THE BEACON

THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Worcester Area Intergroup
Office hours:
Monday 10-2 pm
Tuesday 10-8 pm
Wednesday 10-8 pm
Thursday 10-2 pm
Friday 10-2 pm
Saturday 9-2 pm
Sunday Closed



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 GOD
 SERVICE
 ACT AS IF
 EASY DOES IT
 THIS TOO SHALL
 PASS • TURN IT OVER
 LIVE & LET LIVE • H.O.W.
 THINK THINK THINK • PLUG
 THE JUG • EXPECT MIRACLES
 ACCEPTANCE IS THE ANSWER
 WHERE YOU GO, THERE YOU ARE
 FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD
 YOU WILL INTUITIVELY KNOW • K.I.S.S.
 I CAME; I CAME TO; I CAME TO BELIEVE
 HALF MEASURES AVOID US NOTHING
 TRUST GOD, CLEAN HOUSE, HELP OTHERS
 IF IT WORKS, DON'T FIX IT • ONE DAY AT A TIME
 LET GO AND LET GOD • GIVE IT AWAY TO KEEP IT
 MINDS ARE LIKE PARACHUTES • SURRENDER TO WIN
 BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD • COURAGE TO CHANGE
 COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS • HOPE • LET IT BEGIN WITH ME
 PRAYER & MEDITATION • I CAN'T; HE CAN; I THINK I'LL LET HIM
 TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE • ANALYSIS IS PARALYSIS • FAITH
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 HUMILITY IS NOT THINKING LESS OF YOURSELF, BUT THINKING OF YOURSELF LESS

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