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The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup

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Alcathon Committee

The annual Alcathon's will be coming up soon and the Alcathon Committee is having an important meeting to discuss all sorts of Alcathon related events. Each year WAI holds Alcathons on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and over the New Year's holiday's.

"...You never have to be alone during the holiday seasons..."

Come help the Committee plan the best holiday Alcathons Worcester Area Intergroup has ever had.

Where?	Worcester Area Intergroup Office 100 Grove Street Suite 309 Worcester, Ma
When?	August 18th 7:00 pm

Come along and join in with the Fellowship of AA

"...You'll never be alone again..."



“The circle stands for the whole world of A.A., and the triangle stands for A.A.’s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service.”

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, page 139

<u>Step Eight</u> (Recovery)	<u>Tradition Eight</u> (Unity)	<u>Concept Eight</u> (Service)
<i>Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.</i>	<i>Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.</i>	<i>The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.</i>

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 September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

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Each Month the corresponding Tradition checklist will be published.

Tradition Eight Checklist

Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?	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?
When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?	Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
Do I sometimes try to get some reward-even if not money-for my personal AA efforts?	In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
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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On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, and Tradition Checklist's

www.aagrapevine.org/stepsTrads/stepsTrads_index.html

Service Meetings Monthly Schedule

InterGroup/District 25 & 26

Public Information	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	4th Monday	7:00 pm
District 25 (GSR's)	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	1st Tuesday	7:30 pm
Joint Corrections	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	2nd Tuesday	7:00 pm
District 25 - CPC Committee	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	2nd Wed.	6:30 pm
District 26 (GSR's)	Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
Steering Committee	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	2nd Thursday	6:15 pm
Intergroup Delegates	St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester	2nd Thursday	7:00 pm
Social Committee	Sacred Heart Church 595 Cambridge St. Worcester	2nd Saturday	6:00 pm
Joint Treatment	Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester	4th Saturday	10:00 am

Area 30

Grapevine Committee	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	4th Sunday	1:00pm
Literature Committee	Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham	1st Monday	7:30pm
Eastern Mass. GSC	St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown	4th Wed.	8:00pm
Joint Public Information	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	1st Thursday	7:00pm
CPC Committee	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	2nd Thursday	7:00pm
Archives Committee	St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown	3rd Thursday	7:30pm
Corrections Committee	Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston	4th Thursday	TBD
Joint Treatment Facilities	St. Paul's 59 Court Street Dedham	3rd Friday	8:00pm

Group Donations

*The following shows a **suggested** breakdown of each Group dollar donated and the mailing address for each Service Entity:*

50%	30%	10%	10%
Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove Street Suite 309 Worcester, MA 01605	G.S.O. PO Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163	District #25 PO Box 4553 Turnpike Station Shrewsbury, MA 01545	General Service Committee PO Box 51411 Boston, MA 02205

The Bookie Board

	Town	Group	Time	Contact	Phone
Sunday	Ashburnham	Naukeag Group	6:15 pm	Dan L.	(508) 752-9000
	Brookfield	Sunday Morning	10:00 am	Paul L.	
	Fitchburg	Sunday Morning	10:15 am	Frank G.	
	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Gratitude	7:00 pm	John S.	
	Southbridge	Southbridge Originals	7:00 pm	André L.	
	Stow	Stow Sunday	11:00 am	Ed C.	
	Webster	Triton	7:30 pm	Kim W.	
	Westboro	Sunday Morning	11:00 am	JoAnn W.	
	Worcester	Early Risers	10:00 am	John O.	
		There is Hope	10:00 am	Gene C.	
		Way of Sobriety	10:00 am	Sandy A.	
Monday	Spencer	Spencer Fellowship	7:30 pm	Anna R.	(508) 752-9000
	Sutton	Sutton Center	7:00 pm	John C.	
	Webster	Joy of Living	8:00 pm	Harry H.	
	Worcester	Crozier	8:00 pm	Marla V.	
Tuesday	Charlton	Courage to Change	7:30 pm	Darryl	(508) 752-9000
	Groton	Easy Does it	7:30 pm	Joe F.	
	Webster	The Fellowship of Webster	7:30 pm	Gene B.	
	Worcester	Young People	7:30 pm	Steve D.	
Wednesday	Auburn	Auburn Group	7:30 pm	Tony B.	(508) 752-9000
	Westboro	Westboro Forge	8:00 pm	Larry B.	
	Worcester	Top of the Hill	8:00 pm	Bonnie	
		We Mean Business	7:00 pm	Dan M.	
Thursday	Dudley	Day at a Time	8:30 pm	Jim B.	(508) 752-9000
	Holden	Holden Group	8:00 pm	Mike K.	
	Whitinsville	GOYA	8:00 pm	Peter L.	
	Worcester	Stay Active	6:45 pm	Nancy Q.	
		Serenity	7:30 pm	Cynthia C.	
Friday	Marlboro	New Life	8:00 pm	Dick C.	(508) 752-9000
	Worcester	Greendale	8:30 pm	Ginny	
Saturday	Millbury	Millbury Traditions	7:30 pm	Donna H.	(508) 752-9000
	Upton	Upton Capertown	1:30 pm	John H.	
	Worcester	How it Works	6:45 pm	Mike S.	

*** Group Updates Needed!! ***

If your group is not listed, please eMail your updates to : Beacon@AAworchester.org

Please include Town, name of Meeting, First Name, and contact number.

H.A.L.T. Line needs your help!

Contact the H.A.L.T. line chairpeople at haltline@aaworcester.org or call WAI at (508) 752-9000 to volunteer to answer the phone when someone calls looking for a meeting in the Greater Worcester Area.

The following chart shows the available hours that need to be filled on the H.A.L.T. Line.
 During the hours listed below there is nobody to answer the phones when someone calls looking for a meeting in the area.
“...We can’t keep it unless we give it away...”

Day	<u>Available Hours</u>				
Sunday	<i>All slots filled!</i>				
Monday	<i>All slots filled!</i>				
Tuesday	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:00 - 10:00 am	<i>All other Tuesday slots are filled!</i>		
Wednesday	<i>All slots filled!</i>				
Thursday	3:00 - 4:00 am	4:00 - 5:00 am	5:00 - 6:00 am	6:00 - 7:00 am	7:00 - 8:00 am
Friday	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:00 - 10:00 am	<i>All other Friday slots are filled!</i>		
Saturday	5:00 - 6:00 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm	9:00 - 10:00 pm	10:00 - 11:00 pm	

“...read the Big Book - you might learn something about yourself...”

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	
August 19	Area 30 Bus Trip to G.S.O. Contact Francis [REDACTED]
Nov 11 - 13	42nd Massachusetts State AA Convention Hosted by Areas 30 and 31. Sheraton Framingham, Framingham, MA

Save your Grapevines!!

Please set up a box at YOUR meetings. Worcester Area Intergroup will take your donations of old Grapevine issues to send out to Treatment and Correctional Facilities.

Meeting Locations

If your group is looking for a new location, or know of a new startup group that needs a place to meet, contact the Intergroup office. We get contacted by organizations who are willing to have A.A. meetings use their locations.

Call the Intergroup Office:
(508) 752-9000

Worcester Area Intergroup

100 Grove St., Suite 309
 Worcester, MA 01605
 (508) 752-9000
 (508) 752-0755 (fax)

www.aaworcester.org

Office Hours:

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

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Intergroup Timeline



October 13	Slots for Thanksgiving Alcathon drawn.
November 10	Slots for Christmas & New Year's Alcathon's drawn.
Monthly Mtg Schedule	July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8.

*"...teach another Alcoholic to care, to share, and to learn there is life after booze, then watch as they turn and do the same with another someday - **Pass It on** is a living experience..."*

Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>eMail Address</u>
Chairperson	Ellen McQ.	Intergroupchair@rcn.com
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H.A.L.T. Line Co-Chairperson	Scott L.	
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Liaison to Area 30	Open	
Alcathon Committee	Billy S.	
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“Wherever you go, there you are” <i>Some A.A. websites of interest</i>	
www.aa.org	Alcoholics Anonymous World Services
www.aaworcester.org	Worcester Area InterGroup
www.aamass.org	The Area 30 Website
www.capecodaa.com	Cape Code InterGroup website
www.rhodeisland-aa.org	Rhode Island Official AA website
www.ct-aa.org	Connecticut Official AA website
www.nh.com/ipusers/nhaa	New Hampshire Official AA website
www.aavt.org	Vermont Official AA website
www.aamaine.org	Maine Official AA website



<u>More Upcoming Events</u>	
August 15	Area 30 Roadshow—Fitchburg Friendship Group 7th Day Adventist Church - 205 Summer St. Fitchburg - 7:45 pm
August 30	Mass. State Convention Planning Committee Sheraton Framingham, Framingham, MA. - 7:30 pm
September 11	Area 30 Workshop Assembly Worcester Senior Center 128 Providence Street Worcester, MA

“...Believe in the Fellowship, and in the members who have stayed sober, learned to live a new life without alcohol, and become open-minded, close-mouthed, and remember that you know less than you think - Sobriety is a great place to learn...Everything!...”

Do you have a story to tell?

Sobriety based stories are always welcomed at **The Beacon**.

There are only a few suggested guidelines when submitting something for consideration:

- This publication is provided by Worcester Area Intergroup, and therefore stories are limited to experience, strength and hope as it relates to alcoholism.
- No personal information will be printed (i.e. Phone numbers, email addresses, etc). You may submit your writings as “Anonymous” if you wish, however contact information is required in case the editor has any questions/concerns.
- The editor has final say as to what does and does not get published.
- The publication goes to the printer on the 15th of the month, so writings must be submitted by the 10th for enough time for review and any revisions that may be needed.

eMail your stories to: Beacon@AAworcester.org

12 Step Volunteer Application

Name: (last initial only)	_____	Phone: _____
Towns you will accept calls from:	_____	
Available Hours:	_____	
I wish to help:	<input type="checkbox"/> Males only <input type="checkbox"/> Females only <input type="checkbox"/> Both	
Age Groups I prefer:	<input type="checkbox"/> Teens <input type="checkbox"/> 20-30 <input type="checkbox"/> 30-40 <input type="checkbox"/> 40-50 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-60 <input type="checkbox"/> Over 60 Other: _____	
I am willing to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk to a person on the phone <input type="checkbox"/> Go to a persons home to talk <input type="checkbox"/> Give rides to A.A. Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Give rides to Detox/Rehab <input type="checkbox"/> Meet someone at a meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	

Note. It is strongly suggested that a person NOT go on a Twelfth Step call alone!



"I Am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I AM RESPONSIBLE."

Preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from Alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses or opposes any causes. Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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