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"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

Step Twelve

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 Twelve

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

Concept Twelve

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 its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its 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 its 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.

NERAASA 2005

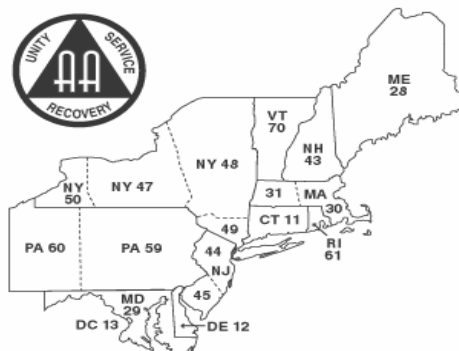
Fourteenth Annual

Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly

February 25, 26 and 27, 2005
Newton, MA

*"Basics of our Home Group -
Recovery, Unity and Service"*

*(2005 General Service Conference
Theme)*



ALL A.A. MEMBERS
are welcome.

HOSTED BY:
Area 30 - Eastern
Massachusetts

REGISTRATION
Begins at 1:00 pm
February 25, 2005

FIRST PANEL
Begins at 3:00 pm
Friday afternoon

Purpose

The purpose of the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) is for GSR's, DCM's, Area Committee Members and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region to discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the areas of the Northeast Region.

www.aamass.org/neraasa2005

"Wherever you go, there you are"
 Some A.A. websites of interest

www.aa.org	Alcoholics Anonymous World Services
www.aaworcester.org	Worcester Area InterGroup
www.aaemass.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.mv.com/ipusers/nhaa	New Hampshire Official AA website
www.aavt.org	Vermont Official AA website
www.aamaine.org	Maine Official AA website




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Upcoming Events

2004

Alcathon's

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2005

Feb 25-27

N.E.R.A.A.S.A. 2005 - Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA). Hosted by Eastern Massachusetts Area 30. Boston Newton Marriott, Newton, MA. For more info contact delegate@aaemass.org

Apr 10

Area 30 Pre Conference Assembly. Hosted by District 8. Site TBD. All G.S.R.'s, DCM's and Area Officers are responsible to attend. All A.A. members are encouraged to attend. Contact chair@aaemass.org

Jun 30 - July 3

The 70th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous will be celebrated at the 2005 International Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 30-July 3, 2005. For more info click on the link http://www.aa.org/default/en_services_aa.cfm?pageid=39 or contact delegate@aaemass.org

Commitments Needed

Where: MileStone Treatment Facility - Putnam, CT

When: **Monday - Friday** 7:30 - 9:00 pm **Saturday & Sunday** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

We are looking for a 6 month commitment from local groups to put on commitments. It is a co-ed program and men and woman are encouraged to participate. **Contact.....:** Peter @ [REDACTED] for available timeslots.

2004 InterGroup Timeline

2004-2005

Intergroup Meeting dates for the new year:
2004 - December 9.
2005 - January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12.

December 24-25

Christmas Alcathon - See page 7 for details....

December 31-January 1

New year's Alcathon - See page 7 for details....

Service Meetings

<u>InterGroup/District 25 & 26</u>		<u>Area 30</u>	
<p><u>Steering Committee</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 6:15pm</p>	<p><u>Intergroup Delegates</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Eastern Mass. General Service Committee</u> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm</p>	<p><u>Grapevine Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Sunday 1:00pm-3:00pm</p>
<p><u>Public Information</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 4th Monday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Joint Treatment</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 3rd Saturday -December only! 10am</p>	<p><u>CPC Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 2nd Thursday 7:00pm</p>	<p><u>Joint Treatment Facilities</u> St. Paul's 59 Court Street Dedham 3rd Friday 8:00pm</p>
<p><u>Joint Corrections</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Social Committee</u> Sacred Heart Church 595 Cambridge St. Worcester 2nd Saturday 6:00 pm</p>	<p><u>Archives Committee</u> St. John's 80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 3rd Thursday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Literature Committee</u> Carter Methodist Church 800 Highland Ave. Needham 1st Monday 7:30pm</p>
<p><u>District 25 - CPC Committee</u> Intergroup Office 100 Grove St. # 309 Worcester 2nd Wed. 6:30 - 8:00 pm</p>	<p><u>District 25 (GSR's)</u> St. Joan of Arc Church 570 Lincoln St. Worcester 1st Tuesday 7:30pm</p>	<p><u>Corrections Committee</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 4th Thursday</p>	<p><u>Joint Public Information</u> Boston Central Service 368 Congress St. Lower Level Boston 1st Thursday 7:00 pm</p>
<p><u>District 26 (GSR's)</u> Local 60 Union Hall Mechanic St. Leominster 1st Thursday 7-9pm</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><u>January Deadline!</u> Submissions Must be received by December 15, 2004 Email "The Beacon" at: Beacon@AAworchester.org</p> </div>	

"There was always one more attempt — and one more failure." (Page 151)

The Bookie Board

	Town	Group	Time	Contact	Phone
Sunday	Ashburnham	Naukeag Group	6:15 pm	John B.	
	Brookfield	Sunday Morning	10:00 am	Leon F.	
	Fitchburg	Sunday Morning	10:15 am	Frank G.	
	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Gratitude	7:00 pm	TBD	
	Southbridge	Southbridge Originals	7:00 pm	André L.	
	Stow	Stow Sunday	11:00 am	Tom S.	
	Webster	Triton	7:30 pm	Kim W.	
	Worcester	Early Risers	10:00 am	John O.	
Monday	Leominster	Original Group	7:45 pm	Dean R.	
	Spencer	Spencer Fellowship	7:30 pm	Anna R.	
	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	Mike M.	
	Groton	Easy Does it	7:30 pm	Joe F.	
	Webster	Fellowship of Webster	7:30 pm	Jack	
	Worcester	Young People	7:30 pm	TBD	
Wednesday	Auburn	Auburn Group	7:30 pm	Tony B.	
	Westboro	Westboro Forge	8:00 pm	Larry B.	
	Worcester	Four Corners	8:00 pm	Sarah N.	
		Top of the Hill	8:00 pm	Terry	
		We Mean Business	7:00 pm	Happy C.	
Thursday	Douglas	Maintenance & Repair	7:00 pm	Suzanne	
	Dudley	Day at a Time	8:30 pm	Jim B.	
	Holden	Holden Group	8:00 pm	Mike K.	
	Worcester	Stay Active	6:45 pm	Nancy Q.	
		Serenity	7:30 pm	Cynthia C.	
		As Bill Sees it	7:30 pm	Pat C.	
Friday	Marlboro	New Life	8:00 pm	Dick C.	
	Worcester	Greendale	8:30 pm	Ginny	
Saturday	Millbury	Millbury Traditions	7:30 pm	Mary C.	
	Upton	Upton Capertown	1:30 pm	John H.	
	Worcester	How it Works	6:45 pm	Mike S.	

All Personal phone numbers removed for the eBeacon - Please contact Worcester Area Intergroup at (508) 752-9000 to get further information on contacting these Bookies.

*** Group Updates Needed!! ***

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

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	2:00 - 3:00 pm	3:00 - 4:00 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	5:00 - 6:00 pm	6:00 - 7:00 pm		
Monday	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am	3:00 - 4:00 am	4:00 - 5:00 am	5:00 - 6:00 am	6:00 - 7:00 am	
Tuesday	Midnite - 1:00 am	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am				
Wednesday	<i>All slots filled!</i>						
Thursday	Midnite - 1:00 am	1:00 - 2:00 am	2:00 - 3:00 am	4:00 - 5:00 am	5:00 - 6:00 am	6:00 - 7:00 am	
Friday	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:00 - 10:00 am	7:00 - 8:00 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm			
Saturday	2:00 - 3:00 pm	3:00 - 4:00 pm	4:00 - 5:00 pm	5:00 - 6:00 pm	6:00 - 7:00 pm	7:00 - 8:00 pm	8:00 - 9:00 pm

NECYPAA -XV

The New England Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

The Sheraton Hotel Burlington, Vermont ~ December 31st 2004 – January 2nd 2005

For more info contact us at: NECYPAAXV@YAHOO.COM

Name:	_____	Please make checks/money orders payable to: NECYPAA XV PO Box 8693 Burlington, VT 05402 Sobriety Date: _____ A.A. Al-Anon Alateen (circle one) Special Needs (circle one) Deaf / Hearing Impaired / Wheelchair Access / Other _____
Address:	_____	
City, State, Zip	_____	
Phone: (____) _____	_____	
eMail:	_____	
Pre-Registration \$10.00 _____ (\$15.00 after November 15th)	Banquet \$17.00 _____	Vegetarian? Y N
Scholarship Donation \$ _____	Total Enclosed \$ _____	

Steering Committee & Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position Held</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
Chairperson	Ellen McQ.	Intergroupchair@rcn.com
Alternate Chair	Bob Mc.	
Secretary	DonnaMae B.	Intergroupsecretary@rcn.com
Treasurer	Harry H.	Intergrouptreasurer@rcn.com
Alternate Treasurer	Sandy A.	
Trustees	Bob D.	
	Kristi C.	
	Jeanne L.	
	Bruce W.	
Office Manager	John H.	steps@rcn.com
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Correctional Facilities	Enzo H.	Corrections@rcn.com
H.A.L.T. Line Chairperson	Janet L.	haltline@rcn.com
Co-Chairperson	Scott L.	
Social Committee	Mark J.	Social@rcn.com
Public Information	Bruce W.	PIChair@rcn.com
Webmaster	Bruce W.	webmaster@rcn.com
Beacon Editor	Charlie W.	beacon@rcn.com
Liaison to District 25	Open	
Liaison to Area 30	Open	
Alcathon Committee	Billy S.	

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.

Worcester Area Intergroup

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

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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



Group Donations

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

District 25 (10%)	General Service Committee (10%)	G.S.O. (30%)	Worcester Area Intergroup (50%)
District #25 PO Box 4553 Turnpike Station Shrewsbury, MA 01454	General Service Committee PO Box 51411 Boston, MA 02205	PO Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163	100 Grove Street Suite 309 Worcester, MA 01605

2004 Alcathons

Sponsored by District 25 and The Worcester Area Intergroup of Alcoholic's Anonymous

Christmas * 12 Noon Dec. 24 to Midnight Dec. 25
 New Years * 12 Noon Dec. 31 to Midnight Jan. 1

*** The location of ALL of the 2004 Alcathons has changed ***

They will now be held at:

St. Stephen's Church, 16 Hamilton Street (at Hamilton & Grafton Streets) in Worcester.

Host/Hostess are needed to help at the Alcathons

Responsible for alcathon kitchen area, overseeing coffee preparation and refreshments, general housekeeping of meeting facilities. Service may be from 1 hour to as many hours as you wish.

(Service)	Christmas	New Years
Host/Hostess		

Name : _____
 Address : _____
 Community : _____
 Tel. No. : _____

Get your information to : Worcester Area Intergroup – 100 Grove Street – Suite 309 – Worcester, Ma
 For more Information Call WAI at: (508) 752-9000 or Mary M. @ [REDACTED]

What is an Alcathon?

An Alcathon is a Marathon A.A. Meeting that typically occurs around the holidays each year. On Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, Worcester Area Intergroup & District 25 host this event, and provides a place to go at any hour of the day, for 24 hours straight, during these holidays.

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If you've never experienced attending, or participating in an Alcathon, don't go through another holiday season alone.

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Come join us!

District 26

Christmas Alcathon

Knights of Columbus Hall
110 South Street
Gardener, Ma

Starting at Noon on December 24th

Come join in the Fellowship!

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."

Dance Schedule

The Second Saturday of each month!

October 9 (Halloween)	November 13
December 11	January 8
February 12 (Valentines)	March 12
April 9	May 15 (Mother's Day)

Sacred Heart Church

596 Cambridge Street

Worcester, MA

7:00-11:00 pm

\$5.00 donation at the door

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