

THE BEACON

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TRADITION FIVE

Each group has but one primary purpose -- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the *limitations* of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?



4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn

from them?

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Deadline....

.....for information to go into the June issue of The Beacon is May 22nd, 2000. Information can be sent to :

Worcester Area Intergroup
100 Grove St., Suite 309
Worcester, MA 01605

or e-mailed to:

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PLEA FOR HELP!!!

The Intergroup Office reports that there is a **huge** need for 12-Step volunteers. There just aren't enough to cover the whole area and we need for the hand of AA to be there to welcome newcomers and talk to people who just aren't sure AA is for them.



There is a form in this issue to fill out if you are interested. It could involve anything from visiting a wet drunk, to meeting someone at a meeting. Your level of involvement is completely up to you. Please help us help those who are still sick and suffering.

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.



UPCOMING EVENTS

* The International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 29-July 2, 2000. The theme this year will be "Pass It On - Into the 21st Century". Registration forms are available at the Intergroup Office.

Intergroup Breakfast. The Social Committee will be hosting the Annual Intergroup Breakfast on Sunday June 11, 2000 at 10:30am at the Tuttle Post in Auburn. Tickets are \$5 each and include a wonderful breakfast, a speaker, free raffles and the Installation of the new Intergroup Officers. Tickets may be purchased at the Intergroup Office. Only a limited number of tickets will be available at

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HELP WANTED: WAYS TO GET INVOLVED...

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. Currently, there are 12 hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Rich M. [redacted] or leave a message for him at the Intergroup Office.

Treatment Facilities is looking for groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. If you can help, please call Robbie at [redacted]

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved. Please leave a message at the Intergroup Office for Eric R. for more details. [redacted]

District 25 is currently seeking people interested in helping with our Archives and Grapevine Committees. If you are interested, please let your group's GSR know, or contact The Beacon for more details.

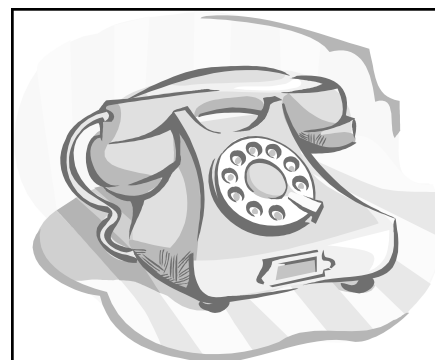
Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. If you have one day a month you could devote to helping out on a Committee, please ask your Intergroup Delegate, GSR or call the Intergroup Office for more information.

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!!
The Marlboro Saturday Night Meeting has moved to the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Marlboro Rd. in Marlboro. The meeting is from 8pm-9pm.



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.



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

Corrections Committee

Boston Central Service

368 Congress St. Lower Level

Boston

4th Thursday

7:00pm

Public Information

Boston Central Service

368 Congress St. Lower Level

Boston

1st Thursday

7:00pm



SPECIAL NEEDS

Do you know of a deaf person in need of a signed meeting? Network with others in the area with the same needs! Call Cathy C. at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for more information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf AA

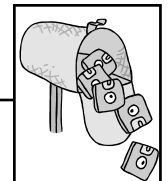
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members.

Large print Meeting Lists are now available for those with vision problems. Call the Intergroup Office to find out how to get a copy for yourself

or someone you know!!

Charlton Courage To Change meeting is signed for the deaf and hearing impaired. They meet on Tuesdays at 7:30pm at St. Joseph's Church, Rt. 31&20 in Charlton.



FROM THE EDITOR

In response to several suggestions, the issues of The Beacon being mailed out will now have a separate page with the mailing address on it. This is easily removed for those of you who would prefer that the members of your group not be able to see your full name and address. This will also give us an additional page for more articles (hint, hint)!!! We could use someone to write an article or two about the local AA legends. Any takers? Please let me know. I know there must be someone out there who has a story or two to tell about Zeus, Jack The Barber or John The Indian (just to name a few off the top of my head)!!!!

Brandy H.
Beacon Editor

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.

Please fill out this form and return it to:
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Worcester, MA 01605



THIS AND THAT



Group Anniversaries

If your Group would like to announce their Anniversary in The Beacon, Please call the Intergroup Office during their normal business hours.

Clinton Central Park Group will have their 36th Anniversary on Friday, May 5th at 8pm at The Church of The Good Shepard, Union Street, Clinton. Food at 7:15pm.

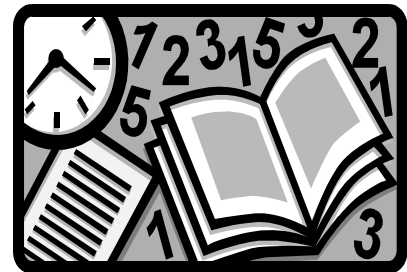
Mt. Wachusett 12-Step Group will hold their 21st Anniversary Cookout on Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm at The Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Rts. 31&62, Princeton.

Worcester Four Corners Group will have their Anniversary on Wednesday, May 10th.

Webster Triton Group will have their Anniversary on Sunday, May 7th at United Church of Christ, Main St, Webster. Coffee from 5:30-6pm, food 6-7pm and meeting 7:30-9pm.

Commitment Exchange

The next Commitment Exchange will be held at the Intergroup Office on Wednesday, June 7, 2000 from 6:30pm-7:45pm. Come and meet with other area Bookies and get your calendar filled!! Coffee and munchies will be available.



GROUP BOOKIES

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. [REDACTED]

How It Works (Worcester):(Sat. 6:45pm)
Rich O. [REDACTED] (beeper)

How It Works (Northboro): (Wed 8:00pm)
David C. [REDACTED]

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun 10:30am)
Tim S. [REDACTED]

4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed. 8:00pm)
Jay B. [REDACTED]

Way Of Sobriety (Worcester) (Sun 10:00am)
Debbie P. [REDACTED]

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00am)
Tom S. [REDACTED]

Holden Thursday Night (Thurs. 8:30pm)
Howie C. [REDACTED]

Starting Anew (Holliston) (Wed. 8:00pm)
Elaine K. [REDACTED]

Sutton Center Step (Mon. 6:45pm) (Outgoing Only)
Deb W. [REDACTED]

GOYA (Whitinsville) (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Bob L. [REDACTED]

Worcester Young People (Tues. 7:30pm)
Joanne O. [REDACTED]

Hudson Straight Shooters (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Brian B. [REDACTED]

Hudson Sunday Best (Sunday 7:30pm)
David B. [REDACTED]

Webster Triton (Sun. 7:30pm)
Kevin K. [REDACTED]

Millis Fellowship (Thurs. 8:00pm)
Bill G. [REDACTED]

Douglas Maintenance and Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)
Melissa A. [REDACTED]

ELECTION RESULTS

The new Intergroup Officers and Committee Chairpersons were elected at the May Delegates' Meeting. They will officially take Office as of the June Breakfast. They are as follows:

Chairperson – Brandy H.

Vice Chairperson – Enzo H.

Treasurer – Rose Ann C.

Assistant Treasurer – Ron C.

Secretary – Christine T.

Trustees – Will C.

Kate G.

Kimball M.

Peg B.

Treatment Facilities Committee – Robbie G.

Correctional Facilities Committee – Eric R.

Public Information – Jeanne C.

H.A.L.T.line – Rich Mc.

Social Committee – Joanne O.

Liaison to District – Jim P.

The Beacon – Brandy H.

LOST BOOK: The Greendale Group has lost their book. If your group has a commitment scheduled with them or if you have found their book, please call Jeannie at [REDACTED]

Please note!!!! The Intergroup Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, 2000 for Memorial Day.

ONLINE....

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

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

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 [REDACTED]

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Office Hours:

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