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All Aboard!!!



"Whale Watching" Boat Cruise



Sunday, August 17, 2014 (Rain or Shine)

Eastman's Fishing Dock, 5 River St., Seabrook N.H.

\$20 per person (first come, first served basis,
limited to 110 people, so don't miss out!)

Boarding time: - 1:00 pm

Departs promptly: - 1:30 pm, Returns 6:00pm

Pack a picnic from home or purchase food on the boat.

For tickets, contact:

Karen M. (978) 496-0500

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www.AAdistrict26.org



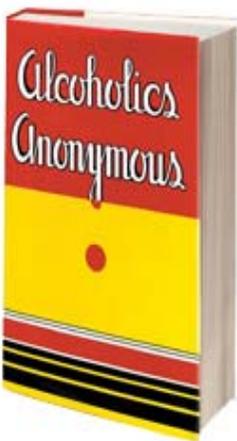


On-Line 12 Steps & 12 Traditions, Articles, and Tradition Check-lists

www.aagrapevine.org

\$13.00 at Worcester Area Intergroup

Announcing the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous



Step 8: “Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

Tradition 8: “Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

The Promises

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If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through.

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.

We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.

No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others.

That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.

We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows.

Self-seeking will slip away.

Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.

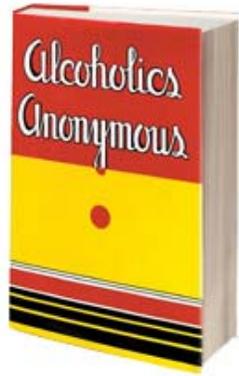
Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us.

We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.

We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

Are these extravagant promises? We think not. They are being fulfilled among us - sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.

Concept 8: “The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all 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.”





Pre-Election Assembly

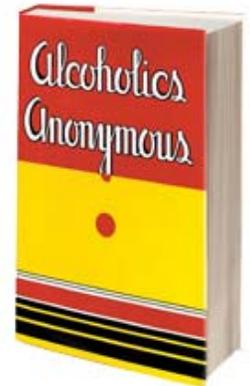
Hosted by District 3

September 7, 2014
 9:00am-4:00pm
 Registration: 9:00am
 New GSR and DCM Orientation: 9:30am
 Assembly Begins: 10:00am

All interested AA's are welcome to attend! Trusted servants that are required to attend include GSR's, DCM's, Area 30 Committee Officers, Standing Committee Chairpersons, Conference Committee Chairpersons, and Liaisons from MSCYPAA, ICYPAA, Boston Central Services, and Intergroups.
 Continental breakfast and lunch will be served as well as coffee and beverages.

Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School
 1121 Ashley Boulevard
 New Bedford, Ma. 02745

From the North: Take Route 140S to exit 6 on the left.
 Merge onto Ashley Blvd and the destination will be on your right.
From Cape Cod or Areas West of New Bedford: Take 195 to 140N.
 Take exit 4 and turn left onto Kings Hwy.
 Continue onto Tarklin Hill Rd for about .5 miles then turn left onto Ashley Blvd.
 The destination will be about .5 miles on your left.



Haltline needs your help!!

What is the "Haltline"? The "Haltline" is a feature that we have through Verizon that allows people to transfer calls that normally come into the office to their home phone. This allows volunteers to answer the Intergroup phone from their home, thus keeping the phones manned by an A.A. member when the office is closed. This is a great way to do twelve step work from the comfort of your home. It is suggested that participants have minimum of 1 year of sobriety and a knowledge of the A.A. Traditions.

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.*

District 25 General Service Committee—Joan of Arc Church, Lincoln Street Worcester, Ma
meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm

District 26 General Service Committee—Local 60 Union Hall, Mechanic Street, Leominster, Ma
meets first Thursday of the month 7:00pm

AA members welcome—please come join us!

Any Group Anniversaries or A.A. functions please notify webmaster@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.

Group and District News Wanted Field Editors Needed

Beacon is looking for volunteers who would be willing to be writers, roving reporters and field editors. Must be sober, fun loving and have a zest for life. Interest in journalism is helpful but not required. A computer with desktop publishing software or Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher will be the only prerequisite to getting started. Please contact the Beacon editor at beacon@aaworcester.org

Group Spotlight

Tell us why your group is the best group in AA and we'll do a spotlight on your group in the Beacon.

AA Activities

If anyone has any information about upcoming AA related activities please contact the editor at Beacon@aaworcester.org. Be sure to check out the following websites in the meantime for information as well, aaworcester.org, aadistrict26.org, aamass.org .

"Don't drink , go to meetings and ask for help. Get a home group

THE GRAPEVINE: AA's meeting in print IS IN TROUBLE! PLEASE HELP BY PURCHASING A SUBSCRIPTION!

The AA Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. Written, edited, illustrated and read by AA members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism, the Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. The AA Grapevine communicates the experience strength and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current AA experience with recovery, unity and service. ©GRAPEVINE

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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 BothAges I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60Other (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

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.