

The Newsletter from  
 Worcester Area Intergroup By AA  
 members for AA members.

New Meeting Alert!!! Douglas will finally have a meeting right in town beginning in October! More details inside!

Subscriptions are up again this month bringing the total to 31 so far!! I'm excited at the growth we have experienced the past few months and hope it will continue as more and more groups are using The Beacon as a raffle item and more people give gift subscriptions. I'm including extra subscription forms in the issues being mailed out this month. If you get your copy at a meeting or at the Intergroup Office, ask about obtaining extra subscription forms.

Brandy H.  
 Beacon Editor

## 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] for more information about the work District 25 is doing for deaf AA 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.

### Deadline....

.....for information to go into the October issue of The Beacon is September 24th, 1999. Information can be sent to:  
 Worcester Area Intergroup  
 100 Grove St., Suite 309  
 Worcester, MA 01605  
 or e-mailed to: [redacted] please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

## TRADITION Nine

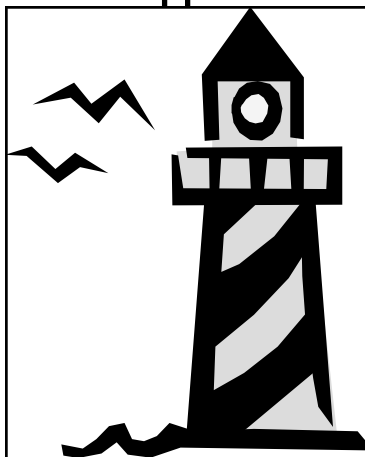
AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

### From The Traditions Checklist:

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program - even if no one make do so - with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA

group need a constitution and by-laws?

7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully - and profit thereby - when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?



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<http://www.ultranet.com/~steps>

Office Hours:

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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

\* District 25 (that's us, folks) will be hosting the Area 30 Workshop Assembly on September 12, 1999 at Shrewsbury High School. All GSR's, DCM's, Area Officers and their alternates and Committee Chairs are required to attend. All interested AA's are encouraged to attend. Registration starts at 9am and the day will adjourn at 4pm. Lunch will be provided.

\* Boston Central Service Committee is presenting their 17th annual Alcoholics Anonymous Back to Basics Weekend on Sept. 17-19, 1999 at the Eastover Resort in Lenox, MA. The cost for the weekend is \$205 per person and includes all lodging, meals, use of recreational facilities, cookout, dancing and snacks, taxes and gratuities. Call Boston Central Service for more [REDACTED]

\* District 11, South Boston is having a "Unity in Recovery" Round-Up with Alanon participation on Saturday, October 16th, 1999. This full day event will be held at Boston College High School from 10am-midnight and includes Dinner and a Sober Dance. There will be many meetings to choose from. Registration starts at 10am.

\* 38th Annual Hawaii Convention will be held Nov. 4th-Nov. 7th, 1999 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Contact the Intergroup Office for more details and registration information.

\* 36th Annual Mass State

Convention will be held November 12, 13, 14, 1999 at The Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg, MA. Registration is \$20 for the weekend or \$12 for one day. You can pick up your registration forms at the Intergroup office.

\* NECYPAA X will hold their annual Conference on February 3-6, 2000 at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Burlington, VT. The theme this year is "Walking Toward Serenity". Contact John H. (chairperson) for more info at [REDACTED]

\* **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.

\* 14th Annual Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in Andover next year. Planning Committee information and directions to the planning meeting are available at the

## ONLINE....

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

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

## 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

## 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, the slots we need to fill are: Sunday 9am-3pm, Monday 2pm-6pm, Tuesday 8am-10am, Wednesday 8am-10am, Thursday 9am-10am and Friday 2pm-6pm. Please call Rich M. at [REDACTED] or leave a message for him at the Intergroup Office if you can fill any of these slots.

**Treatment / Corrections** is looking for groups to fill the many new commitments that are coming up soon. If you can help, please call Robbie at [REDACTED]

## Commitment Exchange

(Bookie Meeting)

The next Commitment Exchange will be held at the Intergroup Office on Wednesday, September 8, 1999 from 6:30pm-7:45pm.

Come and meet with other area Bookies and get your calendar filled!!

Coffee and munchies will be available.

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

**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.



Step 9: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

## 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 [REDACTED]

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

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

Greendale: ( Fri. 8:30pm)  
Jeanne [REDACTED]

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

## Group Anniversaries

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

## Mass State Convention Planning Committee

meetings will be held on :  
September 28 and October 26, 1999

**NOTE\*\*\* NEW LOCATION\*\*\***

The meetings will be held at 7:30pm at St. Ann's Catholic Church 652 Main St (Route 12) in North Oxford, MA  
Come help make our next Convention a success!!

## 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!!

Charlton Courage To Change, Tuesdays 7:30pm St. Joseph's Church Rt. 31&20 is now interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Worcester Young People has changed!! They now offer a Beginners and Open Discussion meeting on Tuesdays. The location is the same, but the new time is 7:30pm-9:00pm.

NEW!!!! Beginning October 7th there will be an Open meeting in Douglas!!! It will be held on Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm with no break at the First Congregational Church of Douglas. It is located on Rt. 16 in Douglas. The church is located behind the gazebo across from the cemetery and there is plenty of parking on the right-hand side of the church. Please come and help the ONLY meeting in Douglas to get started!

## 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]

## Archives

District 25 Archives Committee is looking for donations of articles and books depicting the history of AA in this area. If you have something that you would like to donate, please call Tina (District 25 Archives Chair) at [REDACTED]

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Visit Worcester Area Intergroup or come to the Intergroup Delegates Meeting and pick up more.

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