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Tuesday 10am-8pm

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Friday 10am-2pm

Saturday 9am-2pm

Sunday CLOSED

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## Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

### Field Editors Wanted

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](mailto: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](mailto:Beacon@aaworcester.org). Be sure to check out the following websites in the meantime for information as well, [aaworcester.org](http://aaworcester.org), [aadistrict26.org](http://aadistrict26.org), [aaemass.org](http://aaemass.org).

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

### 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.*



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

[www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

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

**Step 4 :** “Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves”.

**Tradition 4 :** “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole”.

#### TRADITIONS CHECK LIST :

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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**Concept 4 :** “Throughout our conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge”.

# **Montachusett Young People**

**“Young at Heart”**

**Meeting**

**All Are Welcome**

**Wednesday Nights**

**7:00—8:15**

**St Marks Church**

**11 Cotton Street**

**Leominster, Ma**

**Contact info: Rob S. 978-230-3704**

Any Group Anniversaries or A.A. functions please notify [webmaster@aaworcester.org](mailto: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.

### **Why does your group need an Intergroup Representative?**

The Worcester area Intergroup has no authority of it's own but derives it from the participating groups. The representative that each group elects is the groups voice to intergroup—your link to those who maintain and operate the Intergroup Office.

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

#### **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 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Worcester Area Intergroup**  
**100 Grove St., Suite 314**  
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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](mailto: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.