

# Central Mass. Intergroup Newsletter

## Summer 2010

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### Officers and Representatives in Attendance

Chairperson/Web Coordinator - Absent	Tuesday Worcester 10:00 AM - Absent
Vice-Chairperson - Stephanie	Tuesday Worcester 7:00 PM - Absent
Secretary Pro Tem, P.O., P.I. Com. – Rose	Wednesday Southbridge 7:00 PM - Absent
Newsletter - Vacant Position	Thursday N. Leominster 7:00 PM - Absent
Executel/Hotline - Absent	Thursday, Shrewsbury 7:00 PM - Absent
Region 6 Rep. – Gary	Thursday Southboro 7:00 PM - Pat
World Serv. Rep.& Gardner Tues 6:30 - Nancy	Friday Putnam, CT 7:00 PM - Absent
Treasurer & Budget Committee - Tom	Friday Southboro 10:00 AM - Alice
Sun. Fitchburg 7:00 PM & Budget C. – Susan	Friday Worcester 7:00 PM - Absent
Sunday Worcester 7:00 PM - Absent	Saturday Charlton 9:00 AM - Absent
Monday Auburn 7:00 PM - Mary Beth	Saturday Leominster 8:00 AM - Absent
M/W/F Worcester 7:00 AM - Absent	Saturday Leominster 10:00 AM - Rose
Tuesday Danielson, CT 7:00 PM - Absent	Saturday Worcester 7:30 AM – Absent
Tuesday Westboro 7:30 PM - Absent	Budget Committee - Joe

*Thank you to all who gave service by attending the meeting.*

### Donations for June and July

Saturday Leominster 8:00 AM	\$500.00	Saturday Charlton 9:00 AM	\$ 50.00
Saturday Leominster 10:00 AM	\$350.00	Tuesday Danielson, CT 7:00 PM	\$ 50.00
Sunday Fitchburg 7:00 PM	\$300.00	Saturday Worcester 7:30 AM	\$ 50.00
Thursday Shrewsbury 7:00 PM	\$110.25	Wednesday Southbridge 7:00 PM	\$ 30.00
Monday Auburn 7:00 PM	\$100.00	Friday Southboro 10:00 AM	\$ 30.00
Thursday Leominster 7:30 PM	\$100.00	Tuesday Worcester 10:00 AM	\$ 15.00
Friday Worcester 7:00 PM	\$ 82.00		

### **MEETING OF THE MONTH!!**

Thursday 7:00 PM Leominster  
 Our Lady of the Lake Church  
 1400 Main Street, No. Leominster

## **Newly-Revised OA Conference-Approved Literature Now Available**

(Can be ordered at [www.bookstore.aa.org](http://www.bookstore.aa.org).)

Rewritten and expanded: ***Sponsoring Through the Twelve Steps*** (formerly *A Guide to the Twelve Steps for You and Your Sponsor*) - Item #220

Revised and updated: ***To the Family of the Compulsive Eater*** - Item #240

Expanded and rewritten: ***To the Teen*** - Item #280

Rewritten and updated: ***Welcome Back*** - Item #190

***The Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous*** pamphlet was updated in August 2009. Please check your literature to be sure you are using the latest edition.

Two additional conference-approved pamphlets (***Questions and Answers*** and ***Tools of Recovery***) will be revised and reprinted **by the end of the year**.

## **AA Addresses Changing Words in Big Book and other AA Literature**

The AA General Service Office has addressed the question of whether or not it is acceptable for other Fellowships to change the wording in AA literature when reading aloud at meetings. In a letter to the OA World Service Office, AA stated, "It is not acceptable for other Fellowships to substitute any other words where words such as "alcoholics" and "alcoholism" appear in the original text. To permit adaptations of portions of text material would tend to dilute the credibility of our literature." **Therefore, it is suggested that we respect OA's historical relationship with AA by reading the Big Book text exactly as written when reading aloud at our meetings.**

### **Welcome to Our Newest Meeting**

A new OA group has joined our Intergroup. It is a Big Book meeting held on Fridays at 6 PM at AdCare Hospital in Worcester. Immediately following this meeting is the 7 PM OA meeting at the same location. Please show your support and enjoy the benefits of a double dose of meeting medicine.

### **CMI Meeting**

**Next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010** due to Labor Day weekend. All are welcome to join us at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Holden St., Worcester, MA from 8:45–9:45 AM.

### **CMI Seeking a Secretary**

If you would like to offer service by becoming the Central Mass. Intergroup Secretary, please come to the next meeting. This important position is vacant at the present time.

## Upcoming Events

### **2010 World Service Convention**

*50 Years of Recovery*

Los Angeles, CA

August 26-29, 2010

See OA website: <http://www.oa.org/world-service/convention.php>

### **Anniversary Meeting**

House of Prayer Lutheran Church

916 Main St. (Rte. 228), Hingham, MA

Friday, September 10 – 10:00-11:30 AM

See Central Mass Intergroup website for details: [www.centmassint.org](http://www.centmassint.org)

### **OA Recovery by the Sea**

Cape Cod Intergroup's Eighth Annual Retreat

Sacred Heart Retreat Center – Wareham, MA

September 24 - 26

See Central Mass Intergroup website for details and directions: [www.centmassint.org](http://www.centmassint.org)

### **Region 6 Convention**

*Believe in the Miracle*

Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center - Burlington, VT

October 22-24

See Region 6 website for details: <http://oaregion6.org/2010/>

## **WSBC 2010 Delegates Adopt Motion to Create a Ninth Tool**

The 2010-11 Conference Literature Committee is working on a definition of a ninth tool called "Action Plan" to be presented for adoption at the 2011 WSBC. It will be incorporated into the *Tools of Recovery* pamphlet at that time. Until then, OA members are free to interpret "Action Plan" as they wish.

## **Twelfth-Step Within Committee of the World Service Business Conference Seeking Ideas That Work for Projects**

Ideas are needed on successful projects from groups who presently hold Twelfth-Step Within meetings. List of possible topics of interest are: 1) Abstinence; 2) Communication; 3) Fellowship/Humor; 4) Newcomers; 5) Service/Special Events; 6) Preventing Relapse/Carrying the Message; 7) Twelfth-Step Within Day; 8) Membership Retention; 9) Maintaining Physical, Emotional, and Spiritual Recovery/ Balance.

You may use the Ideas Template Form located at <http://www.oa.org/services-for-members/twelfth-step-within.php> (under Twelfth-Step-Within Ideas That Work) and mail the completed form to: TSW Committee, c/o World Service Office, P.O. Box 44020, Rio Rancho, NM 87174-4020 **OR** send a contact name, email address, and topic idea to: [TSW-Ideas@oa.org](mailto:TSW-Ideas@oa.org).

For a look at Ideas That Work *already* on the website, visit the same website listed above.