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Saturday 9am-2pm
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Step 5

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

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.

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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FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) accepts information regarding AA related events to be included on the website calendar. Let us know if you have an event you would like publicized.

Electronic format flyers accepted.

Please email information to the **Webmaster** at: webmaster@aaworcester.org

WE ARE NOT A GLUM LOT!

AA Events

District 26 Activities Committee is hosting a **Spring Sober Dance**, Saturday, May 14th at the KoC Hall, 110 South Main St, Gardner. Doors open at 6pm Dinner, Meeting, Raffles and Dancing. \$8.00 at the door.

Leominster Original Group 63rd Anniversary—St. Leo`s Church, 128 Main St, Leominster—Monday, May 16th—6pm coffee and fellowship followed by food and a meeting from 7:30-9pm

District 26 Activities Committee is hosting a **Founder`s Day Picnic**, Sunday, June 12th at the Templeton Fish & Game Club. Cookout and Fellowship begins at Noon (Live Country Music, as well) with an AA Meeting from 4-5pm. \$7.00 and please bring a side dish.

DUDLEY DAY AT A TIME 43rd Anniversary—First Congregational Church, 135 Center Rd, Dudley—Thursday, May 19th—6:30pm coffee and fellowship followed by food and a meeting from 8:30-10pm

WAI SOCIAL COMMITTEE is hosting ANOTHER Bowling Night!! This time at the AMF Lanes on Southbridge St. in Auburn. May 21st 8-10:30pm \$15 per person. Please see the flyer on www.aaworcester.org for more information!

Anniversary Donation

Name: _____

City/Home Group: _____

Sobriety Date: _____

Amt. Enclosed: _____

Please mail to:

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100 Grove St. Ste. 314
Worcester, MA 01605

All Anniversaries submitted will be published the month following submission. Please contact the newsletter

Editor at beacon@aaworcester.org if an Anniversary has not been published for two months following submission.



FROM THE EDITOR

DID YOU KNOW??

You can have a full color version of The Beacon emailed to you every month by sending an email to: Beacon@aaworcester.org and use SUBSCRIBE as the subject!!

INTRODUCING!!

The Faithful Fivers Club—AA members who donate \$5 or more to Worcester Area Intergroup! See form on this page...

THANK YOU to our first Faithful Fivers: Tom E., John H., Brandy H., Mike D., Brenda Mc.-T.

WAI also accepts Anniversary Donations! It is suggested \$1 or \$2 for each year of Sobriety! See Page 2 for submission form....

Responsibility Declaration

*I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible!*

INTERGROUP DELEGATE`S MEETING TEMPORARY LOCATION CHANGE

Due to ongoing construction at Veterans Inc., The monthly Intergroup Meetings will continue to be held at 100 Grove St, Worcester, MA 4th Floor until further notice.

The Steering Committee will meet at 6pm and the Delegates` Meeting will start at 7pm.

Please watch this space or www.aaworcester.org for updates!

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We are currently looking for Committee Chairpersons for Treatment Facilities, and Corrections . More information about the Committees and what they do is available from the Intergroup office or online from AAWS.org.

Worcester Area Intergroup Faithful Fiver Form

The Faith Fiver idea came about when we remembered that we wasted much more than five dollars each month during our drinking days.

" When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessing and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."

Bill W, Language of the Heart

YES, I want to help continue to carry our life-saving message of hope.

I will pay Annually(\$60) Quarterly(\$15) Monthly(\$5)

Here is my contribution of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number (in case of questions): _____

Please make check payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup

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Deadline....

.....for information to go into the June issue of The Beacon is May 17th, 2016.

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Meeting List Changes

DISBANDED

ATHOL – Friday night closed 12&12 DISBANDED, Saturday Night DISBANDED

WESTBORO- Friday night Women`s meeting DISBANDED

WESTBORO- Wednesday night Women`s meeting DISBANDED

MOVED

SHREWSBURY MIDMORNING –Thursdays 10am MOVED to Trinity Episcopal Church 449 Main St., Shrewsbury, MA (closed speaker/discussion)

AS BILL SEES IT—St. Ann`s Church, N. Oxford, MA—Wednesdays 7:30pm MOVED to St. Roch`s Parish Center—334 Main St, Oxford, MA (closed discussion)

OXFORD GROUP –St. Ann`s Church, N. Oxford, MA—Fridays 7:00pm MOVED to St. Roch`s Parish Center—334 Main St, Oxford, MA (closed 12-step)

PASS IT ON—Sundays 6:45pm MOVED to Holy Rosary Church (off Regan St), Gardner, MA (open speaker)

SHREWSBURY SUNDAY MORNING— Veterans, Inc., 59 South St, Shrewsbury—Sundays 10am

TEMPORARILY MOVED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE to SAC Park 438 Lake St., Shrewsbury (open speaker)

MARLBOROUGH NEW LIFE - MOVED to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 474 Lincoln St.

TIME CHANGE

HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE—St. Andrews Church, N. Grafton—TIME CHANGE—to 7-8:30pm

HOW IT WORKS - Northboro, Wednesdays TIME CHANGE - to 7:30pm-8:30pm

FOUR CORNERS - Worcester, Wednesdays TIME CHANGE - to 7:30pm-8:45pm

BACK TO BASICS - ATHOL Saturday TIME CHANGE to 12pm-1pm

GREENDALE GROUP - Friday nights—TIME CHANGE—to 7:30-8:30pm (beginning June 3rd)

NEW

WOMEN`S DESTINY—Federated Church, Rt. 131, Sturbridge, MA—Fridays 5:00pm NEW GROUP (12 & 12 Open Women`s Meeting)

NORTHBORO LIVING SOBER— Church of The Nativity, Howard St. Northboro—Thursdays 7-8pm NEW GROUP— (Men`s Group)

FRIENDS OF BILL W.— Worcester Senior Center, Classroom B, 128 Providence St. Fridays 12:00pm-1:30pm (OBBSS) - NEW GROUP

BUGGAS BB—St. Leo`s Church, 128 Main St., Leominster—Wednesdays 7-8:30pm—NEW GROUP (Closed Men`s Big Book)

ALANO CLUB (Serenity Hall) (663 Main St., Southbridge)

AS BILL SEES IT—Fridays 7-8pm (Open Book Study)

NEW BEGINNINGS—Saturdays 7-8pm (Speaker Discussion)

SOUTHBRIDGE RECOVERY SPD—Every day 12-1pm (Speaker Discussion)

SATURDAY MORNING—Saturdays 10-11am (Open Speaker)

SUNDAY NIGHT ORIGINAL—Sundays 7-8pm (Open Speaker)

Service Meeting Schedule

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.*

(PLEASE NOTE! will meet at 100 Grove St. 4th floor until further notice)

District 25 General Service Committee—St. 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!

AREA 30 Eastern Mass. General Service Committee — Grace Vision Church
80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm

Why does your group need an Intergroup Delegate?

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.

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>
Chairperson	Tom E.	chair@aaworcester.org
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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.

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

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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