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Step 7

Humbly asked Him to
remove our
shortcomings.

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 Seven

Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting,
declining outside contributions.

From the Traditions Checklist:

1. Honestly now, do I do all can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting?
Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business?
How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

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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 Summer 2016 Campout— August 18, 19, 20—\$5/night, children under 12 free. Includes free hot dogs and burgers for supper, soda and marshmallows. Dogs allowed on leashes. Campfire Meetings!! MUST preregister in advance. Contact your District 26 GSR or the D26 Activities Committee for details.

District 26 Whale Watch Boat Cruise 2016— August 14—Eastman`s Fishing Dock, Seabrook, NH—\$20 per person first come/ first served—limited to 110 people. Boarding at 1:00pm—bring picnic from home or purchase food on the boat. See D26 Activities Committee members for tickets.

Worcester Area Intergroup Guidelines have been amended as of May 12, 2016 per vote of the May WAI Delegates Meeting. Pick up your copy at the WAI office or request one via email to altchair@aaworcester.org. Use the subject line : **Guidelines**.

ATTENTION!

As voted on by the May Worcester Area Intergroup Delegates Meeting:

Effective July 1st, 2016, Worcester Area Intergroup Meeting Lists will now cost **10 cents each / \$1 per bundle of 10** for Groups. Individuals coming in for single copies are still free. This is due to increasing printing costs.

Anniversary Donation

Name: _____

City/Home Group: _____

Sobriety Date: _____

Amt. Enclosed: _____

Please mail to:

**Worcester Are Intergroup
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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@aaworcesterr.org and use SUBSCRIBE as the subject!!

The Faithful Fivers Club—AA

members who donate \$5 or more a month on a regular basis to Worcester Area Intergroup! See form on this page...

THANK YOU to our Faithful Fivers: Tom E., John H., Brandy H., Brenda Mc.-T., Bill S., Stephen L.

WAI also accepts **Anniversary Donations!** It is suggested \$1 or \$2 for each year of Sobriety! See Page 2 for submission form or pick up donation envelopes at the WAI Office.

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!*

**Worcester Area Intergroup Steering Committee and Delegates` Meeting
PERMANENT LOCATION CHANGE**

The monthly Intergroup Meetings will continue to be held at 100 Grove St, Worcester, MA 4th Floor by vote of the Intergroup Delegates.
The Steering Committee will meet at 6pm and the Delegates` Meeting will start at 7pm.

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): _____

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ATTENTION: The Beacon Subscription Price Increase

Due to rising costs, the subscription price for The Beacon will increase to \$10/year. This includes having the printed copy of The Beacon mailed to you every month. The increase will begin with new subscriptions and renewals beginning 07/01/2016.

Meeting List Changes

FORMAT CHANGE

SPENCER FELLOWSHIP—Congregational Church, Rt.9, Spencer, MA—Wednesdays 7:30pm
now OPEN SPEAKER/DISCUSSION

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

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

REBOUND - Saturday nights—TIME CHANGE—to 8:30-9:30pm - FORMAT CHANGE to Speaker/Discussion

FITCHBURG FRIENDSHIP—205 Summer St., Fitchburg, MA—TIME CHANGE—to Monday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm EFFECTIVE JULY 4TH

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)

SOBA SISTA`S—6 City Depot Rd., Charlton—Wednesdays 4-5pm—NEW GROUP (Women`s Discussion)

WOMEN`S WISDOM IN RECOVERY—Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre—
Sundays 10-11am—NEW GROUP (Women`s Open Discussion)

DISBANDED

NIGHT OWL—Charlton, MA—Fridays 7:30pm

Deadline....

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

Information can be sent to :

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or e-mailed to:

Beacon@aaworcester.org

District 26 Monthly GSR Meeting is Relocating

Effective July 7th, 2016 the meeting will be held on the First Thursday of each month at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church Hall, 118 Theresa St., Fitchburg, MA

Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee* - 100 Grove St. 4th floor, Worcester MA —6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - 100 Grove St. 4th floor, Worcester MA —7:00pm

**The Intergroup meetings occur the second THURSDAY of each month.*

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—Madonna of the Holy rosary Church Hall, 118 Theresa St., Fitchburg, 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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Liaison to District 26	Bob S.	
Liaison to Area 30	Marc B. (Interim)	

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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

Agers 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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