

Worcester Area Intergroup

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Intergroup Office
Summer Hours Memorial Day to
Labor Day:

- Mondays—
 Thursdays—
 Saturdays 10am-2pm
- Wednesdays 10am—3pm
- Tuesdays -10am-8pm
- Fridays and Sundays -CLOSED

INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE See Page 2

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The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

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August 2019

EVENTS!

WORCESTER AREA INTERGROUP OPEN HOUSE!

- Wednesday, August 14th, 2019, 5 to 8:30 p.m.
- We will be enjoying Pizza, snacks and, of course, COFFEE!!
- Come find out who we are and what we do!! Purchase books, pamphlets, coins, etc!! Learn how you and your group can get involved!!
- See the flyer on Page 7 digital Beacon for more info
- Office 100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

GAME NIGHT - POT LUCK & CENTRAL MA BID ELECTIONS—MSYPCAA—August 2nd

- Pot Luck dinner @ 6:30pm, AA Meeting @ 7pm, Board Games @ 8pm
- Trinity Church, 23 Main St., Northborough.
- Please bring a food item to share if you can—or a game to play
- Email if you are interested in organizing a game
- More info—Alica B., Alice B. social@aaworcester.org
- See the flyers on Page 8 and 22 digital Beacon

DISTRICT 24 PICNIC—AUGUST 18th

- 12PM-4PM Gratitude Meeting-3pm-4pm
- Hot dogs, burgers, soda, water, provided, Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share—Suggested donation is \$5/person or \$10/family
- Pine Bluff Recreational Area, Stow MA Flyer—Page 9 digital Beacon
- More Info -Theresa -978-793-1716 or tn01@verizon.net

61st INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE of YOUNG PEOPLE in A.A.

- August 22nd—25th Copley Marriott, Boston
- The meeting is an opportunity for young AA's from everywhere to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as members of Alcoholics Anonymous. https://www.icypaa.org/registration

DISTRICT 26 PICNIC—WEEKEND CAMPOUT

- August 8-9-10th Lake Dennison Winchendon—off Rt. 202
- 3 nights @ \$20 per person, or, \$10 per night
- Flyer—Page 25 digital Beacon Info Larry @ 976-660-1815

61st ICYPAA BOSTON & NJYPAA—SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT BEACH BASH

- August 17 Salisbury Beach State Park Pavilion 3
- 10AM-6PM; Meeting 6PM-7PM
- \$15 includes water, BBQ, and admission
- See the flyer on Page 24 digital Beacon https://www.icypaa.org



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Step Eight:

"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.

The Eighth Tradition

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words, "Freely ye have received, freely give." We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world's best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: our single purpose has always been defeated.

Alcoholics simply will not listen to a paid Twelfth Stepper. Almost from the beginning, we have been positive that face-to-face work with the alcoholic who suffers could be based only on the desire to help and be helped. When an AA talks for money, whether at a meeting or to a single newcomer, it can have a very bad effect on him too. The money motive compromises him and everything he says and does for his prospect. This has always been so obvious that only a very few AAs have ever worked the Twelfth Step for a fee. -- Bill W.

From A.A. Grapevine; December 1952

WAI INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE

The parking lot for the WAI offices is on the side of building and requires an access code —or action by office staff—to open the gate allowing entry. Call the office at the entry gate kiosk and office personnel will remotely open the gate for you.

If the office does not answer, please try again in a few seconds as office staff may be on the phone and unable to immediately acknowledge your call, and also confirm that your visit is during open office hours. No code is required to exit the lot. The parking lot in the rear of the building is now for employees only and requires a badge for entry.

SPREAD the word: DON'T park in the attended lot across the street.

The lot is private parking only and is not for Intergroup visitors.

WAI office personnel CANNOT validate a parking ticket for that lot. The lot attendant WILL charge you \$15 to exit the lot without a validated ticket!

61st ICYPAA & NECYPAA ROLLER BOOGIE July 27, 5PM

Carousel Family Fun Center, 1055 Auburn St. Whitman MA See the flyer on Page 23 digital Beacon



Deadline....

....for information to go into the September issue of **The Beacon** is August 14, 2019. Please send to:

Worcester Area Intergroup

100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605 or e-mail to:

Beacon@aaworces ter.org

Planning a special event? Let us know about it!

E-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to: Beacon@aaworcest er.org

Meeting List Changes

TIME CHANGE

THE WAY OUT— Worcester—group now meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting January 2nd (formerly 8:00pm)

JOY OF LIVING— Monday, Worcester, Burncoat Baptist Church; from 7:30PM to 8:30PM C12

NEW

HAPPY, JOYOUS, and FREE, will begin meeting on Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, starting on July 11, at the Community Church in Ashburnham (84 Main St, aka 9 Chapel St.).. Flyer on page 8 of the digital **Beacon**. LIVING SOBER BEGINNERS— Starts 2/18/18 Sunday 6 - 7 PM Open meeting; Read and discuss "Living Sober" followed by Q&A with A.A. members. Salem Covenant Church, 215 East Mountain St., Worcester Reachable by WRTA #23 or #31

FORMAT CHANGE

COVER To COVER—Marlboro Monday night is now a coed literature-based discussion meeting (time/place is unchanged).

HOPEDALE 2nd Chance—Thursday 8-9pm, format is now C12SPD.

NAME CHANGE

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE in Webster will now be DROP THE ROCK.

GROUPS CLOSING

STEP MEETING—7:30 Tuesday night, the American Indian Cultural Center in Devens (Ayer) has been discontinued

GROUP NOTICE REFRESH

SOBER AS A JUDGE- Mondays N. Grosvenordale, CT. OD

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 100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

WAI'S ONLINE BOOKIE EXCHANGE

The new WAI Bookie Exchange portal enables Bookies from local towns to quickly find groups seeking commitments and/or post a request.

Open slots are listed by town

CHECK IT OUT! - see flyer, page 11, digital Beacon

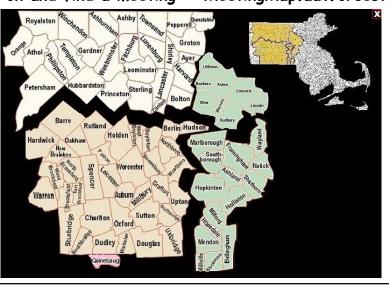
Did you know...

Your A. A. group contributions to Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) helping us accomplish so many things!, including:

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Alcathons

WAI teams up with District 25 to host 36-hour marathon meetings available to anyone! The holidays are a tough time for a lot of us and at these meetings we can be among our peers no matter what time of day!

Find a local meeting fast on a Map, a grid, or on a list! Log on and find a meeting — MeetingMap.aaWorcester.org



Give back what was freely given to you...

The WAI Treatment committee needs your help to fill badly needed commitments in treatment centers in the Worcester area. list of treatment locations and commitment calendars, see below for: http://aaworcester.org/ and click on "Treatment Facilities"

- Community Healthlink (CHL)
- Motivating Youth Recovery (MYR)
- Spectrum Healthcare Systems Female Units
 - Spectrum Healthcare Systems Male Units
 - Sunrise Detox Calendar
 - Washburn House

For schedule details, see flyer page 11—18 digital Beacon Email: treatment@aaworcester.org

"Mere change is not necessarily progress."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1945, "The Book Is Born", The Language of the Heart

GSO NY
Literature
System
Update
Statement:

GSO is updating its literature ordering system—For details, see flyer page 21 digital Beacon

Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting has a new location— Salem Covenant Church, 215 Mountain Street East, Worcester.

Parking and Meeting Room is in the rear.

Intergroup Steering Committee - See Above New Location Notice, 6:00pm Intergroup Delegates* - See Above New Location Notice, 7:00 pm

*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, 118Theresa St., Fitchburg, meets first Thursday of the month 7:00pm AA members welcome—please come join us!

AREA 30 Eastern Mass. General Service Committee — Belmont / Watertown United Methodist Church 421 Common St., Belmont—4th Wednesday 8:00pm

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 7/17/19)

Position	Name	email address	Bold = new	
Chairperson	Emily D.	chair@aaworceste	r.org	
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Liaison to District 26	Fred F.			
Liaison to Area 30	Sean K.			
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Webmaster	John H.	webmaster@aawo		
Bookie Exchange	Bill S. & Fred F.	bookiexchange@d		

"We cannot grow very much unless we constantly try to envision what the eternal spiritual values are."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., June 1961, "Humility for Today", The Language of the Heart

The Beacon—Subscription Form Please fill out form, enclose your payment, and mail to: Worcester Area Intergroup NAME _____ ADRESS_____ STATE___ZIP___ CITY E-MAIL ADDRESS Subscriptions to The Beacon are \$10.00 per year to defray the cost of production and postage. Additional donations from members are gratefully accepted. Worcester Area Intergroup is a non-profit organization, dependent on members' contributions. Please Mail All completed forms and payments to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605 Attn: The Beacon 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 (please circle all that apply): 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): Talk to a person on the phone Go to a persons home to talk *

Meet someone at a meeting

Give rides to Detox *

Give rides to AA Meetings

Other (please specify)

*It is suggested that a person NOT make 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 available and willing to go along with you.

Name:	Anniversary Donation
City/Home Group:	
Sobriety Date:	Amt. Enclosed:

Mail to: Worcester Area Intergroup. 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.



Open House!!

Come find out who we are and what we do!! Purchase books, pamphlets, coins, etc!! Learn how you and your group can get involved!!

Wednesday, August 14th, 2019, 5 to 8:30 p.m.

100 Grove St, Suite 314 Worcester MA 01605

We will be enjoying Pizza, snacks and, of course, COFFEE!!

Come alone or bring your tribe!!

Free parking in the lot next to 90 Grove St. only.

Enter through the Prescott St. end. At the kiosk, hit 061#. It will call the phone in the office and we can open the gate for you!!

(Please do NOT park in the attended lot across the street. It does not belong to our property and we are not able to validate your parking ticket!)

Worcester Area Intergroup Presents:



Join Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee for a night of fun and games!

1st Friday of every month: next on — August 2nd

- 6:30pm Potluck
- 7pm AA Open Speaker Discussion meeting
- 8pm GAME ON!

Trinity Church: 23 Main Street, Northborough MA

We provide games and pizza!
If you are able please bring a food item to share and a game to play
or
email if you are you interested in organizing a game.

For more information please contact - Alica B./Alice B. social@aaworcester.org



District 24 Annual AA Picnic

Family & Friends Sunday, August 18 Noon - 4 pm

Where: Pine Bluff Recreation Area on Lake Boon in Stow Gratitude Meeting from 3pm-4pm



Food and Drink

Hot dogs, burgers, soda, water, provided Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share Suggested donation is \$5/person or \$10/family

The park has a fenced in playground for kids, a large field with soccer goals for all types of games, and a beach with a lifeguard on duty. So bring your bathing suits, sports equipment, and musical instruments and join in the fun.

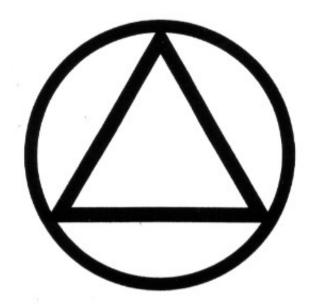
For more info, contact: Theresa at: 978-793-1716 or tn01@verizon.net



Ashburnham-

HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE

Alcoholics Anonymous: Women's Closed Discussion Group*



Thursday Nights Beginning July 11th, 2019 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Ashburnham Community Church

9 Chapel Street, Ashburnham, MA

*Attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking.

If you have questions, contact: JoNan: (508) 801-6457

Melissa: (978)407-7222

INTERGROUP TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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

Remember that the <u>primary purpose</u> of Alcoholics Anonymous is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. There are far too many people in very early sobriety at Treatment Facilities that are not hearing the message that we are responsible for carrying. With that said the WAI Treatment Facilities Committee is asking for your help.

Please visit the WAI website at www.aaworcester.org and click on the Treatment Facilities
Committee link in the lower right corner of the home page. There you will find calendars by facility to view open dates that we need your help filling. If the date says FILLED, it is currently covered. If the day of the month says Open Date it is open. Once you find a date that you can help fill please contact us at Treatment@aaworcester.org.

We have attached the month of August's open dates for several facilities. There are hundreds of open spots for the facilities we are working with. We need help and you can provide that for us in the following ways:

- 1) Having your Group take a Standing Commitment
- 2) Having a group of friends take a Standing Commitment
- Having you and some friends fill an open spot until a Standing Commitment can be found

So please do what you can and if you have general questions you can always contact us at Treatment@aaworcester.org.

CHL Detox - 7-8pm - Email Treatment@aaworcester.org

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- Twenty-four-hour HALT Line to answer calls.
- Receiving and following up on twelfth step calls.
- 3. Providing local meeting information pamphlets.
- Distribution and sales of AAWS conference approved literature and books.
- Local Public Information, Treatment Facilities and Correctional Facilities Committees.
- Social Committee, Treatment Committee, The Beacon.
- Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Alcathons* jointly with District 25.
- Maintaining a Web Site to provide online Meeting Information and events.

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday.......CLOSED

Monday.......10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday.......10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday.......10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
(Wednesday, 3 PM close in the summer)
Thursday.......10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday.......10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
(Friday, closed in the summer)
Saturday......9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Alcathons: What is an Alcathon? and what happens there? For a number of reasons Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and other Events can be a very hard time for alcoholics. There is often a lot of drinking being done at family gatherings, and for people who are away from family etc, the day can feel very lonely or depressing. Because of this, many AA groups get together and provide extra support to stay sober on holidays, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas etc. There are 36 straight hours of meetings through out the day starting at Noon the day before the holiday and going until midnight of the following day.

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Alcoholics Anonymous* www.aa.org

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 / Telephone: (212) 870-3400

DATE: June 27, 2019

FROM: Greg Tobin, General Manager TOPIC: G.S.O. Systems Update

Dear A.A. friends,

As you may know, G.S.O. is immersed in an exciting major project to modernize our office business systems and consolidate nearly all of our business functions to a single platform.

We are taking these measures with the goal of providing increased efficiencies, security, and enhanced overall support of the A.A. community.

However, this important upgrade will necessitate a shutdown of some of our online systems — most notably our literature ordering and contributions systems — as we transition to the new platform. During this transition period we will be unable to accept literature orders via phone, fax, online webstore, or any other means. We will also be unable to process or accept online contributions, as well as any changes or updates to service records currently housed in FNV or elsewhere.

Important: Our literature ordering and contributions systems will be shut down during the change-over period from Friday, July 26, 2019 at the close of business until Monday, August 5, 2019 when the new system will be available. Also, July 22, 2019 is the last day for us to receive orders. Orders received between July 23 and August 4 will not be processed until we go live. Online stores will close on July 22 at 5 p.m.

If the above dates change for any reason, we will reach out to you with an update as soon as possible.

Once the new system is up and running, members interacting with G.S.O. will have a much improved user experience, allowing for greater ease of ordering, a new self-service portal for updating group records and more complete customer service.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR AREA REGISTRARS: More information on training will be provided by G.S.O.'s Records Department as the change-over to the new system is implemented.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS ONLINE: Due to the change-over, members who have been making recurring contributions online will have to reenter all credit card information once the new system is implemented.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT **SALES TAX AND EXEMPTIONS**: Based on new sales tax regulations, there are 22 states in which we will have to start collecting sales tax.* Additionally, if you currently have tax exemption status on file with G.S.O., it will be necessary to resubmit your form. We will not be transferring tax exempt status from the old system to the new ERP system.

We encourage all recipients of this communication to share it freely and widely throughout the Fellowship.

Many thanks for your patience and support,

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