



# The Beacon

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## Worcester Area Intergroup

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Monday 10am-2pm  
Tuesday 10am-8pm  
Wednesday 10am-2pm  
Thursday 10am-8pm  
Friday 10am-2pm  
Saturday 9am-2pm  
Sunday CLOSED

### The Beacon Staff:

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### Step 9

Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

### 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 ALCATHONS ARE COMING!!!!

Drawings for all three Alcathons will take place at the **October 3rd District 25 Meeting** and the **October 12 Worcester Area Intergroup Delegates' Meeting**.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: If your Group gets a time slot at the District Meeting, you are not eligible to draw at the Intergroup Meeting!\*\***

**Here is how it will work**—there will be 18 1-hour time slots for each Alcathon at each Meeting. If 30 people come to draw slots, enough blank slips will be added so that everyone gets to draw. If your group draws a blank slip at the District Meeting, you can try for a slot at the Intergroup Meeting. Any unfilled slots would then be given to the Intergroup Office and groups can call and have one of us draw a slot for them.

The Alcathon Committee is also looking for **Hosts/Hostesses** to take shifts during the Alcathons making sure the food table is kept orderly, coffee is replenished, etc. **Setup and Cleanup** help is also needed. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, you can talk to any Committee member, or call the Intergroup Office at (508) 752-9000 Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-8, Friday 10-2 or Saturday 9-2 and speak to Brandy.

### 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](mailto:webmaster@aaworcester.org)

# AA Events

**Bridging The Gap 27th Annual Workshop Weekend**— September 8-10, 2017—  
Bloomington, MN— see [www.btgww.org](http://www.btgww.org) for more information.

**End Of Summer Bash**— September 23rd—Presented by District 25 and Worcester  
Area Intergroup Social Committee—Hopkinton State Park—11am-7pm—sign up by  
September 11th for your free parking pass. Contact WAI Office for more info. 508-  
752-9000.

## Anniversary Donation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Amt. Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to:

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

*Editor at [beacon@aaworcester.org](mailto:beacon@aaworcester.org) if an Anniversary has not been published for two  
months following submission.*

## HELP WANTED:

The Beacon is currently looking for an Assistant Editor. Must be computer-literate and either  
be familiar with, or willing to learn, Microsoft Publisher. *Goal:* train someone with the  
possibility of standing for the Editor position at the WAI Elections/Appointments meeting in  
November.

*It is time for me to move on to other things in the Spirit of Rotation!*

**Deadline....**

.....for information to go into the September issue of The Beacon is August 15th, 2017. Information can be sent to :

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Worcester, MA 01605  
or e-mailed to:  
[Beacon@aaworcester.org](mailto:Beacon@aaworcester.org)

## Meeting List Changes

### FORMAT CHANGE

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

**CROZIER GROUP**—Mondays now OPEN SPEAKER/DISCUSSION

**NORTHBORO TUESDAY NOON STEP**—now BEGINNERS 123

### MOVED

**BURBANK SUNDAY MORNING STEP** —Sundays 9am MOVED to Burbank Campus of Health Alliance—Urgent Care Entrance—up one floor to Bergevin Conference Room

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

**WEDNESDAY WOMENS 12 STEP**—MOVED to 81 Plantation St.—entrance on Chrome St.—Worcester

**NORTHBORO MONDAY NOON CLOSED DISCUSSION**—MOVED to Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Westboro. Is now **WESTBORO NOON AS BILL SEES IT**—Closed Discussion, Beginners encouraged.

### TIME CHANGE

**SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT**—114 Main St., Worcester, MA—TIME CHANGE—to Thursday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm (BBD)

**ITS ABOUT TIME**—1059 Main St. (Jeremiah`s Inn), Worcester—DAY CHANGE—to Friday Nights - 7:00-8:15pm

**FIRST 164 PAGES**—Ascension Church, 28 Vernon St, Worcester—TIME CHANGE—to Thursday Nights - 6:30-8:00pm

**WORCESTER GAY GROUP**—695 Southbridge St., Worcester, MA—Mondays 7:00-8:00pm (O12G)

### NEW

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

**CLINTON BB WORKSHOP**—169 Chestnut, Clinton—Wednesdays 7-8pm—NEW GROUP (OBB)

**THURSDAY OBB**—28 Vernon St., Worcester—Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm—NEW GROUP (OBB)

**AA BEGINNERS Q&A** —St. Stephen`s Church, 16 Hamilton St. Worcester, MA—Saturdays 9:00-9:30am—NEW GROUP (Open Beginners Meeting)

**DROP THE ROCK** —6 Depot City Rd. Charlton, MA—Mondays 6:15-7:30pm—NEW GROUP (Closed Discussion Non-smoking)

**SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT**—114 Main St., Worcester, MA—NEW GROUP—to Thursday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm (Steps 1-2-3)

**THANK GOD IT`S HERE**—Chaffin Congregational Church 155 Shrewsbury St., Holden, MA—ADDITIONAL GROUP—to Saturdays - 10:30-noon (O12B Steps 1-2-3)

**THERE IS A SOLUTION**—17 East Main St., Webster, MA—Tuesdays - 7:00-8:pm (OSpD)

**UNACC 12 & 12**—29 Antietam St., Ft. Devens, MA—Tuesdays - 7:30-8:45pm (O12)

### CLOSED

**KEY TO FREEDOM**—Sturbridge, MA **SATURDAY MEETING ONLY**

**PAXTON OBBW TUESDAY**—7:00pm Paxton



**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!!

**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:

John H., Brandy H., Bill S., Ferne S., Robert Mc., Donna H., Steven 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.

**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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**HALTline Openings!!**

WAI` s HALTline has openings for all shifts. HALTline allows people to call the number for WAI and get a live, sober person to talk to. We are NOT a taxi service or counseling service. We DO give meeting information, talk and listen to another sober alcoholic in danger of picking up a drink, a sober alcoholic visiting the area who doesn` t know anyone around here or a drunk who just needs that link in the chain to get them to go to a meeting.

One year of sobriety is suggested, along with touch-tone phone service and 3 or more hours a week to answer the phone when the office is closed.

**CURRENT AVAILABLE HOURS**

SUNDAYS midnight - 8pm, MONDAYS 4am—10am & 10pm—midnight, TUESDAYS 5am—10am & 8pm—midnight, WEDNESDAYS 5am—10am & 8pm—midnight, THURSDAYS Midnight—10am & 8pm—midnight, FRIDAYS Midnight—10am & 8pm—midnight, SATURDAYS midnight—9am & 6pm—midnight.

Contact haltline@aaworcester.org if you are available for any times preferably in 3hour shifts or more.

**Service Meeting Schedule**

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

**Intergroup Delegates\*** - 100 Grove St. 4th Floor, Worcester, MA 6:00 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, 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

**OPEN POSITIONS!!!**

The Worcester Area Intergroup is currently looking for a few responsible people to fill several open Chairperson and Alternate Secretary positions . If you are interested, please contact chair@aaworcester.org and plan to come to the July 13th Delegate's Meeting. It's a great way to get involved!!

**Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>email address</u></b>
Chairperson	Brandy H.	chair@aaworcester.org
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Secretary	<b>OPEN</b>	secretary@aaworcester.org
Alt. Secretary	<b>OPEN</b>	
Treasurer	Ellen McQ.	treasurer@aaworcester.org
Alt. Treasurer	Lisa R.	alttreasurer@aaworcester.org
Trustees	Tom E., Kevin L., Anne G., Wendy S.	
Office Manager	John H.	steps@aaworcester.org
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Correctional Facilities	Wes M.	corrections@aaworcester.org
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Liaison to District 26	<b>OPEN</b>	
Liaison to Area 30	Ellen McQ.	
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Worcester Area Intergroup is a non-profit organization, dependent on members' contributions. Please make checks payable to Worcester Area Intergroup.

**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

Ag<sup>e</sup>s 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.*

Please mail to: **Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St. Suite 314  
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
**BRIDGING**  
 THE  
**GAP**  
 TEMPORARY CONTACTS

27th  
Annual

Workshop  
Weekend

September 8-10 2017

Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport,  
3800 American Boulevard, Bloomington, MN 55425

Hosted by Area 36 Southern Minnesota  
 For hotel reservations call (952) 854-2100. Refer to Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend  
 for special rate of \$105.00 plus tax for single/double occupancy

The 27th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend will consist of presentations and discussions on BTG topics of interest to the registered participants. Those who attend are AA's involved or interested in 12th step work through various General Service and Intergroup Committees like Treatment, Corrections, CPC, PI, H&I, etc. A.A.'s from across the U.S. and Canada will attend, many sharing their experiences on BTG topics. This is a self-supporting workshop supported by contributions for the printing, mailing and coordinating expenses through the year as well as hotel meeting room. CDs will be available for purchase, even if you are unable to attend.

\$35 Pre-Registration     Donation     \$40 at the Door     \$25 Day Pass

Total Submitted: \$ \_\_\_\_\_     I am interested in purchasing CD's

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Area#: \_\_\_\_\_ District #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to give a presentation on the following topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations-Special Needs? \_\_\_\_\_ Staying at hotel:     Yes     No

Return registration form and check to: BTGWW, 6200 Rustic Hills Drive, Rocklin, CA, 95677

Any questions contact Matthew L. at (916) 899-1908 [coordinator@btgww.org](mailto:coordinator@btgww.org) or  
 Host Committee Chair [host@btgww.org](mailto:host@btgww.org) and register at [www.BTGWW.org](http://www.BTGWW.org)

# End of Summer Bash



Food, fun,  
Fellowship,  
Hiking,  
Volleyball



fireside  
meeting at  
5PM

Hosted By

D25 & WAI Social Committee

Volunteer Support from The Way Out Group

**Saturday September 23, 2017**

**11:00am-7:00pm**

**Hopkinton State Park**

**Route 85 - Hopkinton Ma 01748**

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Beans, Potato Salad, Chips and Dessert Available Courtesy  
WAI Social Committee From 1-3pm - Please bring your own beverages!

Fellowship - Volleyball - Hiking - Swimming - Biking - Kayaking and Paddle  
board rentals available at the Park - Fireside Gratitude meeting begins at 5pm

Parking fee courtesy of D25 - please sign up by September 11<sup>th</sup> to get your FREE  
parking pass (parking \$8 after that date)

Reserve your spot and Parking pass at Intergroup Office or by Calling 508-277-0109



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