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Thursday 10am-2pm  
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See notice at right for  
February 5h & 12th  
Tuesday schedule

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## EVENTS!

### Game Night and Pot Luck—Friday February 4th

- Pot Luck dinner @ 6:30pm, AA Meeting @ 7pm, Board Games @ 8pm
- Trinity Church, 23 Main St., Northborough.
- Come for all or part of Game Night!
- Please bring a food item to share if you can—or a game to play
- Email if you are interested in organizing a game
- Held on the first Friday of every month— 2/1, 3/1
- More info—Emily D. - [social@aaworcester.org](mailto:social@aaworcester.org)
- Join the Worcester Area Intergroup for a night of fun and games!
- See the WAI flyer on Page 8 digital *Beacon*

### AA's - Meet Your District 26! Saturday, March 9

Come meet your AA District Officers. Learn how they serve you!  
Learn what DCM's, GSR's and Chair Persons do. Free Dinner and Raffles!!!!!!!!!!

- When: Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:30PM
- Where: St. Anthony's Church Hall, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley MA
- 1:00PM: Doors Open for Coffee and Fellowship.
- 1:30PM Spaghetti Dinner served.
- 2:30PM District Speakers.
- 3:25PM Free Raffles including 2 free tickets to Comedy Night!
- Tickets are FREE. Pls see your GSR for a ticket.
- **Limited amount (2) will be given on a first come first served basis. Pls only take a ticket if you will use it.**
- Visit our website [www.aadistrict26.org](http://www.aadistrict26.org)
- Contact your GSR or call Karen M. 978-496-0500
- Hosted by District 26 Activities Committee

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

- Worcester Area Intergroup office will be closing at 3pm on Tuesdays February 5th and February 12th 2019 (2/5, 2/12)
- Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting location TBA; Call the office



### Step Two:

"Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

### 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 Second Tradition

**For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority... a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants... they do not govern.**

A.A. is both a democracy and, in Bill W.'s words, "a benign anarchy." A group elects its own officers—who have no power to order anybody to do anything. In most groups, most of the slate rotates out of office at the end of six months, and new officers are elected.

If a group wants to be a part of the whole A.A. service structure, it elects a G.S.R. (general service representative, with a two-year term). G.S.R.s elect area committee members and then join them in electing a delegate from their area to the annual General Service Conference. The Conference is about the closest approximation of a government that A.A. has; it produces opinions on important matters of policy; it approves the choice of some trustee nominees for the General Service Board and directly elects others. But neither the Conference nor the board can give orders to any group or member.

Then who's in charge around here? A.A. is a spiritual movement, and so the "ultimate authority" is the spiritual concept of the "group conscience." Its voice is heard when a well-informed group gathers to arrive at a decision. The result rests on more than arithmetic, a "yes" and "no" count. Minority ideas get thoughtful attention. What about that annoying character who's always sure she's right. If she's wrong, then she will—if she remembers the First Tradition as well as the Second—go along with the decision of the group conscience. Does this notion seem too cloudy? Let's think back to our first meetings. The presence we newcomers felt in those rooms was the same as the group conscience. And it was real—welcoming us in, setting up no barriers of rules....

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### WAI's ONLINE BOOKIE EXCHANGE

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**CHECK IT OUT! - see flyer, page 9, digital Beacon**  
<http://aaworcester.org/aaBookieX.aspx?GRP=WAI>

### New 2019 First Release Worcester Area Meeting Lists are Available

The new lists are blue and available for purchase at the WAI Office —  
 \$1.00 for 10



**Deadline....**  
 ....for information to go into the March issue of *The Beacon* is February 17, 2019. Please send to:

**Worcester Area Intergroup**  
 100 Grove St., Suite 314  
 Worcester, MA 01605  
 or e-mail to: [Beacon@aaworcester.org](mailto:Beacon@aaworcester.org)

**Planning a special event? Let us know about it!**  
 E-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to: [Beacon@aaworcester.org](mailto:Beacon@aaworcester.org)

*"The healthy person finds happiness in helping others. Thus, for him, unselfishness is selfish."*

**Meeting List Changes**

**FORMAT CHANGE**

**HELPING HAND** - Marlboro, Saturday has changed from an Open Speaker Meeting to an Open Speaker/Discussion Meeting.  
**NIGHT OWL**- Charlton - is no longer a YP meeting...it is now ODNSh

**MOVED**

**STEPS TO RECOVERY**—Groton, Monday night GROTON "Steps to Recovery" group has relocated to the fire station, 185 Lost Lake Drive in Groton at 7:30pm.

**TIME CHANGE**

**STRAIGHT SHOOTERS** — Hudson, Thursday OSp - Riverside Gun Club, 16 Wilkins St.— 7:30-8:30 PM

**WOMEN’S DESTINY** - Marlborough, Monday, will now meet from 5:30-6: 45 pm Friday

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

**GAY GROUP**- Worcester, Monday now 7:00-8:15 PM

**NEW**

**SPIRITUAL SISTERS** —Bolton, Monday, First Parish of Bolton, 673 Main St. 7-8:30pm —\_Women`s OBB12

**NOON BIG BOOK** Friday, Northboro - Friday, - 12- 1pm Trinity Church, 23 Main St. OBB

**BIG BOOK**, Charlton, Friday, OBB Advent Christian Church, 6 Haggerty Rd 7:00-8:00 PM

**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

**GROUPS NEEDING SUPPORT**

**BIG BOOK STEP STUDY**—Worcester, Wednesday needs support 7:00p-8:30pm the First Congregational Church 1070 Pleasant Street

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

**NAME CHANGE**

**WORCESTER WOMEN’S WEDNESDAY 12 STEP** meeting has renamed to WOW (Women On Wednesday) - still same time and location

**GROUPS CLOSING**

**AS BILL SEES IT** - Oxford Wednesday, meeting ended in November  
**TRANSGENDER UNITY** — Marlborough, Monday

*"We are called to unity, not uniformity."*

*"The Harmony of Service,"  
Oak Harbor, Washington,  
January 1984, AA Grapevine*

*"The most important thing AA has given me is the chance to get to know someone I never knew - myself."*

*"Getting to Know You -- I Mean Me,"  
Calgary, Alberta,  
December 1994, AA Grapevine*

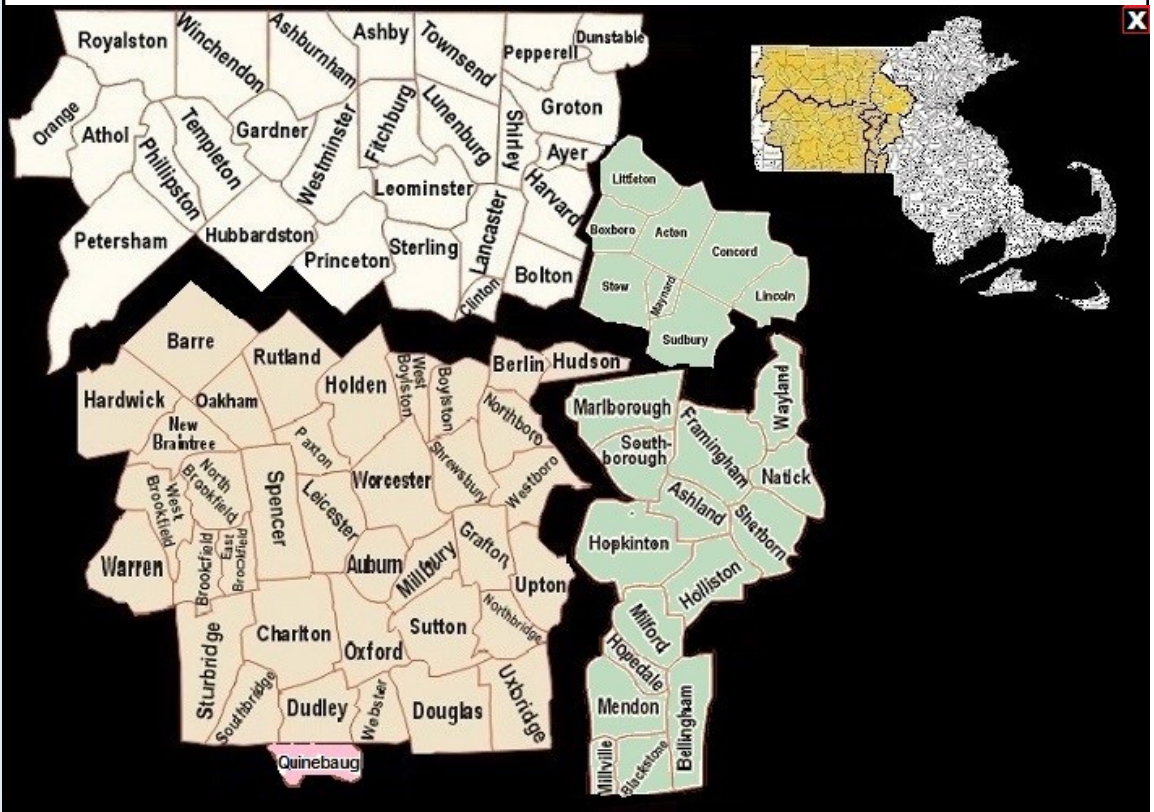
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***Find a local meeting fast on a Map, a grid, or on a list!***



**Log on and find a meeting -**

**[http://www.aaworcester.org/GroupNews.aspx?News=Resource&GRP=WAI&ID=498&NONAV=Y&Title=WAI%](http://www.aaworcester.org/GroupNews.aspx?News=Resource&GRP=WAI&ID=498&NONAV=Y&Title=WAI%20)**

### ***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.

A list of treatment locations and commitment calendars can be found here:

**<http://aaworcester.org/Committees/Treatment%20Facilities/treatment.html>** (see flyer, page 9, digital Beacon)



**Service Meeting Schedule**

**Intergroup Steering Committee\* - Location TBA, See Below Notice, 6:00pm**

**Intergroup Delegates\* - Location TBA, See Below Notice, 7:00 pm**

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

**\*\*Until further notice, call the office for the location of Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates Meetings—Location TBA\*\***

**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, 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 1/18/19)**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>	<u>Bold = new</u>
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Liaison to District 26	Fred F.		
Liaison to Area 30	<b>Sean K.</b>		
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Webmaster	John H.	webmaster@aaworcester.org	
Bookie Exchange	Bill S. & Fred F.	bookieexchange@aaworcester.org	

**"Sponsorship is a bridge to trusting the human race, the very race we once resigned from. In learning to trust, we are strengthening our sobriety."**

**"A Means to a Beginning," Grand Island, Nebraska, February 1984  
One On One: AA Sponsorship in Action**

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 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 \*  
Give rides to AA Meetings Give rides to Detox \* Meet someone at a meeting  
 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.*

**Anniversary Donation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 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](mailto:beacon@aaworcester.org) if an Anniversary has not been published for two months following submission.

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Worcester Area  
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Presents:

# GAME NIGHT

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of  
the month!

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

**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.

Dates: 2018: 11/2, 12/7 2019: 1/4, 2/1, 3/1

For more information please contact Emily D. [Social@aaworcester.org](mailto:Social@aaworcester.org)



# OPEN COMMITMENTS TO TREATMENT FACILITIES ANNOUNCEMENT

## 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 primary purpose 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 pleased to announce some changes to help fill Open Commitment spots but we need your help.

Please visit the WAI website at [www.aaworcester.org](http://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. Once you find a date that you can help fill please contact the facility's Team Leader. Their emails are as follows:

- 1) [Adcare@aaworcester.org](mailto:Adcare@aaworcester.org) – for all commitments to Adcare Hospital
- 2) [CHL@aaworcester.org](mailto:CHL@aaworcester.org) – for all commitments to Community Healthlink
- 3) [Spectrum@aaworcester.org](mailto:Spectrum@aaworcester.org) – for all male units at Spectrum Health Systems
- 4) [MYRCHL@aaworcester.org](mailto:MYRCHL@aaworcester.org) – for all commitments to the youth program of CHL
- 5) [Washburn@aaworcester.org](mailto:Washburn@aaworcester.org) – for all commitments to Washburn House
- 6) [Willows@aaworcester.org](mailto:Willows@aaworcester.org) – for all female units at Spectrum Health Systems

There are hundreds of open spots for just these 6 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
- 3) 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](mailto:Treatment@aaworcester.org).

Thank you for your service,  
WAI Treatment Facilities Committee

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## *BookieXchange*

SEEKING COMMITMENT			<a href="#">Expanded View</a>	<a href="#">Add New</a>
Town	Group   Meeting	Posts		
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☒ New Bedford	MIRACLES HAPPEN	28		
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☒ Northboro	Northboro Saturday AM	3		
☒ Westboro	Westboro Forge	9		
☒ Worcester	SERENITY	1		
☒ Worcester	Worcester Gratitude	6		

*Add New* to list your meeting *Rsvp* to take a commitment  
*Post anonymously, get email alerts from web site*

## *has launched*

## at aaWorcester.org

When, therefore, we were approached by those in whom the problem had been solved, there was nothing left for us but to pick up the simple kit of spiritual tools laid at our feet. We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed.

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