## **Worcester Area Intergroup**



The

## Beacon Weekly

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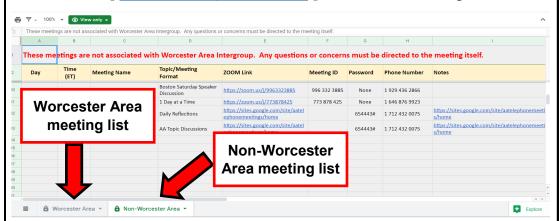
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Let us know how we are doing beacon@ aaworcester.org

#### VIRTUAL LOCAL MEETING SUPPORT FROM WAI

Fast, easy access to a detailed list of local Online A.A. meetings

Worcester Area Intergroup's home page includes a Virtual Meeting box and a link to a spreadsheet listing Virtual A.A. meetings in Massachusetts, including many in the Worcester area. [ <a href="https://bit.ly/2WlpfBD">https://bit.ly/2WlpfBD</a> ] As of this writing, the



Spreadsheet's left tab includes links to **158** meetings in the Central Mass. and surrounding areas. Got a new meeting to add? See the link in the Virtual Meeting box to go the Virtual Meeting Request Form to submit a new meeting. The spreadsheet includes a second tab (right tab—see illustration) listing **65** online meetings in related areas.

All meetings setup using the Worcester Intergroup account require a password to keep 'bots and hackers out — The password for attending is **Sober2020** 

An online meeting list is hosted by the Eastern Mass. Central Service Committee — <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/12-">https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/12-</a>

**<u>gRXU fNZ2ggNxI2KdCbzODwR9mNvVW</u>** — showing **358** meetings.

Also available is a nationwide list from A.A. Central Service in New York [https://www.aa.org/pages/en US/options-for-meeting-online]

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## **Step Four:**

## "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

## "Fearless and Searching"

"My self-analysis has frequently been faulty.

Sometimes I've failed to share my defects with the right people; at other times, I've confessed their defects, rather than my own; and still other times, my confession of defects has been more in the nature of loud complaints about my circumstances and my problems."

From "As Bill Sees It" P. 6,—Copyright© 1983 A.A. World Services.

**STEP NO. 4** -- "Made searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves." The intent and purpose of this step is plain. All alcoholics have a definite need for a good self-analysis -- a sort of self-appraisal. Other people have certainly analyzed us, appraised us, criticized us and even judged us. It might be a good idea to judge ourselves, calmly and honestly. This is not a list of past offenses but an attempt to determine our present character or personality. We need an inventory because

- -- 1. Either our faults, weaknesses, defects of character -- are the cause of our drinking -- OR
- -- 2. Our drinking has weakened our character and let us drift into all kinds of wrong actions, wrong attitudes, wrong viewpoints. In either event we obviously need an inventory and the only kind of inventory to make is a GOOD one. Moreover, the job is up to US. WE created or WE let develop all the anti-social actions that got US in wrong. So WE have got to work it out. We must make out a list of OUR faults and then WE must do something about it.

#### The inventory must be four things --

- 1. It must be **HONEST**. Why waste time fooling ourselves with a phony list. We have fooled ourselves for years. We tried to fool others and now is a good time to look ourselves squarely in the eye.
- 2. It must be **SEARCHING**. Why skip over a vital matter lightly and quickly. Our trouble is a grave mental illness, confused by abnormal thinking. Therefore, we must **SEARCH** diligently and fearlessly to get at the **TRUTH** of what is wrong with us -- just dig in and **SEARCH**.
  - 3. It must be **FEARLESS.** We must not be afraid we might find things in our heart, mind, and soul that we will hate to discover. If we do find such things they may be the **ROOT** of our trouble.
- 4. It must be **MORAL** inventory. Some, in error, think the inventory is a lot of unpaid debts plus a list of unmade apologies. Our trouble goes much deeper. We will find that the root of our trouble lies in -
- RESENTMENTS -- FALSE PRIDE -- ENVY -- JEALOUSY -- SELFISHNESS and many other things. Laziness is an important one. In other words we are making an inventory of our character -- our attitude toward others -- our way of living, We are not preparing financial statement. We will pay our bills all right, because we cannot even begin to practice A.A. without HONESTY.

"This is from a pamphlet titled "Alcoholics Anonymous - An Interpretation of our Twelve Steps," published in September 1944 by the Washington, D.C. Group. Since 1944, this pamphlet has been reprinted throughout the country



#### **Tradition Four**

## "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole."

A member who does any amount of traveling finds the A.A. spirit much the same everywhere. But apart from this inward kinship, there are vast differences among groups. Here, the traveler finds three members discussing the Steps in somebody's living room; there, 300 listening to speakers in a church auditorium. In one part of the U.S., respectful silence greets the speaker who begins, "My name is Ann, and I am an alcoholic." In another, everybody happily shouts, "Hi, Ann!" And in many other places, she may introduce herself with her full name—at a one-hour meeting or a 90-minute meeting. In each neighborhood in every part of the world reached by A.A., the local group is free to work out its own customs.

As always, freedom brings responsibility. Because each group is autonomous, it's up to each group to avoid any action that might harm A.A. And there have been such actions—or this Tradition would be unnecessary. "Implicit throughout A.A.'s Traditions," Bill W. wrote, "is the confession that our Fellowship has its sins. We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threatens us continually."

Blown up to multiple size, the Big Ego may inspire one group to take over all the public information work for its area, without consulting any of the other local groups. Once the group has decided, "We have all the answers," the lid's off. The group may then decide that, let's say, the Eleventh Tradition is an outdated technicality: "This is a competitive age! We're going to come right out and give A.A. some good, vigorous promoting!" To the general public, this one conspicuous group is A.A. Its antics reflect, not only on the ignored neighboring groups, but on the entire Fellowship.

In a way, the Fourth Tradition is like the Fourth Step: It suggests that the A.A. group should take honest inventory of itself, asking about each of its independently planned actions, "Would this break any Tradition?" Like the individual member who chooses to make the Steps his or her guide toward happy sobriety, the wise group recognizes that the Traditions are not hindering technicalities—they are proved guides toward the chief objective of all A.A. groups....

From The TWELVE TRADITIONS Illustrated—Copyright@ A.A. World Services

"4.—With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans con cern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole with out conferring with the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation.\* On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

\*Now known as The General Service Board of A.A., Inc.

From "A.A.TRADITION—HOW IT DEVELOPED," by Bill W." P. 261 —Copyright@ 1983 A.A. World Services.

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 <i>all</i> that apply): <u>Males Only</u> <u>Females Only</u> <u>Both</u>		
Ages I am willing to work with people ages:		
<u>Teens</u> <u>20 to 30</u> <u>30 to 40</u> <u>40 to 50</u> <u>50 to 60</u> <u>Over 60</u>		
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 yo should NOT drive a wet drunk to a treatment facility (detox) without having another A.A. member with you. If you cir cled 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—address on page 1. 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.		

#### HALT LINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Intergroup HALT line needs volunteers to cover open time slots. The HALT line is there to assist any alcoholic needing to find a meeting. This is service work that really matters.

See the flyer on page 12



## Find a Meeting—Local or Anywhere!

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

MeetingMap.aaWorcester.org



## Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Meeting Guide

The official Meeting Guide is a free of charge meeting finder app for iOS and Android that provides meeting information from A.A. service entities in an easy-to-access format.

Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international General Service Office websites (some of which are listed on A.A. Near You), relaying meeting information from more than 300 A.A. service entities directly to you. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

This app gives A.A. service entities full control of their local meeting information while collecting it in one place, making it easy for anyone to find a meeting. Local entities provide their meeting information voluntarily. Meeting Guide users can suggest additions or corrections to meeting listings by using links provided within the app to contact the local service entity responsible for the information.

#### New & Enhanced Features

Search — Find A.A meetings by name or location, in addition to day and time Daily Reflections — a selection of reflections by and for A.A. members Enhanced location functionality

Expanded user interface, with a new menu bar and "Contact" feature.

"News" — Learn about events at the General Service Office (G.S.O.) and Grapevine, as well as information about updates within the app.



https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.meetingguide

apps.apple.com > app > meeting-guide

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## The GRAPEVINE AND LA VIÑA ARE HERE TO HELP

Home Group

Spanish issues





Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, many AA meetings across the U.S. have closed. To help members during this time, The AA Grapevine, Inc., publisher of the *International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous*, is providing free access to most of 2020's *Grapevine* and *La Viña* issues. The AA Grapevine, Inc., notes, "*Grapevine* and *La Viña* were created for such a time as this." See this link to download available issues: [ <a href="https://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help">https://www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help</a> ]

Please share with your fellows.

## **Worcester Area Intergroup's New Online Bookstore**

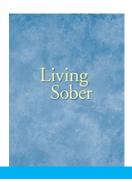
WAI has launched a new Online Bookstore, enabling local A.A.'s to order coins, books, and cards. The site also includes a printable PDF listing these items, which can be filled out and mailed in if that is more convenient for some buyers.

If you don't know it, sales of books and other items from the WAI Bookstore helps support local A.A. activities (such as the Intergroup Office and Alcathons), so help the local recovery community by buying your A. A..-related items from the WAI bookstore. Gift certificates are now available for the WAI Bookstore and can be used for anything in the bookstore of for special orders.

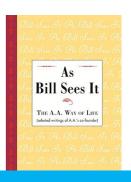
Find it here: <a href="http://bookstore.aaworcester.org">http://bookstore.aaworcester.org</a>

Please remember to check off the 'shipping' box—we are not offering in-person orders. Please remember to close out the transaction after Paypal returns you to the bookstore.







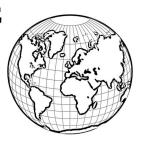




## **VIRTUAL A.A. MEETINGS WORLDWIDE**



The COVID-19 crisis isn't only happening in the U.S. Worldwide, A.A.'s have stepped up to the challenge of service to their fellows by launching virtual meetings almost everywhere A.A. is— we count 1,072 meetings here:



www.bit.ly/aaonline2020



## **Worcester Area Intergroup Information**

Until further notice, the Intergroup Steering Committee, District 25 meeting and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting has been changed to a virtual event—

Information for these meetings is listed at the top of the virtual meeting list at aaworcester.org.

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

District 25 General Service Committee—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 4/12/20)

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Liaison to District 26	Jenn C.	
Liaison to Area 30	Jim B.	

## **Treatment Facilities Service Opportunities**

Due to COVID-19, treatment commitments are being revamped. See **page 13** for Treatment Committee updates or contact Raymond M.—treatment@aaworcester.org

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## Online Intergroup—Online Meetings Directory

#### http://aa-intergroup.org/directory.php

The Online Intergroup URL listed is a resource and starting point for finding an online meeting format and time that suits you, including by Email, Chat (text), Audio/Video, Discussion Forums, and Telephone



The Directory identifies a wide range of meeting formats—Regular, Men/Women, Men only, Women only, Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Blind/Visually Impaired, Loners/Internationalists, Atheist/Agnostic, Regional / Ethnic, Profession Specific and Closed or Open

This directory lists over 100 different Groups—each group hosting from 1 to more than a dozen scheduled 'meetings.' Each group listed displays how to connect or enter the group, the time(s) of the meetings (in local or Daylight Savings time), a brief description of the format style of the meeting, and URLs/telephone numbers or other relevant access info. Besides English, the list includes meetings offered in 12 other languages, and, meetings hosted in the U.S., Canada, and many other countries.

The Directory also offers information on the Guidelines for Submitting a Meeting for incorporation in the Directory here: <a href="http://aa-intergroup.org/directory">http://aa-intergroup.org/directory</a> form.php

The Directory offers a confidential "Get Help Now" page where anyone can enter their contact information and get help 24X7 from volunteer A.A. members, and a Calendar section displaying info on A.A.-related Conferences, Conventions, Roundups, and local, regional, national and international A.A-related events.

The Online Intergroup aids its member groups in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.



### PLEASE SUPPORT LOCAL VIRTUAL MEETINGS and WAI

One element in online meetings which *is* different is that the digital world needs a special method to 'Pass the (Virtual) Basket' for the Seventh Tradition. Online hosting—(such as Zoom meetings) - cost money to operate, and other area A.A. activities still need support to provide ongoing services, so a link to a contribution page is included [<a href="http://aaworcester.org/contribution\_page.html">http://aaworcester.org/contribution\_page.html</a>] on www.aaworcester.org. Please help keep local A.A. resources available for the alcoholic who still suffers. Payment services charge WAI a *per transaction* fee - so when using them, please contribute less frequently but in a larger amount to reduce the fees incurred with each contribution. The contribution page offers PayPal, Square Cash, Cash App and Google Pay payment options, and all three platforms offer an app for download.









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You may also specify that your contribution be credited to your home group—and you may acknowledge that in your transaction.

If your home group is looking to add digital contribution capabilities, this link offers a good overview of how to add the option of a digital Seventh Tradition contribution capability to an individual group — [ <a href="https://aasfmarin.org/online-contributions-your-digital-7th-tradition-guide-to-best-practices">https://aasfmarin.org/online-contributions-your-digital-7th-tradition-guide-to-best-practices</a> ] ('Best Practices For a Digital 7th Tradition').

## **GRAPEVINE** Daily Quote

**April 20, 2020** 

"When I begin to worry about things I can do nothing about, I tell myself to accept what you can't change. Often I've used the ideas in the Serenity Prayer as a trigger for relinquishing my need to control and as a reminder to take action when some discontentment can be remedied."

El Granada, California, March 1989, A Program of Action, The Best of the Grapevine, Volume 3

## BUSINESS INSIDER

'How I've been using free virtual Alcoholics Anonymous meetings to connect and stay sober while in COVID-19 isolation'

Published under the pseudonym 'Sam Malone' - a *Business Insider* contributor—and an A.A. member - relates his experience with virtual A.A. meetings.

https://www.businessinsider.com/alcoholics-anonymous-aa-meetings-zoom-covid-19coronavirus-2020-3



#### **OPTIONS FOR CREATING AN ONLINE MEETING**

A. A. General Services offers suggestions and shared experiences for creating online meetings here— [ <a href="https://www.aa.org/pages/en\_US/options-for-meeting-online">https://www.aa.org/pages/en\_US/options-for-meeting-online</a> ] This outline includes points to consider and links to other pages:

- Decide if you want to create your own online meeting or attend one that already exists.
- To create your own online meeting, you will choose a platform to use, and provide your group members with any relevant info/instructions for your meeting.

A.A. does not endorse any specific way to meet as a group digitally. Each group must decide what works best for their needs - and several providers offer information on how to use their platforms to set up an online meeting are -

- Google Hangouts/Meet
- Zoom
- Free Conference Call

#### Getting additional help

You may be able to request additional help and guidance on this topic by reaching out to your local A.A. office, technology committees, or the online Technology in A.A. forum [ <a href="https://www.aa.org/pages/en\_US/disclaimer?u=https://tiaa-forum.org/">https://www.aa.org/pages/en\_US/disclaimer?u=https://tiaa-forum.org/</a>] Page 8 in this newsletter outlines issues of working with the popular Zoom platform.

**NEED HELP?** A.A. Worcester Intergroup offers in-depth user training called **Zoom Trooper Boot Camp**—training assistance for using Zoom—please contact Brandy, WAI Office Manager, for info: officemanager@aaworcester.org (508) 752-9000

## In online meetings—don't forget Tradition Twelve

Especially in the digital universe—anonymity matters: See this link to a booklet including guidance and suggestions:

https://www.aa.org/assets/en US/p-47 understandinganonymity.pdf

## Want To Help Another Alcoholic?

Join Us in our 2020 Carry The Message Project

To learn more, visit our website at <a href="mailto:aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message">aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message</a> or visit our YouTube channel at <a href="mailto:youtube.com/aagrapevine">youtube.com/aagrapevine</a>.



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## A Guide to using Zoom as a Virtual Meeting Platform

Highlights from the New York Intergroup's suggestions for developing and managing virtual meetings using Zoom

https://www.nyintergroup.org/remote-meetings/join-the-nyig-zoom-meeting-room/what-is-the-aa-zoom-room/nyig-zoom-room-support/

The New York City area has been hard hit by the COVID-19 virus, and the NY Intergroup has a helpful guide for using Zoom as a virtual meeting platform, addressing topics such as:

- The Account Setup Guide, and, How to use Zoom
- · A Guide for Meeting Chairs
- Managing anonymity in virtual meetings
- Support— Zoom offers support videos and other resources. AA members are encouraged to explore https://support.zoom.us
- Member and Group resources

#### Virtual Meetings face their own challenges

According to the *New York Times*, some A.A. groups hosting virtual meetings on Zoom have had problems with internet trolls (they are under quarantine, too) who are jumping into public Zoom calls and using the platform's screen-sharing feature to project graphic (and sometimes pornographic) content to unwitting conference participants, forcing hosts to shut down their events. This practice is apparently called "Zoom Bombing."

Thankfully, the Inter-Group Association of A.A. New York offers a helpful 4 page guide, 'NYIG Toolkit for Handling Unwanted Meeting Disruptions' [ download: https://www.nyintergroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NYIG Zoom-Protection-Guide 033020.pdf ] addressing concerns such as:

- What should you do if your meeting is disrupted?
- Turn off a Participant's Video and Remove Participant, and, Locking a Meeting
- Preventing "Zoom Group Chat" Abuse, and, Preventing "Share Screen" Abuse
   Zoom also offers a guide to preventing security problems here How to Keep Uninvited Guests
   Out of Your Zoom Event [ <a href="https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/20/keep-uninvited-guests-out-of-your-zoom-event/">https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/20/keep-uninvited-guests-out-of-your-zoom-event/</a>]

#### WAI'S ZOOM WARRIOR COMMITTEE TO THE RESCUE!!

Worcester Intergroup's new committee—The ZOOM Warriors—consists of 12 Zoom Warriors and 2 Honorary Warriors, along with over 70 Zoom Troopers, who's mission is to help keep local A.A. meetings going when our physical locations are closed by giving technical support to groups adding online sessions. Need help? The Warriors have a useful guide to Zoom, and, offer training assistance for using Zoom—contact Brandy, WAI Office Manager,

for info: officemanager@aaworcester.org (508) 752-9000

#### HALT Line Volunteers needed

#### What the HALT line is:

One alcoholic talking to another alcoholic --- Isn't that what A.A. is all about? One might:

- \*Give out meeting time and location information.
- \*Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic in danger of picking up a drink.
- \*Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic who is visiting the area.
- \*Talk to a "drunk". You may be the link in the chain that could save their life.
- \*Refer a caller to the Intergroup Office and inform them of the office hours.

# This is a very easy way to do service from the convenience of your own home.

## What you need to be a volunteer:

- \*1 year of sobriety is suggested because the first year needs focus on recovery before such service.
- \*Meeting lists (we suggest District 26 and Worcester Area). These are available free of charge from Worcester Area Intergroup and are available on the Website <a href="www.aaworcester.org">www.aaworcester.org</a> or use the App MeetingGuide on your cell phone.



\*3 or more hours of time during the week that you will be available to answer calls. This is done from your own home or cell phone. You do not have to answer as A.A. you can simply answer and when asked say you are "Answering for Worcester Area Intergroup, how can I help you?"



Please call Donna H., the HALT Line chair, at 508-735-8559 or email her at donnaham@charter.net or send an email to haltline@aaworcester.org



#### WORCESTER AREA INTERGROUP Joint Treatment Committee Report

April 2020 | Ray Matt H Jeff W

#### Next Virtual Joint Treatment Meeting is Friday January 17th at 7:00pm.

We continue to be really happy with the conference call option for the Area Joint Treatment Committee. We are hopeful that the ability to dial in remotely will encourage greater attendance, even when Covid is over. I will be on the next call this next Friday. Anybody that would be interested in joining me on the call, especially individuals that were interested in being advisors on the treatment committee, the link is: <a href="https://zoom.us/l/929134960/">https://zoom.us/l/929134960/</a> or dial in at 929-205-6099 | 929134960#/ Meeting ID: 929 134 960

#### Virtual AA Committments - Daily at 7:30pm - Headed by Jeff Warren

Jeff is heading the virtual commitments. You may reach him by phone at 774-290-3258 to book your group. The daily re-occurring Link for now: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/i/699702597">https://us04web.zoom.us/i/699702597</a>. We will need to look at a couple 30 minute commitments back to back since all facilities cannot have more than 10 people in a room at a time.

#### Who is taking patients?

As of last week: CHL, Washburn House, Spectrum. Independence Hall is planning to start taking patients again perhaps next week. This changes day by day. As for CSS beds, many of the facilities are now keeping that within their own network instead of taking from a different detox. Spectrum is giving extensions to place people.

#### Bridging the Gap

We are in process of compiling this list for "Temporary Contacts" to help virtually for now and then in person when live meetings start again. Anybody looking for sponsees would be a good fit for Bridging the Gap. Email <a href="mailto:treatment@AAWorcester.org">treatment@AAWorcester.org</a> or call Ray 781-600-3510.

This is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make that transition. As you know, one of the more "slippery" places in the journey to sobriety is between the door of the facility and the nearest A.A. group or meeting. Some of us can tell you that, even though we heard of A.A. in treatment, we were too fearful to go."

Respectfully,

Raymond M. ... '- Worcester Area Intergroup - Treatment Chair - ...
Treatment@AAWorcester.Org