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The office WILL be closed on December 25th and January 1 for Christmas and New Year Holidays

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HOLIDAY ALCATHONS SCHEDULE

Christmas: St. John's Church

Starts: Sunday, December 24th at Noon
Ends: Monday, December 25th at Midnight

New Year's Eve: St. John's Church

Starts: Sunday, December 31st at Noon
Ends: Monday, January 1st at MIDNIGHT
44 Temple St. Worcester MA 01604

Food donations are appreciated by groups or individuals.

NE Connecticut New Year's Eve: St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church 280 Providence St. Putnam CT 01604
6PM New year's Eve until 6PM New Year's Day
Food, Raffle, and Financial donations greatly appreciated.

See the detailed Worcester Alcathon schedules on Pages 4 and 5.

The Worcester Alcathon Committee still needs **Hosts/Hostesses** during the Alcathons to monitor the food table, replenish coffee, 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.

WAI Intergroup Update

The Election of Officers and Appointments of Committee Chairs for 2017 were held at the WAI Intergroup Delegates Meeting on November 9th. The following changes were voted on or appointed effective January 1st: Chair- Nicole L. Alternate Chair - Emily D.; Treasurer -Lisa R.; Alternate Treasurer- Jim B.; Office Manager- Brandy H.; Beacon Editor- John McI; Trustees- Anne G., Kevin L., Bill S. and one open Trustee position.; Social Committee Chair: Emily D.; Nicole L. will serve as Chair at the December 14th meeting.

The Worcester Area Intergroup Committee has the following open positions—these are great opportunities for service work and to get involved. If you are interested in volunteering for a position, call the office during business hours for more information.

- Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Trustee, Treatment Facilities, and, Correction Chair

Step 12

Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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 Twelve (Long Form)

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

"...And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."

"We don't have to go to Akron, Ohio, to see Dr. Bob's memorial. Dr. Bob's real monument is visible throughout the length and breadth of AA. Let us look again at its true inscription -- one word only, which we AAs have written. That word is sacrifice."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1955
"Why Alcoholics Anonymous Is Anonymous," The Language of the Heart
Grapevine Daily Quote—November 11, 2017

Looking for an opportunity to do Service work? Get Involved!

The Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) has open positions—see the story on Page 1. If you are interested in a position, call the office during business hours for more information.

Anniversary Donation

Name: _____

City/Home Group: _____

Sobriety Date: _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Please mail to:
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100 Grove St. Ste. 314
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.

**Deadline....**

.....for information to go into the January issue of *The Beacon* is December 15, 2017. Information can be sent to :

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Beacon@aaworcester.org

**District 23
New Year's
Eve Dance -**

First
Congregational
Church
725 Washington
St.

Holliston MA
Meeting—7:30 to
8:30

Dance starts at
9:00PM—to 12AM

**DJ ROCKIN
RONNIE**

**The Way Out
- Anniversary
Party**

December 6

475 Burncoat St.
Worcester MA
6:30PM—
Celebration, food,
and fellowship
8:00PM—Way Out
group meeting

Meeting List Changes

New Worcester Area Intergroup Meeting Lists (updated 11/14/17) in PDF are available for download at www.aaworcester.org

FORMAT CHANGE

SPENCER FELLOWSHIP—Congregational Church, Rt.9, Spencer —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 has MOVED to Burbank Campus of Health Alliance—Urgent Care Entrance—up one floor to Bergevin Conference Room

PASS IT ON—Sundays 6:45pm has MOVED to Holy Rosary Church (off Regan St), Gardner Open Speaker

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

NORTHBORO MONDAY NOON CLOSED DISCUSSION—has MOVED to Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Westboro. The Group's name is now **WESTBORO NOON AS BILL SEES IT**—Closed Discussion, Beginners encouraged.

Westborough Sunday Morning, Westboro— at the Senior Center at 4 Rogers Rd. 10-11 AM

TIME CHANGE

SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT—114 Main St., Worcester —TIME CHANGE—to Thursday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm Big Book Discussion

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 —Mondays 7:00-8:00pm Open 12 Step Gay

BROOKFIELD SUNDAY MORNING —Was 10:00 - 11:30 am; Now 10:00 - 11:00 am

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 Open Big Book

THURSDAY OBB—28 Vernon St., Worcester—Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm—NEW GROUP Open Big Book

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

DROP THE ROCK —6 Depot City Rd. Charlton —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 —ADDITIONAL GROUP—to Saturdays - 10:30-noon Open 12 Step Beginners, Steps 1-2-3

THERE IS A SOLUTION—17 East Main St., Webster —Tuesdays - 7:00-8:pm Open Speaker Discussion

TOUGH DIVAS DON` T DRINK - Philadelphia Baptist Church, 259 Concord St., Framingham, MA - Fridays 6:60-7:30pm OSpDW

DAY OF HOPE—St. Stephan's Church, 130 Old Turnpike Rd, Quinebaug, CT—Wednesdays - 6-7pm Open Discussion

CLOSED

OXFORD CBB—7:00pm Congregational Church, Oxford

TURNING POINT—6:30pm Thursdays St. Mary's, Shrewsbury

12 STEP SISTERS—6 City Depot R., Charlton—Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm

Christmas	Alcathon	St. John's Church
1 Sunday 12/24	12pm-1pm	Worcester Stay Active
2 Sunday 12/24	1pm-2pm	Worcester Young People
3 Sunday 12/24	2pm-3pm	Worcester 7 AM
4 Sunday 12/24	3pm-4pm	Worcester Serenity
5 Sunday 12/24	4pm-5pm	Worcester Gratitude
6 Sunday 12/24	5pm-6pm	Upton Spirit
7 Sunday 12/24	6pm-7pm	Worcester Seven Hills
8 Sunday 12/24	7pm-8pm	Worcester High Noon
9 Sunday 12/24	8pm-9pm	Charlton DayBreaker
10 Sunday 12/24	9pm-10pm	Worcester Way Of Sobriety
11 Sunday 12/24	10pm-11pm	Millbury Center Step
12 Sunday 12/24	11pm-12am	Holden Thursday Night
13 Monday 12/25	12am-1am	Northboro Saturday Morning
14 Monday 12/25	1am-2am	Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance
15 Monday 12/25	2am-3am	Worcester Sat BBSS
16 Monday 12/25	3am-4am	Webster Early Risers
17 Monday 12/25	4am-5am	Worcester Four Corners
18 Monday 12/25	5am-6am	Shrewsbury Big Book Workshop
19 Monday 12/25	6am-7am	Worcester Daily Choice
20 Monday 12/25	7am-8am	Worcester Wed BBSS
21 Monday 12/25	8am-9am	Rutland Naug Firewater
22 Monday 12/25	9am-10am	Brookfield Sunday Morning
23 Monday 12/25	10am-11am	Worcester Fellowship
24 Monday 12/25	11am-12pm	Millbury Traditions
25 Monday 12/25	12pm-1pm	Oxford Primary Purpose
26 Monday 12/25	1pm-2pm	Webster Triton
27 Monday 12/25	2pm-3pm	Worcester There Is Hope
28 Monday 12/25	3pm-4pm	Shrewsbury Gratitude
29 Monday 12/25	4pm-5pm	Worcester Crozier
30 Monday 12/25	5pm-6pm	Worcester It All Starts Here
31 Monday 12/25	6pm-7pm	Worcester Greendale
32 Monday 12/25	7pm-8pm	Westborough Forge
33 Monday 12/25	8pm-9pm	Dudley Day At A Time
34 Monday 12/25	9pm-10pm	Worcester Quinsigamond
35 Monday 12/25	10pm-11pm	Spencer Fellowship
36 Monday 12/25	11pm-12am	Grafton Easy Does It

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12 Sunday 12/31	11pm-12am	Brookfield Sunday Morning
13 Monday 01/01	12am-1am	Worcester People Helping People
14 Monday 01/01	1am-2am	Millbury Traditions
15 Monday 01/01	2am-3am	Worcester Stay Active
16 Monday 01/01	3am-4am	Worcester Main South Sobriety
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28 Monday 01/01	3pm-4pm	N. Grafton Happy Joyous & Free
29 Monday 01/01	4pm-5pm	Webster Triton
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Service Meeting Schedule

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

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

12-Step Volunteer List

WAI's 12-step Volunteer List is out of date so, and is being purged and started fresh. If you wish to volunteer, please fill out the form on the back page of this issue and mail or bring it to the Intergroup Office!!

Pass It On—

Pass on your copy of The Beacon to another A.A. who might be interested in getting involved in service work.

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Position	Name	email address
Chairperson	Nicole L.	chair@aaworcester.org
Alt. Chair	OPEN	altchair@aaworcester.org
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Liaison to Area 30	Ellen McQ.	
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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 also the other local A.A. entities and 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: _____

Below—(please circle *all* that apply)

I wish to help: Males Only Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with ages: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60

I am willing to:

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.*

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