



# The Beacon

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### Step 2

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.

## Tradition Two

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.

### From the Traditions Checklist:

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Oldtimers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

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### 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

**Brookfield Sunday Morning** will be celebrating their Anniversary on Feb. 26. Meeting at 10:00am followed by food.

**Holden Thursday Night** will be celebrating their Anniversary on Feb. 16th. Food from 7:00-8:00pm and meeting from 8:00-9:00pm. All are welcome.

**NERAASA 2017**—February 24-26, 2017—Framingham, MA—Pre-registration deadline: January 27, 2017 [www.neraasa2017.org](http://www.neraasa2017.org)

**BOOKIE EXCHANGE MEETING**— April 11, 2017—6-7pm— Worcester Area Intergroup Office, 100 Grove St., Worcester, MA Suite 314 **ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Anniversary Donation

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

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

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

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

Please mail to:  
**Worcester Are Intergroup**  
**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](mailto:beacon@aaworcester.org) if an Anniversary has not been published for two months following submission.*

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### Heard At Meetings

"...believe that I believe..." "...don't let people rent space in your head..."  
"...give until it hurts, then give a little more..." "...there are many talkers in A.A., find the walkers..." "...learn to laugh - it sure beats misery..."

## Meeting List Changes

#### FORMAT CHANGE

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

#### 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

#### TIME CHANGE

**FITCHBURG FRIENDSHIP**—205 Summer St., Fitchburg, MA—TIME CHANGE—to Monday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm EFFECTIVE JULY 4TH  
**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

#### NEW

**SOBA SISTA`S**—6 City Depot Rd., Charlton—Wednesdays 4-5pm—NEW GROUP (Women`s Discussion)  
**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)  
**12 STEP SISTERS**—6 City Depot R., Charlton, MA—Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm—NEW GROUP (Closed Women`s Step Meeting)  
**AA BEGINNERS Q&A** —St. Stephen`s Church, 16 Hamilton St. Worcester, MA—Saturdays 9:00-9:30am—NEW GROUP (Open Beginners Meeting)

#### CLOSED

**PRIMARY PURPOSE**—60 West St., Leominster

### Deadline....

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

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**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: Tom E., Brenda Mc.-T., Ernie K.,

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.

**LIAISON POSITION AVAILABLE**

We are currently looking for a Liaison to District 25. More information about the position, please come to the February Intergroup Delegate`s Meeting on 2/9/2017.

**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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**WORCESTER AREA INTERGROUP** is looking for people who are willing to be trained to fill in at the Intergroup Office in case of emergency or when there is no coverage. Please call the office if you are interested. 508-752-9000.

The WAI HALTline is looking for people willing to have calls forwarded to them at home when the office is closed. Most of the calls are people looking for meeting information. If you are interested in this great service position, please email Dot B. at haltline@aaworcester.org

**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

**Why does your group need an Intergroup Delegate?**

The Worcester area Intergroup has no authority of it's own but derives it from the participating groups. The representative that each group elects is the groups voice to intergroup—your link to those who maintain and operate the Intergroup Office.

**Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>email address</u></b>
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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.*

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# District 26 AA

## ♥ Valentine Winter Breakfast ♥

*Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017*

Location:  
Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church  
118 Theresa St; Fitchburg,  
Massachusetts



**COFFEE 9:00 AM TO 9:30 AM**



**BREAKFAST: 9:30 AM TO 10:00 AM**



**SPEAKERS & RAFFLE: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

*See your GSR for Tickets - \$8.00*

*Sponsored by District 26 Activities Committee*

*Contact Rob S. 978-353-9204 or Karen M. 978-496-0500*



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