



# The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

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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 office is closed  
New Year's Day  
January 1.

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## New Year's Eve ALCATHONS' Schedule

### 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*.

## ALCATHONS MATTER!

The Worcester Area Intergroup received the following letter after the Thanksgiving Alcathon:

"I believe that anyone who attended this year's Thanksgiving Alcathon would agree....

A congratulations and job "Very Well" done to the Alcathon Commitee and those charged with maintaining the entire atmosphere of the true meaning of the fellowship.

I spent a good bit of time there and this being my 3rd Sober Alcathon, I watched the true meaning of this program unfold before my very eyes...

"One alcoholic helping another"

To watch perfect strangers interacting, smiling, hugging... All I can say is, I think God everyday for Alcoholics Anonymous and all of you wonderful people I have met along the way!

May the Grace of God always be with you.

Steve L.  
High Noon Group

P.S. Even during those wee hours of the morning, the spirit of God was in the room!"

Thanks to the Joint Alcathon Committee and all the volunteers who helped out at the Alcathon for their hard work and dedication to Service.

**Step One:**

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

**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 One**

**Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.**

From the Traditions Checklist:

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or Contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

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**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.*

**Deadline....**

.....for information to go into the February issue of *The Beacon* is January 15, 2018. Information can be sent to :

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

**Planning a special event?  
Let us know about it!**

Having a Group Anniversary? A Valentine's Day event? A group outing?  
*The Beacon* publishes notices for A.A. events in the area.

e-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to:

[Beacon@aaworcester.org](mailto:Beacon@aaworcester.org)

## Meeting List Changes

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

### FORMAT CHANGE

**SPENCER FELLOWSHIP**—Congregational Church, Rt.9, Spencer —Mondays 7:30pm—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 - 7:00-8:00pm 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



**FROM THE EDITOR**

**NEVER MISS AN ISSUE!**

Get a color version of *The Beacon* emailed to you—send an email to: Beacon@aaworcester.org with SUBSCRIBE as the subject line.

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...

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.

**Is your Group hosting an Anniversary Event?**

**Let us know and we will publish the details to support the celebration!**

send an email to: Beacon@aaworcester.org

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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 3 hour shifts or more.

**Service Meeting Schedule**

**WAI Intergroup Update**

The Election of Officers and Appointments of Committee Chairs for 2018 were held at the WAI Intergroup Delegates Meetings on November 9th and December 14th.  
 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 Fred F.; Social Committee Chair: Emily D.;

The Worcester Area Intergroup Committee has open positions—these are great opportunities for service work and to get involved: Correctional Facilities and Treatment Chair

If you are interested in volunteering for a position, call the office during business hours for more information.

**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

**Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 12/14/17)**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>	<u>Bold = new</u>
Chairperson	Nicole L.	chair@aaworcester.org	
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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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