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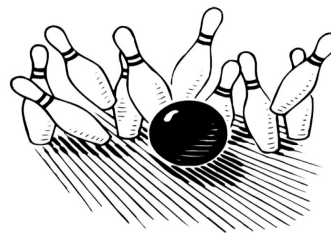
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EVENTS!



District 26 AA Valentine Winter Breakfast

- Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018; Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church 118 Theresa St; Fitchburg.
 - COFFEE: 9:00AM - 9:30AM
 - BREAKFAST: 9:30AM - 10:00AM
 - SPEAKERS & RAFFLE: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 - Tickets - \$6.00 Pay at door.
 - Sponsored by District 26 Activities Committee
 - Contact June S. 717-468-4264 or Karen M. 978-496-0500
 - www.aadistrict26.org.



A.A. Bowling League

- Bowlero Shrewsbury, 405 Boston Turnpike, Route 9, Shrewsbury. SUNDAYS starting in January (Time selected weekly as to not interfere with the Patriots!)
 - \$15 Per player per week
 - Get your own bowling ball at the end of 15 weeks!
 - League discounts @ Bowlero
 - 3 players per team
 - contact Chris R. at (508) 667-3655 or Emily D. by phone (508) 614-8989
 - or by email—hnewyear2@gmail.com
 - Sponsored by the A.A. Intergroup Social Committee

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.

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.**

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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Anniversary Donation

Name: _____

City/Home Group: _____

Sobriety Date: _____ **Amt. Enclosed:** _____

Please mail to: **Worcester Area 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 if an Anniversary has not been published for two months following submission.

**Deadline....**

.....for information to go into the March issue of *The Beacon* is February 15, 2018. Please send to:

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Suite 314
Worcester, MA
01605
or e-mail to:
Beacon@aaworcester.org

The Beacon publishes notices for A.A. events in the area.
E-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to the email address above.

"We came to these rooms not because we drank a lot, but because we drank too much."

Meeting List Changes

New Worcester Area Intergroup Meeting Lists in PDF are available for download at www.aaworcester.org. When submitting Meeting changes, please note the effective date of the change.

FORMAT CHANGE

NORTHBORO TUESDAY NOON STEP—now BEGINNERS 123

MOVED

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

WESTBORO SUNDAY MORNING — at the Senior Center at 4 Rogers Rd. 10-11 AM

TIME CHANGE

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

SPIRITUAL SISTERS —Monday, First Parish of Bolton, 673 Main St. Bolton; 7-8:30pm —NEW GROUP Women`s OBB12

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 St.—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

Planning a special event? Let us know about it!

Having a Group Anniversary? A Valentine's Day event? A group outing?
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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!

Thanks to new members Ferne S. and Kevin K.

See form on the right to join...

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.

Remember that alcoholism is incurable, progressive, and fatal.

What IS the HALTline?

What the HALTline is:

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

You Might:

- Give 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 a chain that could save their life.
- Refer callers to the Intergroup Office—inform them of the office hours.

What the HALTline is not:

- The Halt Line is not a taxi service...
- It is not a referral service...
- We are not a counseling service...
- We do not give medical advice or opinions.

What you need to be a volunteer:

One year of sobriety is suggested because the first year needs focus on recovery before such service; Touch-tone phone 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 "www.aaworcester.org," and 3 or more hours of time during the week that you will be available to answer calls. You need 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?"

What will happen:

For your scheduled time, calls are forwarded from the Intergroup Office to the phone number you provide. This is done at no expense to you.

Contact haltline@aaworcester.org if you have time available and are willing to volunteer -preferably in 3 hour or longer shifts .

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 gift, 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):_____

Make check payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup, 100 Grove St., Suite 314,

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

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 1/1/18)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>	<u>Bold = new</u>
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Alt. Treasurer	Jim B.	alttreasurer@aaworcester.org	
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Liaison to District 26	Fred F.		
Liaison to Area 30	Ellen McQ.		
Bookie Exchange	Bill S.	bookiexchange@aaworcester.org	

Get Involved!!

WAI Intergroup Open Positions

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

- Correctional Facilities, Treatment Chair. And a Trustee

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

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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: 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.*

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**ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS
SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS**



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Bowlero Shrewsbury | 405 Boston Turnpike, Route 9, Shrewsbury

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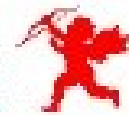
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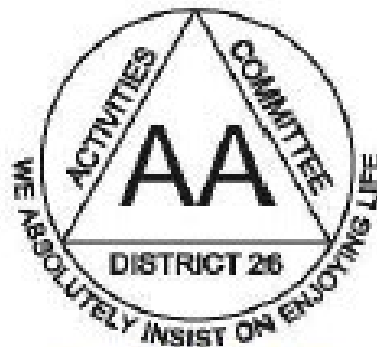


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