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Step 3

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

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 Three

The only requirement for
AA membership is a desire
to stop drinking.

From the Traditions Checklist:

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he has been to AA before? What his other problems are?

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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

CLUSTER MEETING

District 26 will host a Cluster Meeting with District 25 on March 3rd at 7pm. It will be held at 149 Mechanic St., Leominster, MA. The Area 30 Delegate will be presenting the topics for the General Service Conference Agenda for 2016.

The Hi-Noon Meeting

We meet Monday thru Friday at the Covenant United Methodist Church on 16 Hamilton Street. Ours is the best group in the Worcester area! We have been around for over 31 years, with humble beginnings on Pearl Street. When coming to one of our meetings you will be welcomed by "Bobby in the Lobby" who sells raffle tickets. We are grateful because Bobby is there every day making coffee and providing comic relief. Also selling tickets is "Paul in the Hall" and "Mac in the Back". We get endless laughs calling their names during the introduction to the meeting. Raffle winners can choose from a choice of several books including the favorite "Alcoholics Anonymous." Several members know How it Works by heart and vie for the privilege to recite it as we do daily. Most days we have a core group of 40 members or so with long-time friends coming back regularly. Lunch is usually a collection of five different kinds of cookies with occasional cakes thrown in. We have ten chairpersons who rotate their service. Between them everyone gets a chance to share their story of experience, strength, and hope. A recent group purchase of a public address system allows everyone in the hall to hear. "Take what you like and leave the rest!" Ours is a speaker meeting and we meet 5 days a week. We have many members with long-term sobriety who reach out to newcomers. This is a fine place to find a sponsor. Come early and join the fun. Seriously.

By Michael G.

Anniversary Donation

Name: _____

City/Home Group: _____

Sobriety Date: _____

Amt. Enclosed: _____

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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.



Meeting List Changes

SHREWSBURY MIDMORNING —Thursdays 10am
MOVED to Trinity Episcopal Church 449 Main St., Shrewsbury, MA (closed speaker/discussion)

AS BILL SEES IT—St. Ann`s Church, N. Oxford, MA—Wednesdays 7:30pm
MOVED to St. Roch`s Parish Center—334 Main St, Oxford, MA (closed discussion)

OXFORD GROUP —St. Ann`s Church, N. Oxford, MA—Fridays 7:00pm
MOVED to St. Roch`s Parish Center—334 Main St, Oxford, MA (closed 12-step)

WOMEN`S DESTINY—Federated Church, Rt. 131, Sturbridge, MA—Fridays 5:00pm
NEW GROUP (12 & 12 Open Women`s Meeting)

PASS IT ON—Sundays 6:45pm
MOVED to Holy Rosary Church (off Regan St), Gardner, MA (open speaker)

SHREWSBURY SUNDAY MORNING— Veterans, Inc, 59 South St, Shrewsbury—Sundays 10am
TEMPORARILY MOVED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE to SAC Park 438 Lake St., Shrewsbury (open speaker)

NORTHBORO LIVING SOBER— Church of The Nativity, Howard St. Northboro—
 Thursdays 7-8pm
NEW GROUP—(Men`s Group)

FRIENDS OF BILL W.— Worcester Senior Center, Classroom B, 128 Providence St.
 Fridays 12:00pm-1:30pm (OBBSS) - NEW GROUP

BUGGAS BB—St. Leo`s Church, 128 Main St., Leominster—Wednesdays 7-8:30pm—NEW GROUP (Closed Men`s Big Book)

CROZIER—TIME CHANGE—from 7-8pm, NOW 8-9pm

HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE—St. Andrews Church, N. Grafton—TIME CHANGE—to 7-8:30pm

AS BILL SEES IT—Southbridge Alano Club, 663 Main St.—NEW MEETING—Fridays 7-8pm (Open Book Study)

NEW BEGINNINGS—Southbridge Alano Club, 663 Main St.—NEW MEETING—Saturdays 7-8pm (Speaker Discussion)

Deadline....

.....for information to go into the April issue of The Beacon is March 17th, 2016.

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Do YOU have an article or story to share?

Contact the Editor at Beacon@aaworcester.org

Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee* - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St. Shrewsbury, MA —6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - Veterans, Inc., 59 South St. Shrewsbury, MA —7:00pm

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

(PLEASE NOTE! January through April 2016 will meet at 100 Grove St. 4th floor)

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—Local 60 Union Hall, Mechanic Street, Leominster, 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.

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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 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

Agers 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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