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**See page 4 for
summer office
hours**

**IMPORTANT
INTERGROUP
OFFICE
PARKING NOTICE
See Page 2**

**NOTICE
WAI Intergroup
Steering Committee
and Delegates
monthly meeting
has a new location
- see page 5**

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EVENTS!

Game Night and Pot Luck—July 5th

- Pot Luck dinner @ 6:30pm
- AA Meeting @ 7pm
- Board Games @ 8pm
- Trinity Church, 23 Main St., Northborough.
- Come for all or part of Game Night!
- Please bring a food item to share if you can—or a game to play
- Email if you are interested in organizing a game
- Held on the first Friday of every month
- More info—Alica B., Alice B. - social@aaworcester.org
- Join the Worcester Area Intergroup for a night of fun and games!
- See the flyer on **Page 7** digital *Beacon*

DISTRICT 24 PICNIC—AUGUST 5th

- 12PM—4PM
- Pine Bluff Recreational Area, 310 Sudbury Rd, Stow MA
- Food - Music - and a Meeting
- **DETAILS COMING SOON...! SAVE THE DATE!**
- See the flyer on **Page 9** digital *Beacon*

MSCYPAA XXIII (Massachusetts State Conference of Young People in AA)

- July 5th-7th, 2019 at the Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center
- 219 Littleton Road, Westford, MA
- Register: <http://mscypaa.com/>

61st International Conference of Young People in A.A. (ICYPAA)

- August 22nd—25th
- Copley Marriott, Boston
- This meeting provides an opportunity for young AA's from all over the world to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as members of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- <https://www.icypaa.org/registration>



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Worcester
Intergroup
Office Summer
Hours

The Office will
be open Summer
Hours - Memorial
Day to Labor Day:

- Mondays—
- Thursdays—
- Saturdays -
10am-2pm
- Wednesdays 10
am—3pm
- Tuesdays -
10am-8pm
- Fridays and
Sundays -
CLOSED

Step Seven:

"Humbly asked Him to remove our
shortcomings."

I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want
the hand of A.A. always to be
there.

The Seventh Tradition

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligations whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

From **A.A. Tradition—How it Developed**; by **Bill W.**—Copyright A.A. World Services.

WAI INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE

There is a new parking lot for the WAI offices on the side of building which requires a code —or action by office personnel—to open the gate allowing entry. Call the office at the entry gate kiosk and office personnel will open the gate from the office controller.

If the office does not answer, please try again in several seconds as office staff may be on the phone and unable to immediately acknowledge your call, and also confirm that your visit is during open office hours. No code is required to exit the lot. The parking lot in the rear of the building is now for employees only and requires a badge for entry.

SPREAD the word: **DON'T park in the attended lot across the street.**

The lot is private parking only and is not for Intergroup visitors.
WAI office personnel **CANNOT** validate a parking ticket for that lot. The lot attendant **WILL charge you \$15** to exit the lot without a validated ticket!

"It has often been said of A.A. that we are interested only on alcoholism. That is not true. We have to get over drinking in order to stay alive. But anyone who knows the alcoholic personality by firsthand contact knows that no true alky ever stops drinking permanently without undergoing a profound personality change."

We thought "conditions" drove us to drink, and when we tried to correct these conditions and found that we couldn't do so to our entire satisfaction, our drinking went out of hand and we became alcoholics. It never occurred to us that we needed to change ourselves to meet conditions, whatever they were.

From 'As Bill Sees It' - 1. LETTER, 1940 2. TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 47



Deadline....

....for information to go into the August issue of *The Beacon* is July 15, 2019. Please send to:

Worcester Area Intergroup

100 Grove St.,
Suite 314
Worcester, MA
01605

or e-mail to:

Beacon@aaworcest^{er}.org

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

E-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to:
Beacon@aaworcest^{er}.org

Meeting List Changes

TIME CHANGE

THE WAY OUT— Worcester—group now meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting January 2nd (formerly 8:00pm)

JOY OF LIVING— Monday, Worcester, Burncoat Baptist Church; from 7:30PM to 8:00PM C12

NEW

HAPPY, JOYOUS, and FREE, will begin meeting on Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, starting on July 11, at the Community Church in Ashburnham (84 Main St, aka 9 Chapel St.). Flyer on page 8 of the digital *Beacon*.

LIVING SOBER BEGINNERS— Starts 2/18/18 Sunday 6 - 7 PM Open meeting; Read and discuss "Living Sober" followed by Q&A with A.A. members. Salem Covenant Church, 215 East Mountain St., Worcester Reachable by WRTA #23 or #31

FORMAT CHANGE

COVER To COVER—Marlboro Monday night is now a coed literature-based discussion meeting (time/place is unchanged).

NAME CHANGE

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE in Webster will now be **DROP THE ROCK**.

GROUPS CLOSING

STEP MEETING— 7:30 Tuesday night, the American Indian Cultural Center in Devens (Ayer) has been discontinued

GROUP NOTICE REFRESH

SOBER AS A JUDGE— Mondays N. Grosvenordale, CT. OD St. Joseph's Church, 23 Main St. 7:30pm-8:30pm

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
100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

WAI's ONLINE BOOKIE EXCHANGE

The new Bookie Exchange portal enables Bookies from local towns to quickly find groups seeking commitments and/or post a request. Open slots are listed by town

CHECK IT OUT! - see flyer, page 11, digital Beacon
BookieXchange.aaWorcester.org

PRICE INCREASES for RECOVERY ITEMS

Purchased at the WAI Intergroup office—effective April 1, 2019.

- Acceptance Pamphlets - \$1.25
- Aluminum Chips - \$0.65
- Bronze Medallions - \$2.50
- Round Stickers - \$1.50
- Bumper Stickers - \$1.75
- Coffee Mugs - \$8.50
- Little Big Book Dictionaries - \$5.00
- Raffle Ticket rolls - \$8.95

"It takes almost absolutely nothing for me to be willing."

Find a local meeting fast on a Map, a grid, or on a list!
Log on and find a meeting — MeetingMap.aaWorcester.org



Did you know...

When your A. A. group contributes to Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI), you are helping us accomplish so many things!!

Meeting Lists

- one of the **MOST** important pieces of A.A. literature! WAI maintains the list with new and updated information and prints the lists 4 times per year. We also make them available on the WAI website and a direct feed to the Meeting Guide App!

Give back what was freely given to you...

The WAI Treatment committee needs your help to fill badly needed commitments in treatment centers in the Worcester area. list of treatment locations and commitment calendars, see below for:
<http://aaworcester.org/> and click on "Treatment Facilities"

- Community Healthlink (CHL)
- Motivating Youth Recovery (MYR)
- Spectrum Healthcare Systems - Female Units
- Spectrum Healthcare Systems - Male Units
 - Sunrise Detox Calendar
 - Washburn House

For details, see flyer page 11, digital Beacon
Email: treatment@aaworcester.org

Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting has a new location— Salem Covenant Church, 215 Mountain Street East, Worcester.

Parking and Meeting Room is in the rear.

Intergroup Steering Committee - See Above New Location Notice, 6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - See Above New Location Notice, 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, meets first Thursday of the month 7:00pm AA members welcome—please come join us!

AREA 30 Eastern Mass. General Service Committee — Belmont / Watertown United Methodist Church 421 Common St., Belmont—4th Wednesday 8:00pm

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 6/17/19)

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"During the day, we can pause where situations must be met and decisions made, and renew the simple request "Thy will, not mine, be done." TWELVE & TWELVE PP.102

The Beacon—Subscription Form

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 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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Mail All completed forms and payments to:
Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605
 Attn: **The Beacon**

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 (please circle *all* that apply): 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.*

Anniversary Donation

Name: _____
 City/Home Group: _____
 Sobriety Date: _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Mail to: **Worcester Area Intergroup**. 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.

Worcester Area Intergroup Presents:



**GAME
NIGHT**

**Join Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee
for a night of fun and games!**

1st Friday of every month: next on — July 5th

- **6:30pm Potluck**
- **7pm AA Open Speaker Discussion meeting**
- **8pm GAME ON!**

Trinity Church: 23 Main Street, Northborough MA

We provide games and pizza!

**If you are able please bring a food item to share and a game to play
or
email if you are you interested in organizing a game.**

**For more information please contact - Alica B./Alice B.
social@aaworcester.org**

Ashburnham

HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE

Alcoholics Anonymous: Women's Closed Discussion Group*



Thursday Nights Beginning July 11th, 2019
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Ashburnham Community Church
9 Chapel Street, Ashburnham, MA

*Attendance at closed meetings is limited to persons who have a desire to stop drinking.

If you have questions, contact:

JoNan: (508) 801-6457

Melissa: (978) 407-7222



DISTRICT 24

WE'RE HAVING A

PICNIC!

SAVE THE DATE

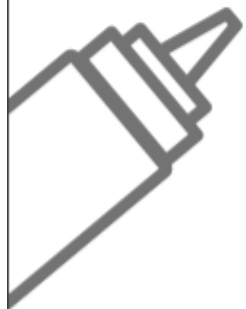
AUGUST 18TH 2019

12:00-4:00

PINE BLUFF RECREATIONAL AREA
310 SUDBURY RD STOW MA

Food - Music - Meeting

save the date - details coming soon!



Worcester Area Intergroup

BookieXchange

SEEKING COMMITMENT			Expanded View	Add New
Town	Group Meeting	Posts		
<input type="checkbox"/> Maynard	Baloney Sandwiches	4		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Bedford	MIRACLES HAPPEN	28		
<input type="checkbox"/> NORTH ATTLEBORO	FAITHWORKS	1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northboro	How It Works	3		
<input type="checkbox"/> Northboro	Northboro Saturday AM	3		
<input type="checkbox"/> Westboro	Westboro Forge	9		
<input type="checkbox"/> Worcester	SERENITY	1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Worcester	Worcester Gratitude	6		

Add New to list your meeting *Rsvp* to take a commitment
Post anonymously, get email alerts from web site

has launched

at aaWorcester.org

When, therefore, we were approached by those in whom the problem had been solved, there was nothing left for us but to pick up the simple kit of spiritual tools laid at our feet. We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed.

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Email Stoney - bookieXchange@aaWorcester.org - for bookie help!

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Worcester Area Intergroup Treatment Facilities Committee is looking for your help with a new treatment center that has asked for assistance with incoming AA commitments. The Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital on Belmont Street in Worcester has reached out and we are looking for individuals that would commit to one day per month to bring with them additional speakers (or run an AA meeting) to carry the message of AA along with your experience, strength and hope. This facility is governed by the Department of Mental Health so the individual taking the commitment that shows on a consistent basis will have to pass a few minor hurdles for clearance that we would be happy to explain further. Right now, the days with the most free time are Monday-Wednesday but weekends are fairly open as well. Whatever day works for your schedule can be accommodated.

If interested in learning more please email the committee at Treatment@aaworcester.org or PM me if you see this on Facebook.

"When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Remember that the **primary purpose** of Alcoholics Anonymous is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. There are far too many people in very early sobriety at Treatment Facilities that are not hearing the message that we are responsible for carrying. With that said the WAI Treatment Facilities Committee is asking for your help.

Please visit the WAI website at www.aaworcester.org and click on the Treatment Facilities Committee link in the lower right corner of the home page. There you will find calendars by facility to view open dates that we need your help filling. If the date says FILLED, it is currently covered. If the day of the month is blank it is open. Once you find a date that you can help fill please contact us at Treatment@aaworcester.org.

We have attached the month of April's open dates for several facilities. There are hundreds of open spots for the facilities we are working with. We need help and you can provide that for us in the following ways:

- 1) Having your Group take a Standing Commitment
- 2) Having a group of friends take a Standing Commitment
- 3) Having you and some friends fill an open spot until a Standing Commitment can be found

So please do what you can and if you have general questions you can always contact us at Treatment@aaworcester.org.