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Step 8

Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

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 Eight

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

From the Traditions Checklist:

1. Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward - even if not money - for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
7. Have I paid enough attention to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*? To the pamphlet *AA Tradition—How It Developed*?

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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

AA Events

David Bazin & Blues Junction— Presented by There Is Hope Group—August 5, 2017
Meeting 7:00pm, Concert 8:30-11:30pm—Ascension Parish, 48 Vernon St.,
Worcester—\$5.00 Donation

District 26 Whale Watching Boat Cruise— August 13th—Eastman's Fishing Dock, 5
River St. Seabrook, NH. \$20 per person—Boarding time 1:00 PM Limit 110 people—
www.aadistrict26.org

Bridging The Gap 27th Annual Workshop Weekend— September 8-10, 2017—
Bloomington, MN— see www.btgww.org for more information.

End Of Summer Bash— September 23rd—Presented by District 25 and Worcester
Area Intergroup Social Committee—Hopkinton State Park—11am-7pm—sign up by
September 11th for your free parking pass. Contact WAI Office for more info. 508-
752-9000.

Anniversary Donation

Name: _____

City/Home Group: _____

Sobriety Date: _____

Amt. Enclosed: _____

Please mail to:

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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.*

HELP WANTED:

The Beacon is currently looking for an Assistant Editor. Must be computer-literate and
either be familiar with, or willing to learn, Microsoft Publisher. Goal: train someone
with the possibility of standing for the Editor position at the WAI Elections/
Appointments meeting in November.

It is time for me to move on to other things in the Spirit of Rotation!

**Deadline....**

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

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or e-mailed to:
Beacon@aaworcester.org

Meeting List Changes

FORMAT CHANGE

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

CROZIER GROUP—Mondays now OPEN SPEAKER/DISCUSSION

NORTHBORO TUESDAY NOON STEP—now BEGINNERS 123

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

NORTHBORO MONDAY NOON CLOSED DISCUSSION—MOVED to Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Westboro. Is now **WESTBORO NOON AS BILL SEES IT**—Closed Discussion, Beginners encouraged.

TIME CHANGE

SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT—114 Main St., Worcester, MA—TIME CHANGE—to Thursday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm (BBD)

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, MA—Mondays 7:00-8:00pm (O12G)

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 (OBB)

THURSDAY OBB—28 Vernon St., Worcester—Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm—NEW GROUP (OBB)

AA BEGINNERS Q&A —St. Stephen`s Church, 16 Hamilton St. Worcester, MA—Saturdays 9:00-9:30am—NEW GROUP (Open Beginners Meeting)

DROP THE ROCK —6 Depot City Rd. Charlton, MA—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, MA—ADDITIONAL GROUP—to Saturdays - 10:30-noon (O12B Steps 1-2-3)

THERE IS A SOLUTION—17 East Main St., Webster, MA—Tuesdays - 7:00-8:pm (OSpD)

UNACC 12 & 12—29 Antietam St., Ft. Devens, MA—Tuesdays - 7:30-8:45pm (O12)

CLOSED

KEY TO FREEDOM—Sturbridge, MA **SATURDAY MEETING ONLY**

PAXTON OBBW TUESDAY—7:00pm Paxton



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:

John H., Brandy H., Bill S., Ferne S., Robert Mc., Donna H., Steven L.

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.

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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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 3hour shifts or more.

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

OPEN POSITIONS!!!

The Worcester Area Intergroup is currently looking for a few responsible people to fill several open Chairperson and Alternate Secretary positions . If you are interested, please contact chair@aaworcester.org and plan to come to the July 13th Delegate's Meeting. It's a great way to get involved!!

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>
Chairperson	Brandy H.	chair@aaworcester.org
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 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____
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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

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.*

Please mail to: Worcester Area Intergroup 100 Grove St. Suite 314
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
BRIDGING
 THE
GAP
 TEMPORARY CONTACTS

27th
 Annual

Workshop
 Weekend

September 8-10 2017

Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport,
 3800 American Boulevard, Bloomington, MN 55425

Hosted by Area 36 Southern Minnesota
 For hotel reservations call (952) 854-2100. Refer to Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend
 for special rate of \$105.00 plus tax for single/double occupancy

The 27th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend will consist of presentations and discussions on BTG topics of interest to the registered participants. Those who attend are AA's involved or interested in 12th step work through various General Service and Intergroup Committees like Treatment, Corrections, CPC, PI, H&I, etc. A.A.'s from across the U.S. and Canada will attend, many sharing their experiences on BTG topics. This is a self-supporting workshop supported by contributions for the printing, mailing and coordinating expenses through the year as well as hotel meeting room. CDs will be available for purchase, even if you are unable to attend.

\$35 Pre-Registration Donation \$40 at the Door \$25 Day Pass

Total Submitted: \$ _____ I am interested in purchasing CD's

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Service Position: _____ Area#: _____ District #: _____

I am willing to give a presentation on the following topic: _____

Accommodations-Special Needs? _____ Staying at hotel: Yes No

Return registration form and check to: BTGWW, 6200 Rustic Hills Drive, Rocklin, CA, 95677

Any questions contact Matthew L. at (916) 899-1908 coordinator@btgww.org or
 Host Committee Chair host@btgww.org and register at www.BTGWW.org

There Is Hope

Presents an evening with



Aug05,2017-Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Concert at 8:30-11:30 pm.

Ascension Parish, 48 Vernon st. Worc.

\$ 5'00 Donation *All are Welcome*

“Whale Watching” Boat Cruise 2017



Sunday, August 13, 2017 (Rain or Shine)

Eastman's Fishing Dock, 5 River St., Seabrook N.H.

\$20 per person (first come, first served basis,
limited to 110 people, so don't miss out!)

Boarding time: - 1:00 pm

Departs promptly: - 1:30 pm, Returns 5-6:00pm

Pack a picnic from home or purchase food on the boat.

For tickets or info contact:

Karen M. (978) 496-0500 or Tim B. 978-407-3148

Sponsored by District 26 Activities Committee

www.AAdistrict26.org



End of Summer Bash



Food, fun,
Fellowship,
Hiking,
Volleyball



fireside
meeting at
5PM

Hosted By
D25 & WAI Social Committee
Volunteer Support from The Way Out Group

Saturday September 23, 2017

11:00am-7:00pm

Hopkinton State Park

Route 85 - Hopkinton Ma 01748

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Beans, Potato Salad, Chips and Dessert Available Courtesy
WAI Social Committee From 1-3pm - Please bring your own beverages!

Fellowship - Volleyball - Hiking - Swimming - Biking - Kayaking and Paddle
board rentals available at the Park - Fireside Gratitude meeting begins at 5pm

Parking fee courtesy of D25 - please sign up by September 11th to get your FREE
parking pass (parking \$8 after that date)

Reserve your spot and Parking pass at Intergroup Office or by Calling 508-277-0109



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