



# The Beacon

Worcester Area Intergroup Newsletter

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Tuesday 10am-8pm  
Wednesday 10am-8pm  
Thursday 10am-2pm  
Friday 10am-2pm  
Saturday 9am-2pm  
Sunday CLOSED  
**Closed New Year's Day**  
See notice at right for  
January and February  
Tuesday schedule

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## EVENTS!

### Game Night and Pot Luck—Friday January 4th

- 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— 1/4, 2/1, 3/1
- More info—Emily D. - [social@aaworcester.org](mailto:social@aaworcester.org)
- Join the Worcester Area Intergroup for a night of fun and games!
- See the WAI flyer on Page 7 digital Beacon

## IMPORTANT NOTICES!!

- Worcester Area Intergroup will be closing at 3pm on the Tuesdays between January 11th and February 15th 2019 (1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12 )
- **Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting location TBA; Call the office**

### **A.A. SUNDAY BOWLING DISCONTINUED**

The Sunday Bowlero Shrewsbury Bowling League has been ended. The Social Committee is considering having a one-day, special bowling event in the future.  
Please send any ideas or suggestions to Emily D. [social@aaworcester.org](mailto:social@aaworcester.org)

### **DISTRICT 25 MONTHLY MEETING**

**POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 8 at 7:30pm DUE TO NEW YEARS DAY**

### **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 9, digital Beacon**

<http://aaworcester.org/aaBookieX.aspx?GRP=WAI>



### 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.**

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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*"Take me to your humble, trusted servant."*

**Deadline....**

....for information to go into the February issue of *The Beacon* is January 16, 2019. Please send to:

**Worcester Area Intergroup**

100 Grove St.,  
Suite 314  
Worcester, MA  
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or e-mail to:

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

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

E-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to: [Beacon@aaworcester.org](mailto:Beacon@aaworcester.org)

**It works  
if you  
work it**

## Meeting List Changes

### FORMAT CHANGE

**HELPING HAND** - Marlboro, Saturday has changed from an Open Speaker Meeting to an Open Speaker/Discussion Meeting.

**NIGHT OWL**- Charlton - is no longer a YP meeting...it is now ODNSh

### MOVED

**STEPS TO RECOVERY**—Groton, Monday night GROTON "Steps to Recovery" group has relocated to the fire station, 185 Lost Lake Drive in Groton at 7:30pm.

### TIME CHANGE

**STRAIGHT SHOOTERS** — Hudson, Thursday OSp - Riverside Gun Club, 16 Wilkins St.— 7:30-8:30 PM

**IT ALL STARTS HERE** - Worcester, Sunday—now meets 6pm-7:15pm

**WOMEN’S DESTINY** - Marlborough, Monday, will now meet from 5:30-6: 45 pm Friday

**GAY GROUP**- Worcester, Monday now 7:00-8:15 PM

### NEW

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

**NOON BIG BOOK** Friday, Northboro - Friday, - 12- 1pm Trinity Church, 23 Main St. OBB

**BIG BOOK**, Charlton, Friday, OBB Advent Christian Church, 6 Haggerty Rd 7:00-8:00 PM

**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

### GROUPS NEEDING SUPPORT

**BIG BOOK STEP STUDY**—Worcester, Wednesday needs support 7:00p-8:30pm the First Congregational Church 1070 Pleasant Street

### NAME CHANGE

**WORCESTER WOMEN’S WEDNESDAY 12 STEP** meeting has renamed to WOW (Women On Wednesday) - still same time and location

### GROUPS CLOSING

**AS BILL SEES IT** - Oxford Wednesday, meeting ended in November

**TRANSGENDER UNITY** — Marlborough, Monday

**FRIENDS OF BILL W.** Worcester, Friday





**Service Meeting Schedule**

**Intergroup Steering Committee\*** - Location TBA, See Below Notice, 6:00pm

**Intergroup Delegates\*** - Location TBA, See Below Notice, 7:00 pm

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

**\*\*Until further notice, call the office for the location of Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates Meetings—Location TBA\*\***

**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 The-resa 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** — Belmont / Watertown United Methodist Church 421 Common St., Belmont—4th Wednesday 8:00pm

**Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 1/1/19)**

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>email address</u></b>	<b><u>Bold = new</u></b>
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"We should be sensible, tactful, considerate and humble without being servile or scraping. As God's people we stand on our feet; we don't crawl before anyone."  
— Big Book, Page 83

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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](mailto:beacon@aaworcester.org) if an Anniversary has not been published for two months following submission.

Worcester Area  
Intergroup  
Presents:

# GAME NIGHT

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of  
the month!

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

**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.

Dates: 2018: 11/2, 12/7 2019: 1/4, 2/1, 3/1

For more information please contact Emily D. [Social@aaworcester.org](mailto:Social@aaworcester.org)

# OPEN COMMITMENTS TO TREATMENT FACILITIES ANNOUNCEMENT

## INTERGROUP TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

***"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 pleased to announce some changes to help fill Open Commitment spots but we need your help.

Please visit the WAI website at [www.aaworcester.org](http://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. Once you find a date that you can help fill please contact the facility's Team Leader. Their emails are as follows:

- 1) [Adcare@aaworcester.org](mailto:Adcare@aaworcester.org) – for all commitments to Adcare Hospital
- 2) [CHL@aaworcester.org](mailto:CHL@aaworcester.org) – for all commitments to Community Healthlink
- 3) [Spectrum@aaworcester.org](mailto:Spectrum@aaworcester.org) – for all male units at Spectrum Health Systems
- 4) [MYRCHL@aaworcester.org](mailto:MYRCHL@aaworcester.org) – for all commitments to the youth program of CHL
- 5) [Washburn@aaworcester.org](mailto:Washburn@aaworcester.org) – for all commitments to Washburn House
- 6) [Willows@aaworcester.org](mailto:Willows@aaworcester.org) – for all female units at Spectrum Health Systems

There are hundreds of open spots for just these 6 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](mailto:Treatment@aaworcester.org).

Thank you for your service,  
WAI Treatment Facilities Committee



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## *BookieXchange*

### SEEKING COMMITMENT

[Expanded View](#) [Add New](#)

Town	Group   Meeting	Posts
☒ Maynard	Baloney Sandwiches	4
☒ New Bedford	MIRACLES HAPPEN	28
☒ NORTH ATTLEBORO	FAITHWORKS	1
☒ Northboro	How It Works	3
☒ Northboro	Northboro Saturday AM	3
☒ Westboro	Westboro Forge	9
☒ Worcester	SERENITY	1
☒ 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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