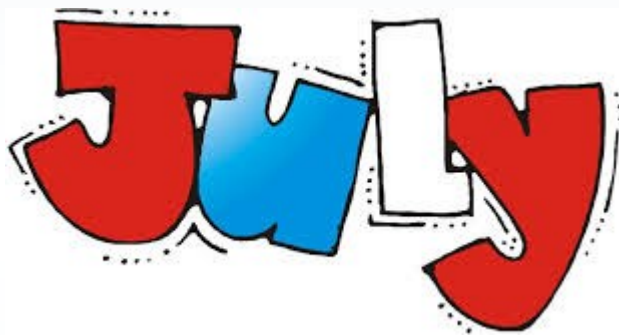
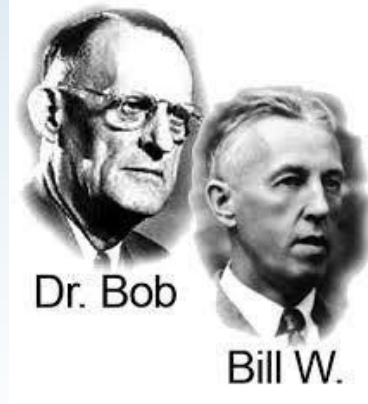
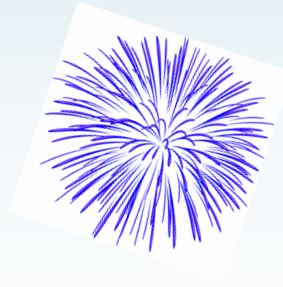


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Dr. Bob's Last Words

"The founding date of June 10, 1935, for Alcoholics Anonymous was selected because that was the day of Dr. Bob's last drink. The last drink Dr. Bob had was a bottle of beer Bill W. slipped the good surgeon on his way into the hospital to perform an operation. This last drink was to steady his hand.

"Dr. Bob was to die, sober, in November 1950, 15 years later. It is estimated that he personally treated more than 5,000 alcoholics during that period of his life, at no charge, and that he was never free of the compulsion to drink until his last breath, a rarity among those who recover from alcoholism in the fellowship he helped create.

"His last words to Bill W. were said with a wink: 'Remember, Willie, don't louse it up. Keep it simple.'"

Robert Williams
Assistant News Editor
Washington Post
June 9, 1985



(For complete article on AAs history, go online to search Washington Post archives)

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Happy Summer!,

The Intergroup office is MASK OPTIONAL... yet again.

Please be patient as we wait for back-ordered books to arrive. World Services is out of several popular titles. Daily Reflections, for example, is not expected to be available until sometime in August.

Worcester Area Intergroup is looking for an On-Call Office Worker. Must have 2 years sobriety.

The office will be closed on

Independence Day (July 4th)

Labor Day (September 5th)

Please keep spreading the word about the Group Contact forms. They are necessary.

Yours in Service
Brandy Harris
Office Manager

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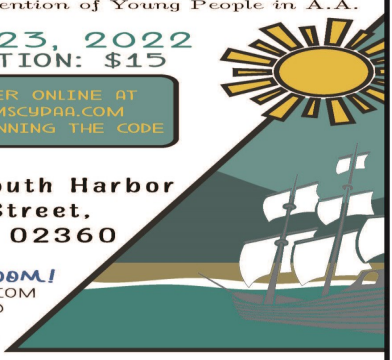


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AM I POWERLESS?

For years I had lived in the same area, worked in the same hospital for 20 years, had an established community of friends, and owned my own home which kept me very busy. I raised five kids and all that that entails, (school events, sports, etc.). At the age of 52, my husband and I moved into our new home an hour away. I continued to commute to my job for 15 months. It took one bad snowstorm to realize I could not commute that far away anymore, and I took a job at a hospital closer to my new home.

At first I loved the new job. I tried to fit in, I made a few friends, but felt like an outsider. People had worked there for years, had established friends and community. Everyone knew everyone, including their families. I had nothing in common with them. I felt alone, isolated, and resentful that I had moved away from everything and everyone that I had known for most of my life.



I used to drink like a gentlewoman. I would drink wine while cooking dinner, and also on weekends. I was in my mid 50s when my drinking started to increase. Over the next two years my drinking got out of control. I drank every chance I got and ate very little. I thought the shaking of my hands was due to not eating. I couldn't walk downstairs without holding onto the railing because my legs were shaky.

I did fall several times and had to get stitches. One time I sustained a severe concussion. Another time I was admitted with severe dehydration as I almost passed out at work. I still never thought I was an alcoholic, but I knew I couldn't go on like this. I couldn't stop drinking and I really didn't want to. I just wanted to cut down, but I wasn't able to do that either. Through my writing I now know it was because I was bored, angry, resentful, and hated my new home and my job. I was powerless to stop drinking.



Step One tells me I have to admit I am powerless over alcohol and that my life has become unmanageable. I thought to myself that my life is not unmanageable. I take care of the house and the day-to-day details, I go to work, pay bills on time, and of course make sure I always have plenty of wine. I never drove drunk. I didn't lose anything, and I still had two cars and a home. What was unmanageable were my actions. I became defensive, impatient, and short-tempered. I broke dates with my daughters because I would start drinking in the morning and I couldn't drive. I isolated myself. I didn't want to be around anyone because I couldn't drink the way I wanted.

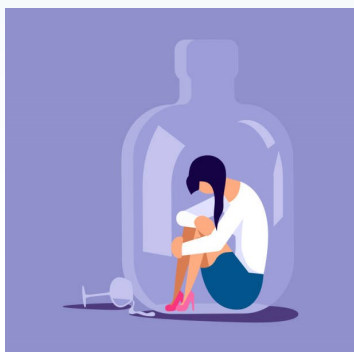
Admitting I am powerless over alcohol is not a problem for me. I AM powerless over people, places, things, and alcohol. During the past four years of working the program I realize I have power, not the ego kind, but the personal power that has taught me I am not power-less. As a woman in recovery, I own my power. My power is to pay attention to what I DO have control over, like going to meetings, asking for help, getting a sponsor, working the steps, and helping another alcoholic. If I do this every day, there is a pretty good chance I can stay sober one day at a time.

— Tracy H.



My Journey: Peace through Acceptance

My drinking began in my teen years. The pressure that I felt from the outside... to be a certain type of student, a certain type of teen-aged young woman, to do things and be something that deep down didn't jive with who I felt I was. I absorbed and internalized it. But all of this seemed to disappear the moment alcohol touched my lips.



At first, this felt wonderful: a way to escape life so as not to deal with all the feelings that life brings. But at some point, and I cannot exactly pinpoint when, I realized that this way of coping with life was not working. I cannot speak on how a "normie" would deal when this "A-ha!" moment. I suppose they probably would stop. Not me—I drank more and more often. To try to feel the same way booze made me feel in the beginning.

I tried to stop when I was told about my behavior in a blackout, or because of the shame of guilt I felt the day after, or because of the physically sickness I experienced after a binge.

And it worked for a bit — until my sick mind thought I could go back and drink with control. It never did happen. I was still in my 20s when I was told by a professional that I was alcoholic. I disagreed, but went through the motions to please others. I heard a lot I could relate to. The fellowship planted the seed.

Then in my 40s another "A-ha!" moment occurred. I realized I have absolutely no control as it relates to alcohol. I finally decided to go back to the program that had been forced on me 20 years prior. This program has taught me so much. It has helped remind me of who I am. I am alcoholic. I have a disease that is always lurking trying to convince me that I don't have it.

AA has also taught me that I can be myself with little worry about what others think.

I do is what I think is right. If, upon reflection, I realizes I may have said or done something otherwise, I simply apologize. The program has taught me that there is only one thing I can control — myself.

I accept myself as I am today. With this acceptance is a peace that I never thought possible.

— Jen D.





Tradition 7

Short Form:

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

Long Form:

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 obligation 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.

Passing A Digital Basket



The General Service Office has released FAQ sheet on handling digital 7th Traditions at both virtual meetings and face-to-face meetings. It is available at <https://www.aa.org/faq-practicing-seventh-tradition-virtual-meetings>, and include tips on setting up a group bank account and tax ID numbers.

Here are two of the most common questions:

1] What kind of options are available?

.Here are some of the digital payment platforms that groups are using: Apple Pay, Cash-App, Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and Zelle. Information on options being used locally may be available from your intergroup/central office, district or area

2] What about anonymity?

A. Some digital payment platforms have social components that members may want to disable to protect anonymity. For example, members have shared about changing the privacy settings on Venmo so contributions are only visible to the sender and recipient.

Two intergroup/central offices have posted helpful guides:

From San Francisco and Marin County:

<https://aasfmarin.org/online-contributions-your-digital-7th-tradition-guide-to-best-practices>

From the New York Intergroup:

<https://www.nyintergroup.org/remote-meetings/7th-tradition-best-practices/>



Step 7

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Step Seven is about humility. I have to humble myself and realize I cannot change my life and be rid of my character defects on my own. If I truly want a better life, a more contented life, I needed to give up the behaviors (character defects) that were holding me back. This could only be accomplished with something or someone greater than me; the Higher Power I call God.

Fear is my greatest shortcoming. I have been fearful all my life. Of everything. I believe all my other defects of character stem from this. If I could move past fear my other defects may be easier to correct (or give up), or have removed from me.

How to do this? Humbly ask God to remove this fear from me and all my other shortcomings as well. I have to be sincere. I have to truly believe this is possible. I do believe this.

I also know that they won't be removed all at once in a cloud of smoke. They won't be permanently removed either. But, whenever one or more rears it's ugly head, I know what to do. Again, I will humbly ask my Higher Power to remove these character defects from me.

— Beth H



7th Step Prayer

My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad.

I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows.

Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen.





Concept 7

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

A delicate balance:

Who has the greater power?

The Conference, or the General Service Board?

It depends. The General Service Board has a Charter and Bylaws, which are legal documents. The General Service Conference also has a Charter, but it is not a legal document. Thus, the Board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.'s funds and services. On the other hand, the Conference has such great influence and financial power that it COULD overcome the legal rights of the Board.

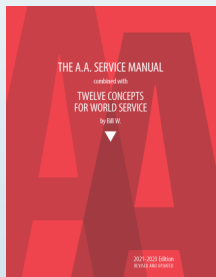
The Conference delegates always constitute more than two-thirds of the Conference. This is one way the Conference has practical power. It also carries the traditional influence of the Conference Charter AND the delegates have the ability to cut off financial support by the Groups!

The Conference recommends actions – the Board executes these recommendations. The Board has the legal authority to veto a recommendation – but in actual practice, it has never done so.

As Bill W. puts it, the Board Trustees “simply refrain from using their legal right to say ‘no’ when it would be much wiser, all things considered, to say ‘yes’.”

“If...the Conference will always bear in mind actual rights, duties, responsibilities, and legal status of the General Service Board, and if the Trustees...will constantly realize that the Conference is the real seat of ultimate service authority...neither will be seriously tempted to make a ‘rubber stamp’ out of the other...In this way, grave issues will always be resolved and harmonious cooperation will be the general rule.”

— **Brandy H.**





An Old Timer's Tale

48 Years Ago, Naomi Sewed Her Way to sobriety

On May 30, 1974, Naomi D. had a tall glass of Bacardi Rum, straight, to wash down a valium tablet. It was to be her last drink.



She said that had she realized that it was to be her last drink: "I would have done the same thing. It was my favorite."

But instead of going for another drink, the Worcester woman wound up going to Beech Hill in Dublin, NH, a former mansion that had been turned into a rehab. It is now closed. She didn't want to go there. She was 22, too young to be an alcoholic, but not too young to be desperate.

"My husband, John, and I were in counseling with my minister. He had been trying to get me to stop drinking for the last few years, trying to get me to go (to Beech Hill). At that last appointment my husband said: 'I can't take it anymore I want a divorce.'"

"That's when I finally said 'OK. I don't care. Do whatever you want with me.' I had stopped caring about anything. 'You can dig a hole in the ground and bury me. I really don't care.'"

They had been married three years at that point.

John took her home, packed her bags, and then packed her off to Beech Hill. Their insurance would cover two weeks, but 14 days wasn't enough. "Halley, the head nurse, along with Fr. John Nicholson, who now lives in Worcester and recently turned 100, and I all agreed I wasn't ready to go home. I would drink again.

"So, what they did was put me on staff. They put me in the guest house.

"My husband brought me my sewing machine, and I sewed curtains. That's all I did. I went to meetings. I sewed curtains."

She isn't sure how long she was "on staff," maybe four weeks, maybe six, possibly eight. She wasn't getting paid, but she wasn't getting charged, either. She just kept sewing herself sober, and going to meetings, lots of meetings.

"I don't remember that much. It's all pretty grayish. I was pretty sick. I had colitis so bad I was on baby food, and shaking so badly I couldn't pour the orange juice from the pitcher. I found out later they put sugar in the orange juice to replace the sugar we weren't getting from alcohol. It also helped control the shakes."



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Back in Worcester, her minister got in touch with AA, and two sober women drove out to Beech Hill to meet her “so I would know someone in AA when I got home. One of them became my sponsor. I remember I gave her all my pills and she was surprised at how many there were. There were a lot.”

Naomi admits that when she went to Beech Hill, “I didn’t have a desire to stop drinking. It was the alcohol and valium that was keeping me together.

It was my husband who had the desire for me to stop drinking.

“Eventually, it became my desire, too.”

She has noticed some changes in AA. “There aren’t as many 12 Step calls as there used to be. We got a lot more calls back then. And we don’t go ‘scooping.’” She explained that at Beech Hill, for example, they would “scoop” new patients, picking them up at their homes, and let them drink all the way to Beech Hill.

She also said meetings were a lot stricter back then. Newcomers went to Beginners’ Meetings. The topic was always the first three steps. “You went to be Beginners’ Meetings for 90 days. They told us to take the cotton out of our ears and stick it in our mouths.

“Eventually I learned to listen and then I listened to learn. I learned that life doesn’t change. We change.”

One of the biggest changes in her life has to do with fear. “When I came in, I was totally full of fear. Totally.

“But on my 65th birthday, I went skydiving!”

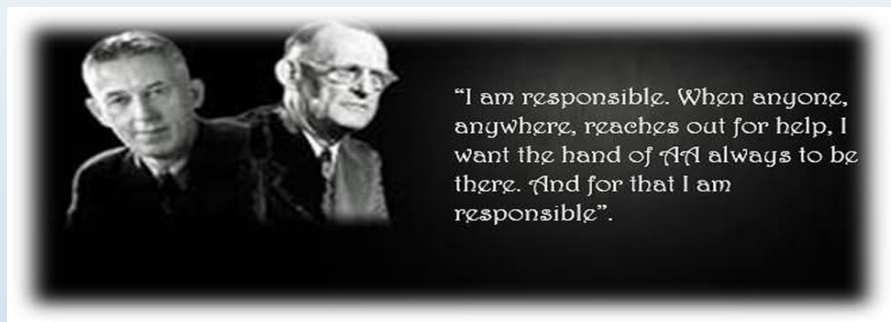
Naomi admits that having 48 years “feels surreal. It really does. I can see myself at 22, young and with long brown hair. Now I look in the mirror and see the grey hair, see my mother. I can’t believe it’s been 48 years until I subtract 1974 from 2022.” Naomi, who is retired from Fallon Health Care, also finds it hard to believe that she and John have been married for 51 years.



“One thing I do know is that I didn’t do it on my own. I did it with the steps, the people, and the program, and especially the higher program that I didn’t have when I came in.”

Naomi keeps doing what she’s been doing for more than 48 years. She goes to meetings. She has a homegroup, she has a sponsor, is a sponsor, and does service work. “I give back what was given to me.” She believes in the AA Responsibility pledge.

“And I want to keep acting responsibly for as long as I can.”





Marking Time One Chip at a Time



When I hit 30 days, my sponsor, Bob B., a warm, wise, and witty man, called me a chip whore.

He was right. I collected as many chips as I could during my “chip week,” hitting multiple meetings. I kept them on a key chain. I might not have had a lot of time, but I sure had a lot of chips.

I did the same at 60 days, and 90, again at to six months. Then nine. Finally, one year. Forget plastic... bronze! Then nothing for a year. An entire year! The agony. I couldn't be the center of attention! No applause. No atta-boys. No chance to flash an *aw-shucks* smile to show my humility. (NOTE: When I found meetings that gave a chip a month for the first year, and 18 months as well... I felt cheated!)

Chips and medallions are important. They mark the passing of time and celebrate milestones, whether it's for 30 days or 30 years. They also give us a chance to stand up at a meeting and thank our Higher Power, the program, our sponsors... and take a bow. They also show the newcomer that the program works. There were times when the thought of being so close to a chip that I could almost feel it kept me sober. Other times it was the fear and embarrassment of taking a newcomer chip that did it.

I have given away most of my chips. When I turned five my sponsor gave me the chip his sponsor had given him at five, the one his sponsor had received it from his own sponsor. I passed it on to a sponsee. I hope it is still being passed on; it has had a lot of sobriety rubbed into it.

It's because chips are so important, I would like to suggest some new ones:

10-Day chip: Double-digit sobriety. You've run out of fingers. Now count on your toes.

100-Day chip: Triple-digit sobriety. Unless you're a sober centipede, you have to do the math in your head to keep track—or use a convenient cell phone app.

1,000-Day chip: Quadruple-digit sobriety. Somewhere around month 33.

10,000-Day chip: Quintuple-digit sobriety. Depending upon your actual date and leap years you have not drunk through, this comes around the seventh or eighth month of your 27th year.

100,000-Day chip: Sextuple-digit sobriety. AA's birthday is June 10, 1935, and will celebrate 100,000 days (that's 273 years and seven months) on March 25, 2209. I'll probably miss the party.

Holidays Chip: Celebrate going through every major holiday sober during your first year. You and your sponsor can decide what those holidays are: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Festivus, the 4th of July, Arbor Day, Juneteenth, Superbowl Sunday... whatever. And if the Superbowl is one of your major holidays, you can celebrate with a chip... and salsa.

While chips are important, they are not as important to me as simply being sober and carrying the A.A. message. That's something I also learned from my first sponsor, Bob B..

You might even say... (wait for it) ... I'm a chip off the old block.



We are not a Glum Lot



My brother went to his AA meeting drunk, then he tripped down the stairs.
He's been having lots of trouble with the steps lately.
A member of Alcoholics Anonymous relapsed and ends up getting pulled over for a DUI.
He goes to jail.
He's so drunk, he's puked on himself and wet himself as he just lays on the bench in jail.
His sponsor eventually comes to bail him out and asks, "Well, have you learned anything.?"
The guy responds, " Yeah, I gotta quit driving."



AA is the biggest 'Lost and Found' department in the world.

My wife suffers from a drinking problem."

"Is she an alcoholic?"

"No I am, but she's the one who suffers."

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I was addicted to soap once.

Now I'm clean.

What do you call a hangover from too much wine?

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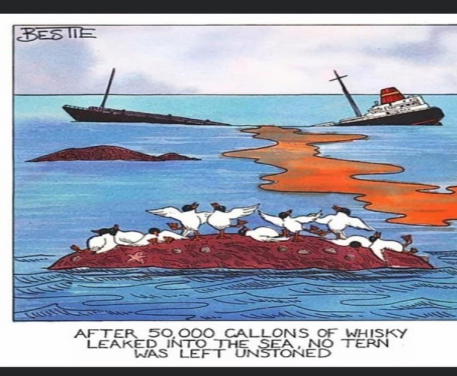


Things only Irish people will get

Shortly after I took off on an Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Boston a few weeks ago, air hostess nervously announced that the catering department made a terrible mistake. A big mixup she said. Although 226 passengers on board they received only 80 dinners. She apologised but said that anybody who is kind enough to give up their meal to somebody who is hungry would receive free unlimited drinks for the remainder of the flight. The next announcement came 2 hours later when she said, ' If anybody is hungry we still have 80 dinners available.



Julia has two passions in life: alcohol and horses.



Shoe by Gary Brookins and Susie MacNelly





Meetings for July

1 July 2022 - 31 July 2022

Jul 2	Sat	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM MSCYPAA Planning Meeting	In-Person & Zoom: 320 W. Center St. W. Bridgewater MA. Zoom# 869-1334-3981 P/C: 620884
Jul 5	Tue	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM District 25 GSR Meeting	Hybrid meeting (Zoom+in-person) Salem Covenant Church 215 Mountain St East Worcester MA Web link: zoom.us/j/311969752 Password: Sober2020 District 25 GSR meeting in-person & Zoom.
Jul 7	Thu	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM District 26 Campout Thu-Sun	Camping, food & fellowship at Lake Dennison campgrounds in Winchendon from noon Thursday to 1 pm Sunday July 7-10. Games, swimming, etc. See flyer for details.
		7:00 PM - 8:30 PM District 26 Meeting	Currently meeting in-person and on Zoom. Emmanuel Lutheran Church 12 John Fitch Hwy Fitchburg MA See attached PDF for Zoom information.
		7:30 PM - 8:30 PM District 24 GSR Meeting	Still meeting via Zoom only? Normally held on the 1st Thursday at 7 pm at Trinity Church on Elm Street in Concord. Zoom link: us04web.zoom.us/j/9296006039? pwd=VUx2STJSdXRvZDFVS0pTY0ttVW9SUT09
Jul 8	Fri	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM District 26 Campout Thu-Sun	Camping, food & fellowship at Lake Dennison campgrounds in Winchendon from noon Thursday to 1 pm Sunday July 7-10. Games, swimming, etc. See flyer for details.
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Jul 10	Sun	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM District 26 Campout Thu-Sun	Camping, food & fellowship at Lake Dennison campgrounds in Winchendon from noon Thursday to 1 pm Sunday July 7-10. Games, swimming, etc. See flyer for details.
Jul 12	Tue	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM District 23 GSR Meeting	District 23 GSR Meeting District 23 GSR meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm at Faith Community Church, 146 E. Main St in Hopkinton.
Jul 14	Thu	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Worcester Area Intergroup Delegates Meeting	In-Person: Salem Covenant Church 215 Mountain St E. Worcester [GoogleMaps] Online Zoom Link: zoom.us/j/912007235 Passcode Sober2020 Dial in 1 646 558 8656 Conf# 912 007 235 # Passcode 025337 #
Jul 16	Sat	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Longtimers Meeting	Hosted by District 9 Meeting 5-6, fellowship & pizza 6-8pm For details see attached flyer
Jul 20	Wed	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Alcathon Planning Meeting	Zoom link: us06web.zoom.us/j/86796527922 Meeting ID: 867 9652 7922 Passcode: Alcathon ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
Jul 26	Tue	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM MA State Convention Planning Meeting	In-person & via Zoom. Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main St, Sturbridge. Zoom info TBS. See attached flyer for more info.
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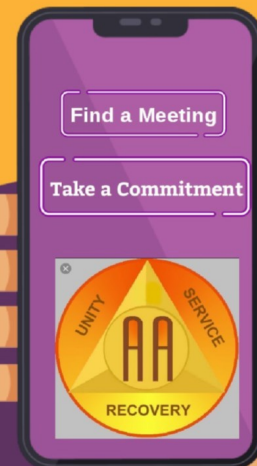
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always to be there,
and for that I am responsible.*

D25treatment@aaworcester.org

What's goin on?



District 26 Weekend Campout

Thursday July 7, Friday the 8th and Saturday the 9th



Lake Dennison Campground

275 Baldwinville Rd. Winchendon, MA (Off Route 202)

Games and Swimming!



Bring your own Kayak, Boat, Fishing, Bike and Hiking Gear

\$10 Per Adult per night or \$25 for all 3 Nights (Kids under 17 Free)

Hot dog and Hamburger Meal Each night included 

Campfire meeting everynight



(bring a chair)

Please Join Us !!!

For Tickets and Any questions Contact Larry B. (978) 350-6455

You must let Larry B. know if you are going to join Us !!

Guest and Vehicles must be registered in advance with Lake Dennison.

Check in at 1pm Thursday July 7th Chekout is Sunday July 10th at 10am

Fifth Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous

Deadline: October 31, 2022 The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics.” In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that: “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action: “The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.” In response to this Advisory Action, the trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship. Recognizing that all stories are of value, the Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories that are from a broad cross-section of our local communities. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: “Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, ‘Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.’” It is the Literature Committee’s shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth Edition. Further information on where to submit your story will be provided to the Fellowship through Box 4-5-9, the A.A. website and more. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.



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7th Tradition

Worcester Area Intergroup

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7th Tradition Report

The Beacon will now be available in a printed edition every month as well as the digital version that is emailed to subscribers and posted on the Intergroup home page. Due to the new and earlier deadline we must meet for the printed edition, the monthly 7th Tradition reports will appear only in the online editions. You can access the email edition, including the 7th Tradition reports, by going to aaworcester.org, and clicking on The Beacon.

WORCESTER AREA INTERGROUP, INC		
Transaction Report		
May 2022		
	Name	Amount
Total for Auburn Group	Auburn Group	100.00
Total for Charlton Daybreaker	Charlton Daybreaker	482.23
Total for Douglas Maintenance & Repair Group	Douglas Maintenance & Repair Group	100.00
Total for Leicester Road to Recovery BB 164	Leicester Road to Recovery BB 164	23.33
Total for Leominster Original	Leominster Original	350.00
Total for LIVING SOBER	LIVING SOBER	10.00
Total for Northboro Friday Noon BB	Northboro Friday Noon BB	25.00
Total for Serenity Group	Serenity Group	330.00
Total for Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance Group # 702689	Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance Group # 702689	429.00
Total for South Grafton Thurs. Night Step	South Grafton Thurs. Night Step	100.00
Total for Sturbridge Key to Freedom	Sturbridge Key to Freedom	20.00
Total for Sturbridge Lighthouse 12 + 12	Sturbridge Lighthouse 12 + 12	119.00
Webster Early Risers	Sturbridge Womans Destiny	20.00
Total for Webster Early Risers	Webster Early Risers	80.00
Total for Worcester Acceptance and Attitudes	Worcester Acceptance and Attitudes	225.00
Total for Worcester Crosier Group	Worcester Crozier Group	40.00
Total for Worcester Daily Choice # 713317	Worcester Daily Choice # 713317	415.00
Total for Worcester Hadwen Happy Hour	Worcester Hadwen Happy Hour	50.00
Total for Worcester It All Starts Here	Worcester It All Starts Here	50.00
Total for Worcester Mid-Day	Worcester Mid-Day	100.00
Total for Worcester Quinsigamond	Worcester Quinsigamond	100.00
Total for Worcester Womens Gratitude	Worcester Womens Gratitude	15.00
TOTAL		\$3,183.56
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Worcester Area Intergroup Contributions as of 06/30/22		
Group Name	June	Total 2022
AA Anniversary Contribution		0.00
AA Member Contribution	495.00	2,239.73
AA Faithful Fiver Contribution	385.00	2,334.00
AA Coffee Can Contribution		20.93
Ashburnham Naukeag		450.00
Athol Back To Basics	0.50	0.50
Auburn Group		100.00
Auburn Grapevine Group		80.00
Barre Captain's Clubhouse		40.00
Berlin Candlelight		150.00
Boylston As Bill Sees It		75.00
Charlton Courage To Change	100.00	225.50
Charlton Daybreaker		1,422.15
Charlton Life Second to None	106.00	418.50
Douglas Maintenance & Repair		200.00
Douglas Never Back Down		50.00
Douglas Tuesday Night Step		50.00
East Brookfield Check Up From The Neck Up	50.00	50.00
East Brookfield Friday Night Big Book		100.00
Fitchburg Newman	50.00	100.00
Grafton Common Bond		115.00
Grafton Happy Joyous And Free	75.00	125.00
Grafton Reflections Group	69.00	276.70
Harvard Catacombs III		175.00
Harvard Happy Joyous and Free		290.00
Holden Open Air	100.15	750.15
Hopkinton Enough Is Enough		20.00
Hudson Early Risers	300.00	300.00
Hudson Second Chance		600.00
Leicester Road to Recovery		61.33
Leominster Eye Opener		250.00
Leominster Original		350.00
Living Sober (online)	10.00	220.00
Milford Eye Opener	25.00	55.00
Millbury Center Step	150.00	225.00
Millbury Traditions		10.00
North Brookfield Sunset	75.00	125.00
Northboro Friday Big Book		75.00
Northboro Mid-Morning		50.00
Northboro Women of Courage and Dignity		15.00



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Northbridge G.O.Y.A.	175.00	529.00
Paxton (both groups)		300.00
Putnam Ct Unity		100.00
Shrewsbury BB Workshop	131.00	131.00
Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance	598.25	2,649.75
Shrewsbury Simple Steps		81.00
South Grafton Step		100.00
Southboro We Believe		50.00
Southbridge Friday Night Flick	50.00	150.00
Southbridge Noon Recovery Group	50.00	340.00
Southbridge Original		197.57
Stow Sunday Morning		2.60
Sturbridge Key To Freedom		20.00
Sturbridge Lighthouse 12x12		119.00
Sturbridge Women's Destiny		20.00
Transgender In Sobriety		50.00
Upton Spirit		125.00
Warren New Beginnings	150.00	150.00
Webster Early Risers	77.00	404.00
Webster Serenity Hall	25.00	25.00
Webster Triton	215.00	490.00
Westboro Easy Does It		90.00
Westboro Get Well Slowly Step		103.00
Worcester AA Beginners Q&A	25.00	25.00
Worcester Acceptance & Attitudes		225.00
Worcester BBSS	100.00	100.00
Worcester Beginners Intro to AA		50.00
Worcester Come As You Are		613.00
Worcester Crozier	20.00	130.00
Worcester Daily Choice	365.00	1,865.00
Worcester Green Hill Park Noontime		423.27
Worcester Hadwen Happy Hour		226.00
Worcester Hi-Noon		150.00
Worcester It All Starts Here		100.00
Worcester Mid-Day		520.00
Worcester Quinsigamond		100.00
Worcester Serenity		330.00
Worcester Walking Together		4.65
Worcester Way of Sobriety		349.40
Worcester Wednesday BBSS		300.00
Worcester Women's Gratitude		60.00
Column Totals	3,971.90	23,992.73

Worcester Area Intergroup**Office hours:****Monday 10-2 pm****Tuesday 10-8 pm****Wednesday 10-8 pm****Thursday 10-2 pm****Friday 10-2 pm****Saturday 9-2 pm****Sunday Closed**