



# The Beacon

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## EVENTS!

### Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee Game Night and Pot Luck

Friday June 8th



- Pot Luck dinner at 6pm
- A.A. Meeting at 7pm, **Board Games at 8pm.**
- Come for all or part of Game Night!
- Trinity Church, 23 Main St., Northborough.

- If you join for Pot Luck, please consider bringing a food item to share.
- For more info—contact Emily D. - [hnewyear2@gmail.com](mailto:hnewyear2@gmail.com)
- See the flyer on page 7 of the digital *Beacon*

### AA - FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC

- Sponsored by District 26 Activities Committee
- **Featuring—2nd Annual AA's Got Talent!!! Enter the talent contest to win 2 tickets to the Whale Watch!! Karaoke machine will be available for use.**
- **Saturday, May 5, 2018**
- **COOKOUT & FELLOWSHIP - Sunday, June 17th, 2017**
- Noon to 4 pm
- **TEMPLETON FISH & GAME CLUB, 1 Club Rd., Templeton**
- Tickets \$5, Kids under 12 free
- **MENU: Burgers, Dogs, Coffee**
- Please bring a Side Dish! Book and raffle donations appreciated.
- **ACTIVITIES:** Food, Talent Show, DJ, Swimming, Games
- Contact your GSR or call Karen M. 978-496-0500 or June S. 978-400-8579
- See the flyer on page 8 of the digital *Beacon*

### G.O.Y.A. Thursday Night Whitinsville 34th Anniversary Event!

- Thursday June 7th, Trinity Church, 31 Linwood Ave, Whitinsville. flyer on page 9 of the digital *Beacon*
- Pot Luck dinner at 6:30pm
- A.A. Speaker Meeting - 7:30PM—9PM

**Step Six:**

**"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."**

**I am responsible...**

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

**The Sixth Tradition**

**"An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."**

The "related facility" may be an outside group combating alcoholism—or an enterprise that A.A.'s want to start. It was the latter that most often confronted the young Fellowship. Outside agencies were pretty scarce in those days, and some members thought A.A. should cover the whole alcoholism field. Led by a "super-promoter" (as the "Twelve and Twelve" describes him), one group built an all-purpose center, including a section for drying-out treatment. Picture any group tackling such a project! Arguments over cost, architecture, staff, fees, medication, and rules might even make the local paper. (And pity the poor newcomer straying into the group— "We'll get around to you in a minute.")

Though that ambitious center failed, some individual members have since founded successful clubhouses, rest farms, halfway houses, etc. The enterprises are run by these A.A.'s and patronized by other members or prospective members. But money and property are involved. Therefore, it has proved wise to keep the operation of the facility completely separate from that of any A.A. group, and to keep "A.A." or terms like "Twelfth Step" out of the name.

Toward outside agencies dealing with alcoholism, the A.A. policy is "cooperation but not affiliation." A group cooperates, for example, by welcoming referrals from clinics or by sponsoring A.A. groups in institutions. But in one area, money for a rehab was solicited at an A.A. meeting—implying affiliation. In another, A.A. was listed among beneficiaries of a United Fund drive....

A.A. members employed by outside agencies "wear two hats"— but Tradition Six cautions any such members against wearing both at once! On the job, they may be alcoholism counselors; they are not "A.A. counselors." At meetings they're just A.A.'s, not alcoholism experts.

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**We are all bound together by one common RESPONSIBILITY:  
to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic.  
*Alcoholics behind bars need your help!***

The Treatment Facilities Committee needs your help. There are hundreds of open commitment opportunities in Central Mass and we are looking for groups and/or individuals to step up and fill the void. If you or your group are interested please email us at [treatment@aaworcester.org](mailto:treatment@aaworcester.org) to learn more about how you can help.

If you are interested in volunteering for a position, call the **Intergroup** office during business hours for more information.

See the flyer on page 10 of the digital *Beacon*.

**Deadline....**

.....for information to go into the July issue of *The Beacon* is June 15, 2018. Please send to:

**Worcester Area Intergroup**

100 Grove St.,  
Suite 314  
Worcester, MA  
01605

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)

We have emphasized willingness as being indispensable. Are we now ready to let God remove from us all the things which we have admitted are objectionable? Can He now take them all, everyone? If we still cling to something we will not let go, we ask God to help us be willing.

A.A. Big Book,  
p. 76

## Meeting List Changes

Download Worcester Area Intergroup Meeting Lists in PDF at [www.aaworcester.org](http://www.aaworcester.org).

### FORMAT CHANGE

**Webster Women's Group** (formerly Women's Step) - Wednesday 6:15pm to 7:15pm; new format—CDWh

**Marlboro Saturday Helping Hand** has changed from an Open Speaker Meeting to an Open Speaker/Discussion Meeting.

**Charlton Daybreaker**—Wednesday: is no longer a Step meeting...it is now ODNSh  
**Charlton - Night Owl** is no longer a YP meeting...it is now ODNSh

### NAME CHANGE

**Worcester - Friday - Shore Drive** is now Shore Drive Beginners steps 1-4

### MOVED

**WESTBORO SUNDAY MORNING** — at the Senior Center at 4 Rogers Rd. 10-11 AM  
**Oxford - No Rules BBSS** Thurs 7pm has moved to First Congregational Church - 355 Main St. 2nd floor.

**ANOTHER DAY SOBER** (Not DAY OF HOPE!) **Quinebaug, CT** - Wednesday - - same address but moved to Rectory basement. Same time

### TIME CHANGE

**HUDSON THURSDAY NUGHT STRAIGHT SHOOTERS** — OSp - Riverside Gun Club, 16 Wilkins St.— 7:30-8:30 PM

### NEW

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

**WOMEN'S WISDOM IN RECOVERY**—Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Rd., Barre—Sundays 10-11am—NEW GROUP Women`s Open Discussion

**DROP THE ROCK** —6 Depot City Rd. Charlton —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)

**Upcoming Area Events - Sun Aug 12 Whale Watch;  
Aug 16-18 District Campout** More info: <http://aadistrict26.org/>

## **Help the HALTline—**

HALTline has the following hours available for volunteers:

Sunday: 10pm-midnite

Mon: midnight-10am & 10pm-midnight

Tues: midnight-10am

Wed: Midnight-8am. 4pm-8pm & 10pm-midnight

Thurs.: Midnight-8am & 10pm-midnight

Fri: Midnight-8am, 6-8pm & 10pm-midnight

Sat: Midnight-9am & 4pm-midnight

Contact Brandy H. at [haltline@aaworcester.org](mailto:haltline@aaworcester.org) for more info.



**FROM THE EDITOR**

**NEVER MISS AN ISSUE!**

Get a color version of *The Beacon* emailed to you—send an email to: Beacon@aaworcester.org with **SUBSCRIBE** as the subject line.

**The Faithful Fivers Club—**

AA members who donate \$5 or more a month on a regular basis to Worcester Area Intergroup!

Thanks to new members Bill S., Ferne S. and Kevin K.

See form on the right to join...

**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.

**Faith without works is dead.**

**True Twelfth Step Work—HELP the HALTline!**

**What the HALTline is:**

One alcoholic talking to another alcoholic --- Isn't that what A.A. is all about?

**You Might:**

- Give meeting time and location information.
- Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic in danger of picking up a drink.
- Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic who is visiting the area.
- Talk to a "drunk". You may be the link in a chain that could save their life.
- Refer callers to the Intergroup Office—inform them of the office hours.

**What the HALTline is not:**

- The Halt Line is not a taxi service...
- It is not a referral service... We are not a counseling service...
- We do not give medical advice or opinions.

**What you need to be a volunteer:**

One year of sobriety is suggested because the first year needs focus on recovery before such service; Touch-tone phone service; Meeting lists (we suggest District 26 and Worcester Area). These are available free of charge from Worcester Area Intergroup and are available on the Website "www.aaworcester.org," and 3 or more hours of time during the week that you will be available to answer calls. You need not have to answer as A.A.—you can simply answer and when asked say you are "Answering for Worcester Area Intergroup, How can I help you?"

**What will happen:**

For your scheduled time, calls are forwarded from the Intergroup Office to the phone number you provide. This is done at no expense to you.

Contact haltline@aaworcester.org if you have time available and are willing to volunteer -preferably in 3 hour or longer shifts.

**Ready to help?**

**Contact Brandy H. at haltline@aaworcester.org for more info.**

**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.**

My contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (once) Annual(\$60); Quarterly(\$15); Monthly(\$5)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup; mail to WAI address on page 8**

## Service Meeting Schedule

**Intergroup Steering Committee\*** - 100 Grove St. 2nd Floor, Room 206 Worcester, 6:00pm

**Intergroup Delegates\*** - 100 Grove St. 2nd Floor, Room 206, Worcester, MA 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, 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

### Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 5/17/18)

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**There is no chemical solution to a spiritual problem.**

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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 Social Committee Introduces Game Night!

**Friday June 8th**  
**6pm—Pot Luck**  
**Dinner**  
**7pm AA Meeting**  
**8pm Game On!!**



Will be held at Trinity Church of Northborough  
23 Main Street, Northborough MA

**Come for all or part of game night!**

If you join us for the pot luck please consider bringing an item to share.  
For more information please contact Emily D. by email  
[hnewyear2@gmail.com](mailto:hnewyear2@gmail.com)

# AA - FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC

Hosted by District 26 Activities Committee

Featuring 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AA's Got Talent!!! Enter the talent contest to win 2 tickets to the Whale Watch!! Karaoke machine will be available for use.



COOKOUT & FELLOWSHIP – Sunday, June 17th, 2017 Noon to 4 pm

LOCATION: TEMPLETON FISH & GAME CLUB, 1 Club Rd., Templeton

Tickets \$5, Kids under 12 free

DIRECTIONS: Rt. 2 West to exit 21, right off ramp, follow 2A 8/10 mile, turn left onto Partridgeville Rd., proceed 1 mile, turn right into Club Rd.) MENU: Burgers, Dogs, Coffee



***Please bring a Side Dish!***

Book and raffle donations appreciated.

ACTIVITIES: Food, Talent Show, DJ, Swimming, Games



Visit our website [www.aadistrict26.org](http://www.aadistrict26.org)

Contact your GSR or call Karen M. 978-496-0500 or June S. 978-400-8579





**LET'S  
CELEBRATE!**

***G.O.Y.A. THURSDAY NIGHT GROUP OF AA  
34TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT!***

**SAVE THE DATE**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2018**

**Trinity Church  
31 Linwood Ave  
Whitinsville, MA**

**6:30PM Potluck Dinner  
7:30-9PM Speaker Meeting**

# OPEN COMMITMENTS TO TREATMENT FACILITIES ANNOUNCEMENT

## INTERGROUP TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The following are the open commitment needs for Treatment Facilities that we are attempting to fill.

### ATTENTION TO ALL WOMEN IN THE FELLOWSHIP:

- We have received a request from The Willows Program at Spectrum in Westboro. This is the female CSS unit of their program. Currently only 5 days of speaker commitments are covered for each month. WE NEED WOMEN IN THE PROGRAM to pass the message of experience, strength and hope to the women at Willows. They are not hearing much of anything at this point. Having only 5 commitments per month speak is too sporadic.

So we are looking for Women's Groups or better yet women with friends to take a once a month Standing Commitment to get the message to these patients!! The commitment is from 7:30-8:30pm. Get back to us early and you can have your pick of the dates as almost all of them are currently open.

### ATTENTION TO OUR YOUNGER FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS:

- We have received a request from the Motivating Youth Recovery (MYR) Program of CHL in Worcester for Standing Commitments. This program has kids aged 12-17 years of age that already have issues with substance abuse. This is an extremely important opportunity for the fellowship to provide a message of a different way of life to these kids. Just maybe some younger members of the fellowship can better connect with this audience.

And remember you don't have to wait around for the business meetings of your groups to get approval to take a standing commitment to these facilities or any other for that matter. If you want to take a day of the month personally and have some friends join you there is no better way to give back what's been so freely given to you!

If you or your group is interested in filling any of these open spots please contact the Intergroup Treatment Facilities Committee via email at [treatment@aaaworcester.org](mailto:treatment@aaaworcester.org) so we can coordinate with you and/or your Bookie.

Thank you,

Robert M.

Intergroup Treatment Facilities Chair