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Monday 10am-2pm
Tuesday 10am-8pm
Wednesday 10am-2pm
Thursday 10am-8pm
Friday 10am-2pm
Saturday 9am-2pm
Sunday CLOSED

The office WILL be closed on November 23rd for Thanksgiving.

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December 2017

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Elections and Appointments:

In keeping with our Guidelines, Election of Officers and Appointments of Committee Chairs will take place at the Intergroup Delegates Meeting on November 9th.

*Only Group Delegates will be allowed to vote.
Each person may vote only on behalf of one group.*

THE ALCATHONS ARE COMING!!!!

Speaking slot drawings for Alcathons were held at the October 3rd District 25 Meeting and the October 12 Worcester Area Intergroup Delegates' Meeting.

SEE PAGES 5 & 6 (for District 25), & 9 (for District 26 ONLY), for locations and confirmed details for Alcathons

****PLEASE NOTE:** Any Group receiving a time slot at the District 25 Meeting were not eligible to draw at the Intergroup Meeting! **

There were 18 1-hour time slots available for each District 25 Alcathon at each Meeting—and slips for each slot were placed in a bowl to be drawn. All eligible attendees drew from the bowl—but blank slips were added to the bowl in the event that more than 18 eligible attendees were in attendance. If a group drew a blank slip at the District 25 Meeting, that Group was eligible to try for a slot at the Intergroup Meeting. Several unfilled slots are listed with the Intergroup Office; any group representative may call and the office will assign a slot on their behalf.

The Alcathon Committee needs **Hosts/Hostesses** to take shifts during the Alcathons to monitor the food table, replenish coffee, etc. **Setup and Cleanup** help is also needed. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, you can talk to any Committee member, or call the Intergroup Office at (508) 752-9000 Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-8, Friday 10-2 or Saturday 9-2 and speak to Brandy.

Tell Everybody About Your A.A. -related Event!

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

Full Circle

Shrewsbury Sunday Morning, previously meeting at SAC Park, is now Westborough Sunday Morning, and this meeting has moved: it's now back home in Westboro—this time at the Senior Center at 4 Rogers Rd. 10-11 AM Sunday Mornings...
Check them out!!

Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscience contact with God as we understood him, praying only for knowledge of his will for us and the power to carry that out.

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 Eleven (Long Form)

Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

"It should be the privilege, even the right, of each individual or group to handle anonymity as they wish ... Each individual will have to decide where he ought to draw the line -- how far he ought to carry the principle in his own affairs, how far he may go in dropping his own anonymity without injury to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole."

Attribution: AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1946
"A Tradition Born of Our Anonymity,"
The Language of the Heart

Anniversary Donation

Name: _____

City/Home Group: _____

Sobriety Date: _____ Amt. Enclosed: _____

Please mail to:
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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.



Deadline....

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

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or e-mailed to:
Beacon@aaworcester.org

Group Anniversary!!
Putnam (CT)
Unity
Wed. Nov. 15
Methodist Church
- Grove &
Bradley Sts.,
(I395, exit 46)

Food: 6:30pm
Meeting: 7:30-9pm

Did you know
— November is
Gratitude
month?

Don't be
Grateful — Do
Grateful.

Meeting List Changes

FORMAT CHANGE

SPENCER FELLOWSHIP—Congregational Church, Rt.9, Spencer —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 has MOVED to Burbank Campus of Health Alliance—Urgent Care Entrance—up one floor to Bergevin Conference Room
PASS IT ON—Sundays 6:45pm has MOVED to Holy Rosary Church (off Regan St), Gardner Open Speaker
WEDNESDAY WOMENS 12 STEP— has MOVED to 81 Plantation St.—entrance on Chrome St.—Worcester
NORTHBORO MONDAY NOON CLOSED DISCUSSION—has MOVED to Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Westboro. The Group's name is now **WESTBORO NOON AS BILL SEES IT**—Closed Discussion, Beginners encouraged.

TIME CHANGE

SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT—114 Main St., Worcester —TIME CHANGE—to Thursday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm Big Book Discussion
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 —Mondays 7:00-8:00pm Open 12 Step Gay

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 Open Big Book
THURSDAY OBB—28 Vernon St., Worcester—Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm—NEW GROUP Open Big Book
AA BEGINNERS Q&A —St. Stephen`s Church, 16 Hamilton St. Worcester —Saturdays 9:00-9:30am—NEW GROUP (Open Beginners)
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)
THANK GOD IT'S HERE—Chaffin Congregational Church 155 Shrewsbury St., Holden —ADDITIONAL GROUP—to Saturdays - 10:30-noon Open 12 Step Beginners, Steps 1-2-3
THERE IS A SOLUTION—17 East Main St., Webster —Tuesdays - 7:00-8:pm Open Speaker Discussion
UNACC 12 & 12—29 Antietam St., Ft. Devens —Tuesdays - 7:30-8:45pm Open 12 Step
DAY OF HOPE—St. Stephan's Church, 130 Old Turnpike Rd, Quinebaug, CT—Wednesdays - 6-7pm Open Discussion

CLOSED

PAXTON OBBW TUESDAY—7:00pm Paxton
OXFORD CBB—7:00pm Congregational Church, Oxford
TURNING POINT—6:30pm Thursdays St. Mary's, Shrewsbury
WE BELIEVE GROUP—Southboro—(Suspended until further notice due to meeting place remodel)
12 STEP SISTERS—6 City Depot R., Charlton—Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm
BIG BOOK WORKSHOP—Clinton



FROM THE EDITOR

NEVER MISS AN ISSUE!

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!!

Pass It On—

pass on your copy of *The Beacon* to another A.A. who might be interested in getting involved in service work.

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.



The AA Responsibility Statement: I AM RESPONSIBLE WHEN ANYONE ANY WHERE REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF AA TO ALWAYS BE THERE; AND FOR THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE.

2017 Alcathons

St. John's Church

44 Temple Street, Worcester, MA 01604

Thanksgiving



Starting: Wednesday, November 22 at NOON
Ending: Thursday, November 23 at MIDNIGHT

Christmas



Starting: Sunday, December 24 at NOON
Ending: Monday, December 25 at MIDNIGHT

New Years Eve



Starting: Sunday, December 31 at NOON
Ending: Monday, January 1 at MIDNIGHT

Food Donations Appreciated by Groups and Individuals

2017 Thanksgiving Alcathon Group Commitments

1 Wednesday 11/22	12pm-1pm	
2 Wednesday 11/22	1pm-2pm	Shrewsbury Big Book Workshop
3 Wednesday 11/22	2pm-3pm	Worcester Daily Choice
4 Wednesday 11/22	3pm-4pm	Worcester Wed BBSS
5 Wednesday 11/22	4pm-5pm	
6 Wednesday 11/22	5pm-6pm	Worcester Serenity
7 Wednesday 11/22	6pm-7pm	Worcester Fellowship
8 Wednesday 11/22	7pm-8pm	Webster Triton
9 Wednesday 11/22	8pm-9pm	Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance
10 Wednesday 11/22	9pm-10pm	Webster Early Risers
11 Wednesday 11/11/22	10pm-11pm	Millbury Traditions
12 Wednesday 11/11/22	11pm-12am	Shrewsbury Gratitude
13 Thursday 11/23	12am-1am	Worcester Way Of Sobriety
14 Thursday 11/23	1am-2am	Worcester High Noon
15 Thursday 11/23	2am-3am	Worcester Greendale
16 Thursday 11/23	3am-4am	Worcester There Is Hope
17 Thursday 11/23	4am-5am	Worcester Seven Hills
18 Thursday 11/23	5am-6am	Worcester The Way Out
19 Thursday 11/23	6am-7am	Spencer Fellowship
20 Thursday 11/23	7am-8am	Worcester Four Corners
21 Thursday 11/23	8am-9am	Dudley Day At A Time
22 Thursday 11/23	9am-10am	Upton Spirit
23 Thursday 11/23	10am-11am	
24 Thursday 11/23	11am-12pm	N. Grafton Happy, Joyous & Free
25 Thursday 11/23	12pm-1pm	Worcester 7AM
26 Thursday 11/23	1pm-2pm	Northboro Saturday Morning
27 Thursday 11/23	2pm-3pm	Millbury Center Step
28 Thursday 11/23	3pm-4pm	Charlton Daybreaker
29 Thursday 11/23	4pm-5pm	
30 Thursday 11/23	5pm-6pm	Worcester Gratitude
31 Thursday 11/23	6pm-7pm	
32 Thursday 11/23	7pm-8pm	Worcester Quinsigamond
33 Thursday 11/23	8pm-9pm	Worcester Crozier
34 Thursday 11/23	9pm-10pm	Worcester It All Starts Here
35 Thursday 11/23	10pm-11pm	
36 Thursday 11/23	11pm-12am	Worcester Sat Morning BBSS

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

12-Step Volunteer List

Our old 12-step Volunteer List is out of date so, and is being purged and started fresh. If you wish to volunteer, please fill out the form on the back page of this issue and mail or bring it to the Intergroup Office!!

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>
Chairperson	Brandy H.	chair@aaworcester.org
Alt. Chair	Nicole L.	altchair@aaworcester.org
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Alt. Secretary	OPEN	
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Liaison to District 26	Fred F.	
Liaison to Area 30	Ellen McQ.	
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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: _____

Below—(please circle *all* that apply)

I wish to help: 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:

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.*

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D26 AA Thanksgiving Day Alkathon
November 23rd, 2017 8:00AM – 9:00PM

Unitarian Church, 15 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453

Meeting Schedule:

8:00-8:45am Leominster Eye Opener

9:00-9:45am Gardner Saturday Night

10:00-10:45am Winchendon Toy Town

11:00-11:45am Leominster Tue BB SS

11:45-1:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner

1:00-1:45pm Orange Keep It Simple

2:00-2:45pm Clinton Shamrock

3:00-3:45pm Groton Easy Does It

4:00pm-4:45pm Gardner Mid-Day

5:00-5:45pm Townsend It's Up To You

6:00-6:45pm Ashburnham NauKeg

7:00-7:45pm North County Group

8:00-8:45 Leominster Am I Listening

Lots of food and fellowship.

Book and Food donations are very welcome.



Hosted by Activities Committee from District 26

For more information Contact Rob S. 978-353-9204 or Karen M. 978-496-0500