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Worcester Intergroup
Office Winter Hours -
Labor Day to Memorial
Day

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



DISTRICT 25 PANCAKE BREAKFAST SOCIAL

- JANUARY 25, 2020 9 am- 12 pm
- ST ANNE'S Parish Center 130 Turnpike Road, Shrewsbury (RT. 9)
- Tickets will be available December 3 and are \$5 ahead of event, \$8 at the door
- Receive a ticket at the door for a drawing at the end of the event
- 9:00 am Food and get-to-know you game
- 10:30 am Get to know your Service Committees
- 11:00 am Speaker discussion meeting, 11:45 am Prize Drawing
- See the flyer on **page 7** of the digital *Beacon*

WAI ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS

Election of WAI Officers and Appointments of Committee Chairs for the Intergroup Delegates Meeting on November 14th. New Assignments are listed on **page 5** of the *Beacon* New assignments are effective January 1, 2020

Intergroup is seeking service volunteers to assume the following open WAI positions:

- Alternate Treasurer
- Alternate Chair
- Alternate Secretary

Please contact the WAI office if you are able to be of service in one of these positions.

WAI Office Holiday Closings 2020

New Year's Day - Wednesday, 1/1/2020
Memorial Day - Monday, 5/25/2020
Independence Day - Saturday, 7/4/2020
Labor Day - Monday, 9/7/2020
Thanksgiving - Thursday, 11/26/2020
Christmas - Friday, 12/25/2020

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**Let Go
and Let
God.**

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."

The First Tradition

**"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery
depends upon A.A. unity."**

Our brother the noisy drunk affords the simplest illustration of this Tradition. If he insists on disrupting the meeting, we "invite" him to leave, and we bring him back when he's in better shape to hear the message. We are putting the "common welfare" first. But it is in his welfare, too; if he's ever going to get sober, the group must go on functioning, ready for him.

Yet he is only one rare aspect of the problem. When we do get sober in A.A., we shed a few small bits of the Big Ego: We admit, "I can't handle alcohol, and I can't stay away from it on my own." Fine so far! Then we find there is plenty of that Ego still with us. It may lead us to take other members' inventories and to gossip about their supposed shortcomings. It may lure us into hogging the floor at every discussion meeting.

Oh well, it's a selfish program, isn't it? After all the miseries of active alcoholism, why shouldn't we indulge ourselves a little? We all know one good reason why we shouldn't: Self-indulgence of this kind is an immediate personal danger; it threatens the individual's own sobriety. More than that, it threatens the very basis of our sobriety—the unity of the A.A. group. For a self-righteous gossip can damage the mutual trust that is vital to every group. And a compulsive talker can ruin the effectiveness of a discussion meeting—"I've stopped going to that group. Nobody but Joe can get a word in edgewise."

When A.A. was very young, the first members clearly saw the preservation of its unity as a life-or-death matter for themselves and for the alcoholics still unrecovered. The First Tradition states this aim, and it is the common aim of all Twelve Traditions. When A.A. reached the age of 35, the aim was restated in the theme of the 1970 International Convention:

This we owe to A.A.'s future:

- To place our common welfare first;
- To keep our Fellowship united.
- For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
- And the lives of those to come.

Each of the other eleven Traditions explains one specific way to protect the unity of the Fellowship and the A.A. group. Those early members quickly recognized power-drivers as potential group-wreckers. And they're still around—the members who are always sure that they're always right—the members who are happily ready to assume all the burdens of leadership and grimly unwilling to share them, let alone give them up. But a group does need officers. Tradition Two suggests how we achieve that.

from *The TWELVE TRADITIONS Illustrated*
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**Deadline....**

....for information to go into the February issue of *The Beacon* is January 16, 2020. Please send to:

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or e-mail to:

Beacon@aaworcest^{er}.org

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

E-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to:
Beacon@aaworcest^{er}.org

Meeting List Changes**NEW**

WEBSTER—Tuesday & Thursday 10-11am at Serenity Hall, 6 Mechanic St. Tuesday is OD, Thursday is OSpD

TURN THE PAGE—Webster—Open Big Book Workshop Tuesday nights 5:45-6:45p 10 Mechanic St. Opening the Word Recovery Center Starting Dec 3

HAPPY, JOYOUS, and FREE, will begin meeting on Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, at the Community Church in Ashburnham (84 Main St, aka 9 Chapel St.)

QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE— TRUST AND RELY - Thursdays, 5:30-6:30PM, Room 107A (Administration Building) No Smoking Anywhere On Campus!! Living Sober Discussion. The Administration Building is the big brick building facing Route 12/West Boylston Street.

WORCESTER—BACK TO BASICS— Friday Back To Basics 7:00-8:30PM;
CALL WORCESTER INTERGROUP FOR LOCATION INFO

TIME CHANGE

WESTBORO — GET WELL SLOWLY—Sunday night is now 7:30-8:30PM

WORCESTER—BB164 - Thursdays - is now only 1 hour, 6:30-7:30pm.

FORMAT CHANGE

HOPEDALE — 2nd CHANCE—Thursday 8-9PM, format is now C12SPD.

NAME CHANGE

WEBSTER—SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE is now **DROP THE ROCK**

MOVED

WORCESTER— Wednesday BBSS (7:00pm) has moved to Wesley U.M. Church, 114 Main St., Please use the State St entrance

GROUPS CLOSING

WESTBORO — Monday Night Big Book group is closed.

SOUTHBRIDGE—Stronger Together meeting is closed.

ATHOL—Tuesday Night Women's meeting is closed

TEMPORARY GROUP LOCATIONS

ALTHOL—Due to the fire at Our Lady Immaculate Roman Catholic Church, effective Monday, Dec. 16 the Athol **Back to Basics** meeting will move to The Masonic Temple, located at 336 Main St. in Athol, MA. from 12 noon to 1 pm. The group hopes they have found a permanent meeting place since the fire—where this meeting had been held for many, many years.

WAI's ONLINE BOOKIE EXCHANGE

The new WAI 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

BookieXchange.aaworcester.org

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
100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

WAI INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE

Parking lot for the WAI office is on the side of building and requires an access code —or action by office staff—to open the gate allowing entry. Call the office at the entry gate kiosk and office personnel will remotely open the gate for you.

SPREAD the word: DON'T park in the attended lot across the street from the WAI office. The lot is private parking only and is not for Intergroup visitors. WAI office staff **CANNOT** validate a parking ticket for that lot. The lot attendant **WILL charge you \$15** to exit the lot without a validated ticket!

Give back what was freely given to you...

The WAI Treatment committee needs your help to fill badly needed commitments in treatment centers in the Worcester area.

list of treatment locations and commitment calendars, see below for:

<http://aaworcester.org/> and click on "Treatment Facilities"

- Community Healthlink (CHL)
- Motivating Youth Recovery (MYR)
- Spectrum Healthcare Systems - Female Units
- Spectrum Healthcare Systems - Male Units
- Sunrise Detox Calendar - Washburn House

For schedule details—Email: treatment@aaworcester.org

ALCATHON Wrap-up meeting

January 6th, 6pm at the Intergroup office. First meeting of 2020 for Alcathon planning is January 27th at 6pm at the WAI office. The Alcathon group will be looking for a new location to host Alcathons in 2020..

**EACYPAA
XVIII -
PITTSBURGH
PA**

**MARCH 26-29
2020 WESTIN
CONVENTION
CENTER**

More Info at:

**EACYPAA2020.O
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page 7 of the
digital Beacon

**Progress,
Not
Perfection**

Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting has a new location— Salem Covenant Church, 215 Mountain Street East, Worcester.

Parking and Meeting Room is in the rear.

Intergroup Steering Committee - See Above New Location Notice, 6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - See Above New Location Notice, 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, 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 1/1/20)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>	<u>Bold = new</u>
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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 if an Anniversary has not been published for two months following submission.



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- 11:45 Drawing**

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An event for AA members

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