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EVENTS!

Comedy Night and Dinner Saturday, April 20, 2019

Sponsored by District 26 Activities Committee

- Where: Knights of Columbus, 484 Lancaster St. Leominster, MA
- COFFEE: 6:00 pm / DINNER: 6:30 pm
- Amateur Joke Contest: 7:30 pm
- COMEDIANS: 8:00 - 9:30 PM
- (Adult Comedy, No Children please)
- Ticket Price: \$15.00
- More information: Tim B. 978-407-3148 or Karen M. 978-496-0500

See the flyer on Page 8 digital Beacon

AA's - Meet Your District 26! Saturday, March 9

Come meet your AA District Officers. Learn how they serve you! Learn what DCM's, GSR's and Chair Persons do. Free Dinner and Raffles!!!!!!!!!!

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- Visit our website www.aadistrict26.org
- Contact your GSR or call Karen M. 978-496-0500
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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

- Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting location TBA; Call the WAI office for details concerning the meeting location



Step Three:

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

I am responsible...

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

Tradition Three

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Isn't every organization entitled to have rules for membership? Why did A.A. decide to forgo this privilege, to be "inclusive...never exclusive"? That's easy. Early members tried it the other way, and it just didn't work. As the Fellowship was nearing its ten-year mark, the office that served as headquarters "asked the groups to list their membership rules and send them in," Bill W. recalled. "If all of these edicts had been in force everywhere at once, it would have been practically impossible for any alcoholic to have ever joined A.A. About nine-tenths of our oldest and best members could never have got by!" So the rule books went out the window and were replaced by one uncomplicated sentence: Tradition Three.

But, somebody may ask, isn't this Tradition itself a rule? It does state one requirement for membership. Let's read it again, and ask another question: Who determines whether or not newcomers qualify, whether they do want to stop drinking? Obviously, nobody except the newcomers themselves; everybody else simply has to take their word for it. In fact, they don't even have to say it aloud. And that's fortunate for many of us who arrived at A.A. with only a halfhearted desire to stay sober. We are alive because the A.A. road stayed open to us. The problem faced by this Tradition isn't just past A.A. history. It keeps coming up—for instance, when a group debates whether to exclude alcoholics who have problems other than alcohol or have differing lifestyles. The Tradition mentions no such additional requirements, no demand that prospective members must not have a history of drug abuse, a certain lifestyle, or an institutional background.

All alcoholics are welcome.

What about the group that seems to impose extra requirements, beyond "a desire to stop drinking"? This might be a "special interest" group or collection of groups in which, for example, each member must be a physician—or a young person, a man, a woman, a priest, or a law-enforcement officer. By their own account, those attending special interest groups consider themselves A.A. members first. They attend general-membership meetings as well as those that fill their other individual needs, and they remain devoted to A.A.'s primary purpose. These "special interest" groups offer only one instance of the diverse and inclusive membership within our Fellowship. Our Traditions allow unparalleled freedom, not only to every A.A. member, but to every A.A. group.

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Third Step Prayer

God, I offer myself to Thee To build with me & to do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy love & Thy way of life. May I do Thy will always.

**Deadline....**

....for information to go into the April issue of *The Beacon* is March 15, 2019. Please send to:

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or e-mail to:
Beacon@aaworcester.org

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

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

"12 steps are job training to sponsor people."

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

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

THE WAY OUT— Worcester—group now meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting January 2nd (formerly 8:00)

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

NO MEETING NOTIFICATION

THERE IS HOPE - Saturdays ,Worcester will NOT be having their regular meeting on March 30th (business meeting will be March 23rd).

GROUPS NEEDING SUPPORT

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

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE in Webster will now be **DROP THE ROCK**.

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
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 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 2/1/19)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>	<u>Bold = new</u>
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"In the meetings I attend, newcomers sometimes ask me how I've been able to stay sober so long. My answer is always the same: every morning, the first thing I do is say three magic words -- God, help me."

*"Small but Mighty," Kissimmee, Florida, March 2006, Beginner's Book:
Getting and Staying Sober in AA*

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

Thank you for your service,
WAI Treatment Facilities Committee

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☒ 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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