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

**See page 4 for
summer office
hours**

**IMPORTANT
INTERGROUP
OFFICE
PARKING NOTICE**
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**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**
**WAI Intergroup
Steering Committee
and Delegates
monthly meeting
has a new location
- see page 5**

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EVENTS!

Game Night and Pot Luck—May 2nd

- Pot Luck dinner @ 6:30pm
- AA Meeting @ 7pm
- Board Games @ 8pm
- Trinity Church, 23 Main St., Northborough.
- Come for all or part of Game Night!
- Please bring a food item to share if you can—or a game to play
- Email if you are interested in organizing a game
- Held on the first Friday of every month
- More info—Alica B., Alice B. - social@aaworcester.org
- Join the Worcester Area Intergroup for a night of fun and games!
- See the flyer on **Page 7** digital *Beacon*

NAUKEAG 59th Anniversary Meeting

- Sunday, June 9, 2019
- Ashburnham Community Church 84 Main St. Ashburnham, MA 01430
- Coffee & Fellowship 4:30-5:00 Food 5:00-6:15 Meeting 6:15-7:30
- ****BOOK DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!****
- Please feel free to contact Melissa H. at 978-407-7222
- See the flyer on **Page 8** digital *Beacon*

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 details and facility schedules, see flyers **pages 10–15**, digital *Beacon*
Email: treatment@aaworcester.org



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Step Five:

"Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

I am responsible...

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

Tradition Five

"Each group has but one primary purpose— to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

- 1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
- 2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
 - 3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
- 4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
- 5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
- 6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

From—"TRADITIONS CHECKLIST FROM THE AA GRAPEVINE"

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

A.A. Grapevine GSO SM F-131—Rev. 01/18

WAI INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE

There is a new parking lot for the WAI offices on the side of building which requires a code —or action by office personnel—to open the gate allowing entry. You can call the office at the entry gate kiosk and office personnel will open the gate from the office controller.

If the office does not answer, please try again in several seconds as office personnel may be on the phone and unable to immediately acknowledge your call, and also confirm that your visit is during open office hours.

No code is required to exit the lot.

The parking lot in the rear of the building is now for employees only and requires a badge for entry.

SPREAD the word: **DON'T park in the attended lot across the street.** The lot is private parking only and is not for Intergroup visitors.

WAI office personnel **CANNOT** validate a parking ticket for that lot. The lot attendant **WILL charge you \$15** to exit the lot without a validated ticket!



Deadline....
for information to go into the June issue of *The Beacon* is May 15, 2019. Please send to:

Worcester Area Intergroup
 100 Grove St., Suite 314
 Worcester, MA 01605
 or e-mail to:
Beacon@aaworcestergroup.org

Planning a special event? Let us know about it!
 E-mail event information or flyers (PDF) to:
Beacon@aaworcestergroup.org

Meeting List Changes

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

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

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 April 30th (business meeting will be April 23rd).

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

STEP MEETING— 7:30 Tuesday night, the American Indian Cultural Center in Devens (Ayer) has been discontinued

GROUP ANNIVERSARY

NAUKEAG 59th ANNIVERSARY MEETING Sunday, June 9, 2019
 See Page 1 for event details.

Often it was while working on this Step with our sponsors or spiritual advisers that we first felt truly able to forgive others, no matter how deeply we felt they had wronged us.

Our moral inventory had persuaded us that allround forgiveness was desirable, but it was only when we resolutely tackled Step Five that we inwardly knew we'd be able to receive forgiveness and give it, too.

TWELVE AND TWELVE, P. 57-58

WAI's ONLINE BOOKIE EXCHANGE

The new 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 -

CHECK IT OUT! - see flyer, page 11, digital Beacon
BookieXchange.aaWorcester.org

Find a local meeting fast on a Map, a grid, or on a list!
MeetingMap.aaWorcester.org

"In God's economy, nothing is wasted. Through failure, we learn a lesson in humility which is probably needed, painful though it is."

PRICE INCREASES for RECOVERY ITEMS

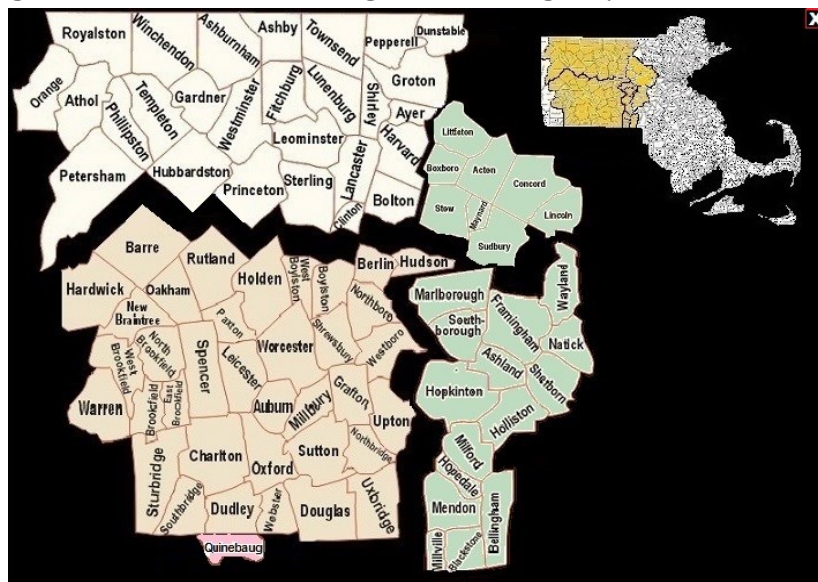
Purchased at the WAI Intergroup office

- Acceptance Pamphlets - \$1.25
- Aluminum Chips - \$0.65
- Bronze Medallions - \$2.50
- Round Stickers - \$1.50
- Bumper Stickers - \$1.75
- Coffee Mugs - \$8.50
- Little Big Book Dictionaries - \$5.00
- Raffle Ticket rolls - \$8.95

These new prices are effective April 1, 2019.

Find a local meeting fast on a Map, a grid, or on a list!

Log on and find a meeting — **MeetingMap.aaWorcester.org**



Foundation for Life

We discover that we receive guidance for our lives to just about the extent that we stop making demands upon God to give it to us on order and on our terms.

Worcester Intergroup Office Summer Hours

- The Office will be open Summer Hours Memorial Day to Labor Day:
- Mondays—Thursdays—Saturdays - 10am-2pm
 - Wednesdays—10am—3pm
 - Tuesdays - 10am-8pm
 - Fridays and Sundays - **CLOSED**

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 4/17/19)

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The deception of others is nearly always rooted in the deception of ourselves.

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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.

Worcester Area Intergroup Presents:



**GAME
NIGHT**

**Join Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee
for a night of fun and games!**

1st Friday of every month: next on — May 2nd

- **6:30pm Potluck**
- **7pm AA Open Speaker Discussion meeting**
- **8pm GAME ON!**

Trinity Church: 23 Main Street, Northborough MA

We provide games and pizza!

**If you are able please bring a food item to share and a game to play
or
email if you are you interested in organizing a game.**

**For more information please contact - Alica B./Alice B.
social@aaworcester.org**



NAUKEAG 59th ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Coffee & Fellowship 4:30-5:00

Food 5:00-6:15

Meeting 6:15-7:30

Ashburnham Community Church 84 Main Street Ashburnham, MA 01430

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BookieXchange

SEEKING COMMITMENT

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Town	Group Meeting	Posts
☒ 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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Email Stoney - bookieXchange@aaWorcester.org - for bookie help!

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Worcester Area Intergroup Treatment Facilities Committee is looking for your help with a new treatment center that has asked for assistance with incoming AA commitments. The Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital on Belmont Street in Worcester has reached out and we are looking for individuals that would commit to one day per month to bring with them additional speakers (or run an AA meeting) to carry the message of AA along with your experience, strength and hope. This facility is governed by the Department of Mental Health so the individual taking the commitment that shows on a consistent basis will have to pass a few minor hurdles for clearance that we would be happy to explain further. Right now, the days with the most free time are Monday-Wednesday but weekends are fairly open as well. Whatever day works for your schedule can be accommodated.

If interested in learning more please email the committee at Treatment@aaworcester.org or PM me if you see this on Facebook.

"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 asking for 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. If the date says FILLED, it is currently covered. If the day of the month is blank it is open. Once you find a date that you can help fill please contact us at Treatment@aaworcester.org.

We have attached the month of April's open dates for several facilities. There are hundreds of open spots for the 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.

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Community Healthlink (CHL)

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Spectrum Healthcare Systems – Male Units

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Sunrise Detox Calendar

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Washburn House