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Step 6

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.
And for that, I am responsible.

Tradition Six

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

From the Traditions Checklist:

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV set and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

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FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

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

AA Events

District 26 Founders' Day Picnic— June 11, 2017—noon to 5 pm— **\$7 , kids under 12 free**— Templeton Fish & Game club, 1 Club Rd., Templeton, MA **PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH**—book and raffle donations appreciated. **CONTACT 978-496-0500**

Ashburnham-Naukeag Group— June 4, 2017—**57th Anniversary**- 5pm-7:30pm— Community Church—Rt. 12 N—Ashburnham Center

Worcester Wednesday Night Big Book Step Study— June 7, 2017—**Anniversary**- 6pm-8:30pm—First Congregational Church—1070 Pleasant St.—POTLUCK

Bridging The Gap 27th Annual Workshop Weekend— September 8-10, 2017—Bloomington, MN— see www.btgww.org for more information.

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.

Responsibility Declaration

*I am responsible.
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible!*

**Deadline....**

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

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or e-mailed to:

Beacon@aaworcester.org

Meeting List Changes

FORMAT CHANGE

SPENCER FELLOWSHIP—Congregational Church, Rt.9, Spencer, MA—Mondays 7:30pm now OPEN SPEAKER/DISCUSSION
CROZIER GROUP—Mondays now OPEN SPEAKER/DISCUSSION

MOVED

BURBANK SUNDAY MORNING STEP —Sundays 9am MOVED to Burbank Campus of Health Alliance—Urgent Care Entrance—up one floor to Bergevin Conference Room
PASS IT ON—Sundays 6:45pm MOVED to Holy Rosary Church (off Regan St), Gardner, MA (open speaker)
WEDNESDAY WOMENS 12 STEP—MOVED to 81 Plantation St.—entrance on Chrome St.—Worcester

TIME CHANGE

SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT—114 Main St., Worcester, MA—TIME CHANGE—to Thursday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm (BBD)
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
SPENCER FELLOWSHIP—Congregational Church, Rt.9, Spencer, MA—Mondays 7:00-8:15pm beginning June 5th

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 (OBB)
THURSDAY OBB—28 Vernon St., Worcester—Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm—NEW GROUP (OBB)
AA BEGINNERS Q&A —St. Stephen`s Church, 16 Hamilton St. Worcester, MA—Saturdays 9:00-9:30am—NEW GROUP (Open Beginners Meeting)
DROP THE ROCK —6 Depot City Rd. Charlton, MA—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, MA—ADDITIONAL GROUP—to Saturdays - 10:30-noon (O12B Steps 1-2-3)
THERE IS A SOLUTION—17 East Main St., Webster, MA—Tuesdays - 7:00-8:pm (OSpD)
UNACC 12 & 12—29 Antietam St., Ft. Devens, MA—Tuesdays - 7:30-8:45pm (O12)

CLOSED

KEY TO FREEDOM—Sturbridge, MA SATURDAY MEETING ONLY
PAXTON OBBW TUESDAY—7:00pm Paxton
OXFORD CBB—7:00pm Congregational Church, Oxford
TURNING POINT—6:30pm Thursdays St. Mary's, Shrewsbury
SOBA SISTA'S—6 City Depot Rd., Charlton—Wednesdays 4-5pm
12 STEP SISTERS—6 City Depot R., Charlton, MA—Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm
BIG BOOK WORKSHOP—Clinton, MA



FROM THE EDITOR

DID YOU KNOW???

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!!

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.

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.

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

OPEN POSITIONS!!!

The Worcester Area Intergroup is currently looking for a few responsible people to fill several open Chairperson and Alternate Secretary positions . If you are interested, please contact chair@aaworcester.org and plan to come to the June 8th Delegate's Meeting. It's a great way to get involved!!

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>
Chairperson	Brandy H.	chair@aaworcester.org
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Worcester Area Intergroup is a non-profit organization, dependent on members' contributions. Please make checks payable to Worcester Area Intergroup.

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: _____

I wish to help: Males Only Females Only Both

Ag^es 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 all that apply)

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 go on 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 willing to go along with you.*

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AA - FOUNDER'S DAY PICNIC

Hosted by District 26 Activities Committee

Featuring AA's Got Talent!!! What is your talent? Enter the talent contest to win 2 tickets to the Whale Watch. Karaoke machine will be available for use.



COOKOUT & FELLOWSHIP – Sunday, June 11th, 2017 Noon to 4 pm / AA Meeting
4pm – 5 pm

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

Tickets \$7, 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: Talent Show, DJ,, Swimming, Games



Visit our website www.aadistrict26.org

Contact your GSR or / call Karen M. 978-496-0500

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
BRIDGING
 THE
GAP
 TEMPORARY CONTACTS

27th
Annual

Workshop
Weekend

September 8-10 2017

Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport,
3800 American Boulevard, Bloomington, MN 55425

Hosted by Area 36 Southern Minnesota
 For hotel reservations call (952) 854-2100. Refer to Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend
 for special rate of \$105.00 plus tax for single/double occupancy

The 27th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend will consist of presentations and discussions on BTG topics of interest to the registered participants. Those who attend are AA's involved or interested in 12th step work through various General Service and Intergroup Committees like Treatment, Corrections, CPC, PI, H&I, etc. A.A.'s from across the U.S. and Canada will attend, many sharing their experiences on BTG topics. This is a self-supporting workshop supported by contributions for the printing, mailing and coordinating expenses through the year as well as hotel meeting room. CDs will be available for purchase, even if you are unable to attend.

\$35 Pre-Registration Donation \$40 at the Door \$25 Day Pass

Total Submitted: \$ _____ I am interested in purchasing CD's

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Service Position: _____ Area#: _____ District #: _____

I am willing to give a presentation on the following topic: _____

Accommodations-Special Needs? _____ Staying at hotel: Yes No

Return registration form and check to: BTGWW, 6200 Rustic Hills Drive, Rocklin, CA, 95677

Any questions contact Matthew L. at (916) 899-1908 coordinator@btgww.org or
 Host Committee Chair host@btgww.org and register at www.BTGWW.org