

# THE BEACON

The light at the end of the tunnel

Worcester Area Intergroup . 100 Grove Street . Suite 314 . Worcester, MA 01605

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## Bill & Lois' 1944 Christmas Message

Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world.

Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before.

But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught. It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and



secure. Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted.

Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World.

How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth.

Knowing its full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there was poverty, peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos. Great indeed, our blessings! And so, Merry Christmas to you all—from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

- Bill W.

## Forget Ebenezer Scrooge No More Bah-Humbugs It's So! So! So! Sober Christmas!

That first sober holiday is always a major event in every AA's life, especially if it is a holiday filled with horror stories. While we can look back at almost every drunken holiday with regret and shame, few holidays have as many nightmares attached to them as Christmas.

Most new AAs find more baggage underneath their first sober Christmas tree than presents. We had stopped believing syrupy carols and saccharine Christmas movies years ago. Our Christmas home movies were horror stories.

Over the past 86 years, millions of sober alcoholics have learned how to live with their past instead of in it, and find and celebrate the joy of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and all the various other holidays celebrated around the world.

Inside you'll find some holiday stories from local AAs, as well as articles about Intergroup: Christmas and New Year's Alcathons, finances, and other AA news.

So, from all of us at Intergroup:

**Have a Very Merry  
&  
So! So! Sober Christmas**



## Welcome to the New Beacon (Really just the old one with new editors)

Like the Beacons of the past, we will be publishing stories about recovery as well as Worcester area AA events and activities.

You can help us do just that by writing for the Beacon. Tell us about upcoming AA events and activities, and share your stories: your experiences, strengths, and hopes as you “trudge the road of happy destiny.”

Articles can be about anything that relates to your sobriety and recovery, and as short as a couple of paragraphs or as long as several hundred words.

Deadlines are the third Friday of every month.

We are looking for articles, jokes, and even good quotes you “heard at a meeting.” Email them to us at [beacon@aaworcester.org](mailto:beacon@aaworcester.org).

Cheers & Happy Sobriety,

**The Cyber Sot & The Digital Drunk**

## Stories from around the area

### My Christmas Memory???

Seems like an odd title with those question marks, doesn't it? That's because I have absolutely no memory of my first sober Christmas. My sobriety date is November 27, 2005. I guess I was still in that alcoholic fog, as thick as pea soup. Apparently, I went to my brother's house and for the first time in many years I behaved myself. A miracle in itself.

I do remember all the Christmases since. What I remember the most is that I remember. I used to be a blackout drinker and didn't remember many occasions or holidays spent with my family, or, in later years, alone. What a difference sobriety makes. With the help of my Higher Power and my AA friends, I hope to have many more sober Christmases.

**Alcoholics Anonymous**



**Beth H.**



## My first Sober Christmas

My Name is Rich K. My sobriety date is March 28, 1990. So I was sober almost 9 months on my first sober Christmas day. I come from an Italian family and the tradition is we have a large celebration on Christmas Eve with pasta, fish and lots of booze and everybody doesn't get drunk, but I did most of the time. When I went to the party for the first time sober, I was nervous how my cousins would react to my not drinking. Though most of them knew I was going to AA, I had two children so, after the party I went home. After the kids were in bed, my wife and I set up Santa's presents and there was no FIGHT.

I woke up Christmas morning when the kids came in my room to tell us Santa had left gifts under the tree. I remember sitting there as the kids opened their presents and saying to myself how happy they were as they opened each gift and not saying to myself hurry up let's get this over with. For the first time I was thinking of someone else being happy other than myself.

We had breakfast and I thought how wonderful it is to wake up on Christmas and be able to eat without getting sick and have a conversation with my wife and no bitter tones or words between us. I prayed and asked my Higher Power to help me have a positive attitude and happiness for that day and with my life.

**Rich K.**

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## More Baggage Than Presents

On my first sober Christmas there was a lot more baggage under the tree than presents. Looking back, I realize that the first real Christmas miracle of my life was that I didn't get drunk. Instead, with 114 days and a lot of sleepless nights of sobriety, I hit several marathon meetings, read the Big Book, prayed, talked to my sponsor and other alcoholics, spent alone time in the bedroom; all to keep my craziness and memories of *Christmases Horrible* from doing any more damage to *Christmas Present*, all so I would not ruin the day for my family.

Over the years, my Christmases have gone from dread to toleration, toleration to acceptance, acceptance to enjoyment. I'm looking forward to Christmas this year.

There were valid reasons for the way I felt that first sober Christmas: memories of un-fun parties with clients, co-workers, friends, neighbors, family... and my behavior. Add in mandatory smiles, multitudinous shouts of "Merry Christmas!" and "Good Cheer!" as well as syrupy Christmas music and saccharine Christmas movies telling me how I "should" feel... but couldn't.

The real Grinch in my Christmas was my inability to escape the past: unmet expectations, screw-ups, disappointments, depression, dread, and embarrassment, plus family functions, frictions, and fights. All I knew about Christmas was that I had experienced a long list of sad ones as a child that turned into sad and drunken ones as I got older. (continued next page)



My second sober Christmas was better. Then, over time, Christmas became enjoyable. Today I look forward to the entire season, not just the day itself.

As Christmas approaches, we enter “Crazy Meeting Season.” Most of us have Holiday Horror Stories, horrific events that shaped and scarred us. They might seem trivial to others, but they devastated us. Some of us feel required to re-tell those stories year after year, meeting after meeting. I did, too, in my first years.

But my sponsor and other AA friends pointed out that I wasn’t celebrating “this Christmas,” I was “reliving all the old Christmases.” I was hanging out with Charles Dickens’ Ebenezer Scrooge, visiting the ghosts of Christmas Past.

I had to make a choice. Did I want to live in the past? Or in the present?

I wanted the present, but didn’t know how to stop taking so many day trips into the past, especially since those day trips could last for weeks. It took time, a conscious effort coupled with my conscious contact with my Higher Power, meetings, working with my sponsor, the steps, the fellowship, and sessions with a therapist. Therapy is part of my story.

As it says on page 58 of the Big Book, “Our stories disclose in a general way...” We don’t spill out all the gory details at meetings, (especially if the statute of limitations has not run out on some of our better ideas). We save the gory details for our sponsor and close program friends, and, in some cases, for a therapist.

The details of how I personally learned to enjoy Christmas are not important. What is important is the fact that I did, as have countless others, and that you can, too. That’s why we have the program, the Steps, sponsors, meetings, fellowship, and a conscious contact with “God as we understand him.”

My first sober Christmas was painful, but successful. When I woke up on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, I realized I would not have to go through another Christmas for an entire year. I had gotten through it. I might not have done it with dignity and grace, but I did do it sober.

Year Two was better, and it gets better every year. I hope yours does as well.

Cheers & Happy Serenity...  
and Merry Christmas, too.

**The Cyber Sot**





## Sobriety for a Change

My first holiday sober was a fourth of July. My wife and I trucked down to the Cape for a nice long weekend with her family. I only had a month under my belt before heading out for the weekend. I listened to what I heard from my meetings, to have an “out” if I felt uncomfortable, have a list of numbers to call. This was a four-day weekend, and I didn’t want to drink nor embarrass myself any longer. I spoke with my wife prior to leaving. This was her family, and I didn’t want to ruin the weekend for her or them. I wasn’t concerned so much about relatives wanting to offer alcohol rather I was concerned about me if I took a drink. I knew me, I feared the flying monkeys in my head telling me that wouldn’t it be a challenge if you could sneak a drink while everyone was busy and “no one would know.”

My wife and I arrived early and met with her parents first before the rest of the family arrived. Things were going fine; we were having a nice discussion. As the different relatives arrived, bottles of alcohol and mixers began to fill the counter. The snacks and appetizers were being served; the party was in full swing. They would go on to make their \$100 punch bowl (a Long Island Iced Tea but made by using bottles versus the ¼ shots you would get at a bar).

I watched as the more the people drank, that personalities do change. I was uncomfortable. That stinking thinking demon began to come into my mind. I was jealous of the others having a good time, yet I wasn’t even able to be comfortable in my own skin.

Then another demon came out. The one that tells you that while everyone is busy, you could probably sneak a drink while everyone was busy and distracted. And then the crazy thought: “It will be okay, no one will know.” How many times have I said that to myself?

I was new to AA, and the phone became the 800 lb. gorilla that no one could pick up. I was beginning to get very anxious. It’s true when we say to be careful about the obsession on the mind; it is relentless and won’t stop. I also knew was that if I did not pick up that first drink, I would be okay. But could I trust myself to get through the weekend.

The more the party increased, the more difficult it was getting to put the flying monkeys back in the cage and keep them there. This is the in-laws I’m talking about. At that time, I was identifying them as the outlaws, and I would often joke about it when I was drinking.

I also knew or at least for the first time I was beginning to see that I was the problem. And in many more ways than alcohol and addiction.

I made a difficult decision that night. My wife means everything to me, she blessed me with two beautiful children and has always supported me even in my most painful and embarrassing moments. Would I return to my old ways and pick up a drink? I knew that if I did, it wouldn’t be just one. That I had learned; I could never have just one. (continued next page)





I didn't pick up a drink that night, but I did talk with my wife. She told me that she had watched me during the evening and could see that I hadn't drunk alcohol, but she also said that she could tell that I wasn't myself. I was one to use alcohol as a social lubricate. I still to this day have a hard time to be socially outgoing in groups of people. Hell, I have problems being socially acceptable when I'm by myself.

My wife and I did have an open discussion. I had explained what was going on with me during the evening. We both came to the same conclusion, that it might be best if I left and let my wife and her family enjoy each other for the weekend for a change.

I was more concerned because, I didn't have much sobriety and didn't trust myself. At the time, shamefully I didn't want to be with my in-laws. I felt that if things went sideways during that time, and I got into an argument with a family member, that the result would have had me chasing down the bottle.

The following year at the same fourth of July getaway, one of my in-laws had a few to many and decided to tear me a new backside in front of everyone. It was an embarrassing moment. I didn't have to pick up a drink, nor did I feel a need to leave. The big difference was that I did have a Higher Power and I did have a sponsor, both of whom I used that day.

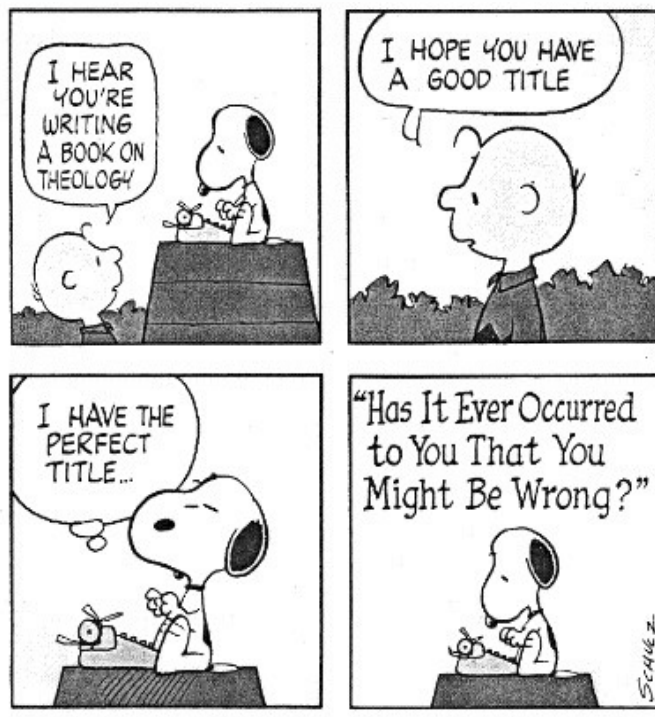
When speaking with my sponsor, I said how I felt a need to talk with the person who lit into me about their drinking problem, to "plant the seed." His response was "you are the seed, show them by your actions".

Have a safe and Happy Holiday whichever day that may be,

May you find peace and serenity.

God Bless,

**The Digital Drunk**



# We are not a Glum Lot!

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## Signs you might be an Alcoholic

- You lose arguments with inanimate objects
- Your job interferes with your drinking
- The whole bar greets you when you come in
- Your idea of a drinking problem is having two hands and one mouth
- Twenty-four hours in a day, twenty-four beers in a case. Coincidence? We think not
- Your idea of cutting back is less salt
- Mosquitoes stumble after attacking you



An alcoholic wakes up in jail.

He asks the first police officer, "Why am I here?"

"For drinking" replies the officer.

"Great," says the man, "When do we start?"



Many Covid guidelines say we can have gatherings with up to eight people without issues. I don't even *know* eight people without issues.

## AA Word Scrambler

December 2021

1. ITYNMNYOA \_\_\_\_\_
2. VIEPAGNER \_\_\_\_\_
3. EPRIHEGROHW \_\_\_\_\_
4. EINYVNTRO \_\_\_\_\_
5. IENSTGME \_\_\_\_\_
6. RLMDIEOT \_\_\_\_\_
7. VCRYEROE \_\_\_\_\_
8. YIERBTSO \_\_\_\_\_
9. IRISTAYPLTUI \_\_\_\_\_
10. ARTIDTOINS \_\_\_\_\_
11. ORSPSEMI \_\_\_\_\_
12. NDOELILMA \_\_\_\_\_

Answers posted in next month's issue



**I am responsible...**

**When anyone  
anywhere reaches  
out for help I want  
the hand of AA to be  
there, and for that...**

**I am responsible.**



join us as we trudge the road of happy destiny



## Twelve Tips on Keeping Your Holiday Season Sober and Joyous

Holiday parties without liquid spirits may still seem a dreary prospect to new A.A.s. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober—an idea we would never have dreamed of, wanted, or believed possible when drinking. Here are some tips for having an all-round ball without a drop of alcohol.



**1** *Line up extra A.A. activities for the holiday season. Arrange to take newcomers to meetings, answer the phones at a clubhouse or central office, speak, help with dishes, or visit the alcoholic ward at a hospital.*



**2** *Be host to A.A. friends, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place where you can throw a formal party, take one person to a diner and spring for the coffee.*



**3** *Keep your A.A. telephone list with you all the time. If a drinking urge or panic comes—postpone everything else until you've called an A.A.*



**4** *Find out about the special holiday parties, meetings, or other celebrations*

*given by groups in your area, and go. If you're timid, take someone newer than you are.*



**5** *Skip any drinking occasion you are nervous about. Remember how clever you were at excuses when drinking? Now put the talent to good use. No office party is as important as saving your life.*



**6** *If you have to go to a drinking party and can't take an A.A. with you, keep some candy handy.*



**7** *Don't think you have to stay late. Plan in advance an "important date" you have to keep.*



**8** *Worship in your own way.*



**9** *Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on those books, museums, walks, and letters.*



**10** *Don't start now getting worked up about all those holiday temptations. Remember—"one day at a time."*



**11** *Enjoy the true beauty of holiday love and joy. Maybe you cannot give material gifts—but this year, you can give love.*



**12** *"Having had a . . ." No need to spell out the Twelfth Step here, since you already know it.*

Box 4-5-9. Winter 2016





## ALCATHON NEWS!

Worcester Area Intergroup/District 25

On **ZOOM!!!**

We will have the Alcathon room open for the full 36 hours, with commitments for 12 hours each day.

*If your Group is interested in doing a Virtual Commitment, please email:*

[alcathon@aaworcester.org](mailto:alcathon@aaworcester.org)

WAI/District 25

**Christmas and New Years**

**Alcathons!!**

**ZOOM Login:**

: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87673586905>

**Passcode: Alcathon21**

**or dial in (929)436 - 2866 and enter ID#**

**876 7358 6905**

Groups speaking from 12/24 at noon till midnight and 12/25 from noon-midnight  
12/31 at noon till midnight and 1/1 from noon-midnight

Open for drop-in and casual conversation all other hours!

## It's Alcathon Time!

Are you saying **No! No! No!**

Each time you hear **Ho! Ho! Ho!**

Do frequent calls of holiday cheer

Make you wish for *any* cold beer?

Does being in these situations

make you long for *any* libations?

Intergroup has a solution or two.

Here's the Beacon's guide for you.

### Christmas 2021 Virtual Alcathon Slots    New Years 2021 Virtual Alcathon Slots

#### FRI., 12/24

12-3 PM Open for fellowship	12-4 PM
3:00 PM N. Brookfield Sunset	4:00 PM
4:00 PM Shrewsbury Big Book Workshop	5:00 PM
5:00 PM Westborough Forge	6:00 PM
6:00 PM Northbridge GOYA	7:00 PM
7:00 PM Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance	8:00 PM
8:00 PM Worcester It All Starts Here	9:00 PM
9:00 PM Worcester Saturday BBSS	10:00 PM
10:00 PM Webster Triton	11:00 PM
11:00 PM Worcester Main South Sobriety	

#### SAT., 12/25

7:00 AM Groton Easy Does It	12:00 AM
8:00 AM Northborough Saturday Morning	1-7:00 AM
9:00 AM Holden Thursday Night	7:00 AM
10:00 AM Worcester The Way Out	8:00 AM
11:00 AM Worcester Way of Sobriety	9:00 AM
12:00 PM Leominster Clean Air	10:00 AM
1:00 PM Worcester Mid-Day	11:00 AM
2PM-12:00AM Open Fellowship	12:00 PM
	1:00 PM - 12:00 AM Open for Fellowship

#### FRI., 12/31

Open for Fellowship  
Worcester Main South Sobriety  
Northborough Saturday Morning  
Northborough GOYA  
Worcester The Way Out  
Westborough Forge  
Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance  
N. Brookfield Sunset  
Worcester Way of Sobriety

#### SAT., 1/1

Holden Thursday Night  
Open for Fellowship  
Groton Easy Does It  
Worcester Saturday BBSS  
Shrewsbury Big Book Workshop  
Worcester It All Starts Here  
Leominster Clean Air  
Worcester Mid-Day



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MAYNARD NOW GROUP



All Are Welcome!

### Christmas Alcathon

Christmas Day AA MEETINGS  
FEATURING - EXPERIENCE-STRENGTH & HOPE!

MEETINGS EVERY 2 HOURS FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP

Meetings at:

8:00 am	4:00 pm
10:00 am	6:00 pm
12:00 noon	8:00 pm
2:00 pm	

WE WILL PROVIDE SINGLE SERVE SNACKS, COFFEE, SODA, ETC

Meetings will run every 2 hours from 8AM till 8PM, masks and social distancing welcome!

**Maynard Now**  
**65 Nason St Maynard MA**

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## DISTRICT 25

### HOLIDAY AA MEETING MARATHON



AA Groups from the area will be hosting live meetings every hour on the following Eves and holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Years.  
\* Following Covid-19 regulations.

11/24	12/24	12/31
12PM - CROZIER HOUSE GROUP	12PM - THE WAY OUT	12PM - CROZIER HOUSE GROUP
1PM - IT ALL STARTS HERE	1PM - CROZIER MONDAY MEETING	1PM - FRIENDS OF BILL
2PM - WAY OF SOBRIETY	2PM - FRIENDS OF BILL	2PM - TSDD
3PM - NEW BEGINNINGS	3PM - TSDD	3PM - WED. NIGHT BBSS
4PM - KEVIN O GROUP	4PM - BROOKFIELD SUN. MORNING	4PM - LEOMINSTER COMMONS
5PM - NECCYPA	5PM - NECCYPA	5PM - SOBAA SISTAS
6PM - FRIENDS OF BILL	6PM - WED. NIGHT BBSS	6PM - MON. NIGHT CROZIER MEETING
7PM - LOONIE NOONIE	7PM - HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE	7PM - HAPPY JOYOUS & FREE
8PM - AS BILL SEES IT	8PM - LOONIE NOONIE	8PM - PRIMARY PURPOSE
11/25	12/25	1/1
10AM - WORCESTER YOUNG PEOPLES	10AM - JOY OF LIVING	10AM - GHP NOONTIME
11AM - MAIN SOUTH SOBRIETY	11AM - SOBAA SISTAS	11AM - MAIN SOUTH SOBRIETY
12PM - GHP	12PM - NEW BEGINNINGS	12PM - SEVEN HILLS
1PM - CROZIER MEETING	1PM - IT ALL STARTS HERE	1PM - WAY OF SOBRIETY
2PM - BROOKFIELD SUNDAY MORNING	2PM - WORCESTER YOUNG PEOPLE	2PM - KEVIN O GROUP
3PM - SEVEN HILLS	3PM - SEVEN HILLS	3PM - LOONIE NOONIE
4PM - SOBAA SISTAS	4PM - WAY OF SOBRIETY	4PM - THE WAY OUT
5PM - JOY OF LIVING	5PM - GHP NOONTIME	5PM - WORCESTER YOUNG PEOPLE
6PM - TSDD	6PM - KEVIN O GROUP	6PM - AS BILL SEES IT
7PM - THE WAY OUT	7PM - AS BILL SEES IT	7PM - JOY OF LIVING
8PM - LEOMINSTER COMMON	8PM - MAIN SOUTH SOBRIETY	8PM - IT ALL STARTS HERE

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For further information please email  
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## DISTRICT 26

### **District 26 AA Christmas Alkathon**


All Are Welcome

Starts at **Noon time on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
and goes **through 9:00PM December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**UPL Community Center** *(Brick building Not the Church)*


**39 Main St. Lunenburg, MA**

***\*\*\*Park on street, behind City Hall or at United Parish Church 14 Main St \*\*\****

- 12-12:45 - Leominster High Noon
- 1-1:45 Pepperell East Friday Night
- 2- 2:45 Athol Original/Back to Basics  
**2 pm Light Sandwiches service begins** *(food will be available all day)*
- 3-3:45- Fitchburg Saturday Morning HIW
- 4-4:45 - Gardner Saturday Night (Slanted Floor)
- 5-5:45- Leominster Young People
- 6-6:45- Leominster BBSS
- 7-7:45 - Ashburnham Naukeag
- 8-8:45 -Leominster Clean Air 

***Someone will be in building at All Times to talk to. (Building will be open all night)***

***Coffee will be available all night No Meetings after 9PM Christmas Eve till 8am Christmas morning***

- ***7AM light breakfast begins (Fruit & Pot luck)***
- 8-8:45AM Leominster Eye Opener
- 9-9:45AM Winchendon Toy Town
- 10-10:45- Fitchburg Sunday Morning
- 11-11:45- Clinton Shamrock
- 12-12:45 - Gardner Midday/Gardner All Are Welcome
- 1-1:45 Groton Easy Does it
- **2pm Dinner service begins**
- 3-3:45- - Bolton Spiritual Sisters
- 4-4:45 - Townsend Up to You
- 5-5:45- Lunenburg White Flag (M, T, W & Sat)
- 6-6:45- Templeton today Group
- 7-7:45 -Leominster Original
- 8-8:45 -Lake Whalom 8:15pm clean up begins 

**Join us for food and fellowship. Book  and food donations welcome.** 

Help with set up, food prep and clean up appreciated for more information, please contact:

Tim B. 978-407-3148 or Larry B. 978-350-6455 Visit our website at [www.aadistrict26.org](http://www.aadistrict26.org)



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# 7th Tradition

## Worcester Area Intergroup

### Volume 1, Issue 1



### Worcester Area Intergroup Contributions as of 10/30/2021

Group Name	Oct	Total 2021			
AA Anniversary Contribution		580.00	East Brookfield Checkup Neck up		150.00
AA Member Contribution	635.65	6,643.89	Gardner Middy		150.00
AA Faithful Fiver Contribution	431.00	6,724.00	Grafton Common Bond	50.00	180.00
AA Coffee Can Contribution	6.23	29.97	Grafton Happy Joyous And Free		250.00
Ashburnham Naukeag		500.00	Grafton Reflections Group	180.00	380.00
Athol Back to Basics	25.00	155.00	Holden Group Of A. A. ( Thurs. Night)		182.00
Auburn Auburn Group		223.50	Holden Open Air	145.00	1,501.00
Auburn Grapevine Group		450.00	Hudson Second Chance		610.54
Auburn Happy Hour	34.00	328.25	Leicester Big Book		13.50
Auburn Higher Power Hour		30.00	Leicester Road to Recovery		190.00
Auburn She Means Business		85.00	Leominster Eye Opener		350.00
Barre Women's Wisdom in Recov- ery		25.00	Leominster Lake Whalom Group		120.00
Bellingham Crossroads		10.00	Marlboro Early Riser/Fresh Start		500.00
Berlin Candlelight		200.00	Millford Eye Opener		135.00
Boylston As Bill Sees It		225.00	Millbury Center Step		4.75
Charlton Daybreaker	387.59	3,984.28	Millbury Spin To Win		200.00
Charlton Life Second to None		400.00	Millbury Traditions	100.00	400.00
Charlton Zoonbreakers		5.00	N. Brookfield Sunset Group	100.00	250.00
Clinton Central Park Women's 12 step		219.63	N. Oxford Primary Purpose	283.00	1,283.00
Clinton Shamrock		20.70	Nashoba BBSS		150.00
Douglas Never Back Down	50.00	150.00	Northborough Saturday Morning		560.00
Douglas Tuesday Night Step		50.00	Northborough Women of Courage and Dignity		95.00
Dudley Day At A Time		50.00	Orange Big Book		75.00
			Orange Keep It Simple		200.00
			Oxford No Rules BBSS		200.00



## 7TH TRADITION CHALLENGE

"Now that we are sober in A.A., the word 'support' has to do with sharing, people, self-respect, gratitude, and what we are privileged to give - not take - in material terms."



**We are self-supporting through our own contributions ~ Many of our branches are suffering from lack of support (GSO, Area, H&I, Central Office). How much does one drink cost? If it were not for Alcoholics Anonymous, we'd be drinking plenty!**

**Drop the cost of one drink into your home groups basket when it comes by . . . you can't afford not to!**



Oxford Group		175.00	Westboro Get Well Slowly Step		120.00
Oxford Thursday Night BB	100.00	100.00	Westboro No Name		190.00
Paxton ( Three Groups)		300.00	Westboro Sunday Morning		100.00
Princeton 12 Step		300.00	Whitinsville As Bill Sees It		0.00
Shrewsbury BB Workshop		11.00	Whitinsville G.O.Y.A.		175.00
Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance	291.62	2,822.36	Whitinsville Trinity Church OD		130.01
Shrewsbury Simple Steps	103.00	381.00	Worcester AA Beginners Q&A		66.50
South Grafton Thursday Night Step		100.00	Worcester Big Book 164		10.00
Southborough Came To Believe		10.00	Worcester Come As You Are	372.00	1,054.00
Southbridge Friday Night Flick	75.00	240.00	Worcester Crozier	46.00	352.00
Southbridge New Beginnings		174.15	Worcester Daily Choice	290.00	3,470.00
Southbridge Noon Recovery Group	150.00	400.00	Worcester Green Hill Park Noontime		3,078.89
Southbridge Original		226.17	Worcester Hi-Noon		450.00
Spencer Fellowship		147.87	Worcester It All Starts Here		85.00
Spencer Noontime		1.70	Worcester Joy Of Living		100.00
Stow Back Door		0.00	Worcester Main South Sobriety	150.00	150.00
Stow Sunday Morning	50.00	100.00	Worcester Mid-Day	100.00	745.00
Sturbridge Key to Freedom		20.00	Worcester People Helping People		175.00
Sturbridge Step Forward		100.00	Worcester Rebound		20.00
Sturbridge Women's Destiny		40.00	Worcester Saturday BBSS	45.50	505.19
Transgender In Sobriety		50.00	Worcester Stay Active		20.00
Upton Spirit		125.00	Worcester The Way Of Sobriety		645.87
Uxbridge Another Day Another Way		200.00	Worcester The Way Out		984.69
Uxbridge Road To Clarity		10.37	Worcester Walking Together		400.00
Warren New Beginnings		288.37	Worcester Washburn Gratitude Meeting		5.50
Webster Morning Meeting		0.00	Worcester WAVE		175.00
Webster Triton		350.00	Worcester Wednesday BBSS	125.00	344.50
West Boylston Choices		41.00	Worcester Women's Gratitude		40.00
Westboro As Bill Sees It		0.00			
Westboro Easy Does It		34.00	<b>Column Totals</b>	4,325.5	49,559.15

## Worcester Area Intergroup

### Office hours:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10-2 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10-8 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10-8 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10-2 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10-2 pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9-2 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>



Merry  
Christmas  
and  
Happy  
New Year