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11/22

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EVENTS!

2018 Alcathons

St. John's Church, 44 Temple St., Worcester 01604

Thanksgiving - Thursday November 21 noon to Friday November 22
@ midnight

Christmas - Monday December 24 noon thru Tuesday December 25
@ midnight

New Year's - Monday December 31 noon thru Tuesday January 1 @
midnight

Food donations accepted from groups or individuals.

Complete Group commitment schedule on page 2

The Alcathon Committee needs volunteers— see page 2

Also see the flyer on **Page 7** of the digital *Beacon*

A.A. Bowling League

- Bowlero, 405 Boston Turnpike, Route 9, Shrewsbury
- SUNDAYS for 8 weeks—starting October 21
- \$12 Per player per week
- 3 players per team
- League discounts @ Bowlero
- Pizza party at the end of 8 weeks
- Register: <https://goo.gl/forms/D85HzjLxQ3fASYAC2>
- Or, just show up!!
- This bowling league will be "Lights Out" and all bowling will take place under the black lights. Patriots games will be on the big screen at the end of each alley.
- For more information please contact Emily D. (508) 614-8989 or by email social@aaworcester.org
- See the WAI flyer on **Page 8** digital *Beacon*

Game Night and Pot Luck—Friday November 2nd

- Pot Luck dinner 6pm; AA Meeting @ 7, Board Games @ 8
- 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—Emily D. - social@aaworcester.org
- See the WAI flyer on **Page 9** digital *Beacon*



Volunteers Needed!

The Alcathon Committee is looking for volunteers to be Host/Hostess at our Alcathons!

It's a great opportunity for Sponsor/Sponsee activity doing service work. We are looking for 2 people for each shift - at least one must have a year or more sobriety. Duties will include making coffee, putting out food, ensuring food tables are kept clean and, possibly, starting a Pick-Up Meeting if a scheduled group does not show up.

Please contact Brandy for more information or to sign up through FB, call the office to speak to her, or send an email to alcathon@aaworcestester.org.

2018 Thanksgiving Alcathon		
Day/Date	Time	Group
1 Wednesday 11/21	12pm-1pm	Worcester - The Way Out
2 Wednesday 11/21	1pm-2pm	Northboro - Saturday Morning
3 Wednesday 11/21	2pm-3pm	N. Brookfield - Sunset
4 Wednesday 11/21	3pm-4pm	Rutland - Firewater
5 Wednesday 11/21	4pm-5pm	Shrewsbury - Eternal Vigilance
6 Wednesday 11/21	5pm-6pm	Worcester - Wed. BBS
7 Wednesday 11/21	6pm-7pm	Worcester - MidDay
8 Wednesday 11/21	7pm-8pm	Worcester - Gratitude
9 Wednesday 11/21	8pm-9pm	Worcester - It All Starts Here
10 Wednesday 11/21	9pm-10pm	Worcester - 4 Corners
11 Wednesday 11/21	10pm-11pm	Worcester - There Is Hope
12 Wednesday 11/21	11pm-12am	Worcester - Daily Choice
13 Thursday 11/22	12am-1am	Holden - Thursday Night
14 Thursday 11/22	1am-2am	Worcester - Sunlight of The Spirit
15 Thursday 11/22	2am-3am	Grafton - Happy, Joyous and Free
16 Thursday 11/22	3am-4am	Worcester - Seven Hills
17 Thursday 11/22	4am-5am	Worcester - Joy Of Living
18 Thursday 11/22	5am-6am	Worcester - High Noon
19 Thursday 11/22	6am-7am	Worcester - Quinsig Group
20 Thursday 11/22	7am-8am	Dudley - Day At A Time
21 Thursday 11/22	8am-9am	Spencer - Fellowship
22 Thursday 11/22	9am-10am	Worcester - Fellowship
23 Thursday 11/22	10am-11am	Webster - Early Risers
24 Thursday 11/22	11am-12pm	Millbury - Traditions
25 Thursday 11/22	12pm-1pm	Worcester - Greendale
26 Thursday 11/22	1pm-2pm	Webster - Triton
27 Thursday 11/22	2pm-3pm	S Grafton - Saturday BB
28 Thursday 11/22	3pm-4pm	Worcester - 7 AM
29 Thursday 11/22	4pm-5pm	Charlton - Daybreaker
30 Thursday 11/22	5pm-6pm	Worcester - Way Of Sobriety
31 Thursday 11/22	6pm-7pm	Shrewsbury - BB Workshop
32 Thursday 11/22	7pm-8pm	Worcester - People Helping People
33 Thursday 11/22	8pm-9pm	Westboro - Forge
34 Thursday 11/22	9pm-10pm	Westboro - Sunday Morning
35 Thursday 11/22	10pm-11pm	Worcester - Main South Sobriety
36 Thursday 11/23	11pm-12am	Worcester - As Bill Sees It

St. John's, 44 Temple St., Worcester - 11/21 at Noon thru 11/22 Midnight

Step Eleven:

"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

I am responsible...

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

The Eleventh Tradition

"Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films."

Alcoholics who have recovered through our program are themselves the strongest attraction that A.A. has. When people are asked what led them to seek A.A. help, the answer given most often is: "An A.A. member." Their chances would have been slim if all of us had remained completely in hiding. But many of us have chosen to tell our friends, neighbors, employers, co-workers, doctors, or spiritual advisers that we are in A.A.—and when we do so, we are not breaking our anonymity in the meaning of this Tradition. Suppose a sick alcoholic never has the good fortune to meet an A.A. How is such a person going to find us? The search will be difficult if the local group thinks it should be anonymous, too.

The Tradition is talking about "personal anonymity," remember? Alcoholics will not be attracted to A.A. if they don't know that it exists or if they have distorted, unfavorable impressions of its members or its program. Giving the general public an accurate picture of A.A. is the chief job of our public information committees. In addition, they often carry the message to certain groups—from police officers to personnel directors— whose work includes contact with active alcoholics.

from **The TWELVE TRADITIONS Illustrated**

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Elections for 2019 to be held!!

Worcester Area Intergroup will have Election of Officers and Appointment of Committee Chairpersons at their regular Delegates` Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2018. Please make sure your Group`s Delegate plans to attend!

A.A. Wisdom for Surviving the Holidays

Managing life through the holiday season is a challenge even for non-Alcoholics— you might find these A.A. links offer helpful suggestions for a happier and more serene holiday season.

<https://www.aacleve.org/stay-sober-holidays/>

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/holiday-gift-set-aa-history-shelf-4-volumes

https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_holiday67.pdf

https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_holiday70.pdf

<http://www.aagrapevine.org/node/30879>



Deadline....

....for information to go into the December issue of *The Beacon* is November 16, 2018. Please send to:

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 100 Grove St.,
 Suite 314
 Worcester, MA
 01605
 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

Defects are like accessories, I lose one and find another.

Meeting List Changes

FORMAT CHANGE

Marlboro Saturday Helping Hand - has changed from an Open Speaker Meeting to an Open Speaker/Discussion Meeting.
Charlton Daybreaker —Wednesday: is no longer a Step meeting...it is now ODN SH
Charlton - Night Owl - is no longer a YP meeting...it is now ODN SH
Friends OF Bill W- Friday, Worcester - is now OBBD

MOVED

ANOTHER DAY SOBER—Quinebaug, CT Wed. now in Rectory basement. Same time
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

HUDSON THURSDAY NIGHT STRAIGHT SHOOTERS — OSp - Riverside Gun Club, 16 Wilkins St.— 7:30-8:30 PM
IT AALL STARTS HERE - Sunday - Worcester - group will now meet 6pm-7:15pm

NEW

SPIRITUAL SISTERS —Monday, First Parish of Bolton, 673 Main St. Bolton; 7-8:30pm
 —**NEW GROUP** Women`s OBB12
EARLY BIRD—FITCHBURG- 7:30am - First Parish Ch 923 Main St. OD, Monday-Friday
FRIDAY NOON BIG BOOK NORTHBORO - 12- 1pm Trinity Church, 23 Main St. OBB

GROUPS NEEDING SUPPORT

Worcester Wednesday Big Book Step Study needs support 7:00p-8:30pm the First Congregational Church 1070 Pleasant Street Worcester

Find a local meeting fast on a Map!

Search the WAI website for a meeting — on a map, a grid, or on a list—



<http://www.aaworcester.org/GroupNews.aspx?News=Resource&GRP=WAI&ID=498&NONAV=Y&Title=WAI%20Quick%20Links>

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. A list of treatment locations and commitment calendars can be found here:
<http://aaworcester.org/Committees/Treatment%20Facilities/treatment.html> (see flyer, page 10, digital *Beacon*)

Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee* - 100 Grove St. 2nd Floor, Room 206 Worcester, 6:00pm

Intergroup Delegates* - 100 Grove St. 2nd Floor, Room 206, Worcester, MA 7:00 pm

**The Intergroup meetings occur the second THURSDAY of each month.*

****Until further notice, Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates Meetings will be held in room 206 (2nd floor) at 100 Grove St. instead of room 401****

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 — Belmont / Watertown United Methodist Church 421 Common St., Belmont—4th Wednesday 8:00pm

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 8/20/18)

Position	Name	email address	Bold = new
Chairperson	Nicole L.	chair@aaworcester.org	
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Trustee	Sean K.	trustee2@aaworcester.org	
Trustee	Bill S.	trustee3@aaworcester.org	
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Liaison to District 26	Fred F.		
Liaison to Area 30	Ellen McQ.		
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Webmaster	John H.	webmaster@aaworcester.org	
Bookie Exchange	Bill S. & Fred F.	bookieexchange@aaworcester.org	

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 10, digital Beacon**

<http://aaworcester.org/aaBookieX.aspx?GRP=WAI>

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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.



The AA Responsibility Statement: I AM RESPONSIBLE WHEN ANYONE ANY WHERE REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF AA TO ALWAYS BE THERE; AND FOR THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE.

2018 Alcathons

St. John's Church

44 Temple Street, Worcester, MA 01604

Thanksgiving



Starting: Wednesday, November 21 at NOON
Ending: Thursday, November 22 at MIDNIGHT

Christmas



Starting: Monday, December 24 at NOON
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New Years Eve



Starting: Monday, December 31 at NOON
Ending: Tuesday, January 1 at MIDNIGHT

Food Donations Appreciated by Groups and Individuals

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS



A.A. Bowling

Bowlero Shrewsbury | 405 Boston Turnpike, Route 9, Shrewsbury

SUNDAYS @ 2pm for 8 Weeks

Starting October 21st, 2018

\$12 Per player per week

League discounts @ Bowlero

3 players per team | Pizza party at the end of 8 weeks!

Show up on the first day or register: <https://goo.gl/forms/D85HziLxQ3fASYAC2>

For more information please contact Emily D.
by phone (508) 614-8989 or by email social@aaworcester.org

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Worcester Area
Intergroup
Presents:

GAME NIGHT

1st Friday of
the month!

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

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.

Dates: 2018: 11/2, 12/7 2019: 1/4, 2/1, 3/1

For more information please contact Emily D. Social@aaworcester.org

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

Worcester Area Intergroup

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!