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Office Winter Hours -
Labor Day to Memorial
Day

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

**INTERGROUP
OFFICE
PARKING NOTICE
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**Alcathon
Volunteers
Needed! —See
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EVENTS!

CANDLEPIN BOWLING and PIZZA

- **Friday November 1, 6:30pm** — bowling starts at 7pm
- Sawyers Bowladrome, 13 Blake St., Northboro
- \$20 per person, 30 people maximum
- *Signup and payment must be received in advance*
- For more info and sign up, call Emily D.— 508 614 8989
- Email - social@aaworcester.org
- See the flyer on **Page 9** of the digital *Beacon*

ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS:

In keeping with our Guidelines, Election of Officers and Appointments of Committee Chairs will take place at the Intergroup Delegates Meeting on November 14th.

***Only Group Delegates or their Alternates are allowed to vote.
Each person may vote only on behalf of one group.***

THE ALCATHONS ARE COMING!!!!

Drawings for speaking slots for all three Alcathons were held. The group speaking assignments for the Thanksgiving Alcathon are listed on **page 7** of *The Beacon*. Any unfilled slots were given to the Intergroup Office. Any group representative may call and have the office draw a slot on their behalf.

The schedule for the **Thanksgiving Alcathon** is:

Starting: Wednesday, November 27 at NOON

Ending: Thursday, November 28 at MIDNIGHT

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

The Alcathon Committee also needs **Hosts/Hostesses** to take shifts during the Alcathons to insure the food table is maintained, coffee is replenished, etc. **Setup and Cleanup** help is also needed. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, you can talk to any Committee member, or call the Intergroup Office at (508) 752-9000 Monday 10-2, Tuesday 2-8, Friday 10-2 or Saturday 9-2 and speak to Brandy. See the flyer on **Page 8** for more info.

See the notice on page 2 for Handicap access at St. John's.



Step Eleven:
 "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

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."

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."

The Long Form

"Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us."

"It should be the privilege, even the right, of each individual or group to handle anonymity as they wish ... Each individual will have to decide where he ought to draw the line -- how far he ought to carry the principle in his own affairs, how far he may go in dropping his own anonymity without injury to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole."

Attribution: AA Co-Founder, Bill W., January 1946
 "A Tradition Born of Our Anonymity,"
 The Language of the Heart

2019 Alcathon Handicap Access

St. John's has an elevator that provides handicap access. If you are handicapped, please ask someone standing outside to let the Host know. The Host has an access a key for elevator use — and will come and get you. There will be signage posted which indicates the correct door for handicap access.

Did you know...

Your A. A. group contributions to Worcester Area Intergroup (WAI) helping us accomplish so many things!, including:
The Office - a place where your group can purchase AA books, literature, coins, cards, meeting lists and other recovery items. You don't need to be buying for a group! Individual purchases are encouraged also. We have a coffee maker in back—just in case you just need a fellow alcoholic to talk to. All staff members have multiple years of sobriety and are more than willing to listen!

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Take It Easy



Deadline....

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

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

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

Meeting List Changes

NEW

HAPPY, JOYOUS, and FREE, will begin meeting on Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, at the Community Church in Ashburnham (84 Main St, aka 9 Chapel St.)

QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE— TRUST AND RELY - Thursdays, 5:30-6:30PM, starting September 5, 2019. Room 107A (Administration Building) No Smoking Anywhere On Campus!!!! Living Sober Discussion. The Administration Building is the big brick building facing Route 12/West Boylston Street.

WORCESTER—BACK TO BASICS— Friday Back To Basics 7:00-8:30PM; **CALL WORCESTER INTERGROUP FOR LOCATION INFO**

TIME CHANGE

WESTBORO — GET WELL SLOWLY—Sunday night is now 7:30-8:30PM

FORMAT CHANGE

HOPEDALE — 2nd CHANCE—Thursday 8-9PM, format is now C12SPD.

GROUP NOTICE REFRESH

SOBER AS A JUDGE— Mondays N. Grosvenordale, CT. OD, St. Joseph's Church, 23 Main St. 7:30pm-8:30PM

GROUPS CLOSING

WESTBORO — Monday Night Big Book group is closed.

**The ALCATHONS ARE COMING!
 VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Plans are in the works for the Holiday Alcathons and volunteers are needed to help out for many different positions. Committed volunteers are the glue that make the Alcathons a success — and help alcoholics stay sober during the holidays.

- **Volunteer** - It is a great way for people who need it to get the A.A. message
- **What you get out of it** — getting involved in service work outside your home group helps you stay sober.
- **It is IMPORTANT:** Alcathons are a welcoming place for many of us to go for fellowship and comfort during a stressful holiday period.
- **It is an great way to give back** what was freely given to you.
- **It helps spread the message** of hope even if you are not speaking.

CONTACT — Lisa R. of the Alcathon Committee— alcathon@aaworcestert.org today and find out how you can help.

WAI's ONLINE BOOKIE EXCHANGE

The new WAI 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

BookieXchange.aaworcester.org

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
100 Grove St., Suite 314 Worcester, MA 01605

WAI INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE

The parking lot for the WAI offices is on the side of building and requires an access code —or action by office staff—to open the gate allowing entry. Call the office at the entry gate kiosk and office personnel will remotely open the gate for you.

If the office does not answer, please try again in a few seconds as office staff 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!

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
- See the calendars on **Pages 12—20** of the digital *Beacon*

For schedule details—**Email: treatment@aaworcester.org**

In God's Hands

"When we look back, we realize that the things which came to us when we put ourselves in God's hands were better than anything we could have planned."

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Big Book,
P. 100

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 9/22/19)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>	<u>Bold = new</u>
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Bookie Exchange	Bill S. & Fred F.	bookiexchange@aaworcester.org	

Pain and Progress

"Years ago I used to commiserate with all people who suffered. Now I commiserate only with those who suffer in ignorance, who do not understand the purpose and ultimate utility of pain." Bill W. Letter, 1950

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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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.

2019 Thanksgiving Alcañon

Day/Date	Time	Group
1 Wednesday 11/27	12pm-1pm	Worcester Main South Sobriety
2 Wednesday 11/27	1pm-2pm	Spencer Fellowship
3 Wednesday 11/27	2pm-3pm	Shrewsbury Gratitude
4 Wednesday 11/27	3pm-4pm	Worcester Daily Choice
5 Wednesday 11/27	4pm-5pm	Grafton Happy, Joyous & Free
6 Wednesday 11/27	5pm-6pm	Millbury Traditions
7 Wednesday 11/27	6pm-7pm	Worcester Serenity
8 Wednesday 11/27	7pm-8pm	Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance
9 Wednesday 11/27	8pm-9pm	Hopedale Ray Of Hope
10 Wednesday 11/27	9pm-10pm	Dudley Day At A Time
11 Wednesday 11/27	10pm-11pm	Worcester The Way Out
12 Wednesday 11/27	11pm-12am	Westboro Forge
13 Thursday 11/28	12am-1am	Worcester Quinsigamond
14 Thursday 11/28	1am-2am	Worcester Young People
15 Thursday 11/28	2am-3am	Central Mass MSCYPAA Bid
16 Thursday 11/28	3am-4am	Worcester Mid-Day
17 Thursday 11/28	4am-5am	Charlton Courage To Change
18 Thursday 11/28	5am-6am	Worcester Saturday BBSS
19 Thursday 11/28	6am-7am	Worcester Way Of Sobriety
20 Thursday 11/28	7am-8am	Upton Spirit
21 Thursday 11/28	8am-9am	Worcester As Bill Sees It
22 Thursday 11/28	9am-10am	N. Brookfield Sunset
23 Thursday 11/28	10am-11am	Worcester 4 Corners
24 Thursday 11/28	11am-12pm	Worcester Greendale
25 Thursday 11/28	12pm-1pm	Worcester Gratitude
26 Thursday 11/28	1pm-2pm	Worcester It All Starts Here
27 Thursday 11/28	2pm-3pm	Worcester Seven Hills
28 Thursday 11/28	3pm-4pm	Whitinsville GOYA
29 Thursday 11/28	4pm-5pm	Worcester People Helping People
30 Thursday 11/28	5pm-6pm	Oxford Primary Purpose
31 Thursday 11/28	6pm-7pm	Webster Early Risers
32 Thursday 11/28	7pm-8pm	Charlton Daybreaker
33 Thursday 11/28	8pm-9pm	Northboro Saturday Morning
34 Thursday 11/28	9pm-10pm	Holden Group
35 Thursday 11/28	10pm-11pm	Worcester 7 AM
36 Thursday 11/28	11pm-12am	Worcester Wednesday BBSS



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.

2019 Alcathons

St. John's Church

44 Temple Street, Worcester, MA 01604

Thanksgiving



Starting: Wednesday, November 27 at NOON
Ending: Thursday, November 28 at MIDNIGHT

Christmas



Starting: Tuesday, December 24 at NOON
Ending: Wednesday, December 25 at MIDNIGHT

New Years Eve



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

Food Donations Appreciated by Groups and Individuals

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS**



**Candle Pin Bowling
& Pizza**

Sawyers Bowladrome | 13 Blake Street, Northborough

**Friday, November 1 @ 6:30pm
(bowling starts at 7pm)**

\$20 Per person (30 person max)

Sign-up and payment must be received in advance.

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