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Monday 10am-2pm
Tuesday 10am-8pm
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Sunday CLOSED

The office is
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EVENTS!

Game Night and Pot Luck—Friday July 13th



- Pot Luck dinner at 6pm; A.A. Meeting at 7pm, **Board Games at 8pm.**
- Trinity Church, 23 Main St., Northborough.
- Come for all or part of Game Night!
- More info—Emily D. - social@aaworcester.org
- Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee
- See the flyer on page 8 of the digital *Beacon*

WAI SOCIAL COMMITTEE SUMMER BOWLING

- **Bowlero Shrewsbury**, 405 Boston Turnpike, Route 9, Shrewsbury. SUNDAYS starting June 24
- \$8 Per player per week, 8 weeks
- More info at: <https://goo.gl/forms/D85HziLxQ3ASYAC2>

WORCESTER ART MUSEUM TRIP

- July 7th @ 1pm, FREE ADMISSION
- 55 Salisbury St. Worcester starting June 24
- 1PM, meet at the front entrance

TREETOP ADVENTURE! ZIPLINE

- TREETOP OBSTACLE COURSE
- July 21st @ 2pm—\$44 per person
- PIZZA DINNER AFTER CLIMBING!
- MORE INFO AND RESERVE YOUR TICKET HERE:
[HTTPS:// GOO.GL /FORMS/X5VSRRLVRY2PFL2](https://goo.gl/forms/X5VSRRLVRY2PFL2)
- TreeTop Adventures 2825, 200 New Boston Dr Canton, MA 02021—Contact Emily D. for more information: (508) 614-8989 or social@aaworcester.org
- See the flyer on page 7 of the digital *Beacon*

WHALE WATCH 2018

- Sunday August 12, rain or shine— Boarding time is 1PM
- \$20 per person—*first come, first served*
- Departs promptly at 1:30pm, Returns 5—6pm
- Eastman's Fishing Dock, 5 River St. Seabrook NH
- For tickets or info contact— Karen M. 978-496-0500, or Tim B. 978-407-3148—Pack a lunch or purchase food on the boat
- Sponsored by the District 26 Activities Committee
- See the flyer on page 9 of the digital *Beacon*

Step Seven:

“Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.” .”

I am responsible...

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

The Seventh Tradition

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

We do have to be practical. A group can hardly hold its regular meetings on a street corner, and an empty basket won't fill a coffee urn. As soon as we become active in a group, we learn how many expenses are involved in making its meetings effective. Then our horizons broaden. What about that intergroup or central office so many of us called to ask for help? Phone companies don't give free service. Beyond our own locality, we learn about the A.A. General Service Office and the work it does for groups everywhere. A.A. activity is self-supporting at all levels, and in every case the responsibility comes right back to us, the individual members, for we are A.A. Perhaps, especially when we are very new, our contributions clink, rather than rustle.

The first members were in the same fix, and it seemed to them that A.A. would need more outside help than the modest gifts then coming in. Their plans required grand-scale philanthropy. (Tradition Six hadn't evolved yet; Bill W. recalled a scheme for “a chain of hospitals.”) But John D. Rockefeller Jr., an early friend said, “I am afraid that money will spoil this thing.” A few A.A.'s had already reached the same conclusion; gradually, this minority became a majority as experience showed that mem-bers themselves could provide enough to finance A.A.'s proper aim. In its simplest application, Tradition Seven is easily understood; when we hear about a new A.A. group be-ing started with funds from a Federal antipoverty pro-gram, our quick reaction is “Somebody goofed!” But then we come to “borderline” cases: Groups put on a raffle for the benefit of their central office and invite the public to buy tickets; a hometown paper runs an ad for an A.A. dance and show. Both projects would be routine

for any other society. For us, both mean that we've got the hand out again, asking nonmembers for money.

Often, of course, we don't have to ask. A.A. is now high on the worthy-cause list; G.S.O. and groups politely turn down many unsolicited gifts and bequests. In Tradition Seven, there's a note of realism: Handsome gifts may have strings attached. We even put a limit of \$5,000 on the amount members may leave to A.A. in their wills or contribute annually while living, so that none of us can buy influence in A.A., no matter how rich we are.

Money may pose a different problem if a group treasury grows too fat, beyond a prudent reserve. Squabbling over uses for the spare cash, groups have lost their unity and strayed from their purpose. But there's one simple solution that strengthens our unity and advances our purpose: Give the excess to A.A. activities and services....

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Keep coming back, it works if you work it.



Deadline....
...for information to go into the August issue of *The Beacon* is July 15, 2018. Please send to:

Worcester Area Intergroup
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

"The ability to laugh at ourselves is an intrinsic part of the healing process."
"People Make the Program,"

Grapevine,
Marcy, New York,
December 1992,

The Home Group:
Heartbeat of AA

Meeting List Changes

CORRECTION

GRAFTON STEP MEETING— Thursdays—meeting is O12,

FORMAT CHANGE

Webster Women's Group (formerly Women's Step) - Wednesday 6:15pm to 7:15pm; new format—CDWh

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 ODNSh

Charlton - Night Owl is no longer a YP meeting...it is now ODNSh

MOVED

ANOTHER DAY SOBER—Quinebaug, CT - Wednesday - - same address but moved to 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

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

WAI UPDATED MEETING LIST— Revision C for 2018 — Color: Green
Available July 12

Download Worcester Area Intergroup Meeting Lists in PDF at www.aaworcester.org.

EASTERN MASS. MEETING LIST IN SPANISH—
<http://www.aaworcester.org/lists/Spanish%20Speaking%20Meetings.pdf>

We are all bound together by one common RESPONSIBILITY: to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic.

Help alcoholics behind bars hear the message...

Corrections Facilities in our area need help—and WAI is seeking a Corrections Chairperson. There are numerous commitment opportunities in Central Mass that need groups and/or individuals to step up and fill the void. If you or your group are interested please email us at corrections@aaworcester.org to learn more about how you can help.

Interested in volunteering for the Corrections Chairperson position? Call the **Intergroup** office during business hours for more information.

See the flyer on page 12 of the 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 — Grace Vision Church
80 Mt. Auburn Watertown 4th Wednesday 8:00pm

Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons (as of 6/20/18)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>	<u>Bold = new</u>
Chairperson	Nicole L.	chair@aaworcester.org	
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Trustee	Sean K.	trustee2@aaworcester.org	
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Liaison to District 25	OPEN		
Liaison to District 26	Fred F.		
Liaison to Area 30	Ellen McQ.		
Public Information	Bill S.	pichair@aaworcester.org	
Social Committee	Emily D.	social@aaworcester.org	
Webmaster	John H.	webmaster@aaworcester.org	
Bookie Exchange	Bill S. & Fred F.	bookieexchange@aaworcester.org	

"Where before there was a gaping hole of emptiness, I seek within me that faint ember of self-love, self-worth, and desire for goodness."

"The Faint Ember," Westfield, Massachusetts,

July 1997, *AA Grapevine*



FROM THE EDITOR

NEVER MISS AN ISSUE!

Get a color version of The Beacon emailed to you—send an email to:

Beacon@aaworcester.org with SUBSCRIBE as the subject line.

The Faithful Fivers Club—

AA members who donate \$5 or more a month on a regular basis to Worcester Area Intergroup!

Thanks to new members Bill S., Ferne S., Kevin K., and Fred F.

See form on the right to join...

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

If God seems far away, who moved?

True Twelfth Step Work—HELP the HALTline!

What the HALTline is:

One alcoholic talking to another alcoholic --- Isn't that what A.A. is all about?

You Might:

- Give meeting time and location information.
- Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic in danger of picking up a drink.
- Talk and/or listen to a sober alcoholic who is visiting the area.
- Talk to a "drunk". You may be the link in a chain that could save their life.
- Refer callers to the Intergroup Office—inform them of the office hours.

What the HALTline is not:

- The Halt Line is not a taxi service...
- It is not a referral service... We are not a counseling service...
- We do not give medical advice or opinions.

What you need to be a volunteer:

One year of sobriety is suggested because the first year needs focus on recovery before such service; Touch-tone phone service; Meeting lists (we suggest District 26 and Worcester Area). These are available free of charge from Worcester Area Intergroup and are available on the Website "www.aaworcester.org," and 2 or more hours of time during the week that you will be available to answer calls. You need not have to answer as A.A.—you can simply answer and when asked say you are "Answering for Worcester Area Intergroup, How can I help you?"

What will happen:

For your scheduled time, calls are forwarded from the Intergroup Office to the phone number you provide. This is done at no expense to you.

Ready to help?

If you have time available and willing to volunteer -preferably in 2 hour or longer shifts—**Contact Brandy H. at haltline@aaworcester.org for more info.**

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.

My contribution of \$_____ (once) Annual(\$60); Quarterly(\$15); Monthly(\$5)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number (in case of questions): _____

Make check payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup; mail to WAI address on page 8

The Beacon—Subscription Form

Please fill out form, enclose your payment, and mail to: Worcester Area Intergroup

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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Worcester Area Intergroup is a non-profit organization, dependent on members' contributions. Please

Mail All completed forms and payments to:

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.

WAI AA SOCIAL COMMITTEE PRESENTS:
TREETOP ADVENTURE!

July
21st
@ 2pm

ZIPLINE | TREETOP OBSTACLE COURSE
PIZZA DINNER AFTER CLIMBING!

\$44
per person

MORE INFO AND RESERVE YOUR TICKET HERE:
[HTTPS://GOO.GL/FORMS/X5VRSRRLVRY2PFL2](https://goo.gl/forms/x5vrsrllvry2pfl2)

TreeTop Adventures
2825, 200 New Boston Drive
Canton, MA 02021

Please contact Emily D. for more information:
(508) 614-8989 or
social@aaworcester.org



Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee Introduces Game Night!

Friday, JULY 13th
6pm Pot Luck Dinner
7pm AA Meeting
8pm GAME ON!!!

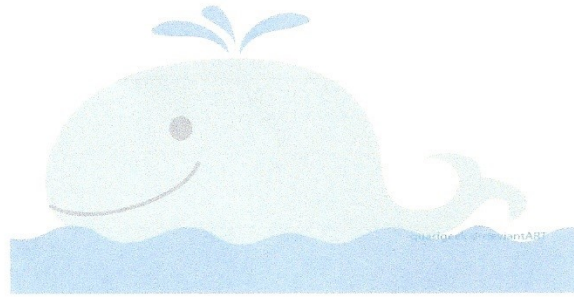


Will be held at Trinity Church of Northborough
23 Main Street, Northborough MA

Come for all or part of game night!

If you join us for the pot luck please consider bringing an item to share.
For more information please contact Emily D. by email
hnewyear2@gmail.com

“Whale Watch 2018”



Sunday, August 12, 2018 (Rain or Shine)

Eastman's Fishing Dock, 5 River St., Seabrook N.H.

\$20 per person (first come, first served basis,
limited to 110 people, so don't miss out!)

Boarding time: - 1:00 pm

Departs promptly: - 1:30 pm, Returns 5-6:00pm

Pack a picnic from home or purchase food on the boat.

For tickets or info contact:

Karen M. (978) 496-0500 or Tim B. 978-407-3148

Sponsored by District 26 Activities Committee

www.AAdistrict26.org





**WOMAN TO WOMAN
NEW ENGLAND
October 12, 13, 14, 2018**



BOXBORO REGENCY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA 01719

Hotel Reservation Call: 978-263-8701

Must mention Woman to Woman New England Conference

Hotel Website Link: <https://us01.iqwebbook.com/BRMA227/>

Go to Rate Options Tab and enter W2W code

Room rate \$105.00/night double occupancy...free parking

Must register by September 12, 2018 for guaranteed rate and availability

Join our closed Facebook Group: **The Road to Freedom**
For Sneak Preview Posts about the 2018 W2W Conference.

Register Online At:

www.womantowomannewengland.org

Mail Registration Form To:

Woman to Woman New England

P.O. Box 259

Bellingham, MA 02019

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

Woman to Woman New England

Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Walk-in Cash Only	Amount	Paid
Conference Registration Fee:	\$50.00	\$_____
After August 31, 2018	\$60.00	\$_____
Pre-order T-Shirt		
S__ M__ L__ XL__		
2X__ 3X__	\$20.00	\$_____
<i>Scholarship Donation</i>	\$____	\$_____
MEALS:		
Saturday Breakfast Buffet	\$24.00	\$_____
Saturday Lunch Buffet	\$28.00	\$_____
Saturday Night Banquet		
____Chicken ____Haddock	\$40.00	\$_____
Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$24.00	\$_____
Package Deal Includes:	\$150.00	\$_____
Registration & ALL meals a		
\$16.00 savings (doesn't include t-shirt)		
Package Deal after 8/31/18	\$160.00	\$_____
A \$6.00 savings		
Total Enclosed		\$_____

NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2018



Area 30

Alcoholics Anonymous
General Service Committee
of Eastern Massachusetts



WORKSHOP ASSEMBLY

Sunday, September 16, 2018

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Hosted by District 4

Location:

**Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School
207 Hart Street, Taunton, MA 02780**

The following trusted servants and their alternates are responsible to attend: GSR's, DCM's,
Area 30 Officers and Committee Chairpersons

The event is free and all interested AA's are encouraged to attend.

Lunch will be provided as well as a continental breakfast.

Registration at 9:00 AM

New GSR and DCM Orientation 9:15 AM – 9:45 AM

Assembly Begins at 10:00 AM and Ends at 4:00 PM

Directions:

Bristol-Plymouth is located off of Rt. 140 near the Silver City Galleria Mall, and across the street from the Home Depot Plaza. Look for the sign near the Massachusetts Highway Building. The driveway runs alongside Uno Pizza.

Coming from Rt. 24-S: Take exit 12-A and bear left at the lights. Follow the highway for about half a mile, then turn right into the Bristol-Plymouth roadway.

Coming from Rt. 24-N: Take exit 12-B and bear right. Follow the road for about half a mile, then turn right into Bristol-Plymouth's roadway which runs alongside Uno Bar and Grill.

Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come

www.aaemass.org

OPEN COMMITMENTS TO TREATMENT FACILITIES ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERGROUP TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The following are the open commitment needs for Treatment Facilities that we are attempting to fill.

ATTENTION TO ALL WOMEN IN THE FELLOWSHIP:

- We have received a request from The Willows Program at Spectrum in Westboro. This is the female CSS unit of their program. Currently only 5 days of speaker commitments are covered for each month. WE NEED WOMEN IN THE PROGRAM to pass the message of experience, strength and hope to the women at Willows. They are not hearing much of anything at this point. Having only 5 commitments per month speak is too sporadic.

So we are looking for Women's Groups or better yet women with friends to take a once a month Standing Commitment to get the message to these patients!! The commitment is from 7:30-8:30pm. Get back to us early and you can have your pick of the dates as almost all of them are currently open.

ATTENTION TO OUR YOUNGER FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS:

- We have received a request from the Motivating Youth Recovery (MYR) Program of CHL in Worcester for Standing Commitments. This program has kids aged 12-17 years of age that already have issues with substance abuse. This is an extremely important opportunity for the fellowship to provide a message of a different way of life to these kids. Just maybe some younger members of the fellowship can better connect with this audience.

And remember you don't have to wait around for the business meetings of your groups to get approval to take a standing commitment to these facilities or any other for that matter. If you want to take a day of the month personally and have some friends join you there is no better way to give back what's been so freely given to you!

If you or your group is interested in filling any of these open spots please contact the Intergroup Treatment Facilities Committee via email at treatment@aaaworcester.org so we can coordinate with you and/or your Bookie.

Thank you,

Robert M.

Intergroup Treatment Facilities Chair

