



# The Beacon

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## Worcester Area Intergroup

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Tuesday 10am-8pm  
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10-5 second Thurs of  
the month  
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Sunday CLOSED

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### Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.

### 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 One

**Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity.**

From the Traditions Checklist:

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

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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](mailto:webmaster@aaworcester.org)

# AA Events

**Area 30 2017 Kick-Off Assembly**—January 8, 2017 9am-4pm—Brockton High School, 470 Forest Ave., Brockton, MA

**NERAASA 2017**—February 24-26, 2017—Framingham, MA—Pre-registration deadline: January 27, 2017 [www.neraasa2017.org](http://www.neraasa2017.org)

**BOOKIE EXCHANGE MEETING**— January 10, 2017—6-7pm— Worcester Area Intergroup Office, 100 Grove St., Worcester, MA Suite 314 **ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Responsibility Declaration

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## 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](mailto:beacon@aaworcester.org) if an Anniversary has not been published for two months following submission.*



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## Meeting List Changes

### FORMAT CHANGE

SPENCER FELLOWSHIP—Congregational Church, Rt.9, Spencer, MA—Mondays 7:30pm now OPEN SPEAKER/DISCUSSION  
STURBRIDGE STEP FORWARD—Mondays 6:30pm now CLOSED MEN`S 12 STEP

### 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)  
SHREWSBURY SUNDAY MORNING— Veterans, Inc., 59 South St, Shrewsbury—Sundays 10am  
TEMPORARILY MOVED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE to SAC Park 438 Lake St., Shrewsbury (open speaker)  
MARLBOROUGH NEW LIFE - MOVED to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 474 Lincoln St.  
WEDNESDAY WOMENS 12 STEP—MOVED to 81 Plantation St.—entrance on Chrome St.—Worcester

### TIME CHANGE

HOW IT WORKS - Northboro, Wednesdays TIME CHANGE - to 7:30pm-8:30pm  
FOUR CORNERS - Worcester, Wednesdays TIME CHANGE - to 7:30pm-8:45pm  
GREENDALE GROUP - Friday nights—TIME CHANGE—to 7:30-8:30pm (beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup>)  
REBOUND - Saturday nights—TIME CHANGE—to 8:30-9:30pm - FORMAT CHANGE to Speaker/Discussion  
FITCHBURG FRIENDSHIP—205 Summer St., Fitchburg, MA—TIME CHANGE—to Monday Nights - 7:30-8:30pm EFFECTIVE JULY 4TH  
ITS ABOUT TIME—1059 Main St. (Jeremiah`s Inn), Worcester—DAY CHANGE—to Friday Nights - 7:00-8:15pm

### NEW

STEP FORWARD—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 345 Main St, Sturbridge, MA—Mondays 6:30pm NEW GROUP  
NORTHBORO LIVING SOBER— Church of The Nativity, Howard St. Northboro—Thursdays 7-8pm NEW GROUP— (Men`s Group)  
SOBA SISTA`S—6 City Depot Rd., Charlton—Wednesdays 4-5pm—NEW GROUP (Women`s Discussion)  
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)  
12 STEP SISTERS—6 City Depot R., Charlton, MA—Tuesdays 6:00-7:00pm—NEW GROUP (Closed Women`s Step Meeting)  
AA BEGINNERS Q&A —St. Stephen`s Church, 16 Hamilton St. Worcester, MA—Saturdays 9:00-9:30am—NEW GROUP (Open Beginners Meeting)

### CLOSED

PRIMARY PURPOSE—60 West St., Leominster

### Deadline . . . .

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

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**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: Tom E., Brenda Mc.-T., Ernie K.,

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.

**REMINDER**

All Worcester Intergroup Budget Proposals are due by the January 12th Worcester Area Intergroup Delegates` Meeting, where they will be voted on by the Delegates present.

**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU!!**

The Beacon Committee would like to express their gratitude to all those who were involved in Service work throughout 2016. Whether a Sponsor, Greeter, Coffeemaker, Raffle Person, Intergroup Delegate, GSR, DCM, Officers or Committee Chairpersons (did I leave anyone out?). Please know the things you have done, or continue to do, make a difference!

**Service Meeting Schedule**

**Intergroup Steering Committee\*** - 100 Grove St. , Worcester MA —6:00pm

**Intergroup Delegates\*** - 100 Grove St. , Worcester MA —7:00pm

*\*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 (December will be held on the 3rd Wednesday)

**Why does your group need an Intergroup Delegate?**

The Worcester area Intergroup has no authority of it's own but derives it from the participating groups. The representative that each group elects is the groups voice to intergroup—your link to those who maintain and operate the Intergroup Office.

**Intergroup Officers & Committee Chairpersons**

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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<sup>e</sup>s 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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**Worcester Area Bookie Exchange Meeting  
110 Grove Street Suite 314  
Worcester, Ma 01605**



**January 10, 2017  
6 - 7 p.m.**

**Your local Worcester Area Intergroup Office would like to invite all bookies to come on down to Intergroup to exchange phone numbers. There has been some twitter going around that bookies are having trouble making connections with other bookies. We hope that this meeting will be a way to connect you all. All are welcome!!**

**Any questions please contact: 774-312-4026**