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

IMPORTANT INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

WAI Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting has a new location effective 3/14/19— see page 5

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EVENTS!

Comedy Night and Dinner Saturday, April 20, 2019

Sponsored by District 26 Activities Committee

- Where: Knights of Columbus, 484 Lancaster St. Leominster, M
- COFFEE: 6:00 pm / DINNER: 6:30 pm
- Amateur Joke Contest: 7:30 pm
- COMEDIANS: 8:00 - 9:30 PM
- (Adult Comedy, No Children please)
- Ticket Price: \$15.00
- More info: Tim B. 978-407-3148 or Karen M. 978-496-0500
See the flyer on **Page 10** digital *Beacon*

Game Night and Pot Luck—April 4th

- Pot Luck dinner @ 6:30pm, AA Meeting @ 7pm, Board Games @ 8pm
- 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—Alica B., Alice B. - social@aaworcester.org
- Join the Worcester Area Intergroup for a night of fun and games!
- See the WAI flyer on **Page 7** digital *Beacon*

RECOVERY HIKE

District 26 Activities Committee

- Saturday, April 27th—9:30AM
- Doane's Falls and Tully Lake
- Meet at Tully Dam, Rt. 32, Royalston, MA at 9:30AM.
- 4 1/2 mile moderate hike
- Bring water, lunch, snacks, bug spray, and wear weather appropriate clothing including boots.
- Heavy rain cancels.
- Call if you have any questions - Dan B. 978-895-3979
- www.aadistrict26.org
- See the flyer on **page 9**, digital *Beacon*



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Step Four:

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

I am responsible...

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

Tradition Four

"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole."

"4.—With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole with out conferring with the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation.* On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

**Now known as The General Service Board of A.A., Inc.*

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"Fearless and Searching"

**"My self-analysis has frequently been faulty .
Sometimes I've failed to share my defects with the right
people; at other times, I've confessed their defects, rather than my own; and
still other times, my confession of defects
has been more in the nature of loud complaints about my
circumstances and my problems."**

From As Bill Sees It" P. 6,—Copyright© 1983 A.A. World Services.

WAI INTERGROUP OFFICE PARKING NOTICE

There is a new parking lot for the WAI offices on the side of building which requires a code —or action by office personnel—to open the gate allowing entry. You can call the office at the entry gate kiosk and office personnel will open the gate from the office controller.

If the office does not answer, please try again in several seconds as office personnel 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!



Deadline....
....for information to go into the May issue of *The Beacon* is April 14, 2019. 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

Easy Does It.

Meeting List Changes

MOVED

STEPS TO RECOVERY—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

WOMEN’S DESTINY - Marlborough, Monday, will now meet from 5:30-6: 45 pm Friday

THE WAY OUT— Worcester—group now meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30pm starting January 2nd (formerly 8:00)

GAY GROUP- Worcester, Monday now 7:00-8:15 PM

NEW

BIG BOOK, Charlton, Friday, OBB Advent Christian Church, 6 Haggerty Rd 7:00-8:00 PM

LIVING SOBER BEGINNERS— Starts 2/18/18 Sunday 6 - 7 PM
Open meeting: Read and discuss "Living Sober" followed by Q&A with A.A. members. Salem Covenant Church, 215 East Mountain St., Worcester
Reachable by WRTA #23 or #31

NO MEETING NOTIFICATION

THERE IS HOPE - Saturdays ,Worcester will NOT be having their regular meeting on April 30th (business meeting will be April 23rd).

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE in Webster will now be **DROP THE ROCK**.

NAME CHANGE

WORCESTER WOMEN’S WEDNESDAY 12 STEP meeting has renamed to **WOW (Women On Wednesday)** - still same time and location

GROUPS CLOSING

STEP MEETING— 7:30 Tuesday night, the American Indian Cultural Center in Devens (Ayer) has been discontinued

GROUP ANNIVERSARY

CLEAN AIR — 27th Anniversary, Saturday, April 5: Unitarian Church, 15 West St. Leominster. Food and book donations welcome

- 6:00—6:30PM: Coffee and Friendship.
- 6:30—7:30PM Food 2:30PM District Speakers.
- 7:30—9:00PM Speakers

- More info: Vicky @ 978-320-0186
- See the flyer on **page 8**, digital *Beacon*

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 11, digital Beacon
BookieXchange.aaWorcester.org**

**Find a local meeting fast on a Map, a grid, or on a list!
MeetingMap.aaWorcester.org**

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

From: "As Bill Sees It," page 6

PRICE INCREASES for RECOVERY ITEMS Purchased at the WAI Intergroup office

- Acceptance Pamphlets - \$1.25
- Aluminum Chips - \$0.65
- Bronze Medallions - \$2.50
- Round Stickers - \$1.50
- Bumper Stickers - \$1.75
- Coffee Mugs - \$8.50
- Little Big Book Dictionaries - \$5.00
- Raffle Ticket rolls - \$8.95

These new prices are effective April 1, 2019.

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.

For a list of treatment locations and commitment calendars, visit:

**<http://aaworcester.org/> and click on "Treatment Facilities"
Email: treatment@aaworcester.org**

For details and facility schedules, see flyers **pages 12–17**, digital *Beacon*)

Toward Honesty

"The deception of others is nearly always rooted in the deception of ourselves."

From: 'As Bill Sees It,' page 17

Worcester Intergroup Office Summer Hours

The Office will be open Summer Hours Memorial Day to Labor Day:

- Mondays—Wednesdays-Thursdays—Saturdays - 10am-2pm
- Tuesdays - 10am-8pm
- Fridays and Sundays - **CLOSED**

Service Meeting Schedule

Intergroup Steering Committee and Intergroup Delegates monthly meeting has a new location effective 3/14/19:

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 3/14/19)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>email address</u>	<u>Bold = new</u>
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Trustee	Linda D.	trustee3@aaworcester.org	
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Liaison to District 26	Fred F.		
Liaison to Area 30	Sean K.		
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We discover that we receive guidance for our lives to just about the extent that we stop making demands upon God to give it to us on order and on our terms.

From: "As Bill Sees It," page 6

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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.

Worcester Area Intergroup Presents:



**GAME
NIGHT**

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

1st Friday of every month: next on — April 4th

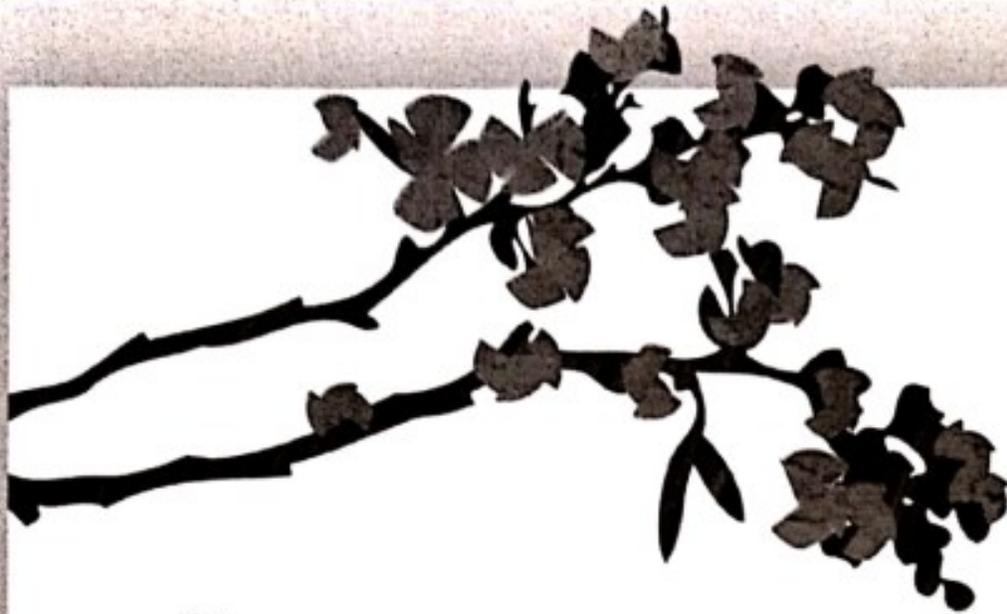
- **6:30pm Potluck**
- **7pm AA Open Speaker Discussion meeting**
- **8pm GAME ON!**

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.**

**For more information please contact - Alica B./Alice B.
social@aaworcester.org**



27TH ANNIVERSARY

CLEAN AIR GROUP

UNITARIAN CHURCH, 15 WEST
STREET, LEOMINSTER, MA

APRIL 5, 2019

COFFEE & FRIENDSHIP: 6:00PM-6:30PM

FOOD: 6:30PM-7:30PM

SPEAKERS: 7:30PM-9:00PM

FOOD AND BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: VICKY @ 978-320-0186

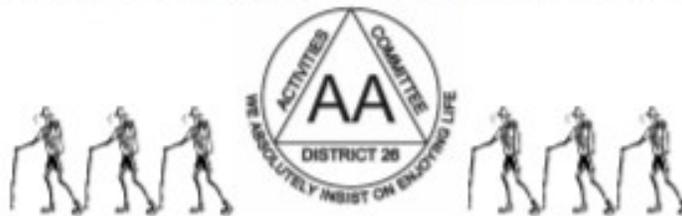
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15th Annual

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



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SEEKING COMMITMENT

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☒ 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!

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 asking for 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. If the date says FILLED, it is currently covered. If the day of the month is blank it is open. Once you find a date that you can help fill please contact us at Treatment@aaworcester.org.

We have attached the month of April's open dates for several facilities. There are hundreds of open spots for the 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 7pm - Filled	1 7pm - Filled	2 7pm - Filled	3	4 7pm - Filled	5 7pm - Filled	6
7 1pm - Filled	8	9 7pm - Filled	10	11 7pm - Filled	12 7pm - Filled	13
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28 1pm - Filled	29	30	1	2	3	4

Community Healthlink (CHL)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28 11am - Filled	29	30	1	2	3	4

Motivating Youth Recovery (MYR)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Spectrum Healthcare Systems – Female Units

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Spectrum Healthcare Systems – Male Units

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21 7pm - Filled	22	23 7pm - Filled	24	25	26	27
28 7pm - Filled	29	30 7pm - Filled	1	2	3	4

Sunrise Detox Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Washburn House