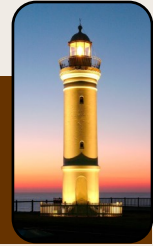


# THE BEACON

The light at the end of the tunnel

Worcester Area Intergroup . 100 Grove Street . Suite 314 . Worcester, MA 01605



## SPIRITUALITY



## GOD AS WE UNDERSTAND HIM, HER, IT, THEM, ?, OR

THE NINE BILLION NAMES OF GOD is a short story written by British author Arthur C. Clarke in 1953. It is considered a science fiction classic.

Even though the United Nations pegs the world population at 8.1 billion, and climbing, the nine billion number does see a tad high.

So, how many names of God are there? No one knows. Besides, the only name that is important to you is the one you use.

AA doesn't care, either, as long as you admit that you are powerless over alcohol and that a power (or powers) greater than yourself can restore you to sanity.

AA estimates that there are more than two million members in more than 120,000 groups in approximately 180 nations around the world. How many different gods or Higher Powers do those 2,000,000 people in all these different countries and cultures believe in?

Your guess is as good as mine. The best we can do this month is present a few different views. Very few. If any of these stories reflect your Higher Power, that's good. And if none do, that's good, too... as long as you have one of your own.

Cheers & Happy Serenity

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Happy December!

We are running a bit behind this month, but here are the October numbers.

Contributions were at \$4,449.95 compared to September contributions at \$4,780.94 - **DOWN** \$330.99

Product Sales were \$4,489.60 compared to September at \$4,414.11- **UP** \$75.49

2023 contributions were \$46,583.96 compared to 2022 at \$40,705.66 -

**UP** \$5,878.30

2023 Product Sales were \$44273.48 compared to 2022 at \$40,826.77 -

**UP** \$3,446.71

WAI spent \$3,503.55 on new product in October.

HUGE thank you to all the groups and members who have contributed larger amounts in response to our earlier reports. We have replenished our Prudent Reserve.

**Brandy H.**

## OFFICE HOURS

Mondays	10-2pm
Tuesdays	10-3pm
Wednesdays	10-8pm
Thursdays	10-2pm
Fridays	CLOSED
Saturdays	9-2pm
Sundays	CLOSED



## SO LONG, FAREWELL, ADIÓS, ADIEU: NEW EDITOS NEEDED

In keeping with AA's spirit of Rotation of Leadership, which is best explained on page 28 of "The AA Group" pamphlet. it is time to pass the baton on to the next crew.

We have enjoyed our time and are grateful that we were able to be of service. We've also enjoyed reading and publishing the fine articles that were submitted to us. We hope that you got something out them, too.

And we wish good luck to the next editors, whoever they may be.

Cheers,

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## AN ATHEIST'S STORY:



# RECOVERED

Clearly written in the fourth edition of Alcoholics Anonymous is “the story of how many thousands of men and women have recovered from alcoholism.” My name is Tracy and I am an alcoholic. That’s how I introduced myself at AA meetings for four years. Members told me that alcoholism is a lifelong disease and that there is no cure. The message was that I will never recover from alcoholism; I will always be recovering. Almost six years have gone by and I have learned so much about myself and AA in general. Over 84 years ago, Bill W. said “once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic,” (BB pg. 33).

Some scientists claim to have proven that someone can absolutely recover from alcoholism according to [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov). Julian Conner Reid (*A Recovered State of Mind*) wrote about the nature of addiction “as a chronic, relapsing condition” as a result of the profit-driven rehab industry. (*Editor’s note: The rehab industry does not cause relapses, but it does profit from them. As you know, AA is a non-profit organization.*) Reid further emphasizes “the focus of the Big Book is to be taken to a recovered state.”

Interpretation of AA literature considers a spiritual transformation, a “psychic change” is necessary to recovery from alcohol, and that I mostly suffer from a spiritual illness. When I talk about being recovered from alcoholism in meetings, someone always reminds me that I am only “recovered from a hopeless condition of mind and body” (BB pg. 20). AA supports that alcoholism is a chronic lifelong condition that cannot be cured. I have not found any evidence to support this theory. Alcoholism is continued and excessive or compulsive use of alcohol. For me, I talk about being a recovered alcoholic. I am not defined by my past addiction. I am no longer controlled by alcohol. Therefore, recovered.



Referring to myself as recovered doesn’t make me arrogant or grandiose. It doesn’t mean I can drink alcohol or take my sobriety for granted. I go to meetings every day and depend on the fellowship for support. I use tools that I learned about in traditional and secular AA. (*Editor’s note: The term “secular AA” is sometimes used by groups that have rewritten the 12 Steps to remove references to God and a Higher Power. They are NOT AA groups.*) I will never forget I am powerless over alcohol and I can’t stay recovered alone. I had skin cancer this year so I don’t go in the sun unprotected. I’m allergic to some foods I love so I don’t eat those foods. It’s like that for me and alcohol. I know what will happen if I put alcohol in my body so I stay away from a drink.

Everyone’s journey is unique and their opinions are shaped by their experiences. My journey in AA doesn’t include god or a higher power. A spiritual condition did not cause me to drink nor does it have anything to do with being recovered. I believe everyone needs to feel comfortable with their own identity whether it’s recovered, recovery, or recovering. To thine own self be true and authentic.

— Tracy H.



# Keeping Crosstalk at Bay

**Crosstalk can interrupt and even ruin a meeting. But what does the word “crosstalk” mean in AA?**

**Box 459. The General Service Office’s quarterly newsletter wrote about it in their Spring, 2017 issue.**

A.A. has often been referred to as a “Benign anarchy” – a world in which autonomy from group to group can seem like an invitation to chaos. Yet, unruly as some groups appear, when guided by the need for unity that underlies all A.A. activity and shaped by the recognition that the Fellowship is built on the connection that happens when one alcoholic shares his or her experience with another, a kind of order takes hold of almost every A.A. meeting.

As Bill W. notes in the introduction to the long form of the Traditions in the Big Book, “We alcoholics see that we must work together and hang together, else most of us will finally die alone.”

One thing many groups have discovered that can test that unity within meetings, however, is crosstalk – sharing that is often considered intrusive and generally disruptive.



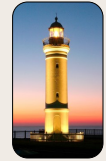
Crosstalk can mean different things to different people. Some groups define any comments, negative or positive, about another person’s sharing beyond “Thank you for your share” as crosstalk or interference. Some outline crosstalk as engaging directly in conversation with another alcoholic during the meeting or providing commentary or feedback on what another has shared.



The Washington Heights Group in Upper Manhattan has a statement, born of the group conscience, which is read at every Thursday evening meeting: “Feedback and crosstalk are discouraged here. Crosstalk is giving advice to others who have already shared, speaking directly to another person rather than to the group and questioning or interrupting the person speaking at the time. If crosstalk occurs, the chair will remind you of this policy.” Of course, there can be a fine line between sharing and intrusion, as many groups have discovered, and what works in one location may not work in another.

The main thing most groups can agree on, however, is that all sharing needs to be nonjudgmental. “From the very beginning, one drunk talking to another has made the A.A. program go round,” says Anne T., of Rome, New York. “When someone shares in response to something I’ve said, that’s okay, but only so long as there’s not even a hint of censure, belittlement, scolding or preaching, all under the guise of sharing. Knowing there’s no risk of judgement makes me feel safe.”

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J.P., of Spokane, Washington, has also found that crosstalk of a giving nature is “sort of a language of the heart. It occurs with familiarity and can be very helpful. If members know one another well, as they tend to in small groups, they feel comfortable about saying, ‘I’d like to add something to what Jane said...’ To me the key is comfort and the hope that sharing one’s experience in recovery will help another alcoholic to stay sober and face life’s challenges with greater ease.”

Noting of crosstalk that “until the 1990s the word wasn’t even in A.A. vocabulary,” Susan U. of the 79th Street Workshop in New York City cautions against setting up too many rules and regulations in response to what – and how – people share in meetings: “There are no rules in A.A, just customs and the conscience of each autonomous group, and experience shows that for most groups attempts to control don’t work very well.

**The Big Book describes the earliest meetings as ‘informal’ get-togethers. The idea of ‘cross talk’ being discouraged is not evident in the book but something that started later.”**

**– AA FAQ,  
anonpress.org**

### **WHAT DOES CROSSTALK MEAN IN YOUR HOME GROUP?**

If your meeting has a policy about *crosstalk* – and most meetings do – does the policy define what *crosstalk* actually means at that specific meeting?

As the Box 459 articles shows, there are almost as many definition of *crosstalk* as there are meeting.

It might be something worth discussing at your next business meeting.

On the other hand, the nonjudgmental sharing we receive at meetings in response to something we have said can be beneficial to our recovery. It’s how we learn to live sober, productive lives, and that’s what sharing our experience and strength is about.”

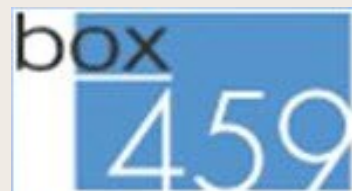
In general, then, when it comes to crosstalk, giving advice or disruptive sharing in meetings, keeping the focus on A.A. unity – and on our own personal experiences as they may be helpful to another recovering alcoholic – can provide a useful guideline to keep group sharing on track and resentments from creeping in.

As many groups have found, however, from time to time it may require a living reminder from the group’s chair.

- By General Service Office, Box 459 Newsletter Vol. 63, No. 1 / Spring 2017

### **Heard at a meeting...**

***“There are no pictures in the Big Book, but there are mirrors every page.”***



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## GOD(S) AS WE UNDERSTAND HIM, HER, THEM, IT & ...

One of phrases that bothered me when I got into AA was “God as we understand Him.” My first reaction was that “we” in AA had to agree on who or what God is: AA has a God and in order to get sober and stay sober I had to find and believe in the “AA God.” This would not work for me. I had spent a lot of years studying God and the more I studied God the more confused I got. Unfortunately, in my early AA days, I wound up at a few meetings where God was *defined*... and I was not impressed by the definitions. Some of those meetings still exist, and I avoid them.

I get a lot more out of talking about how God works in my life and how I try to listen and obey God than from trying to define God, or convince you that I have the only God worth having. Aristotle “defined” God as pure thought thinking itself. (If you are like me, pondering that pronouncement for too long could lead to using an ice cube surrounded by a sea of Scotch as a study guide.)

I do have a God, a God with a name. I also have a personal belief system, and even a church and denomination that I am active in. None of this is any of your business... at a meeting. If you want to talk about it afterwards... fine. The 10<sup>th</sup> Tradition says we have no opinion on outside issues. God is an inside issue. Religion or specific beliefs are not.

I do not try to define God because when you define something, you limit it, and my God is much too big to have any limits whatsoever. But **I do know three things about God:**

- 1 God is omnipotent.**
- 2 God wants me to be happy, joyous, and free.**
- 3 God has no taste. God loves people I don't even want to be in the same room with... and I have to learn how to love them, too.**

It's because I do not try to define God that I am free to sit, share and even pray with people who have totally different Gods. Ironically, I am more in tune with some people who honestly question God's existence and others who believe in different Gods – and in some cases a Goddess, or even an entire panoply of Gods and Goddesses – than I am with some people who believe in the same God I do.

Go figure.

My goal in life is to get to develop a mature and serving relationship with God. This means my ideas about God, like my relationship, have changed. It's part of growing up, and older. In **Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life**, Richard Rohr, a Franciscan monk, talks about the second half of life and how our relationship with God changes as both we and our faith mature:

**“Their God is no longer small, punitive, or tribal. They once worshipped their raft; now they love the shore where it has taken them. They once defended signposts; now they have arrived where the sign pointed. They now enjoy the moon itself instead of fighting over whose finger points to it most accurately, quickly, or definitively.”**

I don't have to understand God.

I just have to know God... and serve.





## AN AGNOSTIC'S HIGHER POWER

I TRIED the spiritual approach from the beginning, because I was afraid not to try it. I didn't think anything could help me to stop drinking, so I simply decided to *try* to do what the majority had done. I had no great spiritual awakening with a flash of light. It has been a very gradual wake-up, with many backslides in my spiritual health. I still consider myself lucky in having been able to try the God approach. Some have a lot more difficulty.

Now, I'm going to ask a question that is very touchy. Why are agnostics able to stay sober in AA?

I think it all goes back to how the Twelve Steps of AA were written in the first place. Bill W. admitted that agnostics and atheists played a great part in the wording and formation of the Twelve Steps. Such words as "suggested" Steps, "Power greater than ourselves," God "*as we understood Him*" were all directly due to the opinions and feelings of the agnostics. Thank God for their presence at the meetings held to formulate the AA program. Those members kept the gate open for all alcoholics, who could then come to AA for a way to stop drinking, and not because they thought they were going to find God. They could have gone to church for that.

Again, why are agnostics able to stay sober in AA? In order to do this, I believe, the agnostic has to have a certain amount of self-honesty and intelligence. If he admits that he is an alcoholic, and still says that he cannot believe in a power greater than himself, then he is stating a contradiction. He admits that a liquid is a power greater than himself when he says he is an alcoholic. Now, when this particular alcoholic denies himself this greater power — the bottle — he feels very helpless and alone, because he no longer has his ruler to depend upon. There is a tremendous vacuum in his mind, and unless he fills the vacuum very quickly with something large enough, he will sooner or later go back to the stronger ruler, alcohol.



I believe that the bigger the hold of alcohol on the alcoholic, the larger the vacuum there is to fill. With some of us, it is a major undertaking. Sometimes, we try to fill it with a love affair, with an obsession for material gain, with compulsive gambling, or with any number of things. Sooner or later, these things will fail. The other person in a love affair is only a fellow human being; we tire of material striving; and compulsions toward gambling, sex, food, or anything else just get us into trouble. We go back to his majesty, the bottle.

If an alcoholic wants to live successfully in society, he must replace the power of alcohol over his life with the power of something else, preferably positive, at least neutral, but not negative. This is why we say to the agnostic newcomer: If you cannot believe in a God, find a positive power that is as great as the power of the bottle, and give it the faith and dependence you gave to alcohol. In AA, the agnostic is left free to find his own Higher Power, and he can use the principles of the program and the group therapy of meetings to aid him in rebuilding his life.

B. E. | MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
AA GRAPEVINE, APRIL 1973



## Booze Was My Higher Power

Many of us in AA think we've never been religious people. In fact, a lot of newcomers to AA seem to suffer from extreme fear of religion. The "God talk" in the meetings makes them uncomfortable, and only the calm assurance of older members that "AA is not a religion" sets their fears at rest. Many of us struggle with the notion of a higher power for a long time after we come in.

But I think that in reality none of us are strangers to religion or to a Higher Power. At least, that's how it was in my case, because active alcoholism was to all intents and purposes my religion for many years. Booze was my higher power; my drinking habits, with all the trappings of religious observance, were perverse parodies of healthy religious practice.



I served, loved, and trusted Booze with all my heart, soul, mind, and body. I adored Booze above family and friends. I claimed with my lips to honor the god of my fathers, but with my life I worshiped Booze. It was to Booze I turned in my hour of darkness and despair. Drinking was for me like some diabolical sacramental rite, communion with the spirits.

The ads, signs, and labels associated with the merchandising of alcoholic beverages were like religious symbols: they made me ever mindful of my deity. I was even a missionary for Booze, and I was well on my way to becoming a martyr for the cause. I was a religious fanatic — nothing stood in the way of my devotion to Booze. If I'd claimed when I came into AA that I had no need for a Higher Power or a religion, I would have been a liar! I had long been a devotee of the cult of Booze.

AA isn't a religion, but AA is certainly not antireligious. AA helped me turn from my false god Booze to serve the loving God who is my Higher Power. Having had the doors of faith opened for me by continuing regularly in AA, I've been able to return to my childhood religion with a totally renewed approach: for me now, AA and my religion are like the two key parts in the puzzle of life: they fit together.

IKE R. | CLINTON, NEW JERSEY  
AA GRAPEVINE, AUGUST 1996

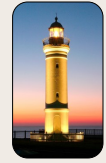
**"What is spirituality?**

**"I recently heard a story of someone asking a monk, "What is your life like as a monk?"**

**"The monk replied, "We walk, we fall down, someone helps us up. We walk some more, someone else falls down. We help them up. That's pretty much what we do."**

**From Experiencing Spirituality  
By Ernest Kirtz & Katherine Ketcham**



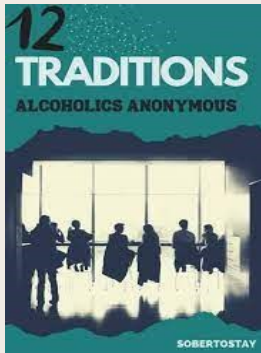


## TRADITION TWELVE

**Short Form:** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.



**Long Form:** And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.



The 12 Steps are how individual alcoholics get and stay sober.

The 12 Traditions are how individual AA groups, as well as inter-groups, districts, areas, and other AA bodies all around the world continue to function and work together to carry the message.

In continuing the series that Bill W. wrote for the AA Grapevine that ran from November 1969 through September 1971, this month we are looking at Tradition 12.

*While the checklists were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups now use the traditions as a basis for a group inventory and wider discussion.*

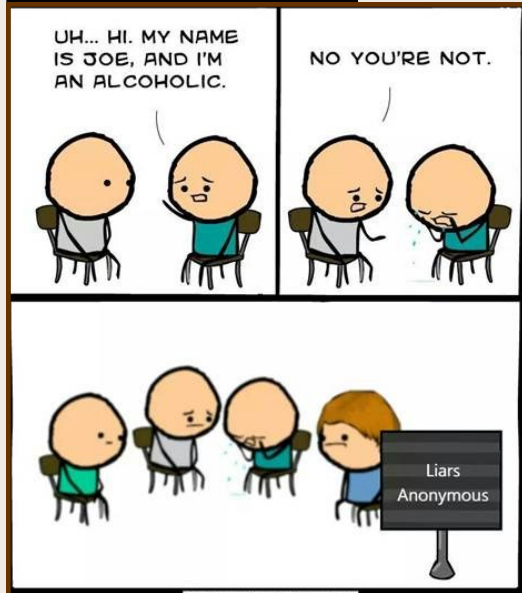
1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition – or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior – especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?



# We are not a Glum Lot



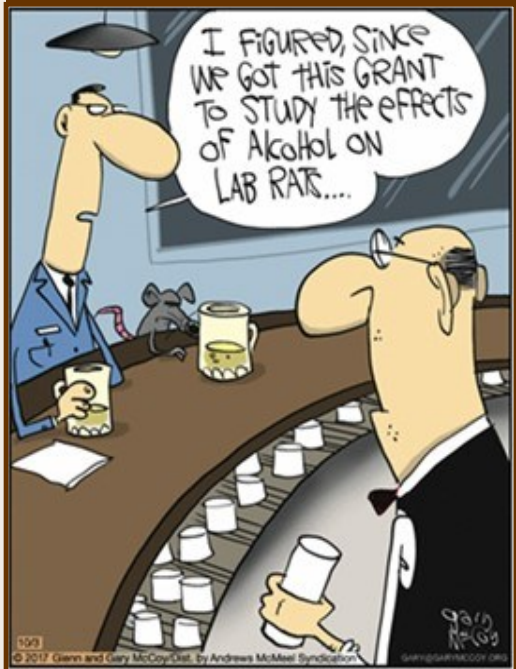
I bought an alcoholic ginger beer. He wasn't happy.



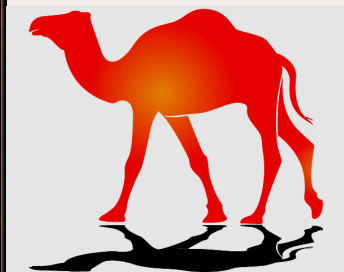
What's an alcoholic frog's favorite game?  
Hopscotch

Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk. The result was staggering

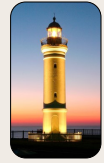
I read an article saying that you might be an alcoholic if you drink everyday. Thank god I only drink every night.



I am giving up drinking alcohol for the month of January. Sorry that was a typo: I am giving up. Drinking alcohol for the month of January.



# District 23



*Christmas  
Alcathon*  
hosted by *District 23*  
19 Concord Street  
Framingham Ma  
entrance and parking in the rear  
★ Christmas Eve- Noon to 10:00pm  
★ Christmas Day-6:00am to 2:00pm  
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★ *Pot Luck donations*  
★ *appreciated*  
★ *(bring food)* ★  
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★ for more information  
★ go to *www.district23aa.org*  
★  
★ Merry Christmas ★  
★

The text is surrounded by festive Christmas decorations including pine branches, red ornaments, white gift boxes with red bows, holly leaves, and a large red bow with gold bells at the bottom.

"Whether I conceive of God as a set of immutable cosmic laws or as an old man with a white robe and matching beard is totally and gloriously irrelevant. All that matters are my values and attitudes and how I act upon them."

Culver City, Calif., May 1977, "Faith Is Action", Spiritual Awakenings

Monthly Business Meeting  
Thursday, December 7 2023  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Faith Community Church, 146 E.  
Main St, Hopkinton

Web link: <https://zoom.us/j/8435001513>  
Zoom ID: 843 500 1513  
Passcode: District23





District 24



# Christmas Day Alcathon

## Featuring

Open Speaker Discussion  
Guest Speakers  
AA Fellowship Meetings Every 2 Hours

## Where

Eagles Club "Upstairs"  
65 Nason Street Maynard

## When

December 25, 2023  
First Meeting 10am  
Last Meeting 8pm

## What to Bring

Your Experience  
Strength & Hope  
Goodies to Share

Monthly Business Meeting  
Thursday, December 7, 2023  
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Zoom link:  
[us04web.zoom.us/  
j/9296006039](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9296006039)



# Worcester Area Intergroup & District 25 Holiday Alcahons



WORCESTER AREA  
INTERGROUP & DISTRICT 25

## Christmas & New Years Alcahons

24 DEC | 12PM - 12AM

25 DEC | 8AM - 9PM

31 DEC | 12PM - 12AM

01 JAN | 8AM - 9PM

**\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***

**SALEM COVENANT CHURCH  
215 MOUNTAIN ST E,  
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For more information on time slots and  
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**[www.aaworcester.org](http://www.aaworcester.org)**



# Worcester Area Intergroup

Monthly Business Meeting  
Thursday, December 14 2023  
7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Salem Covenant Church  
215 Mountain St E. Worcester

Online Zoom  
Link: [zoom.us/j/912007235](https://zoom.us/j/912007235)  
Passcode Sober2020

# Holiday Party

*Live Music by The Daniel Gay Cacophony*  
Come Sing Along to Holiday Favorites!  
Family & Friends Welcome  
Presented by Worcester Area AA Intergroup

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You're invited to a **live music show** and **potluck lunch** for some holiday cheer to celebrate this special time of year!

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Admission: Potluck Meal/Dessert or \$5 Donation

**Saturday, December 16**  
3 pm - 6 pm  
Salem Covenant Church  
215 East Mountain St., Worcester, MA  
[social@aaworcester.org](mailto:social@aaworcester.org)

*Ugly Sweater Contest!*

*Sing Along*

"Whether I conceive of God as a set of immutable cosmic laws or as an old man with a white robe and matching beard is totally and gloriously irrelevant. All that matters are my values and attitudes and how I act upon them."  
Culver City, Calif., May 1977, "Faith Is Action", Spiritual Awakenings

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"There is always grace for the days I'm helpless."  
Allyn, Wash., February 1997, "Another Hand to Help Me Along", Best of the Grapevine, Vol. 3

# Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to Attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



July 3-6, 2025



Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of our Fellowship's founding.



## NECYPAA XXXIII

**The Great Paradox**  
JANUARY 5TH-7TH IN DANVERS, MA

### What is NECYPAA?

The New England Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (NECYPAA) was founded in 1989 as an annual celebration of sobriety of young people in Alcoholics Anonymous.

This Conference provides an opportunity for young AA members from all over to come together and share their experience, strength, and hope as members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

### What Can I Expect?

The conference will offer three days of meetings, panels, workshops, main speakers, activities, games, fellowship, service opportunities and much more! You can expect to meet hundreds of other YPAA members from all over the region and the country coming together to celebrate their sobriety.

### Who Can Attend?

While this Conference is geared primarily toward young people, persons of all ages in Alcoholics Anonymous are welcome. The conference is also open to the general public. We ask that non-alcoholics who attend respect the anonymity of all AA members who are in attendance.

Please reach out to [NECYPAA33@gmail.com](mailto:NECYPAA33@gmail.com) with any questions!

pre-register for the conference at [necypaa.org](http://necypaa.org)

"Don't wait till you're depressed to practice gratitude."

New Canaan, Conn., September 1979, "Gratitude", Voices of Long-Term Sobriety

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"My prayers are usually brief and to the point. 'Help!' is one I use often."

U.S.A., November 1991, "Trusting the Silence", The Best of the Grapevine, Volume 3

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Group Name	Nov	YTD Total	Group Name	Nov	YTD Total
Member Contributions		\$ 5,644.55	Northboro Saturday Morning	\$ 350.00	\$ 355.00
1st Edition & 12 Traditions	\$ 12.50	\$ 12.50	Northboro Thursday BB		\$ 200.00
Ashburnham Happy Joyous and Free		\$ 50.00	Northboro Women of Courage and Dignity	\$ 220.00	\$ 340.00
Ashby Happy Hour	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	Northbridge G.O.Y.A.		\$ 125.00
Athol Back To Basics		\$ 0.50	Oxford Step Group		\$ 195.00
Auburn Group	\$200.00	\$ 400.00	Paxton (both groups)		\$ 600.00
Auburn Grapevine Group		\$ 75.00	Rochdale Big Book		\$ 50.00
Auburn She Means Business		\$ 250.00	Rochdale Recovery		\$ 50.00
Auburn Thursday Womens	\$101.00	\$ 241.25	Rutland Naquag Firewater		\$ 35.00
Auburn Tuesday Men's Group		\$ 170.00	Shrewsbury BB Workshop		\$ 466.50
Barre Pay It Forward		\$ 100.00	Shrewsbury Eternal Vigilance	\$ 275.00	\$ 3,876.25
Barre Women's Wisdom In Recovery		\$ 50.00	Shrewsbury Simple Steps		\$ 288.00
Berlin Candlelight		\$ 200.00	Shrewsbury Women's BBSs		\$ 235.00
Boylston As Bill Sees It		\$ 103.00	South Grafton Step	\$ 75.00	\$ 283.00
Brookfield Unlimited Sobriety		\$ 50.00	Southbridge Noon Recovery Group		\$ 400.00
Chariton An AA Group		\$ 12.50	Spencer Noon Time		\$ 125.00
Chariton Courage To Change		\$ 3.50	Sturbridge Key To Freedom		\$ 205.00
Chariton Daybreaker	\$453.19	\$ 5,427.69	Sturbridge Lighthouse 12x12	\$ 30.00	\$ 355.00
Chariton Life Second to None	\$200.00	\$ 575.00	Sturbridge Step Forward	\$ 100.00	\$ 225.00
Clinton Central Park		\$ 150.00	Sturbridge Women's Destiny		\$ 50.00
Clinton Shamrock		\$ 400.00	Upton Spirit		\$ 490.00
Concord Sobah Camel		\$ 20.00	Uxbridge Sobah Sisters		\$ 56.05
District 25		\$ 500.00	Warren New Beginnings	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.75
Douglas Maintenance & Repair		\$ 350.00	Webster Daily Reflections		\$ 30.00
Douglas Monday BB		\$ 311.61	Webster Early Risers	\$ 103.00	\$ 1,254.25
Douglas Never Back Down		\$ 70.00	Webster Thursday Women's Group		\$ 50.00
Douglas Tuesday Night Step		\$ 50.00	Webster Triton	\$ 175.00	\$ 638.00
East Brookfield Friday Night Big Book		\$ 75.00	West Boylston Choices		\$ 710.00
East Brookfield Noon		\$ 740.00	Westboro Easy Does It		\$ 100.00
Fitchburg How It Works		\$ 5.00	Westboro Forge		\$ 250.00
Fitchburg Newman		\$ 200.00	Whitinsville As Bill Sees It		\$ 84.29
Fitchburg Sunday Morning		\$ 20.00	Whitinsville Sunday Night		\$ 77.75
Foxboro Young Peoples		\$ 164.20	Worcester Acceptance & Attitudes		\$ 150.00
Gardner Step It Up		\$ 60.00	Worcester BBSS		\$ 483.25
Grafton Common Bond		\$ 210.00	Worcester Beginners Intro to AA		\$ 50.00
Grafton Easy Does It		\$ 200.00	Worcester Come As You Are		\$ 1,280.00
Grafton Happy Joyous And Free		\$ 50.00	Worcester Crozier	\$ 20.00	\$ 280.00
Grafton Reflections Group		\$ 471.40	Worcester Daily Choice		\$ 4,020.00
Gratitude Gang		\$ 142.50	Worcester Four Corners		\$ 160.00
Harvard Happy Joyous and Free		\$ 200.00	Worcester Friday Night 12 Step Discussion	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00
Holden Open Air	\$100.00	\$ 500.00	Worcester Gratitude		\$ 150.00
Hudson Second Chance		\$ 600.00	Worcester Green Hill Park Noontime		\$ 1,270.91
Leicester Road to Recovery		\$ 182.00	Worcester Greendale	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.20
Leominster Original		\$ 200.00	Worcester Hadwen Happy Hour	\$ 100.00	\$ 840.00
Living Sober (online)	\$ 35.00	\$ 265.00	Worcester Hi-Noon		\$ 400.00
Marlboro Early Risers		\$ 420.50	Worcester It All Starts Here		\$ 131.00
Milford Eye Opener	\$ 15.00	\$ 175.00	Worcester Joy Of Living		\$ 50.00
Millbury Spin to Win		\$ 163.00	Worcester Main South Sobriety		\$ 300.00
Millbury Traditions	\$100.00	\$ 400.00	Worcester Mid-Day		\$ 1,600.00
North Brookfield Sunset		\$ 275.00	Worcester People Helping People		\$ 25.00
North Oxford One Day at a Time		\$ 100.00	Worcester Saturday Morning Step		\$ 25.00
North Oxford Primary Purpose		\$ 357.00	Worcester Stronger Together		\$ 10.00
Northboro Friday Big Book		\$ 30.00	Worcester The Way Out		\$ 1,200.00
Northboro Mid-Morning		\$ 80.00	Worcester Way of Sobriety		\$ 1,355.49
			Worcester Wednesday BBSS		\$ 325.00
			Column Totals	\$ 2,966.69	\$ 48,960.39