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"Your voice to Area 31 Alcoholics Anonymous"

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[www.westernmassaa.org!](http://www.westernmassaa.org)



WESTERN MASS INTERGROUP OFFICERS ELECTIONS

**November 14th, 2019
Intergroup Office, 7:30pm
474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, MA**

The elections for the new officers positions will be held during the November Western Mass Intergroup meeting.

You may be nominated by another, or nominate yourself. The officers positions available are Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each position is a 2 year term.

The general responsibilities for each position is to participate in the monthly Intergroup meeting, Steering Committee meeting, as well as the Christmas Alcathon and Intergroup Picnic.

Each officer, if possible, attends the Mass State Convention every other year when the Intergroup office sells literature at the Convention.

The officers attend the Spring and Fall Area 31 Assemblies. They attend District meetings monthly which are shared by the Steering Committee.

It is recommended each nominee have experience in the Traditions of AA as well as the functions of Intergroup and it's operations.

The guidelines for each position are located in the Intergroup Office. Please pick them up during normal business hours.

Western Mass Intergroup Group Donations - SEPTEMBER, 2019

EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP
 LA LUZ DE UN MILAGRO
 7AM I OPENER
 SATURDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS NOHO
 PATH TO RECOVERY
 HUNTINGTON HILLTOWN
 WILBRAHAM MENS GROUP
 LOST AND FOUND GROUP
 EASTLONGMEADOW SUNDAY NIGHT
 STEPS TO LIVE GROUP
 MORNING LIGHT GROUP
 HAYDENVILLE SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE
 TUESDAY 12&12 STEP GROUP
 AFTER DINNER GROUP
 LONGMEADOW GROUP
 TUESDAY 5:15pm 12 STEP GROUP
 MONDAY NIGHT CANDLELIGHT
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 SOBER & FREE
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 WHIP CITH GROUP
 HOLYOKE NOONTIME GROUP
 KEEP IT SIMPLE NOHO
 HOLYOKE DISCUSSION GROUP

HITCHCOCK ACADEMY
 SUNDERLAND SECURITY
 TOP OF THE HILL
 WILD CATS
 COLD SPRING
 EASTHAMPTON MEN'S
 SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE
 SONG

Thank You For Your Generous Donations! Please place group name and service # on all checks.

Weekly AA Group Phone Coverage

DATE	GROUP NAME
SEPT 28 - OCT 4 →	JOY OF LIVING
OCT 5 - OCT 11 →	MIXED NUTS
OCT 12 - OCT 18 →	SOUTH HADLEY FRIDAY NIGHT
OCT 19 - OCT 25 →	HAYDENVILL SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE
OCT 26 - NOV 1 →	
NOV 2 - NOV 8 →	
NOV 9 - NOV 15 →	
NOV 16 - NOV 22 →	

MEETING CHANGES

**AS OF 8/20/2019 THE SUFFIELD MEN'S GROUP WILL BE MEETING
AT A TEMPORARY LOCATION...**

**SUFFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1408 MOUNTAIN ROAD, WEST SUFFIELD CT. TIME 8:00PM**

**AS OF 8/30/2019 TRIALS AND SMILES WILL BE CLOSING THIER
MEETING DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.**

WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO AA

WESTERN MASS INTERGROUP BOOK STORE

.BOOKS ON CD

NEW! Big Book 1st 165 pages for \$25.00 (English and Spanish)

Big Book Full Version with All Stories for \$55

Step Book of AA Full Version \$25.00

Living Sober CD \$15.00

AA Comes of Age - CD \$15.00

Pioneers of AA Old Big Book Stories - \$18.00

Grapevine CD's DVD's \$12.00

Bill & 12 Traditions CD - Bills Story DVD - Bill & 12 Traditions DVD

Three Legacies CD - Co-Founders CD—Other Grapevine CD's

DVD Movies

My Name is Bill W - \$20.00

Bill W and Dr. Bob—Broadway Play - \$20.00

To view more of our products please visit our on-line bookstore at:
www.westernmassaa.org - online bookstore. We also ship anywhere in the world!

**THE AREA 31 SERVICE COMMITTEE
FALL ASSEMBLY & BUSINESS MEETING
SATURDAY OCTOBER 12th, 2019
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2019
Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament
127 Holyoke Road, Westfield MA**

***Saturday
10:00am to 4:00pm
AREA INVENTORY***



***Sunday Area Service
Business Meeting
ELECTIONS!
1:00pm to 5:00pm***



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Western Mass Intergroup 24 Hour Christmas Alcathon

**Dec
24th
at
6pm**



**Dec
25th
at
6pm**

**Grace United Church
474 Pleasant Street
Holyoke, MA**

**Meetings on the Hour
Last meeting starts at 5:00 pm
Food and Fellowship all Night
Bring a dish to share - Donations Welcome**



AT WITS END! (from the Grapevine)

Old habits are hard to break:

There was a group of AA members driving to a conference in a distant city. About halfway there, they stopped for a coffee break. The restaurant was near a botanical garden, and they decided to walk around there to stretch their legs before going on. As they admired the beautiful beds of flowers, a sweet little old woman approached them and asked, "Are you members of the Wild Life Society?"

"No"ma'dam".. answered one. We used to be, but then we joined AA

Big Book Quote

"The very practical approach to his problems, the absence of intolerance of any kind, the informality, the genuine democracy, the uncanny understanding which these people had were irresistible."

Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, A Vision For You, Page 160

Area 31 Service Committee



The Service Manual Meeting
3rd Wednesday of the month
@ 7:30pm

The Concept Meeting is on the
1st Thursday of the month
@ 7:30pm

Grace United Church 474 Pleasant
Street, Holyoke MA (1st floor)
www.area31aa.org

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
ALL AREA 31 COMMITTEE'S,
EVENTS, AND MORE, VISIT
WWW.AREA31AA.ORG**



Bill W.

From the words of Bill W. & Friends

To Be Helpful

That the man who is making the approach has had the same difficulty, that he obviously knows what he is talking about, that his whole department shouts at the new prospect that he is a man with a real answer, that he has no attitude of Holier Than Thou, nothing whatever except the sincere desire to be helpful; that there are no fees to pay, no axes to grind, no people to please, no lectures to be endured—these are the conditions we have found most effective.

Alcoholics Anonymous, (There is a Solution) pp. 18 - 19



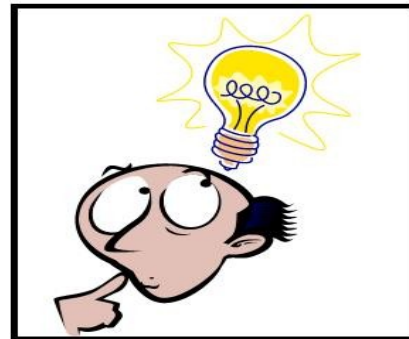
THOUGHT TO PONDER



Trust God. Clean house. Help others.



RULE #62



AA-related 'Alconym'

AA =

ANSWER

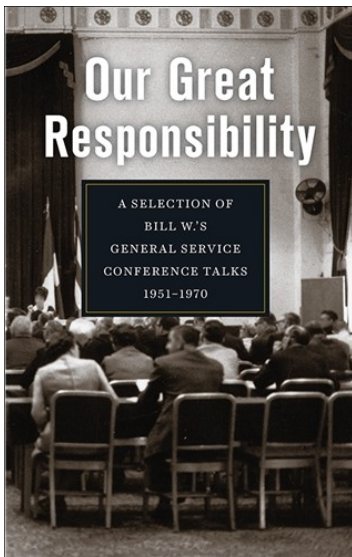
AVAILABLE.





New from Grapevine: Cartoon Book "Take Me To Your Sponsor"

Sobriety can be tough sometimes, which is why recovering alcoholics can always use a good laugh. In AA, members learn to not take themselves too seriously, to be happy, joyous and free. Luckily, sobriety can be pretty darn amusing. Two of the most beloved departments of Grapevine are the "At Wit's End" jokes and the cartoons, all contributed and drawn by AA members. This book contains some of the best laughs of the last few years, dealing with meetings, sponsorship, dating and marriage, friends and coworkers, character defects and more. We hope this book brightens your day and gives you some hearty, well-earned laughs.



Our Great Responsibility

1st AAWS Publication in 30 years!

A selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks, 1951 – 1970. Timeless and timely, these 16 selected talks give fresh perspectives on the A.A. Fellowship in our co-founder's own words.

Only...
\$10.00



Bill W. speaking at a General Service Conference, circa 1950.

Western Mass Intergroup

\$4.74

ONLINE DONATION CHALLENGE

Visit Westernmassaa.org home page and scroll down to online donation and follow the directions.

In keeping with the Spirit of the General Service Office's NEW 2019 \$8.06 financial challenge to the AA fellowship we are asking our AA fellowship to help us, help you, to help others.

For a ***Personal Online Donation of only \$4.74*** (That's about a few Coffee's) you can be part of helping ***Your Intergroup*** to continue to provide the vital services to AA as a whole.

You can make it as a one time donation, or sign up for monthly donations, we accept any donations in any amount up to \$3,000.

Our mission to make sure that when a newcomer calls someone is there to answer the phone, also sell groups their literature, and provide a meeting list, full staff, a website, and much more!

For more information call Kevin or Joy at the Intergroup office during business hours! at 413-532-2111 Thank You

This is an **ONLINE DONATION CHALLENGE**, but if **YOU choose to mail in your donation**, we accept them also. Please visit the website on our **HOME** page for the donation link.

Area 31 Service Committee News

The Area 31 Service Committee meets 2nd **Wednesday of the month** at the Grace United Church (front entrance) 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke. Please urge your Home-Group to elect a GSR and have a voice in Area 31 AA.

Is your group looking to have the Grapevine or Archives boards at your next AA function for anniversary? Please let the Archives or Grapevine Committee know a month in advance. Grapevine & Archives email - a31chair@gmail.com.

AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ARCHIVES** - 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm
- GRAPEVINE** - 1st Tuesday, 7:30pm
- PUBLIC INFORMATION** - 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm
- CPC** - 2nd Tuesday, 7:30pm
- WM Round-Up** - 1st Weds following 2nd Tues,
- WESTERN MASS INTERGROUP** - 2nd Thurs, 7:30pm,
- WMIG STEERING COMMITTEE** - Last Thurs, 7pm (please check with office to confirm)
- AREA 31 - 12 CONCEPTS OF AA** - 1st Thurs, 7:30pm
- ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE** - 4th Weds - 7:00pm
- AREA 31 WEBSITE COMMITTEE** - 4th Weds - 7:00pm

(All Meetings Above Meet at the Grace United Church
474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke MA

- INSTITUTIONS** - 1st Wednesday, 7pm, Providence Hospital, Holyoke
- BERKSHIRE INTERGROUP** - 2nd Monday, 7pm, 152 North St. suite 30C, Pittsfield, MA
- WESTERN MASS YOUNG PEOPLES** - 2nd Sat, 6pm, Serenity Club, 143 Main St., Springfield

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

- DISTRICT 1** - 3rd Thursday, 7:30pm, Sacred Heart Church
35 Everett Street, Springfield
- DISTRICT 2** - 2nd Monday, 7pm, Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant St Holyoke
- DISTRICT 3** - 3rd Friday, 7pm, Old Court House, Lee Town Hall - Lee, MA
- DISTRICT 4** - 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Holy Father Parish, 29 Sugarloaf St. S. Deerfield
- DISTRICT 5** - 1st Monday, 7:30pm, Union Church of Christ, 52 Center St, Ludlow
- DISTRICT 6** - 3rd Monday, 7:30pm, Western Mass Hosp, 91 East Mountain Rd, Westfield

AA Service Manual & Tradition Meetings

AREA 31 - AA SERVICE MANUAL MEETING - 1st Thurs, 7:30pm

Join us in learning the rest of the 36 Spiritual Principles!

AREA 31 TRADITIONS MEETING

3rd Wednesday, 7:30pm both meetings held at the Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant in Holyoke (home of the WM Intergroup)

Experience, Strength & Hope

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 HINDSIGHT
 HOPE
 LIFESAVING
 LOSER
 NEWS
 PARADOX
 PRODIGAL

RECOVERY
 REMEDY
 SLIP
 STRENGTH
 TRUTH
 UNBELIEVER
 VICTORY
 VISION
 WOES
 YOUNG

WILDCATS GROUP

of Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY MORNING 11TH STEP



AGAWAM UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
459 MILL STREET
Agawam, MA

STEP 11 Pray and Meditate

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood God, praying only for knowledge of God's will for us and the power to carry that out

OPEN 11th Step READING 6:00am

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**56th ANNUAL
Massachusetts State A.A. Convention
November 8th-10th, 2019
with Al-Anon & Alateen Participation**

A Vision for You!



**Sheraton Framingham Hotel
1657 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA 01701**

Online Convention and Hotel
Reservations at:

<https://aamastateconvention.org>

THE YOU CHAIR IT YOU NAME IT GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous



WILL NOW TEMPORARILY MEET AT 5:45 - IN SEPT AND OCT

Wesley United Methodist Church
98 Maple Street, Hadley, MA

WEDNESDAY Nights at 5:45pm

CREATED 9/12/2019

THE SUFFIELD MEN'S GROUP of Alcoholics Anonymous



HAS TEMPORARILY MOVED TO!

Suffield Congregational Church

1408 Mountain Road
West Suffield, CT


Tuesday Nights at 8:00pm

Original Location is under Construction

CREATED 8/21/2019

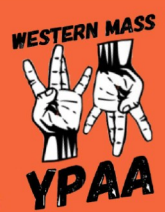

WYMPAA PRESENTS
Friendsgiving
 The door open for all, every alcoholic is welcome
 Music • Food • Fellowship

NOVEMBER 27 | 7PM-11PM
 UNITED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 300 APPLETON ST. HOLYOKE, MA 0104



For more information on this event or future WYMPAA events contact our events chair Chris Glidden at 413-209-7669

AA'S GOT TALENT
 November 2nd
 6:00pm-9:00pm

UNITED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
 300 APPLETON ST
 HOLYOKE

Meeting at 6:00pm
 Performances at 6:30pm


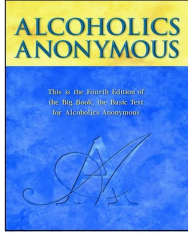
WINNER GETS CASH PRIZE!

TICKETS:
 \$5.00 to watch
 \$20.00 to perform

EASTHAMPTON MEN'S GROUP
of Alcoholics Anonymous
36th Group Anniversary Meeting
Thirty Six Years of Carrying the AA Message to All...

Tuesday, November 19th, 2019
Easthampton Community Center
 12 Clark Street, Easthampton MA


Anniversary Night Speaker at 6:30pm


Food & Fellowship To Follow Meeting
 Bring a dish to share
 Come Celebrate

Ladies Welcome For This Meeting!

WESTERN MASS



YPAA



Meetings are held the last Sunday of the Month

Providence Behavioral Health Hospital

1233 Main Street Holyoke, Ma. 01040

3:00 p.m.

Your service is needed!



Western Mass Intergroup

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Website: www.westernmassaa.org
E-mail: intergro4@aol.com
Office Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9am - 1pm
Thursday until 5:30pm

Intergroup Officers & Staff

Charlie R - Chair	Kevin L. - General Manager
Ron G - Treasurer	Joy F - Store Manager
Marc - Secretary	Renee D - Office Staff
	Eddie K - Office Staff

If you have Questions or Comments you may reach us at the contact information above.
Thank You for your support.

Monthly Thought

"I've got a brand new feeling, gratitude -- a feeling that has visited me more and more frequently -- sometimes with the rush of cleansing tears -- sometimes with just a serene flow of mental thank-yous for some small, God-given bonus in a routine day."

"A Rush of Gratitude,"
Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1983
Spiritual Awakenings

WESTERN MASS INTERGROUP is a body made up of representatives from all AA groups in the area (Area 31). It has met on a monthly basis since it was established in 1953. Each AA group elects, annually, one of its members (one year of sobriety recommended) to serve as its representative on this important committee, and, an alternate to regularly attend its meetings (one year of sobriety recommended). Its main responsibilities are to:

1. Coordinate AA activities among its various groups and to help weaker groups in anyway possible.
2. Maintain 24 hour AA telephone coverage
3. Publish regularly updated schedules of group meetings in the area
4. Provide a program which will promote regular visits between groups.
5. Provide an inventory of AA Literature for the convenience of local groups and committees in an office which also serves as a communication and information center
6. And, to act upon any suggestions be any group, through its representatives, that would be of potential benefit to our area groups.

**WESTERN MASS INTERGROUP MEETS ON
THE 2nd THURSDAY AT 7:30 PM AT THE
INTERGROUP OFFICE.**

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.**

Quote of the Month

**A BIG BOOK THAT IS
GENERALLY
FALLING APART
IS MOST LIKELY OWNED
BY SOMEONE YOU ISN'T**