

**DON`T DRINK --- GO TO MEETINGS
WHEN & WHERE MEETINGS
Western Mass - January, 2019**



PREAMBLE:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a Fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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Groups listed are listed at their own request. A directory listing does not constitute or imply approval or endorsement of any groups approach to, or practice of, the traditional A.A. program.

(Wording taken from AA World Service Directory)

Codes for Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

C - Closed, For Alcoholics Only - Those whom identify as Alcoholics
O - Open (Public Welcome) - All welcome to attend
BEG - Beginners - Designed for newcomer questions about AA
D - Discussion - The discussion portion of a reading or speaker
S - Speaker - An AA member sharing their AA Story of Hope
T - Topic - A topic from the AA literature or AA experiences
M - Men's - Designed for Men only
W - Women's - Designed for Women only
BBStpS - Read & Study the 12 Steps as per the Big Book
Stp & Trad - Step & Tradition - Read & Discuss a 12 Stp or 12 Trad
Stp - 12 Step - Read and Discussion from the AA 12 Step Book
BB - Big Book - Read and Discussion from AA Big Book
GV - Grapevine - Read and discuss the AA Grapevine Literature
Liv-Sober - Reading and Discussing from the Living Sober Book
YP - Young People's - (Young at Heart) no age limitations
GBLQ - Gay, Bi-Sexual, Lesbian, Transgender, Questioning
FV - Format Varies - Group Decides Format of Meeting That Day
HA - Meetings Accessible/Handicapped Persons

Articles of Purpose - Western Mass. Intergroup

1. To coordinate A.A. activities among its various groups.
2. To Help the weaker groups in any way possible.
3. To suggest ways and means to remedy charater defects in group procedure.
4. To maintain a friendly feeling between individual groups.
- 5 To conduct a program of monthly meetings so that each group visits and is visited at least once a month.
6. And, to act upon any suggestion by any group through its delegate that would be of potential benefit to the whole.

Conclusion

At no time is Intergroup interested in running the affairs of any member group.

TWELVE TRADITIONS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

- 1 - Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
- 2 - For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants - they do not govern.
- 3 - The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- 4 - Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups of A.A. as a whole.
- 5 - Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 6 - An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose
- 7 - Every A.A. group ought to be self supporting, declining outside contributions.
- 8 - Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non professional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
- 9 - A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
- 10 - Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
- 11 - Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.
- 12 - Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Steps and Traditions
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SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the **Serenity**
to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
and **Wisdom** to know the difference.

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*"A.A. has but one primary purpose, to help
the sick & suffering alcoholic achieve sobriety."*