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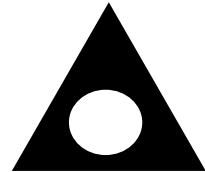
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NOTE: **Our MA meeting list and events are listed on our website alanonMA.org.**

Group and individual member donations to MA Al-Anon and Alateen can be made online at alanonMA.org/contribute/

Other helpful links can be found on the World Service Website: Al-Anon.org

Be sure this bulletin is available for all members to review at each meeting.

Area World Service Committee meetings for all District Reps, Coordinators, Area officers & interested members. Have your *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, Area 25 documents i.e.: By Laws etc & minutes from the last meeting, etc

Meeting dates: 2022 6/5, 9/11, 11/6, 12/4 from 1-4pm – held virtually

Information will be emailed to AWSC the week before meeting and will include Zoom information. All members welcome. Please call the Area Office at (508) 366-0556 – Mon-Fri (9am to 4pm) if you would like to attend meeting and do not have zoom information

Area 25 – Panel 62 Coordinators

Alateen Coordinator: alateen@alanonma.org

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Literature Coordinator:

Public Information Coordinator: outreach@alanonma.org

Ways & Means Coordinator: waysmeans@alanonma.org

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Area 25 – Panel 62 Officers & Other AWSC

Area Delegate: delegate@alanonma.org

Area Alt. Delegate: altdelegate@alanonma.org

Area Chair: chair@alanonma.org

Area Secretary: secretary@alanonma.org

Area Treasurer: treasurer@alanonma.org

Convention 2022: convention@alanonma.org

MAC 2022:

From your Area Delegate – My dear fellowship,

Spring Assembly was such fun for me! I got to present my PowerPoint about the World Service Conference, which you can now find (all slides) on our website under Spring Assembly. I have informed WSO that as an Area we have voted to accept permanent electronic groups and Massachusetts is the FIRST to have done so! (Actually many other Areas were ahead of us but I guess they hadn't informed WSO so...wahoo!). The next steps are being addressed (do we have an electronic District, do we need one member at least to be a Massachusetts resident etc) and will be voted on at the Fall Assembly. I am so honored to be representing you and the friendships I have already made with other Delegates has so enriched my program.

Remember dear friends, service is part of our Legacies of recovery: The Steps, the Traditions AND the Concepts. When I do service, I do only that which enhances my recovery (haven't found a job that hasn't yet) so it's not all about altruism. It's about ME!! My recovery is challenged, I run smack into my most prominent defects of character, and I grow in love and tolerance.

May you each enjoy this beautiful summer.

Love in service, Jane P., Area Delegate

From your Area Chair - The Spring Assembly was, in my view, a great success, particularly as most of us were there in new roles. I want to thank the group of members who so ably handled the technical side of this virtual gathering, express my appreciation for all the GRs and Alternate GRs who devoted most of the day to the enterprise, and welcome the many interested members who joined us (there were up to 125 participants at any one time, and over 90 when we finally closed at 4 PM – incredible support!). Jane provided a necessarily concise report on the highlights of the World Service Conference (WSC - all the Area Delegates) that took place in April and provided a very thorough and thought provoking agenda regarding our service to Al-Anon (via a document titled “My Service Inventory/My Service Journey” which, together with her complete report on the WSC, is on the Area website) for the breakout room discussions which took place (along with an AMIAS workshop) in the afternoon.

Also, in addition to voting to hold an annual Convention in 2024 (an uncontroversial procedural requirement), the GRs approved the principles and general policies for handling the large bequest received by the Area last year. Our Treasurer, Wendy, will lead a small group in developing specific procedures by which members can suggest uses for these funds and have them evaluated. Ultimately the next few Assemblies will vote on which recommended suggestions to implement.

The GRs also voted to find a way for Permanent Electronic Groups (PEGs - those which have no intention of developing a face-to-face component – in other words will not be hybrid meetings) who so desire to apply for affiliation with Area 25. Although that motion passed, several other policy motions were tabled, including whether to require that at least one member of the group (perhaps the GR or Treasurer) be a Massachusetts resident, whether to allow existing Districts to accept such groups (if they are asked and approve), and whether to create Electronic-only Districts in the Area. These policy questions need to be decided by GRs rather than DRs or Area officers and have many implications (for example, Districts that accept PEGs might have to arrange for electronic or hybrid meetings from that point on). These issues were tabled so GRs can have discussions with their groups and consider additional information – but I’ll leave that to our Secretary, David, who is also the Chair of the Electronic Meetings Thought Force, to elaborate on. Eventually, a Task Force to develop specific procedures for incorporating such groups into the Area will need to be formed.

This was a jam-packed Assembly which left questions for the future as well as provided answers and directions for next steps. It also spotlighted the importance of Group Representatives and of groups having them – this is the way Concept One is implemented: “The ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon world services belongs to the Al-Anon groups.” (Incidentally, I want to encourage districts to elect DRs also – almost half our districts are “dark”, a gap in the two-way flow of information and in-put.)

Yours in service, Paul G.

From your Website Coordinator - We hope you are enjoying the new Home page with Area News. Look for updates to the Area News at the beginning of each month. (Helpful hint- Click the Al-Anon triangle at the top of our website page to get back to the home page.)

Virtual Website Tea: Do you know all of the resources that are available to your group on our website? Everyone is invited to this virtual event for a tour of the website. The website committee will be there to answer any website question and to get your feedback. We can also answer questions related to the Area 25 Shared Zoom Account.

Many thanks to our website committee and all our groups and DRs that keep our website up to date.

- In service, Terry S., Website Coordinator website@alanonma.org and the Website Team

From your AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person) It's re-certification TIME!! Please get packets back to the area office if you have not done so. A requirement to re-certify is an annual AMIAS workshop. If you have not met this requirement please reach out to the Area MA Alateen Coordinator, Johanna L. or contact the area office to make arrangements.

Yours in service, Marion D.

June 2022 Events

Events and login information can be viewed on our website's Calendar of Events at

<https://alanonma.org/calendar-of-events/>

to add your group or district event to our website calendar

go to <https://alanonma.org/add-event/>

Fri 3 Westboro – Westboro office closed

Sat 4 Quincy –“Women’s Serenity AFG”, (**virtual only**) Zoom Meeting ID: 537 186 093, password: serenity Dial-in +1 929-205-6099 passcode: 90873115, 8am 26th Anniversary

Tue 7 Chelmsford –“Search For Serenity AFG”, (**hybrid**) St. John the Evangelist Church, Old Parish Center, 115 Middlesex St., in person & Virtual, Zoom Meeting ID: 927 5403 4103, password: 123456 Dial-in +1 646-558-8856 7pm, fellowship, speaker & more 48th Anniversary

Tue 7 Plymouth - “Let It Begin With Me AFG” Zion Lutheran Church, (**hybrid**) 384 Court St, 7:30pm in person & Virtual, Zoom Meeting ID: 468 497 027, password: Odat2020 60th Anniversary

Sun 12 Leominster – ”Men’s Road To Serenity AFG” Masonic Hall, 69 West St 9am - group inventory today

Fri 17 Palmer- “Friday Book Study AFG”, (**in person**) Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St.6pm speakers 12th Anniversary (pking lot off Church St, please use rear entrance) Mattakeesett St. 7:30pm 47th Anniversary

Fri 17 Pembroke - “I’m O.K. – You’re O.K. AFG”, (**in person**) Bryantville United Methodist Church, 545 Mattakeesett St. 7:30pm 47th Anniversary

Tue 21 Southboro – “Freedom To Be AFG” – (hybrid) St Mark’s Church Hall, 27 Main St. 7:30pm in person & Virtual, Zoom meeting ID: 895 9820 8607 passcode: 505304 Dial-in +1 929-205-6099 41st Anniversary

Thu 23 - ”Virtual Tea” – Come to this virtual tea to take a tour of the MA website. Zoom ID: 849 1368 9886 password: 123456 Dial-in +1 929 205 6099 7:30pm

Upcoming events

July 4 Westboro – Westboro office closed

Aug 12-14 Saco, ME– 30th Maine Area Convention, Ferry Beach Park, Saco, Maine. Details can be found at <https://afgmaineconvention.org> or www.ferrybeach.org. More convention details soon!

Thought for the month

“Troubles are opportunities to grow, to make us better, not bitter. Rightly used, we can learn from them not to repeat our own mistakes.” ONE DAY AT A TIME (B-6) pg. 37

New Meetings & Meetings that have changed location/time/status as of 5/31/22 (COVID 19 safety precautions in place)

Tue	Change	Chicopee	OD	6:00pm	St. Anne’s Church, 30 College St
Tue	Change	Braintree	CS	6:30pm	Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 519 Washington St Medical Center- Holyoke) used to meet at 7pm
Tue	Change	Holyoke	OD	6:00pm	now meets at St. Anne’s Church, 30 College St – CHICOPEE (used to meet at Holyoke Medical Center)
Tue&Fri	Disband	Manchester-By-The-Sea	OD	12:00pm	Church Annex Building
Tue	New	Weymouth	OD	6:00pm	Fogg Library, 1 Columbian St
Wed	Disband	Ipswich	OD	7:00pm	First Church, Meeting House
Wed	Change	Feeding Hills	OD	6:30pm	Sacred Heart Parish Center – used to meet on Thursdays
Thu	Disband	Sherborn	OD	12:00pm	Unitarian Universalist Area Church
Sat	Disband	Brookline	OD ac	12:00pm	Brookline Police Station

Next District meeting for all Group Reps, Alt Group Reps and interested members

To add your District Meeting to the website calendar, go to <https://alanonma.org/add-event/>

This will be included in the monthly bulletin if received by the 15th of the prior month.

District and Area meetings are also listed on the website at <https://alanonma.org/district-area-meetings/>

If your district does not have a DR at this time and not holding a district meeting, feel free to attend a bordering district meeting. Voice, no vote.

District	Date	Time	Virtual Login information
1	June 7	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 933 4214 7075 Passcode: 123456 Dial In: 929-205-6099
2	June 26	12:15pm	Meeting Hybrid – in person and online – Osterville Family Library, 42 Wianno Ave., upstairs. Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 897 4316 5439 Passcode: ODAT Dial In: 1-929-205-6099
4	June 12	8:00am	Please reach out to Chuck C (DR) for Zoom information
7	June 26	5:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 885 7717 4634 Passcode: 033263 Dial In: 929-205-6099
9	June 8	7:30pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9007 7089 Passcode: S3neritY Dial In: 301-715-8592
11	June 13	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 880 8953 9266 Passcode: 469784 Dial In: 929-205-6099
13	June 11	9:00am	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 862 663 266 Passcode: 1951 Dial In: 1-929-205-6099
15	June 14	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 820 9087 4634 Passcode: DR Meeting
17	June 6	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 987 7092 1691 Passcode: 123456
18	June 15	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 890 5380 0017 Passcode: 676910 Dial In: 1-646-558-8656
19	June 1	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 843 0289 8253 Passcode: bE7wfe Dial In: 1-929-205-6099

MA AL-ANON TRIVIA

LOIS W. WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1ST GROUP IN MA ON APRIL 13, 1950. WAS THE MEETING IN?

LYNN
WEYMOUTH
WORCESTER

Answer to last month's Al-Anon trivia question: (MA LDC first opened their doors in 1985)

Answers can be found, along with much more in our "Love In Service" book, available at the Westboro area office for \$18.00 plus shipping. Call the area office with any questions at 508-366-0556 or email at afgofma@aol.com.

AIS/LDC News from your Area office in Westboro

△ Just a reminder of what a Group Phone Contact (s) for the Public is- members of the group who are willing to receive phone calls and extend a warm welcome to newcomers, travelers, professionals and others seeking information about the Al-Anon group. Serving as the group's phone contact for the public is Step Twelve in action. (Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual 2018-2021) printed version p. 34 Limit of two contacts. Please email the Area office with any updates at afgofma@aol.com.