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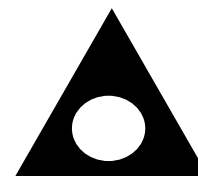


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NOTE: Our MA meeting list and events are listed on our website alanonMA.org.

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: 2021 11/7, 12/5 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

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Fall Assembly Description – from our Area Chairperson

Our virtual Fall Assembly will be Saturday, Oct 16th from 9 to 3 (registration begins at 8:30)

Go to <https://alanonma.org/events/area-25-2021-fall-assembly/> to see the agenda.

Why have an assembly? Our groups accept the responsibility for Al-Anon (Concept 1). We handle day-to-day decisions through our Area Officers, Coordinators, Committees, and District Representatives. However, all major decisions are decided by the vote of the groups. Groups' Representatives (GRs) assemble twice a year to form the Group Conscience for Massachusetts. Yes, this takes effort. However, it ensures our unity and honors our commitment for this program to always be there. The following are the important decisions before us.

First. We elect the five Area Officers required by our by-laws and traditions: Area Chair, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, and Secretary. Those elected serve for three years beginning January 1, 2022.

Second. We will hear about our financial status and discuss and approve the budget for 2022. We have an office and sell literature (LDC). We have paid staff. We talk to newcomers and direct them to meetings. We have a website. We keep track of our groups. We have travel expenses. We organize conventions. We support our World Service Office, and the world Service Conference. We support Alateen and AMIAS registration. All this and much more is contained in our budget.

Third. We decide on the location for our 2023 Convention. The Al-Anon convention committee presents three choices, and the groups decide.

Fourth. We begin a new discussion on how electronic meetings are handled within our Area. The final decision will be made next year after we have reached consensus

In Addition. We will hear about activities coordinated by our Area. We will here about Alateen. We will hear about new ideas for our website. We will hear about public outreach. We will hear about our literature. We will hear from our committee on diversity. We will discuss issues facing our groups and the support needed from our Area.

Finally. We mail information about the Assembly and Presentations to all GR's and those in Area service. However, any member is welcomed to attend and so we will post the Agenda and Zoom link info here on this site.

Easy Does It,
Richard M.
Area Chairperson

From your Area Website Coordinator - Greetings from the Website:

CALLING ALL AREA 25 DR'S, OFFICERS, AND COORDINATORS – ESPECIALLY NEW ONES!

**You are invited to a Website Virtual Tea
Sunday, October 24 from 7:30 to 8:30PM**

Zoom ID: 810 3544 2077 PW: 111222 Dial-in: 929-436-2866

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81035442077?pwd=S3BTSWVrQ25PVEcyQUtldWlkZ05WQT09>

Topics we plan to cover:

- How to access your new alanonMA.org email account
- How to change or add a meeting or event to the website
- Service section resources
- Answers to your website questions

Thank you to all the groups and DR's that provide meeting and event updates for our website
Please tell us what you would like to see added or changed on the website. We're listening!!!

Yours in service
Terry S. Website Coordinator and the Website committee

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October 2021 Events

Events and login information can be viewed on our website's Calendar of Events at alanonMA.org/events/ to add your group or district event to our website calendar and click 'Add Event' or go to alanonMA.org/add-event/

Mon 4 Worcester – “Acceptance AFG” St. Matthews Church, 695 Southbridge St., **Hybrid** mtg 10:00am (both at church and phone) or phone 267-807-9605 passcode: 106-806-769# Masks are required. 45th Anniversary

Thu 7 Bridgewater – “Surviving Serenity AFG” Central Square Congregational Church, 71 Central Square 7:30-9pm 40th & 41st Anniversary (WH)

Mon 11 - Westborough office closed

Sat 16 – Fall Assembly – Will be held virtually- Registration starts at 8:30am, mtg starts at 9:00am – ends at 3:00pm – please go to <https://alanonma.org/events/area-25-2021-fall-assembly/> for agenda and to check for the virtual meeting links which will be available soon.

Mon 18 Weymouth – “Miracles Happen AFG” Church of the Holy Nativity, 8 Nevin Rd 6:30pm – In person only & masks required 60th Anniversar

Upcoming events

Nov 6 Lowell – "The Best Is Yet To Come", 34th group Anniversary, November 6th, 2021, Christ United Church, 1 Bartlett St., Lowell, MA, 9:30 am. In the unexpected event of a lock down the celebration will be held on zoom. Zoom ID: 935 8649 3248 Passcode 123456. Dial -in #:646-558-8656

Nov 9 Leominster – "Stepping Stones To Serenity AFG", - celebrating **Gratitude**, 7:00pm New Location - Allencrest Community Center, 138 Viscoloid, Leominster – enjoy speakers, conversation & refreshments.

Nov 4 -18 - Westborough office closed for walk-ins – Area Office being painted!! (tentative dates-see Nov bulletin & MA website for confirmed dates)

Nov 11 - Westborough office closed

Nov 13-14 - Mass 57th AA Convention with Al-Anon participation – **Virtual**, \$10 Registration/Event Details – <https://aamastateconvention.org> to request a mail-in registration form, download from our website or email/call; Mary N – altregistrar@aaemass.org –. We look forward to seeing you in November!

Nov 25 - Westborough office closed

These groups have reported to the office in August that they are back in person; (Please check our website at www.alanonma.org) for an updated list of MA Al-Anon meetings. (Those that have reported their status)

Sunday -	Westford	10:00am - Cameron Senior Center
Tuesday -	Braintree	7:00pm - Emanuel Episcopal Church
Tuesday -	Cambridge	6:00pm - Swedenborgian Chapel
Saturday -	Arlington	12:00pm - St John's Episcopal Church Hall
Saturday -	Milford	8:30am - Trinity Episcopal Church

New Meetings & Meetings that have changed location/time/status as of 9/30/21 (COVID 19 safety precautions in place)

Sun	Change Westwood/Norwood OS	8:30am Westwood Senior Center, 60 Nahatan St. Westwood (used to meet at Norwood Hospital)
Sun	Change Westwood/Norwood OS	10:00am Westwood Senior Center, 60 Nahatan St. Westwood (used to meet at Norwood Hospital)
Tue	Change Rockport OD	7:00pm First Congregational Church of Rockport UCC, 12 School St, parking on street
Sat	Disband Yarmouth (S.) OD	7:30pm St. Pius X

There are meeting changes on the website weekly. Please check that your meeting is listed currently at alanonMA.org/meets/ to request a meeting list change, go to alanonMA.org/request-meeting-list-change/

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

To add your District Meeting to the website calendar, go to alanonMA.org/add-event/ this will be included in the monthly bulletin if received by the 15th of the prior month.

District	Date	Time	Virtual Login information
1	Oct 5	7:00pm	Mtg on Zoom Meeting ID: 880 647 8474 Passcode: ODAT
4	Nov 21	9:00am	Mtg on Zoom – please contact Maggie D. for specific Zoom information
10	Nov 11	7:00pm	Mtg on Zoom – please contact Wendy M. for specific Zoom information Outgoing GR's host incoming GR's
13	Nov 14	9:30am	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 862 663 266 Passcode: 1951 Dial In: 301-715-8592
16	Nov 19	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 727 139 3369 Passcode: 654321 Dial In: 929-436-2866
18	Oct 20	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 899 3130 6938 Passcode: 175283 Dial In: 1-646-558-8656

18	Nov 17	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 899 3130 6938 Passcode: 175283 Dial In: 1-646-558-8656
21	Oct 12	6:45pm	Meeting on Zoom – please contact area office at 508-366-0556 for Zoom information
22	Oct 12	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom – please contact Paul G (DR) – districtreppaul @gmail.com for Zoom information