

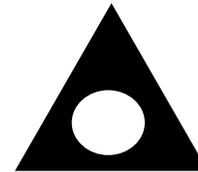
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NOTE: **Our MA meeting list and events are listed on our website [alanonMA.org](http://alanonMA.org).**

Group and individual member donations to MA Al-Anon and Alateen can be made online at [alanonMA.org/contribute/](http://alanonMA.org/contribute/)

Other helpful links can be found on the World Service Website: [Al-Anon.org](http://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 1/9, 2/6, 4/3, 6/5 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

## Area 25 - Panel 62 Coordinators

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## Area 25 - Panel 62 Officers & Other AWSC

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## From your Area Delegate -

Greetings dear fellowship!

My role has changed and I am now your Area Delegate. I am so looking forward to serving as your link to WSO (World Service Office). It is my job to bring information back and, when necessary, carry your views forward to the WSO. Please note my new email address and please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

May this New Year bring peace, serenity and joy to all.

Sending love, Jane P.

**From your Area Chair** - At the start of my new, and unexpected, role as your Area Chair, it seems an appropriate gesture (as well as a practical necessity) to lean on my predecessor whose initial words three years ago I can hardly better:

“This month begins 3-year terms for your group and district representatives and area officers and coordinators. For me, like many of us, this is all very new, sometimes exciting, sometimes overwhelming, but always grounded in this wonderful program. We are your trusted servants, we do not govern. We will do our best, and yes, we will make mistakes, and we will always rely on the strength of our fellowship.”

The previous panel has left us with a rich legacy of accomplishments but there are many challenges still ahead. Some are unique to our particular time - the longed for transition back from "pandemic mode" and the many questions that confront us about how to do this and how to incorporate meetings that choose to remain virtual or hybrid into our Area - and some are more perennial - how to appeal to a broader population, particularly young people, how to keep our service positions filled, and how to deal with our always present financial challenges.

Paul G. Area Chair

**From your Area Treasurer** - Greetings from your new Area Treasurer! I look forward to learning my new job and to working with some really fantastic people along the way. I know I will get all the help that I need, I just need to reach out. I'd like to explore the 7th Tradition together over the next few years: *Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.* Ours is a spiritual program — I ask myself, what is the spiritual underpinning of this Tradition? Some words immediately come to mind: trust, abundance, let it begin with me. Please feel free to share your thoughts on this with me. And of course, I will do my best to answer any questions you may have about the Area finances.

Your trusted servant, Wendy M.

### **From Your Website Committee-**

**There's never a dull moment working on the website!** Last week, we changed our host server to better serve our membership with faster response time. Although this was always in our plan, we quickly moved up our schedule after our website was down for several days. At the same time, we also updated our website look. Many thanks to the Website Committee for their work and knowhow that made this happen!

**We encourage members to go to the website <https://alanonma.org> for:**

1. **Important announcements:** (like 2022 Convention Registration) at the top of every website page
2. **Meeting Information** (in-person and online) at <https://alanonma.org/meetings/> - the meeting list is updated weekly (usually on Monday night).
3. **Calendar of Events:** at <https://alanonma.org/events/> To add an event, announcement, or Area/District meeting to the calendar, go to <https://alanonma.org/add-event/>
4. **Literature purchases** to support MA Al-Anon/Alateen, at <https://alanonma.org/literature-store/>
5. **Group or individual contributions** to MA Al-Anon/Alateen at <https://alanonma.org/contribute/>
6. **Doing service at the Group, District or Area level?** check out our *SERVICE* section

**Is your group meeting list information up to date? Or is your group incorrectly marked "Temporarily Inactive" when it is still meeting?** Please check your meeting information at <https://alanonma.org/meetings/> Request meeting list changes by clicking on your group and then "request a change to this listing" (at the bottom of the page). Changes should be submitted with the approval of the group.

***We welcome your feedback... or join us and become a Website Wizard!***

**---Happy New Year from Terry S., Website Coordinator, and your Website Committee**

**From your Electronic Meeting participation in our Area service structure Thought Force** - The Massachusetts area is working hard to include electronic meetings in our area service structure, so please be patient as we work through the issues.

- Registered groups that are meeting electronically, in person, or both: You are doing fine, continue what you're doing.
- Registered groups that were online and in-person, that already split to form two separate groups: The online group needs to register with the WSO and contact the MA area office to make sure your meeting information is on the MA area website. We'll add you to the MA area service structure after the spring assembly. This also includes new online meetings.
- If your group has not decided to split into separate in-person and electronic groups, we suggest you wait until the Spring assembly before making any decisions.

As always, if your group has any special considerations, please contact your DR or the MA area office. We realize that this has been a challenging time, thank you for your patience. Our goal is to include every group that wants to be part of our area.

David C., Thought Force Chair

**From your 2022 Convention Committee** - The 2022 Massachusetts Al-Anon & Alateen Convention (Keys to Recovery) will take place on March 25 - 27, 2022 at the Best Western Royal Plaza in Marlborough, MA. This will be an "in person" convention (face to face) & limited remote access for workshops only. There will be LIVE KEYNOTE Speakers' on site & recordings will be available for purchase. This convention can't take place without the support & help of the fellowship. We almost have a complete committee. We are inviting members to consider serving as General Co-Chair, Site Chair, Site Co-Chair and Program Co-Chair. The General Co-chair is important to have in place, not only to support this convention but also to ensure that we have a convention in 2023. If you have an interest in this position, please email [convention@alanonma.org](mailto:convention@alanonma.org). Registration forms are available online & by US Mail. We look forward to sharing our fellowship with you. The first 500 registrants are eligible for the annual convention memento. Early discount on Hotel room night reservations end on 2/22/22. Book your stay at the site. Early Registration & meal orders deadline is 3/18/22. Here is the registration link: [Convention Registration Form](#). Here is the link to the Volunteer List: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1Rn0ztpq0nBZ3BY5aZuM5TiLox5IDmCa4lmjtgQBsf1XRw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1Rn0ztpq0nBZ3BY5aZuM5TiLox5IDmCa4lmjtgQBsf1XRw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

ODAT, Tania H., Publicity Chair

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#### Special Notices

**District 20 - Jan 11 District 20 - Zoom meeting, 7:00pm-8:30pm. If you are interested in serving as District 20 District Representative or District Treasurer, please attend the Zoom meeting.**

**Zoom ID: 895 7889 3705, 1 929 436 866**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89578893705>**

Contact current DR – April [aprilmayafg@gmail.com](mailto:aprilmayafg@gmail.com) or current District Treasurer

#### January 2022 Events

**Events and login information can be viewed on our website's Calendar of Events at [alanonMA.org/events/](http://alanonMA.org/events/) to add your group or district event to our website calendar go to [alanonMA.org/add-event/](http://alanonMA.org/add-event/)**

**Sat 1 Watertown** - "Beginners Waltz AFG" – will be holding an Al-Anonathon, Belmont-Watertown United Methodist Church (Grace Vision), 80 Mt. Auburn St. Meetings start at 10:00am and end at 12:00pm. No refreshments

**Mon 17 Westboro** - Westboro office closed

**Tue 18 Norwell** - "Tuesday Serenity AFG", 16th group Anniversary, Virtual – starts at 10:00am, Zoom ID: 795 900 2261 Passcode 2021

**Fri 21 West Bridgewater** – "Fellowship and Freedom AFG", 13th group Anniversary, West Bridgewater Community Church, 83 North St 7:00pm (regular 5:30pm mtg will not meet)

**Sun 23 Cambridge** - "12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts AFG" – group will be having a group inventory today

#### Upcoming events

**Feb 21 Westboro** - Westboro office closed

**Mar 25-27 -45th Massachusetts Al-Anon/Alateen Convention-** *SAVE THE DATE* at Best Western Royal Plaza, Marlborough, MA. Registration form on [alanonma.org](http://alanonma.org). This will be an "in person" convention (face to face) & limited remote access for workshops only. To register go to <https://alanonma.org/afgconvention/>

#### 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 pg 37*

**New Meetings & Meetings that have changed location/time/status as of 12/31/21**

**(COVID 19 safety precautions in place)**

Tue	Change	Chelmsford	OD	7:00pm	St John the Evangelist Church, Church Hall, 115 Middlesex St
Wed	Change	Newburyport	OD	7:00pm	St Paul's Church, 166 High St (used to meet at 7:30pm)
Thu	Disband	Winthrop	OD	6:30pm	First Church of Winthrop Methodist Church, 217 Winthrop St.

**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/](http://alanonMA.org/add-event/)  
this will be included in the monthly bulletin if received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

District	Date	Time	Virtual Login information
2	Jan 16	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	Jan 23	9:00am	Mtg on Zoom – please contact Chuck C at <a href="mailto:District4rep@alanonma.org">District4rep@alanonma.org</a> for specific Zoom information
6	Jan 9	6:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 574 635 9804 Passcode: recovery Dial In: 646-558-8656
7	Jan 23	5:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 746 1723 9452 Passcode: recovery
9	Jan 12	7:30pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9007 7089 Passcode: S3neritY Dial In: 301-715-8592
11	Jan 10	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 841 3313 8916 Passcode: 530970 Dial In: 929-205-6099
17	Jan 10	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 987 7092 1691 Passcode: 654321
18	Jan 19	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 899 3130 6938 Passcode: 175283 Dial In: 1-646-558-8656
22	Jan 11	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom – please contact Paul G <a href="mailto:districtreppaul@gmail.com">districtreppaul@gmail.com</a>
24	Jan 11	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 8535937 0501 Passcode: 622814 Dial In +1 929 205 6099

**AIS/LDC News from your Area office in Westboro**

- △ Our AIS/LDC office is **OPEN**. (Mon-Fri 9:00-4:00pm) Employees have been fully vaccinated. Masks required for non-vaccinated individuals, optional for those vaccinated.
- △ When purchasing literature for your group on the MA website [alanonma.org](http://alanonma.org), please include either Group # or town, time and location under "ORDER NOTES (optional)" - find at bottom
- △ Currently *Hope for Today (B-27)* & *Courage to Change (B-17)* Large Print are on backorder from WSO. We continue to thank you for your patience & happy New Year to all

**Important information for all members – please help keep the links of service connected**

- △ The Bulletin for Massachusetts, Area 25, is issued monthly and sent free to each registered group. (currently by email)
- △ It is sent to the Group Rep. or the Current Mailing Address (CMA) and that person brings it to the meeting for the secretary to read to the group. *Some months the mailing also includes special messages to the group and minutes from the Assembly. These items are not sent to those with personal subscriptions.*

**All notices must be received in the office, in writing, by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month before it is to be published.** Please fax, mail or email your announcement by this date. Group events that will be within the first week (7 days) of the following month will be included. District and Area events will be included for future months on a space available basis. For a personal subscription, please fill out this form and send it with your check to: AFG of MA, Inc, 57 East Main St Suite 109, Westborough, MA 01581-1457 Bulletin subscriptions are **\$12.00** per year

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