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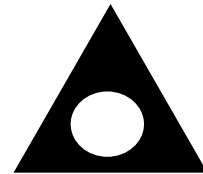


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NOTE: **Our MA meeting list and events are listed on our website [alanonMA.org](http://alanonMA.org).**

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 4/3, 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

**From your Area Chair** - Once again I'd like to talk about service and encourage members to step up to service positions beyond the group level. It often takes courage to actually volunteer (or to accept a "voluntold" drafting) but both the rewards that accrue to the individual member and the necessity of service for the continuation of the Al-Anon program are significant. The reading for September 7<sup>th</sup> in *Courage to Change (B-16)* is worth considering.

"I never thought much about Tradition Seven, which says that every group ought to be fully self-supporting. I thought it referred only to paying the rent. But recently I was involved with a group that maintained itself financially and still was not fully self-supporting because no one would commit to service."

In my opinion, a group that cannot fill its service positions is not fully self-supporting. I believe that as we nurture our groups, we nurture and empower ourselves. ...

There's more to maintaining a fully self-supporting Al-Anon group than just paying the rent. Continuity of service is important to our common welfare. Just as service is necessary at the group level, it remains so above the group level. As I said before, although individual member's recovery may not suffer in the short run if the other Service Arms disappear, the dissemination of information about where and when meetings are taking place, the preparation and distribution of literature, and the ability to easily tap into an extended level of experience to address problems at the group level (among other things) would eventually impact local groups and members, not to mention those who might need the support of Al-Anon but not know about it or where to find it. All of this is said to encourage you to consider service above the group level. There are many groups without GRs, there are "dark" districts (without DRs) and open coordinator positions at the Area level. Please consider sharing yourself (and, just possibly, enhancing your own recovery) by taking on a new and (initially) scary role. Remember, we're all learning and only doing the best we can.

Yours in service, Paul

**From your Area Treasurer** - went to an Al-Anon meeting this morning where the topic was "financial insecurity" or to be more specific, our FEAR of financial insecurity. What I took away from all the wonderful sharing were two things. First, we are in the care of our higher power, always and in all things, including money matters. And second, when we give of ourselves (whether it's 7th or 12th tradition, or any kind of service) then we may also receive, often in surprising ways. The very act of giving *freely* moves us toward love and spiritual growth. What does it mean to you to give from the heart? What gets in the way?

Your trusted servant, Wendy M.

**From your 2022 Convention Committee - 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 are inviting members to consider serving as Site Chair, Site Co-Chair and Program Co-Chair. If you are interested in serving any of these positions, please email [convention@alanonma.org](mailto:convention@alanonma.org). Please submit your song selections for the dance party via google link below. 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 Registration (\$25) & meal orders deadline is 3/18/22. After 3/18/22, registration will be \$35. Here is the registration link: [Convention Registration Form](#). We are looking for donations to the Recovery Tool Basket. Accepting 10 baskets from groups. Email [convention@alanonma.org](mailto:convention@alanonma.org). Still many opportunities for volunteering. Here is the link to the Volunteer Sign Up and Song selection: [Fellowship support and volunteering opportunities](#). Restaurant at Best Western Royal Plaza is only serving dinner Saturday. Lunch needs to be ordered through registration process or you can go off site.

**AMIAS Workshop** at Al-Anon/Alateen convention on Saturday, March 26 from 12:45pm-1:45pm. Please see Al-Anon/Alateen Program on [alanonma.org](http://alanonma.org) for specifics. **For MA AMIAS** – please try to attend since this is a requirement to be re-certified. If attending only this workshop at Convention, please reach out to Marion at the Area Office to let her know you will be attending, no Convention Reg required.

ODAT, Tania H. Publicity Chair

### **Special Notices**

**Dover** – Monday 1:00pm Dover groups will start using “*In All Our Affairs*” B-15.

### **April 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/)

**Tue 8 Norwell** – “Tuesday Serenity AFG”, meeting will focus on our co-founder, Lois’ Story in honor of her birthday. Virtual - Zoom ID: 795 900 2261 Password: 2021

**Mon 14 Marshfield** - “Monday Night Miracle 12& 12 AFG”, Trinity Church, Johnson Hall, 229 Highland St. (off Rte 3A) 7pm 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**Sat 19** -44th Connecticut AFG Convention 2022 – Virtual – for details please go to MA website at <http://alanonma.org/events>

**Fri-Sun 25-27** -45th Massachusetts Al-Anon/Alateen Convention- 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. Please refer to sharing from Convention Committee above.

### **Upcoming events**

**Apr 18 Westboro** – Westboro office closed

**Apr 29- May 1 Vermont** – Vermont Al-Anon/Alateen Convention, The Equinox Resort & Spa, Manchester, VT 05091. Details can be found at <http://VermontAlanonAlateen.org/Convention>. Reg fee is \$25.

### **Thought for the month**

“An Al-Anon group without long-term members has no experience, without middle-term members, has no stability, and without newcomers, no future”

Victorian Southern Area Newsletter, Australia, Sept 1998

**New Meetings & Meetings that have changed location/time/status as of 2/28/22 (COVID 19 safety precautions in place)**

Wed Change Raynham OD 7:00pm St. Ann’s Parish Hall, 675 North Main St (used to meet at 7:30pm)  
 Sat New Hull OD 8:00am The Anchor in Hull, 7 Hadasah Way

**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	Mar 20	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
6	Mar 13	6:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 574 635 9804 Passcode: recovery Dial In: 646-558-8656
9	April 6	7:30pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9007 7089 Passcode: S3neritY Dial In: 301-715-8592
11	Apr 11	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 858 4771 5883 Passcode: 993645 Dial In: 301-715-8592
13	Mar 12	9:00am	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 862 663 266 Passcode: 1951 Dial In: 1-929-205-6099
17	Mar 7	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 987 7092 1691 Passcode: 123456
18	Mar 16	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 899 3130 6938 Passcode: 175283 Dial In: 1-646-558-8656
19	Mar 3	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 843 0289 8253 Passcode: bE7wfe Dial In: 1-929-205-6099
21	Mar 8	6:45pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 898 1522 1786 Passcode: 123456 Dial In: 1-646-558-8658
24	Mar 8	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 853 5937 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.
- △ 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 *How Al-Anon Works (B-32)*, *Courage to Change (B-17)* Large Print and *Reaching for Personal Freedom (P-92)* are on backorder from WSO, along with some other CAL. WSO is working closely with their suppliers to replenish their literature as soon as possible. However, the printing industry is facing many challenges, including paper shortages, staffing issues and shipping delays. We continue to thank you for your patience through these challenging times.



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**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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