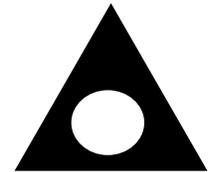


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NOTE: **Our MA meeting list and events are listed on our website [alanonMA.org](http://alanonMA.org).**

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 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

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MAC 2022:

**From your Area Delegate** – Dear Fellowship, I'm so sorry that my sharing for last month didn't make it in. I sent it to a wrong email. Oh well, another opportunity to practice progress NOT perfection!!

By the time this Bulletin arrives the World Service Conference will have happened! I will be making a report to all GR's at the Spring Assembly on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The power point will be available to download so your GR's can share with you what they think is most important to know. I am always available for any questions, and please do not hesitate to contact me via my email: [delegate@alanonma.org](mailto:delegate@alanonma.org)

WSO has been working on some "new" literature 1. Alateen *Just For Tonight* bookmark 2. New forward for *Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage* (B-4) and *ODAT* (B-6) to update language. (i.e. Al-Anon members aren't just the wives). These are completed. 3. CAL Corner is a regular feature of the *Forum* and needs your sharings on a piece of literature that has impacted you (I know they ALL have but how about *Survival to Recovery* (B-21), *As We Understood* (B-11))? You can send it to [Cal Corner](#)

**DID YOU KNOW:** Only small excerpts of CAL may be used at meetings, with permission of the WSO? Screen sharing from our literature is a copyright violation. This policy is on page 115 in the Service Manual. Electronic meetings will be a big topic at this year's WSC and I will bring back more information, but this topic is coming up among Delegate on AFG Connects (our list serve).

-May you enjoy the warmth and joy of spring, Jane P. Area Delegate

**From your Area Chair** - This is an invitation and a call to action. We are having the annual Spring Assembly (virtually) later this month (Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>) and all Group Reps (or, if they are unavailable, Alternate Group Reps) should plan to attend as they are the only ones entitled to vote. Most Spring Assemblies are mainly devoted to hearing the report of our Delegate who has recently returned from the annual World Service Conference meetings which took place the last week of April. That will happen and part of the process will be breakout groups of attendees who will discuss some of the topics introduced by our Delegate. However, this is an unusual Spring Assembly because a number of important initiatives, begun during the last Panel, must also be considered.

First, individuals must be elected to positions of Alternate Delegate and Area Chair (roles Sue P. and I both now hold on an interim basis). We need to vote on whether to hold an MA Al-Anon/Alateen Convention in 2024 (which, based on the success of this past Convention, should not be controversial). However, more complicated issues also must be determined. A series of policies (based on WSO precedents) for handling large bequests (of which the Area received one for the first time at the end of last year) need to be reviewed. If approved, a Task Force will develop detailed procedures for appropriating most of these funds to projects developed from some form of member input and approved by future Assemblies.

In addition, a Thought Force was formed last year to consider whether Permanent Electronic Meetings (which have expanded during the pandemic and which may, ultimately, take the place of some previously in-person meetings [group autonomy here]) should be offered the opportunity to affiliate with Massachusetts service arms (districts and/or the Area). These are not hybrid meetings as defined by WSO but meetings that currently can only register in WSO's newly created virtual Area and have no physical address. The Thought Force has, true to its name, given the matter considerable detailed consideration and needs guidance from the Assembly on five main issues. Assuming the basic question of whether the option of Massachusetts affiliation should be offered is approved, a Task Force will then be organized to work out the actual details and procedures for doing so, to be presented to a future Assembly.

In addition to all this, an AMIAS workshop will be offered so that those seeking certification or recertification (or simply interested in considering this kind of Alateen service) will have the opportunity to fulfill this requirement. It will be a busy and important gathering and, since it will be virtual over Zoom, any interested member is invited to attend as well, with a voice but no vote. Again, the only individuals who can vote are the GRs (or, in their absence, the Alternate GRs) – one vote per group (DRs, Area Coordinators, and Area Officers **do not** vote). This is how the groups exercise their “ultimate responsibility and authority for Al-Anon” (Concept One). I hope to see many of you there.

Yours in service, Paul G.

**From your 2022 Convention Chair** – We have just completed compiling our volunteer forms and with a grateful heart, I want to say thank you to the fellowship. We have to wrap up the old convention and fill a new committee. We have compiled all our feedback and will be passing it on to the next committee. Please have patience if you have volunteered, we are appreciative, and someone will be in touch. We are so completely grateful for the participation from the fellowship and feedback. - Yours in service, Liz F., Chair of 2022 Convention

**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 plan on attending the next workshop that will be held virtually at the Spring Assembly on Saturday, May 21 at 2pm.

Yours in service, Marion D.

**From your Ways & Means Coordinator** - I'm excited to be moving into my new role as Ways and Means coordinator. I just can't say no to fun “fellowshipping”. I'll be reaching out to people who want to join in the fun. At the convention many people expressed interest participating in the following activities: al -anon book bag sewing circle (We have journals and literature to fill it, day of fellowship, Lois B day celebration, Music Cafe, and a Dance. We will need more than ideas, if you have an interest in helping one of these committees, have a talent to share, or want to do service please reach out. I look to be active in this role by June as I'm finishing up Convention Chair 2022 in the next month. I can be reached at [WaysMeans@alanonma.org](mailto:WaysMeans@alanonma.org). Yours in service, Liz F.

**From your Website Coordinator - Our Area's Shared Online Meeting Account is now open** for Groups and Districts that would like to participate! The purpose of this shared Zoom account is to provide an affordable weekly 2.5-hour weekly time slot for any MA Group (appearing on the MA Al-Anon/Alateen meeting list). The cost of this account is shared by the Groups that request a time slot on this account. An email was sent to every group with a link that includes information and a request form for groups that would like to join this shared account. If your group did not get this information, please contact our office manager at [afgofma@aol.com](mailto:afgofma@aol.com). Participating groups will have access to a host key to help facilitate their meetings. DR's can also request a 2.5-hour weekly time slot on this account for district meetings. Thank you for your patience as we roll out this program.

### **May 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/>**

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**Sun 1 Osterville** – District 2 will be having a second planning meeting for District 2 workshop, held at Osterville Library, 42 Wianno Ave at 12:15pm.

**Thu 5 Scituate**– “Scituate Harbor AFG”, (**hybrid**) South Shore Peer Recovery, 51 Cole Parkway, in meeting room in person & Virtual, Zoom Meeting ID: 94832333226, password: shafg Dial-in +1 929 205 6099. Starts at 5:45pm, speakers & raffles. 1st Anniversary

**Wed 18 West Roxbury** – “Keep It Simple AFG” (**hybrid**) St John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington St, in person, Meeting ID: 815 638 57282 passcode: 665775 Dial in +1 929 205 6099, 7:30pm 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Fri 20 Westboro** – “Wednesday Twelve Steppers AFG” & “Joy of Living AFG”, (**in person**) St Luke's Parish Center, 1 Ruggles St, 7 PM, combined 52<sup>nd</sup> & 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Sat 21 - MA Area 25 Spring Assembly** –Virtual - 9-4pm.(registration starts at 8:30am) will hear Delegate, Jane P. give her report of the 2022 World Service Conference and other important topics. Zoom information and documents will be sent to gr's and cma's as soon as available. *Please see attached By-Laws of Al-Anon Family Groups of Mass, Inc & AFG of MA Inc. Elections-Motions-Voting Procedures for Area 25 Assemblies.*

**Mon 23 Bellingham** - “First Things First'-Bellingham Lunch Bunch AFG”, (**in person**) A Way of Life House, 176 Mechanic St., (Rte. 140) 12:00pm celebrating 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Tue 24 South Boston** – “Easy Does It AFG”, (**in person**) St. Monica's Rectory, 70 Devine Way, 5:30pm 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Wed 25 Gardner** – “Gardner Wednesday Night AFG” (**hybrid**) First Congregational Church, 28 Green St, in person & virtual, Zoom Meeting ID: 879 3514 5373 passcode: 165281 Dial in +1 929 205 6099, 6:30pm 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sat 28 Attleboro** – “New Day AFG Adult Children”, (**hybrid**) Murray Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 N. Main St (Rte. 152), in person & virtual, Zoom Meeting ID: 307 607 695 passcode: 022339 Dial in +1 929 205 6099, 10:30am 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

**Mon 30 Westboro** – Westboro office closed

### **Upcoming events**

**June 7 Plymouth** – “Let It Begin With Me AFG” Zion Lutheran Church, (**in person**) 384 Court St, 7:30pm 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

### **Thought for the month**

“When I really want what the program has to offer, I'll do anything to get it. Going to meetings, sharing my problems with others, working the Steps; all these are part of the new way of life I call Alateen. It's mine today if I'm willing to work for it.” ALATEEN A DAY AT A TIME (B-10) pg. 93

**New Meetings & Meetings that have changed location/time/status as of 4/30/22 (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
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 15<sup>th</sup> 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
2	May 15	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: 301-715-8592
13	May 14	9:00am	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 862 663 266 Passcode: 1951 Dial In: 1-929-205-6099
15	May 10	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 820 9087 4634 Passcode: DR Meeting
17	May 2	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 987 7092 1691 Passcode: 123456
18	May 18	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 899 3130 6938 Passcode: 175283 Dial In: 1-646-558-8656
19	May 3	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 843 0289 8253 Passcode: bE7wfe Dial In: 1-929-205-6099

**MA AL-ANON TRIVIA**

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YEAR THE LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION CENTER FIRST OPENED IT'S DOORS?

- 1982     \_\_\_
- 1985     \_\_\_
- 1987     \_\_\_

Answer to last month's Al-Anon trivia question: (Wed 6:45 Lowell group #6266 - oldest active group in MA)

**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](mailto:afgofma@aol.com).