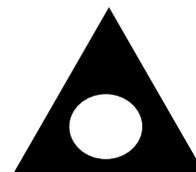


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NOTE: Our MA meeting list and events are listed on our website alanonMA.org.

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 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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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2022 Spring Assembly approved the concept of accepting Permanent Electronic Groups/ AFGWME-Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically into our Area. Several policy issues remain to be decided at the next Assembly before we can move forward. It would also appear that until then, the only option for a newly formed PEG/ AFGWME (even those that are breaking off from a geographically-based group) to be formally recognized is to register with WSO and, possibly, be incorporated into and represented by the new WSO Electronic Area. It is unclear if they will be eligible to be listed on the Massachusetts website in that case. We are working to clarify this question and hope to have an answer in time for next month's Bulletin (stay tuned).

We'll be setting up a task force to establish specific procedures to affiliate PEGs (AFGWME). Once created, an officially declared PEG/AFGWME could choose to affiliate with our Area or join the WSO electronic Area. I believe that groups could move in either direction once we have a process in place. One option is to delay formally declaring that a group has become a PEG/AFGWME (i.e. it is continuing to meet virtually due to the pandemic) until our process is established - in which case nothing would change in the listings or representation that currently exists. Remember that all these decisions about group status are made by each group's group conscience.

Yours in service, Paul G. Area Chair

From your Area Delegate – WSO has just changed the registration date for the 2023 International Convention (July 1-3) to **November 1, 2022** (from January 1, 2023). Registration details will be on the WSO website.

WSO is asking groups that are meeting electronically and have literature from their old geographic site, to think about donating this to newcomers and to other members in need. This will also help address the production issues WSO is having with new literature. Perhaps you could bring this up at your next Business meeting?

Members have been thanking me for my service and which is so lovely. My response is always the same: I am **TOTALLY** honored to be representing you and our state at the WSO and I am meeting and getting to know wonderful people, very committed to their recovery and this program, and expanding my knowledge and understanding of How Al-Anon Works! I am so very grateful to have the privilege of serving. So, thank YOU!!

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at my Delegate email, listed above in this Bulletin.

I am sending you all serenity, joy and love, Jane P.

From your Area Chair - They say that every problem or setback is a learning opportunity. I guess that is what we had during the last AWSC committee meeting. I want to apologize to all the people, particularly the interested members, who tried to log onto the Zoom meeting and found they could not. For reasons that I think we have figured out, the Area supported Zoom account that was to have served as our vehicle for the meeting would not allow me to log in without a code, which it sent to an email that I could not access. In the end, I used my personal account to create a new meeting and, with the help of others, tried to disseminate that address as widely as possible. By the time we finally convened, an hour after the published start time, I'm sure that a number of folks had long since given up and found a less frustrating way to spend their Sunday afternoon.

Enough hearty souls did finally meet to conduct some needed business, including the confirmation of a Budget Coordinator and the MAC (Massachusetts Alateen Conference Adult) Chair. We spent a good deal of time discussing the pending policy issues that are connected with the Assembly's decision to eventually offer a way for Permanent Electronic Groups (PEGs)/AFGWME-Al-Anon Family Groups Which Meet Electronically to become part of the Area 25 service structure. I wish that every district had a District Representative to help facilitate this process but our Area Secretary, David C, who is also the Chair of the Electronic Meetings Thought Force, has shouldered the burden of trying to communicate out the policy issues that need to be discussed (and, eventually, voted on by the GRs) before this can happen.

Break-out room discussions at both the Assembly and the AWSC highlighted the importance of service, not only to help sustain Al-Anon as an organization, but as a method by which individual members strengthen their own recovery. Around half our districts don't have a DR and many meetings don't have a GR. As we begin to emerge from the pandemic in one way or another, making decisions about whether to begin meeting face-to-face or on a hybrid basis and communicating that out to members is more difficult if there are no trusted servants filling those roles. One of the nice things about Al-Anon is that there is an incredible willingness to help each other and not be critical or judgmental, not just in our personal recovery, but when we step into service positions. Please consider serving, at the group level or above.

Yours in service, Paul G.

From your Website Coordinator -

New Home Page Tiles: Hope everyone has had a chance to look at the new website Area News "tiles" on the home page. Click on each tile for more information. (Helpful hint- Click the Al-Anon triangle at the top of any website page to get back to the home page.) This month we will be updating the tiles just after July 4th.

- **Shared Virtual Account tile:** Click here to read about and submit a request for a 2.5-hour weekly time slot for MA online group and district meetings. We now have over 50 meetings participating in this program. Helpful hint: If your group is on this shared account, your meeting opens 15 minutes before the meeting start time.
- **Website Virtual Tea tile:** Click to see a presentation that gives an introduction to different parts of our website that you may find helpful.
- **Aug 6 Day of Fellowship tile** – This event, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee, can be joined in-person or online. Registration will be available on the website soon.

- **Get Involved tile:** with short and long-term service opportunities – including how to volunteer to help with the upcoming Ways and Means Committee events.
- Check out our **Newcomer tile**

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 Ways & Means Coordinator - I am delighted to announce the Day of Fellowship will be on August 6, 2022 at the First Church in Swampscott, 40 Monument Avenue. This will be a virtual event as well as in person but not hybrid. We will need many volunteers to run this event both in the virtual space and in person. To volunteer please fill out the volunteer form. [Ways and Means Volunteer Form](#)
Please contact : waysmeans@alanonma.org

From your Public Information Coordinator - I'm happy to report that we've held two Outreach meetings and are forming a committee! At our June meeting an enthusiastic member doing outreach for district 22 shared some of his experience and demonstrated how to download and personalize Al-Anon posters. **Action you can take** — If you would like a PDF of a professional Al-Anon poster customized with Massachusetts contact information send an email to me at outreach@alanonma.org. Our next meeting will be in July.

Let it begin with me, Lisa R

From your AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person) - Recertification for 2022-2023 has been completed and current AMIAS and those not recertifying will be notified soon. Many thanks to those in service that helped with this process.
AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person) Marion D.

July 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/>

Mon 4 Bellingham – "First Things First – Bellingham Lunch Bunch AFG" 12:00pm will not be meeting today only

Mon 4 Concord – "AFG Open Discussion Step Mtg" 7:00pm will not be meeting tonight only

Mon 4 Fitchburg – "Listen and Learn AFG" 7:00pm will not be meeting tonight only

Mon 4 Franklin – "Monday Nite Just For Today AFG" 7:30pm will not be meeting tonight only

Mon 4 Tewksbury – "Monday 12 & 12 AFG" 10:00am will not be meeting today only

Mon 4 Westboro – Westboro office closed

Wed 13 Abington – "Hope For Today AFG", St. Bridget's St. Francis Hall, 455 Plymouth St. (behind St. Bridget's Church) 10am, speakers, raffles & lunch 6th Anniversary

Upcoming events

Aug 6 – Swampscott – "Day of Fellowship" – First Church of Swampscott, 40 Monument Ave., will be virtual and in-person (not hybrid). Registration starts at 8:30am and event ends at 3:30pm. Light breakfast, snacks, pizza & salad for lunch. Registration forms available soon on MA website at <https://alanonma.org>

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

Thought for the month

"Detachment allows us to let go of our obsession with another's behavior and begin to lead happier and more manageable lives, lives with dignity and rights, lives guided by a Power greater than ourselves. We can still love the person without liking the behavior" *Detachment (S-19)*

New Meetings & Meetings that have changed location/time/status as of 6/30/22 (COVID 19 safety precautions in place)

Sun	Change	Boston	OD	10:00am	The Franklin – will not be meeting for the summer – next mtg 9/11
Mon	Change	Concord	OD	7:00pm	West Concord Union Cong. Church (used to meet at 7:30pm)
Tue	New	Amesbury	CD	6:00pm	Friends Meeting House, 120 Friend St.
Tue	Disband	Danvers	OD	7:30pm	First Church of Danvers
Fri	Change	Hyannis	OD	9:30am	Fr Duffy Pastoral Center, 357 South St. (used to meet at 10:00am)

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	Sept 19	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 933 4214 7075 Passcode: 123456 Dial In: 929-205-6099
2	Sept 18	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
7	Sept 25	5:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 885 7717 4634 Passcode: 033263 Dial In: 929-205-6099
13	Sept 10	9:00am	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 862 663 266 Passcode: 1951 Dial In: 929-205-6099
17	Sept 12	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 987 7092 1691 Passcode: 123456
18	Sept 21	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 890 5380 0017 Passcode: 676910 Dial In: 1-646-558-8656
19	Sept 1	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 843 0289 8253 Passcode: bE7wfe Dial In: 1-929-205-6099

Answer to last month's Al-Anon trivia question: (Lois W. guest speaker at 1st anniversary of the 1st group in MA in LYNN, MA on April 13, 1950)

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.

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