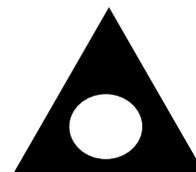


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NOTE: **Our MA meeting list and events are listed on our website alanonMA.org.**

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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From your Area Delegate – What a beautiful, although dry, summer we are having. This weather helps me to stay in the moment, just where my feet are and not wander back to the past or veer fearfully into the wreckage of my future. I can be right here, right now and that capacity is one of the most important lessons I have learned in my journey on the path of recovery. May you be present to savor this moment.

I am currently chairing the Task Force that is revising the Convention guidelines (last revised in 2012). I have asked former Convention Committee members for feedback and the committee is marching along. I continue to be impressed with the level of commitment and service that our fellowship reflects. Service is the third arm of our Legacies of recovery. Is there some way in which YOU can serve? Can you set up chairs, take a group job, serve at the state level (you have more talent than you might think you have)? Ultimately, service is for you and your recovery. My journey in service has SO challenged, pushed and enhanced my recovery. And, we need your help, always.

May you continue to enjoy our beautiful summer.

Sending love in service,

Jane P., Delegate, Panel 62

From your Area Chair - Much of the attention this month has centered around issues related to Permanent Electronic Groups (PEGs). WSO calls them by some other, more elaborate name, so I hope you forgive me for continuing to refer to them as PEGs.

As the sense of fear around the pandemic continues to recede and more and more people chose to resume “normal” activities, the wish in some groups to return to face-to-face meetings has emerged. In some cases, members have chosen to resume meetings in person or utilizing a hybrid format. When whole meetings make this decision (through their unique group conscience process), nothing about their connection to District and Area service arms changes (unless they are meeting in a new physical address, in which case please notify the office using the Group Records Change form). A need for a change may arise when there is no group unanimity and some members want to meet in person and some want to continue virtually. In a few cases, this has already caused groups to divide into two separate meetings, sometimes at the same time, sometimes at different times.

Although the May Assembly voted to find a way to accept PEGs into the Area service arms, we currently have no process for doing and will not have one until the 3 policy issues I’ve identified before are settled, hopefully in October (**please help your GR come prepared to vote!**). Then it will probably take until the end of the year and possibly until the next Assembly to set up the method to have PEGs that choose to become integrated. **If a group splits**, technically the electronic group should register as such with WSO and get a new number. That group would be automatically absorbed into WSO’s new electronic Area (which currently has hundreds of groups) and its “voice and vote” representation would be through that body. They would be listed on the WSO website, potentially attract members from all over the world and might disappear from the Massachusetts Area website.

If attracting new local members is important, I would like to recommend that groups currently meeting virtually remain as is, or establish a hybrid alternative. This would allow for continued visibility on the Area website, continued representation through the District and a voice and vote in Massachusetts. We are working to accommodate groups that register as a PEG with WSO but inform us (via a form that will be appearing as a tile on our website) that the group desires to still be seen on the Area 25 website. We are establishing a special temporary procedure to allow this to happen. In this case, although members of the PEG could attend Area Assemblies (and maybe District meetings, at that District’s discretion) they would have a voice as individual AI-Anon members but no vote as an organized group in Massachusetts. That will only change once we get our procedures set up and can formally incorporate PEGs.

I hope this is clear. Again, **I believe if it is possible to hold off on making major changes, that may be the best course, but it is up to group autonomy.** Please feel free to email me with questions at chair@alanonma.org.

From your Area Treasurer - What a beautiful summer so far (we just need some rain)! I hope you all are able to get outside and enjoy it. It’s the time of the year when we start to work on the MA AI-Anon budget for the upcoming year. The budget represents our best, informed estimate of what our income and expenses will be and is authorized by the GRs at the Fall Assembly. So I thought I would highlight how we’re actually doing in two income categories compared to the budget. Keep in mind that many of our expenses tend to be somewhat static (salaries, rent, taxes) while our income, to pay for those expenses, is provided by you, the membership. The first category is Literature Sales: we are off budget by approximately \$8,500. We thought we would be selling more literature. The second category is Personal Donations: we are off budget by approximately \$12,000. We were hoping that personal donations would pick up the slack for literature sales that have been declining for many years. It’s clear that, so far this year, we are falling short of where we wanted to be. It’s true that we were able to accept about \$12,000 from a bequest into our operating funds this year — however, this basically covered last year’s shortfall. And, of course, Tradition Seven tells us we need to be self-supporting. This is an important spiritual principle. So I am asking everyone to reflect on the benefits you have received from AI-Anon, to listen to your heart, and if you are able, to make a personal donation to the Area, of whatever amount. You all are amazing! Thank you so much.

With gratitude, Wendy M., Area Treasurer

From your Ways & Means Coordinator - The Day of Fellowship will be on August 6, 2022, at the First Church in Swampscott at 40 Monument Avenue. This will be a virtual event as well as in-person but not a hybrid. Registration can be found on <https://alanonma.org/day-of-fellowship/>
Please contact: waysmeans@alanonma.org

Yours in Service, Liz F.

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. Please call the area office at (508) 366-0556 or reach out to Johanna, MA Alateen Coordinator at alateen@alanonma.org for the next scheduled AMIAS workshop.

AAPP (Area Alateen Process Person) Marion D.

August 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/>

Sat 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 available on MA website at <https://alanonma.org> – look at top of page for “Aug. 6 Day of Fellowship”.

Fri-Mon 12-14 Saco, ME– 30th Maine Area Convention, Ferry Beach Park, Saco, Maine. Details can be found at <https://afgmaineconvention.org> or by going to our MA website at <https://alanonma.org> under events tab

Thought for the month

“It’s a waste of time waiting for other people to make me feel good. My happiness depends on how I think. Today I’ll take time to think about the things that make me happy and realize that my happiness is in my own hands.” *Alateen-a Day at a Time (B-10) p. 142*

New Meetings & Meetings that have changed location/time/status as of 7/31/22 (COVID 19 safety precautions in place)

Sun	Change	Attleboro	OWS	7:30pm	Murray Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 N. Main St (used to meet at 7:00pm)
Sun	Change	Boston	OD	10:00am	The Franklin – will not be meeting for the summer – next mtg 9/11
Wed	Disband	North Quincy	OD	7:00pm	Sacred Heart
Thu	Change	Hingham	OS	6:30pm	Lutheran Church, House of Prayer 916 Main St. (Rt 228) (used to meet at 7:00pm)
Sat	New	Mattapoisett	OD	10:00am	Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church St. (use Barstow St. entrance) if nice meets outside (bring chair)

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
4	Sept 25	8:30am	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 893 2955 9826 Passcode: 123456
7	Sept 25	5:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 885 7717 4634 Passcode: 033263 Dial In: 929-205-6099
9	Sept 14	7:30pm	Meeting on Zoom : Meeting information to follow in Sept bulletin
11	Sept 19	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 862 3866 8691 Passcode: 282760 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
21	Sept 13	6:45pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 898 1522 1786 Passcode: 123456

AIS/LDC News from your Area office in Westboro

The Area Office received on July 19 a \$55.00 postal money order made out to MA AFG. There is no identification on neither the money order nor the envelope. Please contact the Area Office at 508 366 0556 if you have any knowledge of this donation. Thank you!

We appreciate your continuing patience and support of your own local Literature Distribution Center. We sincerely apologize for the delays in our ability to complete your literature requests. This delay is the result of the production delays that the WSO is currently experiencing.

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