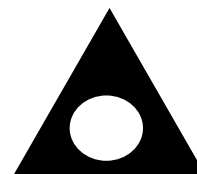


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Directions to Westborough office: From Mass Turnpike and Rt 495 Mass Pike exit 11 A to 495 North. Then take Exit 23 B which is Rt. 9 West go 1.3 miles to Rt. 30 West and circle under Rt 9. Go 1.3 miles to 57 East Main St (Downtown Crossing) on your left. It is across from CVS. Enter the lobby under the clock tower – office is at left of elevator. Alternate route from Rt 9: If heading east, turn right on to Lyman St. or, if heading west, turn left on to Lyman St. At end of Lyman St, turn right on to Rt 30 which is East Main St [How to visit office during Covid-19.](#)

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 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

## **Area 25 - Panel 62 Coordinators**

Alateen Coordinator: [alateen@alanonma.org](mailto:alateen@alanonma.org)

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## **Area 25 - Panel 62 Officers & Other AWSC**

Area Delegate: [delegate@alanonma.org](mailto:delegate@alanonma.org)

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MAC 2022: [mac@alanonma.org](mailto:mac@alanonma.org)

## **From your Area Delegate** – Dear fellowship:

I have been reflecting upon how lucky and grateful I feel to be a part of this wonderful program of ours. I came in lonely, isolated, trying to look good and truly suffering. I was embraced and shown love, I was immediately brought into the circle of support and recovery which has allowed me to grow and heal. Thank you.

Have you seen “FROM YOUR AREA DELEGATE” on our area website? I am posting information that I think is interesting or important (or both!) from WSO for you to know. I am the link of service with WSO and my job is to keep you informed. Take a look if you can!

Please know that I am here to answer your questions, provide you with support or any other issues you want to discuss about WSO. Feel free to email me at my Delegate address.

May October be a wonderful month for you.

Love in service, Jane P.

**From your Area Treasurer** - Tradition Seven states that we “ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions”. For AFG of MA, this means that our office, our Literature Distribution center, and all activities that we sponsor must rely on donations from our groups and our membership and on literature sales through our LDC. It’s up to us to keep our Area running! We each have a part to play — as Concept Four states, “participation is the key to harmony”. The Area's budget deficit would shrink substantially if every one of our members gave a personal donation of from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year. What are you able to give to keep our Area strong? And as always, a huge thank you to all of you who have already made a personal donation!

Gratefully, Wendy M.

**From your Website Coordinator** - Coming soon: Fall Assembly registration info and documents to be found on the home page or via an announcement bar button.

### **Opportunity for growth in your Al-Anon/Alateen Experience.**

The Website Team, internally known as the Website Wizards, could use some help. We exist to serve MA Area in the communication of information and “getting members and newcomers to meetings”. Since we follow the tradition of attraction rather than promotion, we strive to maintain a freshness, attractiveness and current communication to all. Familiar with using a spreadsheet and the internet, that’s all you need. Come try us out- the website team meets twice a month (usually on Thursdays at 4:45) and you can find a link to these meetings on the website calendar. We have fun and would love for you to join us. Still not sure? Check out our Website Workshop at the Fall Assembly or reach out to us at [website@alanonma.org](mailto:website@alanonma.org)

In Service: Terry S. Website Coordinator and the Website Team

### **Special Notices**

**District 13** - District 13 is still looking for a District Representative. If interested please attend the Oct 8<sup>th</sup> District meeting on zoom at 9:00am. (see specific information below under district meetings).

### **October 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 3 Worcester** - “Acceptance AFG”, St Matthew’s Church, 695 Southbridge St., 10:00am, 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Tue 4 – Town Hall Meeting** – 7pm-8pm hosted by Bequest Task Force, receive detailed information about the Bequest Task Force Proposal. Time for questions & answers. District Reps and Gr’s can discuss with groups before final vote at Fall Assembly. Held Virtually.Zoom Meeting ID: 839 6834 9772 Passcode: 123456

**Thu 6 Bridgewater** - “Surviving Serenity AFG”, Central Square Congregational Church, 71 Central Square, 7:00pm, 43rd Anniversary

**Mon 10 Tewksbury** - “Monday 12 & 12 AFG”, St. Williams Church, 1351 Main St., 10:00am, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Mon 10 Westboro** – Westboro office closed

**Thu 13 Peabody** - “Just For Today AFG”, St. Clare of Assisi, 32 Ellsworth Rd, will be hosting a special meeting with a panel of speakers, potluck & raffle, 7:00pm

**Sat 15 Hopkinton - Area 25 Fall Assembly** – Area 25 hosting, (**hybrid – in person and virtual**), St John the Evangelist Parish, 20 Church St., Hopkinton. MA. 8-4pm – Have attached By-Laws of AFG of MA and AFG of MA Elections-Motions-Voting Procedures for Area 25 Assemblies. Minutes from the Spring Assembly, Agenda for Fall Assembly and other documents to come. Also please watch the MA website for more information.

**Sun 23 Holyoke** - “Serenity Seekers AFG”, Marion Center, 1365 Northampton St (DeCiCi Hall), 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Sun 23 Westwood**- “Just the Right Step AFG”, Westwood Senior Center, 60 Nahatan St ,10:00am, 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Mon 24 Weymouth**- “Miracles Happen AFG”, Church of the Holy Nativity, 8 Nevin Rd, 6:30pm 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (only in person/no electronic mtg tonight only) masks strongly suggested per Church’s policy

**Wed 26 Acton** - “Free To Be Me AFG”, Acton Congregational Church, 12 Concord Rd, entrance lower level, rear of building, 10:00am, 60th Anniversary (only in person/no electronic mtg tonight only) masks strongly suggested per Church’s policy

**Sat 29 Natick**- “Natick Saturday AM Women’s AFG” will be having a group inventory today only (hybrid)

**Upcoming events**

**Nov 1** - Registration opens for **2023 Al-Anon International Convention in Albuquerque** (June 29, 2023-July 2, 2023) more information will be available at [al-anon.org/international](http://al-anon.org/international)

**Nov 11 Westboro** – Westboro office closed

**Nov 11-13 Sturbridge** – MA AA Convention – please reach out to the Area Liaison to AA Coordinator at [liaison2AA@alanonma.org](mailto:liaison2AA@alanonma.org) or call the Area Office at 508-

**Nov 24 Westboro** – Westboro office closed

**Thought for the month**

“In Al-Anon, I heard that being of service was important. I had no idea why, but I did it anyway. By participating, I met people, and started developing a community of Al-Anon friends. I never had many loving friendships before coming to Al-Anon. I cherish my new friends, and find that these relationships have a harmony that I had never experienced before. By simply participating in the Al-Anon program, I am the one who reaps the benefits of harmony and serenity in my life.”

*Reaching for Personal Freedom (p-92) p. 136*

**New Meetings & Meetings that have changed location/time/status as of 9/30/22 (please refer to MA website for COVID 19 safety precautions)**

Sun	Change	Lynn	OD	10:00am Lynn Police Station, 300 Washington St., once in lobby take a right
Sun	Change	Oak Bluffs	OD	9:00am The Red House, 12 Beach Rd
Tue	Change	Holyoke	OD	6:00pm Holyoke Medical Center, 575 Beech St, Annex Building –Center for Behavioral Health (was meeting in Chicopee at St Anne’s Church)
Tue	New	Lowell	OD	7:15pm The Bridge Club Building, 33 East Merrimack St, across street from Lowell Memorial Auditorium, slightly set back from street
Wed	Change	Cambridge	CD	7:00pm Christ Church Zero Garden St, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor-classroom B
Thu	Change	Rowley	CS	7:00pm First Congregational Church (used to meet at 7:30pm)
Thu	Disband	Scituate	OS	10:00am St. Mary’s Hall
Fri	Change	Springfield	OD	6:00pm Mary, Mother of Hope Church, 840 Page Boulevard
Sat	Disband	Stoneham	OD	7:30pm Stoneham Police Station

**Next District meeting for all Group Reps, Alt Group Reps and interested members**

You can find these on the calendar with a button to join on zoom at <https://alanonma.org/calendar-of-events/>

District	Date	Time	Virtual Login information
2	Oct 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	Nov 13	8:30am	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 893 2955 9826 Passcode: 123456
6	Nov 13	6:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 817 2506 9819 Passcode: 123456 Dial In: 929-205-6099
11	Nov 14	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 818 7831 3646 Passcode: 068272 Dial In: 929-205-6099
13	Oct 8	9:00am	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 840 9419 9147 Passcode: 123456 Dial In: 646-876-9923
17	Oct 3	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 987 7092 1691 Passcode: 123456
18	Oct 19	7:00pm	Contact Luisa for Zoom info
19	Oct 3	7:00pm	Meeting on Zoom Meeting ID: 843 0289 8253 Passcode: bE7wfe Dial In: 1-929-205-6099

## 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!
- New CAL prices effective Sept 1, 2022  
AFG Headquarters announced on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the decision by the Finance Committee, with the Executive Committee approval to increase prices for CAL effective immediately. New Prices for CAL are now in effect. Please use the MA Area order form dated Sept, 2022 which has the new prices (which is attached) or download it from <https://alanonma.org/literature/paper/order>. If orders are received on old forms we will make necessary changes.
- The Area Office appreciates your continued patience on the books that are still on backorder at WSO and are not available at this time (those that have been ordered here will be sent as soon as available from WSO);
  - B-6 *One Day at a Time*
  - B-11 *As We Understood*
  - B-24 *Paths To Recovery*
- B-24/27 - *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual '22-'25* - Will not be available in print until late 2022/early 2023. It is available in electronic format on our website at <https://alanonma.org/service-manual-guidelines>

### **Important notice to all group and district meetings on the Shared Zoom Account!!!:**

As a friendly reminder, the renewal date for the Shared Virtual Account (currently Zoom) is **December 1st, 2022** regardless of when you first took part in the virtual account program. To be part of the Shared Virtual Account for another year will remain at \$36. **If you are not sure if your group is part of this shared account**, please do the following: go onto a computer, log into your meeting, and click the shield in the upper left corner. If the Host is AFGofMA, you are part of this account and need to renew.

**This is how you can renew** if you are currently part of the Shared Virtual account: go to <https://alanonma.org/group-contribution/>, type "RENEW SHARE" with your group number and name, and pay \$36. Please make sure to complete this before December 1st to ensure the office receives the payment. You can also send a check to the Westboro office but please write 'RENEW SHARE' in the check memo and your group number and name. If you are sending a check, please make sure to send it at least a week before December 1st to ensure it arrives on time.

If your group was part of the pilot and has not filled out the Shared Virtual Account Request Form, please do so by filling out this form: <https://alanonma.org/area-25-shared-zoom-time-slot-request-process/>. If your group has changed your GR/CMA/point of contact for your Shared Virtual Account or if your group chooses to no longer be to be part of the Shared Virtual Account as of December 1st, please email Marion at [afgofma@aol.com](mailto:afgofma@aol.com) and Jaclyn F. at [onlinemtg@alanonma.org](mailto:onlinemtg@alanonma.org).

Many thanks to everyone participating!