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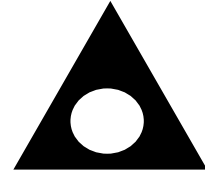
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Directions to Westborough office: From Mass Turnpike and Rt 495 Mass Pike exit 11 A to 495 North. Then take Exit 23 B which is Rt. 9 West ...go 1.3 miles to Rt. 30 West and circle under Rt 9. Go 1.3 miles to 57 East Main St (Downtown Crossing) on your 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

NOTE: The events section & meeting list booklet changes are posted each month on www.ma-al-anon-alateen.org under News & Events – Group events. No personal information is listed. 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 & any interested members.

Bring your *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, Area 25 documents i.e.: By Laws etc & minutes from the last meeting, etc

Meeting dates: 2017 Dates 9/10, 11/5, 12/3 from 1-4pm – held in lower church hall

St John's Parish Center 20 Church St Hopkinton Take Mass Pike exit 11 A to 495 South; go 3.5 miles to Exit 21 A to West Main St Hopkinton. Through set of lights heading east on West Main St. Straight at next light. West Main St becomes Main St (Rte 135). Through lights at center of town. 1st right is Church St. (1.5 miles from when you got off of 495) Park & enter via door on left side

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From your Area Delegate Help us celebrate 60 years of Alateen and spread the message of help and hope for teenagers on social media. Like, share or retweet the Alateen WSO posts on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. (The Alateen Facebook page already has 3000 likes!) You can protect your anonymity doing this by not making comments or using screen names that would reveal your Al-Anon or Alateen membership.

Richard Mc

Massachusetts Delegate

From your Area Chair Recently I found myself pondering how my recovery has helped me. Do I use the STEPS, TRADITIONS & CONCEPTS when making any decisions. Of course I have to go Back to the BASICS. When I use this process it helps me. Some of our pamphlets, P-60 (*Al-Anon's Twelve Traditions Illustrated*), P-17 (*Twelve Steps and Traditions*) and P-57 (*The Concepts-Al-Anon's Best Kept Secret*) are also great guides. GRATEFUL.

HUGS, Ann

From your Liaison to AA Coordinator Our area Al-Anon participation at the next Mass. State AA Convention is a wonderful opportunity to carry and share the loving message of program. This convention will be held from Friday evening 11/10/17 through midday Sunday 11/12/17 at the Sheraton in Framingham. There will be an Al-Anon Keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon 11/11/17. And there will be an information session on Alateen Saturday morning, and an AMIAS workshop Saturday afternoon. Al-Anon will also have two meetings available for the time-slots throughout the weekend. If you are interested in chairing a meeting or your group wants to help in some way - kindly email me at Area25liaisontoaa@yahoo.com. Please include your cell # and if you take texts.

Kindly, Maura

SPECIAL NOTICES

- △ Sun- Boston “Let It Begin With Us AFG” 3:30pm – will not be meeting **July & August**.. Starting up September 10
- △ Tue - Cambridge “The Early Show Adult Children AFG” 6:00pm – for **July & August** will be meeting at Christ Church, Zero Garden St in the sanctuary/chapel...will resume at old location Sept 4th (First Church in Cambridge)
- △ Thu - Newton (West) “Grief To Gratitude AFG” 10:15am – will not be meeting **July & August**
- △ Fri - Leominster “Friday Night AFG” 7:30pm – will not be meeting **August & September**

You are invited:

Members at these locations would like you to share your experience, strength and hope with them. You can help any group by your presence. Bring a friend. Bring them a commitment from your group. Include them in your Public Outreach efforts. Remember, some members are comfortable in small groups; some are more comfortable in large groups but all groups benefit with newcomers, seasoned members and longtime members.

<u>Boston</u>	OD Mon 6:30pm Old South Church, 645 Boylston St., Club Room
<u>Dorchester</u>	OD Mon 7:30pm Caritas Carney Hospital, 2100 Dorchester Ave, Lower Mills, 1 st floor, Cushing Lecture Hall
<u>Milton</u> ac	OD Sat 10:30am Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, 199 Reedsdale Rd, Conference Room A
<u>Norwell</u>	OD Fri 6:00pm Arbour Counseling Services, 384 Washington St. (Rt 53) turn in at Kinder Care

Thought for the month

“God helps those who don’t try to take over His work.”
From *ODAT* (B-6, page 196)

District meetings for all Group Reps, Alt Group Reps and interested members

Note: dates will be included each month if we receive written notice at the Area Office by the 15th of the prior month –

DISTRICT	Date	Time	Place
1	9/5/17	7:00pm	S. Dennis - Church of the Nazarene, 209 Upper County Rd
2	8/8/17	6:45pm	W. Barnstable – Whelden Library, Rte 149 – back entrance
4	9/17/17	9:00am	Plymouth – Stop & Shop, 127 Samoset St
10	9/14/17	7:00pm	Somerville – Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church, 155 Powderhouse Blvd
11	9/11/17	7:00pm	Waltham – Espousal Center, 554 Lexington St.
14	9/17/17	4:00pm	Reading – Reading Police Dept., 15 Union St., Community Center Room
16	9/16/17	10:00am	Concord – Emerson Hospital, John Cummings Bldg, Donaldson Conference Room
17	9/6/17	7:00pm	Wellesley – St. Andrew’s, 79 Denton Rd, Room 6
20	9/19/17	7:00pm	Unitarian Universalist Church, 90 Holden St
21	9/12/17	6:45pm	Springfield – Shriner’s Hospital, 516 Carew St., Volunteer Conference Room on 2 nd floor

Changes to Mass. Al-Anon 2016 A Meeting List book as of July 17, 2017

Please make this information available to those receiving these books so they will have the most current listing.
To confirm meeting information call 508-366-0556 Mon – Fri 9-4 or visit www.ma-al-anon-alateen.org

Tue	Change	Boston	OD	12:00pm Harvard Vanguard, 147 Milk St. now meets on Tuesday's also (along with M,W,TH,F)
Wed	New	Brookline	OMS	8:00pm United Parish in Brookline, 210 Harvard St., 3 rd floor
Wed	Change	Cambridge	OS	7:30pm now meets at Harvard-Epworth Methodist Church, 1555 Mass. Ave, enter on right side of church-in basement
Wed	New	Plymouth	OD	9:30am The Plymouth Recovery Center, 71 Obery St. (starts 8/2)
Fri	Change	Norwell	OD	6:00pm Arbour Counseling Services, 384 Washington St, Rt 53- turn in at KinderCare

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Mon 7 Stoughton – "New Hope AFG" First Parish Universalist Church, 790 Washington St – group inventory

Mon 14 Athol – "Road to Serenity AFG" Athol Memorial Hospital, 2033 Main St. Main entrance starts early at 6:30pm 14th Anniversary

Sat 26 - District 20 & "Happy Trails AFG" hosting a "Summer Serenity workshop" – Greendale People's Church, 25 Francis St. from 8:45am to 12:00pm including speakers, workshops & spiritual walk.

Mon 28 - Hyannis – "Monday Night AFG" Hyannis Federated Church, 320 Main St, Baldwin Hall 7:30pm 42nd Anniversary

Tue 29 - Newton – "One Day At A Time ALATEEN" tonight only at United Methodist Church, 430 Walnut St.in basement- use ramp on left of main entrance 6:00pm 1ST ANNIVERSARY

Thu 31 – Worcester – "Acceptance AFG" St. Matthew's Church, 695 Southbridge St, lower Parish Hall 10am 40th Anniversary

Upcoming events

Sep 15-16 Public Outreach to Professionals (Cape Symposium on Addictive Disorders) Hyannis Res & Conf Cntr. – 18-20
Volunteers needed to be at the Al-Anon booth, 2 hours slots are available

Sep 15-17 34th N.H. Al-Anon Convention with AA Participation Attitash Grand Summit Hotel, 104 Grand Summit Drive, Bartlett, N.H. 03812. Reg & more info -www.nhal-anon.org

Sep 23 District 1, 2 & 3 hosting "A Day of Recovery" – Church of the Nazarene, 209 Upper County Rd, S. Dennis from 8:30am – 3:00pm. Speaker Meetings, spiritual walk, workshops, refreshments and more.

Sep 30 District 17 hosting "How Al-Anon Heals" Workshop– from 9:00am-3:00pm- fliers to follow

October 21, 2017 Area 25 Fall Assembly – District 22 hosting – Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School (PFSJCS), 161 Lower Westfield Rd., Holyoke, MA

Apr 20-22, 2018 42nd Massachusetts Al-Anon/Alateen Convention- SAVE THE DATE at Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge Ma

Jul 5-8, 2018 –Al-Anon's 6th International Convention – in Baltimore, MD www.al-anoninternationalconvention.org

News from your Al-Anon Information Service and Literature Distribution Center AIS/LDC

- If you determine that the way your group is listed does not reflect the wishes and understanding of your members, please let us know so we can correct it on the website and for future editions of the meeting list book.
- AFG Announcement from WSO: Any Al-Anon member can now receive Group e-News and other announcements from the WSO via AFG Announcements. Individuals can subscribe to AFG Announcements by clicking on the banner "Be Informed" on the Al-Anon Member's website home page (www.al-anon.org/members). All that is required is the individual's email address.

Al-Anon and Alateen have a rich history in Massachusetts. Enjoy what many members have shared in *Love in Service – Al-Anon in Massachusetts 1949-2015*. Alateen is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year – read Chapter 3 to learn about teens in Massachusetts. Send \$18.00 plus \$5.00 P&H to AFG Inc., 57 East Main St Ste 109, Westboro, MA 01581. If you pick up at our AIS/LDC you don't pay the P&H.



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.

△ 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 15th 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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