



Area 30

Alcoholics Anonymous
General Service Committee
of Eastern Massachusetts



THE MESSENGER

"A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service."

Theme of the 72nd General Service Conference

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Area 30!

At the assembly being held on May 15th, we'll have the chance to hear from our delegate, Jan W., about everything that happened at this year's General Service Conference. Please be sure to share your thoughts and reactions in the next edition of The Messenger which will be available on September 11, 2022 at the Workshop Assembly!

Have you always wanted to see your story in the back of the Big Book? Here is your chance! Page 2 features a call for submissions from our General Service Office for the 5th edition of the Big Book.

In this edition of The Messenger, you'll also find lots of announcements for fun and exciting ways to enjoy the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous at various events and activities in the coming months.

Be sure to challenge yourself by checking out the Word Puzzle I created.

Are you looking for new ways to be of service? Be sure to check out our listing of committees and share with your sponsees as well!

As always, if you have content to share, please send it to Messenger@aaemass.org.

In love & service,
Carlene J.
Area 30 Messenger Chair/Editor

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NEWS FROM OUR GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE

RECOVERY STORY SOLICITATION FOR THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE BIG BOOK ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The Preface to the Second Edition of the Big Book explains that revisions to the personal history section of the book were made in order “to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more Alcoholics.”

In that spirit, the 2021 General Service Conference recommended that “a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect the current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action: *“The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is.”*

In response to the 2021 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the development of a Fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, the trustees’ Literature Committee is seeking a wide range of A.A. recovery experience of members in the Fellowship.

The trustees’ Literature Committee is searching for recovery stories of our members for possible inclusion in the Fifth Edition which are from a broad cross-section of our local communities, all stories are of value. As Bill writes on page 29 of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: “Our hope is that many alcoholic men and women, desperately in need, will see these pages, and we believe that it is only by fully disclosing ourselves and our problems that they will be persuaded to say, ‘Yes, I am one of them too; I must have this thing.’”

It is the Literature Committee’s shared hope that any new stories from our current membership will help future alcoholics to identify and find recovery in the pages of a Fifth edition. The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3,500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Hand-written manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files.

The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. If you have any questions, please write to 5BBStory@aa.org.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

DEADLINE: Please submit on or before **October 31, 2022.**

ONLINE: aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th

EMAIL: 5BBStory@aa.org

SUBJECT LINE: Fifth Edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous

POSTAL MAIL: Attn. Literature Assignment, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

ON THE ENVELOPE: The word “5th Edition BB” should be written on the envelope and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

**Thank you to all who are
participating in this process!**

MSYCPAA: MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

MYSCYPAA 2022



Visit www.MSYCPAA.com to register!

Join the conference planning committee! The committee meets the first Saturday of the month hybrid.
PLEASE VERIFY EXACT DATE/TIME ON WWW.MSCYPAA.COM/UPCOMING-EVENTS

In-Person location: Club 24 South
320 West Center Street West Bridgewater, MA
02379

Virtual Location:
Zoom Platform (Zoom.US)
Meeting ID: 869 1334 3981
Meeting Passcode: 620884

IT'S PROM SEASON!

Dance the night away at the Prom hosted by MSCYPAA, DISTRICT 9, FYP
May 27, 2022 at 33 Robbins Road Walpole, MA

Meeting: 7-8pm

- Photo booth
- Dinner

Dance: 8-11pm

- DJ Anonymous
- Formal Prom Pictures

Suggested \$5 or Food Donation

GET OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!



A Special All Day Event
DISTRICT 23 & 25 ROUNDUP
“Back to Basics”

Saturday May 21, 2022
Bellingham Memorial Middle School
130 Blackstone Street Bellingham, Ma 02019

Donation \$ 15
Doors Open at 12:00 pm
18 Different Workshops
Buffet Dinner 4-5 PM
Dinner Tickets Must Be Purchased In Advance
Two Key Note speakers
Desserts Donations Are Welcome.

Please buy your tickets in advance
from your GSR or committee member

Peggy F. District 23 ---- 508-272-2866
Ray M District 25 ---- 781-600-3510

DISTRICT 21 TOUR CARD CHALLENGE

Begins May 1st

Explore and support Groups in your district and get out of your comfort zone!

The Challenge: 20 Meetings in 90 Days for a chance to win a pair of tickets for the Wilson House Bus Trip. To download your Tour Card, and for more information, visit

<https://www.aamassd21.org/wp-content/uploads/District-21-Tour-Card.pdf>

MA State Convention

The **58th MA State Convention** will be held on November 11th through the 13th at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA. The convention is put on by Area 30 Eastern MA and Area 31 Western MA.

Please join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and recovery! As well as:

- G.S.O. Theme Presentations
- Saturday Night Speaker
- Jeopardy
- Home Group Celebration
- Spanish and Alanon Participation

If you would like to get involved, please attend our next planning committee meeting on May 31st at the hotel and virtually. All are welcome!

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please contact:

Paul H. - 2022 MA State Convention Chair & Immediate Past Delegate for Area 31, Western MA

mastateconv@area31aa.org

Hope to see you at the planning committee meeting and at the convention!

FIND THE WORD IN THE PUZZLE

Words can go in any direction. Words can share letters as they cross over each other.

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U E A X S M P D Y B S J N W A
E M C T A R T G R S T P V W N
D C E I O H V D E P R R P D O
G P N G V I S N V R A A K D N
S N R E T R G R O A D Y X E Y
F A I B R N E M C C I E X T M
M C T N I E H S E T T R H A O
Y E K L N G F H R I I Z T G U
W L L R J U B N R C O B I E S
Y I U Y H B C O O E N K A L A
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A L C O H O L I C K C M J D X
S T P E C N O C G N I T E E M
N O I T A T I D E M O R H T B
P R I N C I P L E S P N W V X
  
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Anonymous

Conference

Faith

Meeting

Principles

Service

Willingness

Big Book

Cunning

Honesty

Practice

Program

Steps

I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE Enter the Grapevine Annual Photo Contest

Each year, Grapevine holds a competition for photographers to be featured in the Wall Calendar. They would love to see your most striking photographs that reflect the joy of living, serenity, and other sobriety themes. Contributors of selected photos will receive a complimentary copy of the new Wall Calendar in which their photo appears and a Grapevine Pocket Planner.

You may enter as many photos as you wish. Photos may be considered for magazine illustrations.

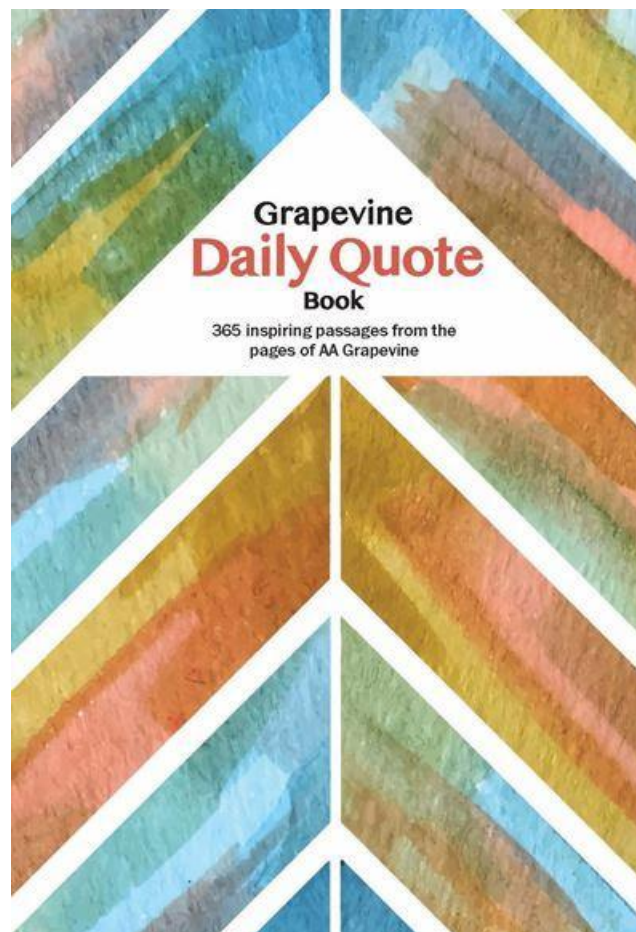
Entries for the 2023 Wall Calendar must be received by December 1, 2022

Updated Literature from The Grapevine!

**THE GRAPEVINE DAILY QUOTE BOOK,
WITH A BEAUTIFUL NEW COVER. NOW
AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND
SPANISH!**

Start each day with an inspiring quote from the pages of Grapevine. The quotes—contributed by AA members, with many written by our co-founders—were selected by the Grapevine staff. This pocket-sized book captures the first 365 days of the Grapevine Daily Quote, which first appeared in June 2012. (Now with new cover)

Price: \$11.50 each. Order [here](#) or contact your local intergroup or central office!



Service Opportunity

Grapevine Representatives are the link between AA Grapevine and the groups. It's a fun way to get involved! All you have to do is announce the latest issue at your meeting, let people know how they can participate by sending in stories, or jokes. It's easy to get started. Simply let your homegroup know that you are interested.

Register online and you will receive a complete information kit from the Grapevine office.

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/get-involved/become-grapevine-rep>

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN AREA 30

Many Committee Meetings are still meeting virtually. Please see the Area Calendar at aaemass.org or contact Committee Chairs to inquire about virtual vs. in person meetings and to confirm date/time of meetings in case of any changes!

We welcome anyone with an interest!

General Service Area Committee – chair@aaemass.org

8pm – 4th Wednesday of the month **Note:** 3rd Wednesday in November & December

Accessibilities Committee – accessibilities@aaemass.org

6:30pm - 3rd Wednesday of the month

Some alcoholics experience barriers to participating in AA due to cultural, geographic, mental, physical, or social factors, or other reasons. This committee is working toward a future where all who want to participate in AA meetings (and other AA services) in Eastern Massachusetts are in fact able to fully participate.

Archives Committee – archives@aaemass.org

7:30pm – 3rd Tuesday of the month

The Archives Committee is charged with collecting, preserving and presenting materials of historical interest to Alcoholics Anonymous. We invite you to join us as we continue our efforts to discover and celebrate the history of AA in Eastern Massachusetts.

CPC Committee – cpc@aaemass.org

7:00pm – 2nd Thursday of the month

Members of C.P.C. committees inform professionals and future professionals about A.A. — what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.s and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.

Joint Correctional Facilities Committee – corrections@aaemass.org

7:00pm – 4th Thursday of the month

Responsibilities include working with the correctional facilities in Area 30 to assist in bringing the AA message behind the walls. We currently offer a service helping inmates who are being released from prison connect with AA members in their communities called the Prerelease Contact Program. AA's who are interested in corresponding with an inmate by mail or being included on a 12-step call list to serve as contact points for those getting out of prison should contact Boston Central Service for particulars.

Grapevine Committee – grapevine@aaemass.org

1:00pm – 4th Sunday of the month

One of the Grapevine Committee's primary goals is to let the people and their groups in Area 30 know all we can about our "meeting in print." Like our meetings, the monthly Grapevine magazine is as diverse as each of us. Its 64 pages, written by friends and members of AA, have become the voice of AA today. Through the Grapevine, members share their Experience, Strength, and Hope, always striving to carry the message of Recovery -Unity -Service to all who read it.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN AREA 30 (cont.)

Literature Committee – literature@aaemass.org

7:00pm – 1st Monday of the month

In addition to our committee's purpose and goals listed on the CONTACTS page of this website, we use the time at our meeting to review current conference-approved and locally developed literature in order to be able to let the membership know what is available and to assure that the message is consistent with the principles of our Steps and Traditions. We answer inquiries requesting information on various topics and provide possible sources of information. Our goal is to inform the membership of the tools available for our own recovery as well as to carry the message to others.

Joint Public Information Committee – pi@aaemass.org

7:00pm – 1st Thursday of the month

Public Information (P.I.) in Alcoholics Anonymous means carrying the message of recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the A.A. program. We carry the message by getting in touch with the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics.

Joint Treatment Facilities Committee – treatment@aaemass.org

7:00pm – 3rd Friday of the month

The purpose of the committee is to coordinate the work of individual AA members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities, and to set up means of "Bridging the Gap" from the facility to the larger community. The JTFC provides information about AA as well as literature and guidelines for setting up AA meetings in treatment and outpatient facilities. Its objective to make sure all treatment facilities wanting AA meetings to participate is serviced.

Website Committee – website@aaemass.org

7:00pm – 4th Thursday of the month

This committee maintains the Area 30 web site per assembly action and develops recommendations on the future maintenance of the site. This committee is also currently functioning as the "tech team" and handling a tremendous amount of other tech related activities during the pandemic such as our virtual assemblies and area meetings.

Joint Committees: In the spirit of cooperation, the Boston Central Service Committee and the Eastern Massachusetts General Service Committee (Area 30) work together on these committees whose purposes are to carry the message of experience, strength, and hope to those who may be interested in Alcoholics Anonymous.



Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.

Declaration of the 35th Anniversary International Convention, 1970, Miami, Florida

Massachusetts State Convention 2022

The convention will be November 11 - 13, 2022 at The Sturbridge Host Hotel. The MA State Convention is a joint venture with the Area 31(Western Mass) General Service Committee and will be chaired by Paul H., Immediate Past Delegate Area 31. There are many fun and interesting service opportunities, so be sure to attend and participate! Check the Area 30 Calendar or join the Facebook page for more info: www.facebook.com/groups/MASTATECONVENTION.

Planning committee meetings will be held at 7pm on each of the following nights: May 31st, July 26th, September 27th, & October 25th.

All meetings will be held in a hybrid format – in person in the large conference room (overlooking the lake) at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main St., Sturbridge, MA and online.

NERAASA 2023

NERAASA 2023 is being hosted by Area 48, Hudson Mohawk Berkshire, NY. It will be held February 23-26, 2023 in Albany, NY. Register and learn more at www.NERAASA.org.

Road Shows

The Area Committee is available to speak at your commitment meeting! While we cannot reciprocate with an outgoing commitment for your group, we would love to visit your speaker meeting and share our experience, strength, and hope. If you think your group would like an Area 30 Road Show, please contact our Area Alternate Chair at altchair@aaemass.org.

Service Seminar

If your group or district is interested in an outreach, or conducting a group conscience or inventory, please contact our Service Seminar chair at serviceseminar@aaemass.org.

Upcoming Assemblies

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the fun!

September 11, 2022	Workshop Assembly
November 6, 2022	Election Assembly

The Area 30 newsletter, *The Messenger*, is published five times a year. It is available at all Area Assemblies and through the service structure at the many, varied committee meetings, schedules for which are found in this edition and posted at aaemass.org. *The Messenger* contains news, stories, and special events going on in Eastern Massachusetts. Suggestions and submissions are welcome and may be emailed to messenger@aaemass.org. Please include your confidential contact information.