



MEET THE DISTRICTS

District 23

Hello Area 30 and Friends,

Where is District 23 and what is going on there that we would like you to know? This is the question I have had since being asked to write this "Meet the Districts" summary. For starters, District 23's location is right in the middle of Worcester and Boston. Geographically we make up the southern line of this half-way point so if you find yourself traveling on the Mass Pike or Route 9 you will cross through us. This is interesting as our groups belong to 3 different counties with about two thirds of our groups identifying with Boston Central Services and the other third with Worcester Intergroups. We get the best of both sides of Area 30 this way which opens opportunities for service work and offers diverse commitments. Our groups are homed from towns as large as Framingham and Marlborough to

community driven towns like Hopedale and Millville. This once again offers a large range of home groups that can help alcoholics identify and start their recovery. We are made up of 15 towns and home to roughly 70 registered AA groups.

Our monthly District meeting is held in person at the Faith Community Church in Hopkinton and we do offer zoom as well. Our meetings usually consist of 15 people in person and 5 online making the use of hybrid an effective tool for us. We have all officer positions filled and most committees now filled by a strong core of alcoholics that have really put forth a ton of dedication to get the District back to full strength post covid. I would love to write that our District is a well oiled machine that has strong rotation and every alt chair filled but that is just not realistic and I want to be as truthful as possible to let other districts like us know we have struggles too. Yes, it is hard to find new people that are interested in becoming engaged in this level of service work for us. We have done outreach programs and printed flyers for attraction but within the last year we have seen numbers and donations increase by what we give back to the District. We found that old saying of, "the more we put in, the more you will receive," has been completely true for our District and even though some may say it's the cannoli's and cakes at our meetings I feel it was a District that was waiting for more. So let's talk about the more...

Recently District 23 answered the call of our groups and with the help of members reviving past times with fresh new thinking we filled our calendar. The donations and support of our groups have allowed us to expand our yearly activities into four hosted events with a fifth under planning. We are currently trying to spread these events out across the districts area to allow members from all locations of our District to be part of. This year alone we had the honor to host the Areas Kick Off Assembly in Natick which we had not hosted since 2019. A full committee worked tireless hours to bring back the District Round-up to Hopkinton which was sold out in a matter of weeks at 150 attendees. This Round-up was the largest we have put on according to records and we will be adding 50 more tickets next year as the interest was so high. Our Summer Picnic which is held in Natick will be hosted for the second year in a row after multiple years off. We are blessed to be able to offer this day to AAs as a free event with barbecue and live music for the entire family making it a soon to be tradition of District 23. Next up we are working on our thank you event which we hope to host in Bellingham which will be our very first GSR/Service Appreciation Night. To finish up the year, our Holiday Alcahthon which runs from Christmas Eve through Christmas Day has been a staple in our District for years. This event is located in the heart of our District in downtown Framingham and has always been a well-attended and heartfelt event.

Thats District 23 in a nutshell and we would like to thank you for not only reading this but to invite you to come meet us for one of our meetings, events or homegroups to get to know us better. district23aa.org

In grateful service,
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