



"The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using marijuana."

MAWS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Many thanks to District 22 members Brian L. and James N., who served as district delegates at the Marijuana Anonymous World Service Conference in May. During this forum, group conscience throughout MA was expressed and decisions were made that affect MA as an organization. Highlights include:

- Approved changes to literature content in the daily reader book, "Living Every Day with Hope," and the "About Marijuana Detox" pamphlet.
- The 2024 MA Fellowship Convention will be hosted by District 2: San Francisco and East Bay, CA.
- Phone meetings will be recognized as MAWS District 28.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAWS SUMMER VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Hosted by the MA World Services Newcomer Support Committee, these 90-minute Saturday workshops delve into the foundational steps of Marijuana Anonymous and include inspiring speakers and fellowship. The series continues on August 12 with Step Two and concludes on September 9 with Step Three. Learn more at: <https://marijuana-anonymous.org/events/workshop123/resources>.

MA WORLD SERVICE CONVENTION

September 1 – 3, Seattle, WA

Recovery, Unity, Service: The Pillars of The Program. This annual recovery and social gathering for all of Marijuana Anonymous features workshops, keynote speakers, meetings, fellowship, and more! For details and registration information, visit: <https://mawsconvention.org>.

RESOURCES

Celebrate your milestones! If you would like a chip for your time, please get email your postal address and sober time to CHIPS@NEWENGLANDMA.ORG and we'll mail it to you!

You can find all the literature and pamphlets on the MA app. You can also request print copy of Life with Hope & workbook by emailing: Literature@NewEnglandMA.org



District 22 New England MEETINGS

<https://newenglandma.org>

Virtual (V) In Person (IP)

SUNDAY

X-Sunday Stoners , 6 pm (V)
Somerville SobrieTEA, 7:30 pm (V)
Band Camp, 9 pm (V)

MONDAY

NEW! Serenity on the Sand, (IP)
6 pm, Hyannis, MA
NEW! Freed from Weed, (IP)
7:30 pm, Southborough, MA

TUESDAY

Rainbow Buds, 6 pm (V)
Arlington Tuesday Nights, (IP)
7 pm, Arlington, MA
Keep Off the Grass, (IP)
8 pm, Beverly, MA

WEDNESDAY

It Doobie Like That, (IP)
5:30 pm, Portland, ME
Stone Free, 7 pm (V)
Wed. Weed Whackers, 8 pm (V)
NEW! Gathering Leaves, (IP)
8:30 pm, Northampton, MA

THURSDAY

Weed Free Webster, 4 pm (V)
Stomp on the Roaches, 8 pm (V)

FRIDAY

Kind Buds, 6 pm (V)
Fri. Night Don't Light, 8 pm (V)
Weapons of Grass Destruction (IP)
8 pm, Newton, MA

SATURDAY

Wake & Don't Bake, 11:30 am (V)
Sober Saturdays, 7 pm (V)

Recovery is Discovery

Reflections from NEMA Members

The Coincidence of Confluence

The coincidence of confluence
 Of friendship and knowledge gained
 Love of self and other
 Wisdom slowly earned
 There are no paths to happiness
 Just happiness itself
 From ancient times
 To moments lived
 From breathe to precious breathe
 We have known of friendships
 And the power of connection
 We have known our friendships
 And the bonds of mutual affection
 We sit with friends
 With knowing glances and gentle smiles
 Content with our struggles
 For a second, a minute
 An hour or a day
 If we are blessed
 With our communion
 Then the cosmic circles slow
 The great unknowing settles
 The yearnings are dulled
 And a cloud of peace
 Fills us and life is as it should be
 Filled with presence
 And the indescribable lightness of now
 That is the gift of friendship
 And trust
 And acceptance
 And love
 The confluence of coincidence
 Open, honest and precious
 Touched deeply
 Savored sweetly
 Enjoyed with relish
 And never taken for granted
 To conjure an image or a thought or a
 feeling
 Of a friend
 Wherever or whenever
 Is to bask in a hallowed place
 Beyond time and space
 Ethereal and holy
 It can lift us
 Beyond this earthly toil
 And return us
 However briefly
 To the stardust from whence we came
 And Oneness

~ Dean A.

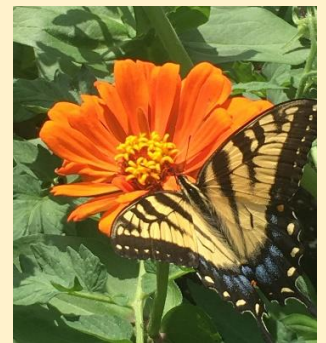
Insanity

That first time
 The freedom
 The glory
 A taste of something more
 The first slip down the rabbit hole
 Fun days and long nights
 Hazy memories
 Deeper into the hole we crawl

Years in the dark
 The tide turns
 Dependency sets in
 Can't think without
 Can't breathe without
 The hole starts to narrow
 We are lost in addiction
 Shouting and scared
 We try to climb only to fall back down
 Insanity
 Loss of the world
 Darkness closing in on us
 We give up hope

Suddenly, a voice in the dark
 A small glimmer of light
 The loving presence of a higher power
 Hand in hand, we climb
 Out of the darkness
 Out of the rabbit hole
 Although we may slip to find our footing
 We WILL make it to the top
 Together we WILL let go of this
 darkness and find the light

~ Cortney T.



Sharing is Caring!

Submit your recovery-focused reflections, poetry, and photographs for consideration in NEMA's quarterly newsletter! Email: info@newenglandma.org

12 Step Principles

1. Honesty
2. Hope
3. Faith
4. Courage
5. Integrity
6. Willingness
7. Humility
8. Love
9. Discipline
10. Patience/
Perseverance
11. Awareness
12. Service

I Am

The more I feel, the quicker the release.
 The more I trust, the stronger the Connection.
 The more I listen, the louder the Voice.
 The more I ask, the clearer the Guidance.
 The more I Love, the deeper I'm Loved.
 The more I surrender, the freer I become.
 The more I follow, the wider the Path.
 The more I let go, the lighter I Am.

~ Samantha D.