

Happy Holidays, Area 28!

As we approach the end of the year, we, the officers of Panel 74, want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who make this community thrive. Your commitment to carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and supporting one another is nothing short of inspiring.

Together, we are creating something truly remarkable in Area 28 connecting, communicating, and living one day at a time. Your dedication helps ensure that the message of hope, strength, and recovery is passed on to the next person who needs it. We are so thankful for all the service you do and for the beautiful spirit of generosity that lives in this fellowship.

As Bill W. once said, “We are sure God wants us to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is the great paradox of AA: we can only keep what we have by giving it away.” Your service not only strengthens our community but also brings us closer to the fulfillment of our primary purpose helping the next suffering alcoholic.

As we enter this holiday season, we are excited to see so many districts hosting Alcathons for Christmas and New Year's. These gatherings represent the very heart of our AA community—unity, recovery, and service. If you are planning or attending any of these events, know that we are here for you! We love being part of the community, whether at Alcathons, home group meetings, or district events. Please reach out and invite us—we are here to support you, and we're just an email away.

Dr. Bob reminded us of the power of service, saying, “Let us never fear needlessly. Let us not fear the responsibilities which may come to us. Let us never forget the great fact of the love and guidance of God.” The fellowship of AA is built on love, support, and willingness to serve, and this holiday season, we encourage you to share that love with those around you.

After the holidays, we look forward to starting the year with our first Area Committee Meeting (ACM). We encourage everyone to join us—whether you're new or a long-timer, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect, get involved, and be part of something bigger than ourselves. The ACM is not just a meeting; it's a space where we can join in service, support one another, and carry the AA message with love and passion.

Area Committee Meeting (ACM)

Date: January 5, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Fairfield Community Center, 61 Water Street, Fairfield, ME 04037

As an Area, we are doing incredible work by keeping the doors of AA open for everyone—newcomers, long-timers, and everyone in between. The 2025 service calendar is attached, and we are thrilled to see what the new year will bring. If you'd like to be added to the secretary's email list, or if your group is new and needs to be registered, please reach out to us. We want everyone to feel included and have the opportunity to serve.

While Zoom allows us to stay connected remotely, we wholeheartedly encourage you to come to these events in person when possible. The energy, connection, and God-

consciousness that come from being together in a room are truly powerful and invaluable to our recovery.

We are so excited about what 2025 will bring, and we hope you will join us in making this year even more special. Whether you're new to service or have been serving for years, there is always room for you. The service structure is the backbone of AA, and we need YOU to help carry the message and make a difference in the lives of others.

Let's make 2025 a year of unity, service, and growth. We can't wait to see you at the next ACM and to continue this amazing journey together.

With gratitude, encouragement, and best wishes for the new year,

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Here are some helpful links to keep you connected and informed

Maine AA Area 28

Website: <https://maineaa.org/>

Central Service Office AA Maine – Maine & New Brunswick, Area 28

Website: <https://csoaamaine.org>

Downeast Intergroup – Supporting A.A. Meetings and A.A. Groups in Districts 3, 8, 10, 11, 16, 18, 21, and 25

Website: <https://downeastintergroup.org/>

46th Maine AA Round Up – 2025

Website: <https://aaroundup.me/>