

## District 23 Christmas Alkathon Group Guide

Thank you for participating in this year's Alkathon!

To ensure a successful event, we've put together this guide to help each group fulfill their participation.

The Alkathon will be held at 19 Concord St Suite 1, Framingham, MA 01702. It will run from 12pm – 10pm on Christmas Eve and 6am – 2pm on Christmas Day. There will be no overnight meetings this year.

There will be an Alkathon lead on duty who will provide the collection envelope, answer questions and receive the collection/raffle proceeds.

Each group has 45 minutes, with 40 minutes for speaking, and 5 minutes for Raffle and conclusion. This will allow a 15-minute period between meetings for transition and fellowship.

**Parking** – There is parking available in the lot behind the facility – enter off of Howard Street. There is also on-street parking on the North side of Howard Street. There is also a Parking Facility on Pearl Street a few blocks away.

**1. Start** - Plan on opening promptly at the top of the hour. On the reverse is a suggested opening script.

**2. Greeting and Raffle** – There will be a table near the entrance. Plan to assign a member of your group to man the table to greet and sell raffle tickets. Raffle proceeds should be added to the collection.

**3. Raffle** – Each group should conduct a raffle for any conference approved AA literature of your choice – Big Book of 12 & 12 suggested, but other AA titles welcome. Display the book at the raffle table and conduct the raffle at :40 of the hour regardless of how many tickets have been sold.

**4. Collection** - Circulate the collection basket during your speaker time. There will be an envelope at the greeting table with your group's name and timeslot. Seal the proceeds of the collection and raffle and hand the envelope to the Alkathon lead.

**5. Cleanup** – Each group is responsible for light cleanup. This includes bussing empty tables and emptying full trash barrels. The Alkathon lead will help locate trash bags, and where the trash is to be disposed.

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### Opening Script

Welcome to the 2024 District 23 Alkathon. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm an alcoholic.

I represent the \_\_\_\_\_ group which meets at (day/time) \_\_\_\_\_,  
at (where) \_\_\_\_\_.

Please put your cell phones on silent, and limit conversation out of respect for the speakers. Collection will be taken after the first speaker. At the end of meeting we will hold a raffle for this book (hold up your group's raffle book). Raffle tickets are available at the table near the entrance.

In line with our 12th tradition, who you see here, and what you hear here, let it stay here.

Could we please have a moment of silence to do with as you wish, followed by the preamble (Moment of silence).

### **A.A. PREAMBLE**

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

- Call Speakers
- Collection during speaker time
- Raffle
- End with a prayer of your choice