

## **MOVING ON'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: FAQs 2018**

### **1. What is the mission and purpose of the MOVING ON organization?**

More than fifteen years ago MOVING ON was created for singles over age 50. This happened when a group of divorced, separated, widowed, and never-married individuals realized there was a keen, shared interest in socializing with other singles as well as a desire to give and receive support. Together they built the foundation of today's MOVING ON.

MOVING ON continues with its original mission. We are a non-denominational, non-profit group which provides opportunities for discussing diverse topics (other than religion or politics), engaging in social activities, and, at times, sharing personal issues. Individual members voluntarily contribute their time and energy to keep MO congenial, enjoyable, interesting, meaningful, and always supportive. Moreover, MOVING ON's intention is to nurture long-lasting friendships and does not view dating among members as part of its primary goal.

### **2. From which towns do members come?**

Among the towns represented are Bedford, Belmont, Lexington, Framingham, Concord, Acton, Sudbury, Chelmsford, Billerica, Danvers, Beverly, Peabody, Burlington, Boxborough, Winchester, Arlington, Weston, Lincoln, Waltham, Walpole, Watertown, and Charlestown.

### **3. Where and when are the weekly meetings held?**

Every Thursday evening MOVING ON meets informally in a conference room we rent at The Church of our Redeemer, 6 Meriam Street, Lexington, MA 02420. Entrance is via the rear side door next to the driveway leading to the back parking lot.

7:30 – 7:45 pm	Open socializing & catching up
7:45 – 8:00 pm	Review of upcoming outside activities and events
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Discussion of a specific topic facilitated by a volunteer

### **4. Who can become a member of MOVING ON and what is the process for joining?**

Singles over age 50 are invited to come to at least four (4) of our weekly meetings before applying to become a member. At the first visit, the Welcoming Team will give you the Welcome Letter, and you'll also be asked to sign in each time you are a visitor. If, after your fourth meeting, you decide to join MO, you would then ask a Welcoming Team member for a membership application and a copy of our by-laws to review. When your completed application has been received (mailed in as directed on the form), you will be officially added to our membership list and will begin to receive our weekly newsletter by email.

**5. Is there a fee for being a member?**

Yes. A \$2 donation is requested from members and guests at each weekly meeting. Occasionally there are additional costs for our various outside activities or special events.

**6. What activities are offered outside the weekly meetings?**

A wide variety of *optional* outside activities are sponsored voluntarily by individual members which are open to members only. Details about them are publicized in the weekly newsletter. Some examples are: movies, local walks, hikes, theater, lectures, live music & concerts, special gatherings at members' homes for a meal, picnics, backyard barbecues, game nights, pool parties, day trips, dances, book discussions, and museum visits.

In many cases, a sponsor's activity will include going to a restaurant but you can always choose to participate in the activity on its own.

**7. Does MOVING ON have any special annual events and/or traditions?**

There are several annual events which are overseen by our Special Events Committee.

In December Moving On holds a very festive holiday party with a DJ for dancing as well as presenting a delicious potluck buffet, compliments of our members. Other annual events in recent years have included a Valentine's Day party, an ice cream social, and our Annual Meeting in November accompanied by light refreshments.

Among our traditions is signing up for the very popular monthly Dine-Around at a nearby restaurant for a casual dinner with other Moving On friends. This is held a few hours before each month's first Thursday meeting.

And at the end of our weekly meeting, there's the traditional invitation to attendees: "*Who wants to go for ice cream?*" where socializing is extended at favorite nearby ice cream spots.

**8. How are MOVING ON members kept informed?**

MOVING ON's tech-savvy Communications Committee manages our website, [www.moving-on-together.org](http://www.moving-on-together.org) and also produces and emails our weekly newsletter. The newsletter is our primary vehicle for keeping members current about upcoming annual events, activities, topics of upcoming weekly facilitations, and special announcements. It also lists the names of our current board members and states our Emergency Cancellation Policy. The committee uses other means of getting information to those members who don't use email.