

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL SERVICE – AREA 31 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

District Highlights:

District 5 continued discussion of the Service Manual/Tradition, which is taking place monthly at our meetings based on a 2 yr rotation schedule. Chapter 1 (Intro to General Service) and Tradition 2 were February's topic. GSR Scott led that discussion. Service Manuals continue to be provided to new GSR's along with our beginner's packet. *The GSR Presentation, sponsored by Area 31 took place ~ it was "awesome" (great feedback) ~ interest actually prompted one of our District's GSR's to come to the monthly concepts meeting ~ GSR's are getting more involved!!!

Visitors: Brian (Delegate) ~ Eddie (Intergroup) ~ Anne (Alt Delegate) ~ Sally (Service Sponsor/Support)

Needs / Concerns / Ideas for outreach:

*Welcome Home Group has re-located their two meetings (Tues Step Group and Friday Speaker Meet) to the New Birth Christian Church ~ Thorndike ~ The group was initially having problems re-organizing and continue ask for support/attendance.

*South Hadley Falls Group (Friday) is searching for a new place to meet ~ the Falls Congregational Church is closing (4-5 mos) ~ they are hoping to stay in So Hadley

*East Longmeadow ~ (Sunday Night) who had been considering a new meeting place is moving back to it's previous location.

*Tri Area Group ~ Brimfield ~ celebrated 39 years on Jan14th ~ GSR is questioning why the group is not contributing to GSO? (GSR will bring the question up at the next business meeting to see if the group will agree to start contributing).

*GSR's are taking Assembly items back to their groups for feedback ~ we will discuss group outcomes at our March and April (District) Meetings. We will also be discussing with GSR's our intentions for reaching out to our District's dark groups which DCM's/LCM are beginning to discuss and organize.

*District 5 ~ looking forward to NERAASA ~ we are enthused ~ hoping to gather new ideas that will spark even more interest/service in our District and support to our Area.