

## April Area 31/District 5 Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2013

DCM Mary, Co-DCM Pauline and Secretary Amy present. (late)

16 GSR's, Alt's in attendance

2 new GSR's - Chris for Wilbraham FRiday Night and John S. for Randall.

2 new alternates - Valerie for the M& M group and Steve S. or Belchertown Sat. Night

2 Visiting committees present: Mark - Area Chair, Eddie - Intergroup.

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Mary -DCM opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Pauline filled in for the Co-DCM position.

Juan discussed Chapter 7 and Tradition 4 People raised hand if they had something to add.

**Please announce and remember that area 31 has a website: [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) for all you area, FYI, and meeting information, online, including district meeting minutes.**

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### Group Sharing:

**JFMA**

Dale - **Green St.**, Monson - Thursday Beginner's Meeting 6:15 - 7:15 pm, Speaker/Discussion 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Meeting has good membership, has consistent incoming/outgoing commitments. The group is involved with institutions and just had elections.

**JFMA**

Amy G. - **Tri-Area Group** - Brimfield Monday Night - 7:30-8:30 pm. Speaker/Discussion

Group has about 8 active members. Went on a couple of commitments this month. Usually has an incoming and an outgoing commitment each month. The meeting fluctuates in attendance but the last few months, attendance has been really good. Group gives out chips at the beginning of the meeting and medallions at the end. Gives books to newcomers with a weekly raffle. Brought up financial contributions at last b. meeting. At the moment the group does not feel they can afford it. Still trying to fill other service commitments.

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**Not Present** Jarel W. - **Belchertown Saturday Night** - 18 Park St. Parish House. Beginner's Meeting 7:00 – 7:45PM, 8:00-9:00PM speaker meeting Contributes to the pie chart.

**JFMA**

Patrick - **Cold Spring Group** - Thursday 7:30-8:30 pm Belchertown United Congregational Church 18 Park St. This is an Open speaker discussion meeting, chaired on a volunteer basis. The business meeting is held the last Thursday of each month. This group chairs meetings by group members at the Providence Hospital every Saturday at 10:00 AM. 14 active members. Consistent incoming/outgoing commitments. Group is hurting for donations but is making rent. Is looking for more support at meeting.

**JFMA**

Bob W. - **Chicopee Group** - 110 Cyman St. Chicopee, MA Tuesday Night Beginner's Meeting reads "Living Sober" followed by discussion from 6 to 7 PM. Speaker meeting 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Contributes to pie 2-3 times a year. Has an incoming and outgoing commitment monthly. The group does a commitment at Carlson detox. Group would like more information on website. There is not many service commitments filled.

**JFMA**

Bob W. - **Chicopee No No-nonsense Nooner** - 156 Springfield St. Chicopee, MA Monday/Wednesday/Friday at Noon This group meets three times a week at noon as follows: Monday is Big Book / Step Study meeting. Wednesday is a Speaker meeting; and Friday is Step reading and discussion meeting from the 12 & 12. The last Friday of the month the Tradition is read. Contributes to the pie 1-2 times a year. Anniversaries are celebrated with medallions, given for milestones of sobriety. 12 active members attend. The group will be celebrating 15 years on Memorial Day 2013. 12 - ? Lack of member support/service commitments. speaker, food and fellowship to follow

**JF\_\_**

**Not Present** Scott - **Welcome Home** -Tuesday 7:30 - 8:30 pm and Friday 7:30-8:30 pm - Thorndike New Birth Christian Church Formally met at Wing Memorial Hospital on Fridays and at the Palmer Green on Tuesdays. Both meetings will be remaining at the New Birth Christian Church. Now it is in the same home both nights. \*The group needs active members and needs to be reorganized. Tuesday night is a step meeting. The group does contribute to the pie. Needs a bookie for commitments. Meeting has about 20-25 in attendance with about 5 active members. Looking for a detox commitment. Not doing commitments or contributing at the moment.

**JFMA**

Juan F. - **East Longmeadow Sunday Night Group** open beginner's meeting 6:30 - 7:15 open speaker meeting 7:30. St. Michael's Parish Hall on Rt. 83. Approx. 25-30 members. Group continues to discuss possible changes to the Beginner's format. The group decided to remain at its present location at St. Michael's Parish Hall. They have a monthly commitment at Carlson's detox on the 2nd Monday of the month and also a commitment at Providence Hospital on the fifth floor. Their incoming/outgoing commitments are not consistent. The meeting has a great focus on newcomers offering greeters, sponsors, and beginners packets available. Does contribute to the pie chart.

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Ralph-GSR, Jim-Alternate, - **South Hadley Tuesday Night 12 & 12** This meeting is held on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm at Falls Congregational Church. Contributes to the pie chart. There is a reading of from the 12 & 12 followed by discussion. The last Tuesday the Tradition of the month is read. Medallions are given out for monthly sobriety. There are approximately 30 to 50 in attendance. The business meeting is held the last Tuesday after the meeting, and attended by 5 to 8 active members. A commitment is held one Thursday of month at Holyoke Hospital. They now have a librarian for used literature and books at cost. **Is moving back to** to their former location at the methodist church.

JFMA

Jim - GSR and Gabriel - Alternate, - **South Hadly Group** Falls Congregational Church Friday Night 6:00 - 7:00 Beginners, 7:30 - 8:30 Speaker. Contributes to the pie chart. Elections being held this Friday night. Seeking to do a group inventory. Group Anniversary April 19. Normal meeting time, food and fellowship to follow Does incoming/outgoing commitments once a month. Gives out monthly Grapevine subscription monthly. Has a monthly commitment to Providence hospital. The speaker meeting gives out medallions to members. Beginners meeting gives out chips for lengths of sobriety. 25-35 in attendance at speaker meeting, 60-70 attend the beginners weekly. Group participates in LIP service. **\*\*\*Group is losing its meeting space at the Congregational Church as it is closing June/July.** Still looking for new place. Have found a smaller space but would like something comparable. There is an anniversary meeting being held in April. No other changes.

JFMA

Chris B. - **Here and Now** - E. Longmeadow - Wednesday 8:30 pm. Contributes to pie chart, has a commitment to detox once a month. Just held elections for meeting positions for now, will be holding committee positions asap. Grateful to be the new GSR for his group.

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**Not Present** - Randy - **Thank you Thursday** - Thursdays 7-8 pm Chicopee, MA. HolyName Church, Springfield MA. The group contributes to the pie, has monthly incoming and outgoing

commitments and has a commitment at Providence hospital on Monday nights. 30-40 attend meeting and donations are good.

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**Not Present** - Tom A. - Free for Today - Hampden, Friday 7:30 - 8:30 pm. A one speaker discussion meeting with 5-7 active members that contributes to NY only. There si about 20-25 people who attend the meeting. They have a business meeting the last Friday night of the month. Other than Tom, there is no service participation

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Jim R. - Hitchcock Academy Friday Night- Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield, Friday's 7:30-8:30pm. Meeting is attended well but having a hard time with business meetings and filling positions. Nobody seems to want to take a commitment for services. Jim has been GSR for many years. Needs more participation in service but puts on great committments.

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Corey M. - Chicopee Beginner's Step - Grace Union Church, Chicopee, Wednesdays 7:30pm Contributes financially. Has Intergroup, Institution, PI and GSR positions filled. Only does outgoing commitments. Has no institution commitment at the moment. June 26, meeting 7:30 - 8:30 and food and fellowship to follow.

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Sandra M.- M&M- Valerie - Alt., St. Michaels Church E. Longmeadow, 10:30-11:30 am Mondays. business meeting held the last Monday of the monthThey have a Carlson Detox commitment the first Saturday of every month. They also give out free tickets to all for 1 free book of choice. Flyers from District meeting were passed out and there are no concerns at this time.

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Patty - Sunrise Group - Palmer Historical BLDG. 2072 Main St. Three Rivers Sun - Sat. 7am-8am Formally met at St. Mary's in Thorndike. Good attendance, doing well. Gives financially. Men do a Howard St. commitment and all members put on a Honor Court Commitment once a month in E. Brookfield. No changes.

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**Not Present** - Angie- Each Day a New Beginning- Grace Union Church Wilbraham, Wednesdays 6:30pm- 8ish. Women's meeting. Everything going well. Will find out more to report for next month.

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Chris M. Friday Night Wilbraham - 6:30-7:30 beg. meeting, 7:30 - 8:30 main meeting.

John S. Randall Group - Thursdays 7-8 discussion, 8-9:00 speaker, Sundays 1-1:45 beginners and 2-3:00 speaker meeting.

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Visiting Committee Reports:

Eddie - Intergroup Treasurer

Wants to thank all that have been contributing to intergroup. Get involved as a group, join phone coverage. If your group doesn't want to you can add your name to the back-up list.

New W&W is out. It is Yellow.

Intergroup will come to your meeting to put on a service commitments like the area does: call Karl - 413-433-6968.

Bookie meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month, at the intergroup office.

There is a new intergroup rep orientation at 6:30 before the intergroup meeting every month.

Mark - Area Chair

Please attend mini-conference and assembly

Please attend Round-up. Planning committee for Mass State Convention has started.

The area will put on meetings at your group to entice more service.

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Mary gave report from Area meeting - submitted written report.

\*Spring Assembly is 4/13 and 14th in Holyoke. \*Round-up is May 18-19th.

\*Radio show WMAS 1450 am put on by CPC and PI is from 6-630 am on Sundays.

\*Round-up is looking for volunteers and donations: books, coffee, money. Dance tickets for the round-up are available for \$10.00

AdHoc committee continues to meet and talk about revisions to Area 31 Handbook.

Old Business:

GSR Feedback about 3rd legacy voting.

\*\*should the webmaster be an area officer like the registrar and the archivist? This means they receive no vote and there is no rotation.

Pauline - LCM thanked all in attendance and spoke about District 5 being responsible for the wkshops on Step 3 and Step 12 at the round-up

Assigned workshops for the Round-up are

Third Legacy (9am-9:55), Sandy Step 2 (9:30am - 10:25am) Bob W. and Step 12 (11:05pm-12:00am). Gabriel Thank you for stepping up!!!

Mary discussed "dark groups" passed out information sheets of groups not involved to different GSR's who can attend those meetings.

Vote was had for new Co-DCM. Pauline and Amy stood for the position... Pauline became new Co-DCM... Thank you Pauline.

Ralph stood for LCM and was unanimously voted in. Thank you for your service Ralph..

Volunteer for next month Chapter 9 - The General Service Board.

Next meeting is May 6, 2013 7:30 pm.

Meeting closed 9:10 – Responsibility Pledge

Respectfully submitted, Amy G. – District 5 Secretary -

\*\*\* I apologize for being late to the meeting. If any corrections or additions need to be made please email me.