

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 1/21/22

MEETING STARTED AT 7PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

Recap of last month's vote to keep this meeting to one hour – All are encouraged to attend the monthly District 3 Tradition meeting and/or the monthly Area “What a Concept” meeting to learn more about the Traditions and Concepts.

In the spirit of keeping the meeting under an hour but continuing the tradition of doing a GSR orientation presentation, all were encouraged to stay on after the meeting for the Alternate Delegate's presentation.

GROUP REPORTS

Southern Berkshire – Subcommittee was formed to discuss return to live meetings, but voted to remain virtual due to a hesitancy to meet in person. Group wants to be certain they're working in the spirit of Tradition Five. Attendance good. Confused about Institutions' involvement in District meetings. Seeking volunteers for involvement in March 5 event.

SOS - The meeting continues to be phone-in hybrid. Meetings are going smoothly, 10-14 in attendance plus 10-14 via phone. All service positions are filled, Chair rotating weekly, financially afloat. One positive COVID case identified, and was communicated effectively.

Watch Your Step – Alt GSR taking over from previous GSR; all chair positions filled for the year. Meeting via Zoom, attendance 35-40. No plans to meet in person in the foreseeable future – old meeting space would be too small to accommodate current attendance numbers. Group format is one step per month. Treasury is healthy.

Men's 12th Step – Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm, masks, coffee and cookies available. Attendance steady at approx. 35-40, receiving some newcomers, likely from Keenan House.

Lenox Big Book – Meeting Thursdays at 7pm in person. 15-30 people in attendance. Masks required, no coffee/snacks. Treasury strong, donating to the pie chart. Approx. 10 group members in regular attendance.

Great Barrington Men's Group – Treasury strong. Most recent business meeting (1/20/22) discussed pie chart, shifting donations based on changing needs. Meeting concurrently in person and on Zoom.

Additional note sent directly by email:

“Our Great Barrington, Thursday night mens meeting is operating in person and online. The in person meeting is packed with about 45 attendees and a ton of them being newcomers. We have a tradition of giving Big Books away to newcomers and they are flying off the shelves. The spirit of the meeting is amazing!

We have an online meeting on Thursday as well that is not hybrid. That meeting has anywhere from 15-20 ppl attending every week. The group also began sponsoring another online step meeting on Sundays.

Our donations have been really good and the group is asking where money is needed most these days. If you please let me know that would be great.”

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Institutions - Not present

Berkshire Intergroup – Holiday Alcahons considered a success, low attendance rates attributed to COVID. Working on new printed meeting lists, especially for institutions – *Groups should confirm the accuracy of their meeting info at www.berkshireaaintergroup.org*. Survey emailed out to ask what BIG can do in support for the District in 2022.

New App! A new app is available through www.berkshireaaintergroup.org – access to meeting lists and other resources. Available by a QR code scan and load to your phone.

DCM Report-

- Notes from the Area meeting: New Registrar is making updates to meeting list, hopes to resolve two “Unknown” groups – Blacksheep Fireside (*now resolved*) and 12 and 12 Just For Today (*remains unresolved*). Any known info can be sent to Tom at district3@area31aa.org
- Updating GSR info via Group Change forms:
www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/F28_GroupInformationChangeForm_fillable_EN.pdf

This form can be filled out and emailed from the website or printed and mailed in. Or area31aa.org under Documents - Area Committee - Registrar

- Service Opportunities
 - Reps needed for Accessibilities, Archives, CPC, Public Information, Grapevine, Berkshire Institutions, and Berkshire Intergroup. Any AA member can show up to any of these committees and participate. Some groups have service positions for liaisons to some or all of these committees. Please see www.area31aa.org for the calendar of Area committee meetings.
- www.aa.org has a new look! Check out the updated website!
 - Mass. State Convention will be live at the Sturbridge Host Hotel Nov. 11-13. Planning Committee meets last Tuesday (every other month) at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main St, Sturbridge, MA and on Zoom: Zoom Meeting ID: 833 4526 2186 Passcode: 164112

- Other meetings and resources:
 - Service Manual Meeting: 3rd Mon, 7:30 pm, 30 Carew St, South Hadley, MA, or Zoom: Meeting ID: 859 5422 7161 Password: 940161
 - What a Concept Meeting: 1st Thurs, 7:30pm, 30 Carew St, South Hadley, MA or Zoom: Meeting ID: 868 1280 7456 Password: 184722
 - Traditions: 2nd Sunday at 7:00 pm. Zoom ID: 842 7414 8976, Passcode: 816033
 - Area is able to bring a service commitment to your group to discuss and share experience with service. Request directly by emailing chairperson@area31aa.org.
 - Past Area Delegates will come to your group to conduct group inventories at the request of the group. Inventories typically held outside of normal business meeting times.

- Spring Workshop – Presentation on Upcoming Conference Agenda Items
 - March 5, 10am – 12pm, St. Charles Church, 89 Briggs Ave, Pittsfield or Zoom Meeting ID: 853 7726 4030 Passcode: 04242022
 - About Feb 15th agenda items are released
 - Looking for 6-10 people to take on picking 2 agenda items and giving a non-objective report to the attendees
 - Groups would be able to ask questions, but the format would not be intended to capture a group conscience formally, as the discussion should go back to the groups and then brought to the Spring mini-conference
 - Please contact our DCM to sign up! email Tom at district3@area31aa.org

Area – Alt. Delegate Report

- **NERAASA** - Feb. 25-27 in Pittsburg, PA, Area is working on transportation, there may be additional room for interested GSRs.

OLD BUSINESS

Co-DCM and LCM positions remain open in District 3. No one stood for either position.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MEETING CLOSED at 7:43pm