

DISTRICT 3 MONTHLY MEETING 3/18/22

MEETING STARTED AT 7PM

Meeting opened with The Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Report Accepted

GROUP REPORTS

Southern Berkshire – Three speaker format, Fridays at 8pm. Back to in-person/hybrid last two weeks. 80-110 people. WiFi glitch forced two separate meetings, but committed to going live. Treasury strong. Still evaluating pie chart/donations.

Lenox Big Book – Thursdays at 7pm. Tri-town health department has rescinded the mask mandate, meeting place (church) is okay with this. Have met without mandate in place for 2 weeks, participants seem to be okay with this. Recent attendance 26 people. Making contributions to the pie chart.

Great Barrington Women's Group – Thursdays at 7pm. Meetings going okay, status quo, up to 20 people meeting via Zoom. Requests reminder for the monthly District meeting.

SOS – Continues to meet phone hybrid. All service positions filled. Financially healthy. Masks optional in person (though preferred). 20-28 meeting in person.

Keep It Simple (GB Nooner) – Meeting in 2 groups (Zoom and in-person). All restrictions lifted. 15 in person, 12-15 meeting on Zoom. Treasury healthy, welcoming newcomers.

Northern Berkshire Group – Meeting in Williamstown Sun and Tues at 7:30pm. Attendance fair, at around 10-15. All service positions filled. 3 anniversaries coming up this month. Contributing to pie chart, contributions up. Mask requirements to be revisited at the end of the month. Attracting new members. Have been having success with a speaker exchange – have sometimes been set up through Western Mass Intergroup, but most often directly through a group specific service position. *Please contact the group directly if interested in a speaker exchange.*

Men's 12th Step – Attendance good, attendees coming from Soldier On and newcomers attending from Keenan House. Still trying to decide on appropriate use of contributions, considering an event in the near future.

Watch Your Step – Sundays at 9. Attendance about 40 people, Treasury good, making quarterly contributions. Format is 1 step per month.

Suggested contributions: 40% - Intergroup; 20% - Western Mass Inst; 30% - District; 10% - GSO

INVITED COMMITTEES

Berkshire Institutions - Not present.

For more information on Berkshire Institutions and how we can be of service, please visit

www.area31aa.org/berkinstitutionsdocs

Berkshire Intergroup – Response to recent survey still low, but the response received is favorable to a mini-retreat – this will go into planning. Looking for an alternative to printing meeting lists as there is difficulty in keeping up with changes to meeting info. Worked at a slight operational loss in Feb. More Group Reps are requested. Meeting on Zoom.

To help with Mini Retreat: Maureen at berkshireaintergroup@gmail.com

For BIG newsletter and announcements (anniversaries, etc.) email berkshireintergoupnews@gmail.com

GSO has a new address for contributions:

GSO CONTRIBUTIONS
PO BOX 2407
JAMES A FARLEY STATION
NEW YORK, NY 10116

DCM REPORT

February Area Meeting -

- Thank you to all who attended and participated in the March 5th Event. We had about 8 people in person and another 10 online.
- The Area 31 Spring Assembly & Mini-Conference will be held March 26th and 27th. The Mini-Conference is Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:30AM - 4PM (Pizza Lunch at 12) followed by the Business Meeting on Sunday, March 27, 2022, 1PM - 4PM. Both days will be in person as well as on Zoom. Zoom info to be posted on the area31aa.org website before the event. This will be another opportunity for AA members to be heard. All AA members are welcome to attend both days. GSRs are expected to attend.

United Congregational Church 300 Appleton St. Holyoke MA 01040 12 agenda items are available in a document for the area

- Better Safe than sorry is the first official registered virtual group. This is a group that never had a physical meeting place, but belongs to our area geographically
- GSRs complete new GSR form - We can send with the minutes - also available at area31aa.org under Documents - Area Committee - Registrar. GSO packets are backlogged, but the information is available on aa.org in virtual format as a placeholder
- Every Monday Grapevine releases a new Podcast aagrapevine.org/podcast

- AA looking for articles for September issue “Young and Sober”. April 15th deadline for October issue - stories about relapse
- Accessibilities committee is asking for representatives from groups to help groups assess their current accessibility
- MA State Convention - planning committee - last Tuesday of the month. 3/29. Hybrid planning meetings. Conference will be in person Nov 11-13, 2022 at Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. Rooms can be booked now. \$127/night
- Area hosts Service Manual Meeting Every 3rd Wednesday at 7:30PM Hybrid [AA Service Manual Meeting \(Hybrid - Virtual & In Person\) | A.A. - Area 31 General Service Committee \(area31aa.org\)](#)
- Area also hosts What a Concept - First Thursday at 7:30pm [What A Concept \(Hybrid - Virtual & In Person\) | A.A. - Area 31 General Service Committee \(area31aa.org\)](#)
- The area is also available to bring a service commitment to your group where members of the area committee or those in service speak about their experience in service. These are great for a better understanding of AA service and what goes on.
- The area is also available to conduct group inventories. These are facilitated by a past delegate and would typically be held on a day other than the meeting time
- Roundup committee - 5/20-22 - Clarion hotel W Springfield \$129 a night. Ask for Michael White to get rate. Registration will be available soon. Asking for baskets to be made for raffle table. Districts will receive a package to chair a workshop. District can take commitment or defer to groups/volunteers

Treasurer’s Report:

Beginning January Balance	\$ 26,705.47
Group Contributions	\$ 2,655.84
Total Area Expenses	\$ 6,778.11
Closing January Balance	\$ 22,583.30
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$ 8,501.00
Total Funds Available	\$ 31,084.30

Further Comments:

*Contributions in February 2022 have increased by **\$915.64** from contributions in February 2021

*There was a total of 31 donations made in February 2022 totaling **\$2,655.84**

* Online PayPal contributions totaled **\$345.10**

AREA REPORT

- District meeting numbers are up (there is increased participation)
- For the MA State Convention at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, the hotel will be exclusively Area 30 and 31 participants
- For the March 26-27 Mini Conference, 12 Agenda Items selected and available on the previous BIG newsletter and at www.area31aa.org. 2 Agenda Items will be considered in each online breakout room. These are mostly CONSIDERATIONS relating to literature.
- NERT (Northeast Regional Trustees) accepting resumes for one open position – For more information please email delegate@area31aa.org or call/text Mike at (###) ###-####.
- **MA STATE CONVENTION** – Next Planning Committee meeting is 3/29/2022 Zoom Meeting ID: 833 4526 2186 Passcode: 164112

- **AREA ROUNDUP** – May 20-22, 2022 at the Fairfield Inn in Enfield, CT. Planning Committee meets 2nd Wednesdays 6pm – United Methodist Church, 30 Carew St., South Hadley or Zoom Meeting ID: 851 6023 5833 Passcode: 487205. Planning help is still needed – rebuilding the Roundup is necessary after a hiatus due to COVID. New 2022 Area Handbooks are available now on the website www.area31aa.org or at the next area meeting.
- **SPRING ASSEMBLY** – March 26-27 at 300 Appleton St, Holyoke, MA. Will be hybrid, meeting info to be announced at www.area31aa.org

OLD BUSINESS

Co-DCM and LCM positions remain open in District 3. No one stood for either position. **Please announce at meetings.**

NEW BUSINESS

Webmaster is looking to step down from service position, will train his replacement.

MEETING CLOSED at 7:55pm **RESPONSIBILITY**