

Berkshire Intergroup News

May 2021

Anniversaries:

Southern Berkshire Group

Friday, May 28

Pia B (42 yrs), Sarah P (6 yrs),
John M (10 yrs), Kay (5 yrs)

Recent meeting changes:

Can be listed here...

In person meetings:

Hybrid meetings:

Continue to check the berkshireaaintergroup.org website for changes.

District 3 Announcements:

A district workshop is being planned around the theme of "AA in a time of change" with a date to be determined.

Events:

MA State Convention (in November) will be virtual this year. The next planning meeting is Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm.

New England Virtual Regional Forum (NERF) June 4-6.

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

For more information, go to area31aa.org

Register at: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

In case you missed it:

Area 31 Round Up

Our area delegate, Paul H. reported on the 2021 General Service Conference at the Round up held on May 15.

Many changes to literature were approved. A few are highlighted here.

It was recommended that:

- a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action that: "The first 164 pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Preface, the Forewords, 'The

Doctor's Opinion,' 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare,' and the Appendices remain as is," and that a progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature.

- pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new foreword, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V.
- "men and women" be replaced by the word "people" in the AA Preamble.
- a draft version of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition), be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible and that a progress report or draft be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature.

Opportunities for service:

Volunteers for the 12th step call list

Intergroup is looking for people willing to accept calls from the Hotline. A Hotline operator would contact you with the name and number of the person looking for help. Your name and information is NEVER given out to the caller. The operators do their best to match gender and location of caller with that of the AA member. (Please remember the AA suggestion is to always bring another sober alcoholic along with you if you are going to meet a caller in person.) If you are interested, leave your name and number with the Berkshire Intergroup office so someone can help you sign up. Intergroup will ask for your name, gender, location and times you are available to accept calls.

The Berkshire Intergroup Office is currently open Tuesday and Fridays from 1:30 to 4:00. The phone number is (413) 448-2382.

The Berkshire County AA Hotline number is (413) 443-0212

Berkshire Intergroup is looking for representatives from more area groups. The next meeting will be held June 14 at 7:00 pm. (ID: 876 1377 6813 Password: 306885)

News can be sent to berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com.

For the next issue, please send news and announcements by Monday, June 14.