

Berkshire Intergroup News

June 2021

Anniversaries:

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| Thursday Night Women's Group | June 24 | Kathy D (14 yrs) |
| Southern Berkshire Group | June 25 | Tom Y (46 yrs), Bob J (46 yrs) Patrick (11 yrs), Lisa L (9 yrs) |
| Keep it Simple Group | June 26 | Tricia R (8 yrs) |
| Sober on Saturday (SOS) | June 26 | Bob W (15 yrs) |
| Men's 12 Step | June 29 | Tom H (10 yrs) |

Recent meeting changes:

In person:

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| Tuesday Night Women's Step | Tues 7:00 pm | Masks, social distancing |
| St. Mark's Church, West Street, Pittsfield | | |
| North Adams Valley | Mon 7:00 pm | Guidelines unknown |
| Congregational Church, North Adams | | |
| 11th Step | Sun 9:00 am | Unvaccinated wear masks, 13 max |
| All Saints Episcopal Church, Summer Street, North Adams | | |
| Bennington Sunrise | Mon-Sat 7:00 am | Masks, social distancing |
| First Baptist Church, Bennington | | |
| Keep it Simple Group | Mon-Sat noon | Masks, no food/drink, 20 max |
| First Congregational Church, Main Street, Great Barrington | | |

Hybrid:

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| Happy, Joyous and Free | Wed 8:00 am | Must be fully vaccinated |
| First Congregational Church, Lee, MA or Zoom ID: 226 926 191, Password: 747303 | | |
| Sober on Saturday (SOS) | Sat 8:00 am | Unvaccinated wear masks |
| First Congregational Church, Park Place, Lee or Phone: (425) 436-6386 Code: 599853 | | |

Virtual:

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| Williamstown Noon | Daily noon | |
| Zoom ID: 445 565 5980, No Password | | |
| Bennington Sunrise | Mon-Sat 7:00 | (2 separate meetings; live or virtual) |
| ID: 310 182 7072, Password: sunrise | | |
| Keep it Simple Group | Mon-Sat noon | (2 separate meetings; live or virtual) |
| Zoom ID: 865 3392 7887, No Password | | |
| Discontinued: Sober with Friends | Monday 7:00 pm | |

Continue to check the berkshireaintergroup.org website for changes.

District 3:

A Round Table discussion will take place on Saturday, June 26 from 10:00 to 11:30 am as a hybrid meeting; at St. Charles Church, 89 Briggs Ave, Pittsfield or on Zoom: ID: 860 6042 3822 (no password). Discussion will include how groups have made it through the pandemic and their plans moving forward.

General Service Office:

Western MA is now represented at the GSO! Robert (Bob) W. became the General Manager of the General Service Office as of June 1, 2021. Bob is well-known to many through his service in AA, most recently as Trustee-At-Large US. He also brings prior experience as a consultant for GSO and served as Interim Chief Financial Officer for a period of time last fall. Bob served from 2002-2003 as the Delegate representing Area 31.

Events:

MA State Convention, which will take place November 13-14, will be virtual this year. The next planning meeting will be July 27th.

In case you missed it:

During his presentation at the *Round Up* in May on "Keeping AA Relevant," Co DCM Tom H. included thoughts on setting up hybrid meetings. The guide he created can be obtained by emailing berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com.

Heard at the Northeast Regional Forum:

The deadline for Proposed Agenda Item submissions by any individual, group, area, etc. is September 15, 2021. This would be for proposed agenda items to be considered for the 72nd General Service Conference (2022). (The best way to make a proposal is likely to be through your group's GSR.)

Did you know?

The *Grapevine*

- has a YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/aagrapevine)
- offers digital access to its archive when added to a print subscription (total \$49.97/yr)
- current issues are available for smart phones with an ePub subscription (\$19.99/yr)
- daily quote can be sent to your in-box (free)
- is coming soon to Instagram

Opportunities for service:

Berkshire Institutions Committee

There are open commitments. For more information, go to the Intergroup website.

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 the 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 Monday, July 12 at 7:00 pm. (Zoom ID: 876 1377 6813 Password: 306885)

News and announcements can be sent to berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com.
For the next issue, please send news and announcements by Monday, July 12.