

Berkshire Intergroup News

September 2021 *Anniversaries:*

Southern Berkshire Group	September 24	Kevin (12 yrs), Dan U (14 yrs), Michael H (14 yrs), Jamie (21 yrs), Peter K (46 yrs)
Keep it Simple Group (on Zoom)	September 25	Elaine B (11 yrs)
Sober on Saturday (SOS)	September 25	Ruth G (35 yrs)
Milk & Honey	September 26	Gail R (24 yrs)
Sheffield 12 & 12	September 29	Roger M (16 years)
Great Barrington Women's Group	September 30	Olivia W (1 yr)
Great Barrington Men's Group	September 30	Donnie (1 yr), Jim L (32 yrs)
Lenox Big Book Step	September 30	Dennis F (40 yrs)
Northern Berkshire Group	October 10	Charley B (30 yrs), Tim M (38 yrs)

Recent meeting changes*:

An effort has been made for this list to be as up-to-date and accurate as possible.
No new changes in the status of meetings are known of at this time.

There has been some confusion around two 7:00 am meetings in our area. They are listed here:

In person

Sober at Sunrise Daily 7:00 am Unvaccinated wear masks, no coffee
George B. Crane Memorial Center, 81 Linden Street, Pittsfield

Bennington Sunrise Mon-Sat 7:00 am Masks, social distancing
First Baptist Church, 601 Main Street, Bennington

Virtual

Sober at Sunrise Daily 7:00 am (2 separate meetings; live or virtual) Zoom
ID: 406 165 8904, Passcode: 6Q62DG

Bennington Sunrise Mon-Sat 7:00 am (2 separate meetings; live or
virtual) Zoom ID: 310 182 7072, Passcode: sunrise

* A meeting's status and guidelines are likely to be contingent on what is determined by the CDC and state. Right now, everything is subject to change. Meeting information can be easily updated by filling out the google form found on the berkshireaaintergroup.org home page.

Events:

Area 31 Fall Assembly

October 16 and 17. It will be held at The Hitchcock Free Academy, 2 Brookfield Road, Brimfield, MA and will be hybrid. Workshops based on the Concepts will be held on Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. (The 12 Concepts for World Service were written by Bill W. to explain the "why" of the service structure which includes the General Service Board, General Service Conference and A.A Grapevine.) Elections will take place on Sunday (1 pm to 5 pm) as part of the business meeting. GSRs are encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

MA State Convention

November 13 (8 am to 8 pm) and 14 (8 am to 11 am). It will be virtual. More information will become available at aamastateconvention.org. The next planning meeting will take place on

Tuesdays; September 28 and October 26 at 7:00 pm. Zoom ID: 830 5148 9605 Passcode: 091682. Write Mike B. at altdelegate@area31aa.org. Or, call or text him at (###) ###-#### for more information.

Area 31 Accessibilities Committee Workshop

A panel of speakers will talk about "Who is Missing in the Rooms" and how to make meetings more accessible for everyone. October 2 from 1:00 to 3:00. Zoom ID: 827 4831 2579 Passcode: 664763.

Area 31 meetings include:

What a Concept; 1st Thursday at 7:30 pm

Service Manual; 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm

For more information on these and other hybrid committee meetings, go to area31aa.org.

Opportunities for service:

Holiday Alkathon Committee

Berkshire Intergroup is in need of volunteers to join a committee to plan the upcoming traditional Intergroup Holiday Alkathon, December 24-25. All are welcome! If interested, please call the Intergroup office, (413) 448-2382, or email berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com.

MA State Convention Hospitality Rooms

Hosts are needed for virtual hospitality rooms during the convention November 13-14. "This position is for fun and fellowship and a great opportunity for anyone to be of service." Anyone interested or looking for more information can email Lisa L. at district3@area31aa.org or attend the virtual district meeting to sign up.

Area 31 Committee Positions

Elections will take place during the Fall Assembly business meeting on Sunday, October 17. The positions open for Area 31 are: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Suggested qualifications and duties for these positions can be found in the area handbook which can be viewed and downloaded from area31aa.org. Eligible members of the area committee and all GSRs in attendance can vote.

There continues to be a need for GSRs, Intergroup reps, a District secretary and members who can help with institution commitments and/or be on the 12th step call list. Meeting times and access info can be found on the Intergroup website.

Did you know?

The *Grapevine* has come out with a new book on prayer and meditation.

Intergroup Office:

The Intergroup office is now open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 1:30 to 4:00.

Intergroup office phone number: (413) 448-2382.

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Berkshire County AA Hotline number: (413) 443-0212.

News and announcements can be sent to berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com.

For the next issue, please send news and announcements by Monday, October 11.