

## **Berkshire Intergroup News**

December 2021

### ***Anniversaries:***

Keep an Open Mind	December 21	Linda (2 yrs), Barb (4 yrs)
Bushwhackers	December 24	Paula C (1 yr)
Sober at Sunrise (in-person)	December 27	Alyssa M (1 yr)
Monterey 11th Step	December 26	Angel (11 yrs)
Lenox Big Book	December 30	Kevin D (2 yrs)
Southern Berkshire Group	December 31	Joan P (15 yrs), Claire R (31 yrs), BC (35 yrs), Mike M (37 yrs), Marianne Y (43 yrs)
We Agnostics	January 3	Thom L (32 yrs)

### ***Recent meeting changes\****

#### ***Hybrid***

I Don't Have a Clue                      Tu, Th, 6:45 am                      Masks required, No "to go" cups  
First Congregational Church, 25 Park Place, Lee MA, Zoom ID: 825 6642 4813  
(Meetings on the other days of the week will remain on Zoom for the time being.)

#### ***In-person***

Grateful Lee                                      Friday, noon                                      Masks required, No "to go" cups  
First Congregational Church, 25 Park Place, Lee MA

\* A meeting's status and guidelines are likely to be contingent on what is determined by the CDC, state and locally. 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.

### ***Meetings in need of support:***

#### ***Virtual***

Dalton Young at Heart	Monday, 7 pm
Stockbridge Tower	Tuesday, 8 pm
Beginners Meeting	Friday, 6:45 pm
All Welcome	Saturday, 7:30 pm

#### ***In-person***

Women's Step	Tuesday, 7 pm
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### ***Events:***

#### ***Berkshire Intergroup Christmas Alcathon***

From 5:00 pm December 24 to noon December 25, there will be meetings every hour. In-person meetings will take place at St. Charles Roman Catholic Church, 89 Briggs Avenue, Pittsfield from 5:00 pm to 12 am Christmas Eve and 7 am to noon on Christmas Day. Virtual meetings will take place on Zoom hourly from 12 am to 7 am. To sign up for time slots email [berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com). To view the alcathon calendar go to [berkshireaaintergroup.org](http://berkshireaaintergroup.org). Due to COVID concerns, there will be no food or beverages provided and masks will be required.

#### ***New Year's Eve Alcathon***

The Sheffield 12 & 12 Group will host a "mini" alcathon from 6:00 pm to 12:00 am on December 31 at the Claire Teague Senior Center, 915 South Main Street, Great Barrington. Due to COVID concerns, there will be no food or beverages provided and masks will be required.

*Western MA Intergroup Alcathon*

In person meetings from 6 pm December 24 to 6 pm December 25 at Grace United Church, 474 Pleasant Street, Holyoke, MA

*New England Conference of Young People in AA (NECYPAA)*

NECYPAA XXXI "Freedom from Fear" December 31 - January 2 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. For more information go to [NECYPAAHOST.org](http://NECYPAAHOST.org)

*Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA)*

GSRs, DCMs, Area Committee Members and Intergroup/Central Office Representatives of the Northeast Region discuss General Service Conference related issues and concerns affecting A.A. as a whole, as well as pertinent aspects of recovery, unity and service common to the Areas of the Northeast Region.

February 25-27, 2022. Pittsburgh, PA. Registration open. [NERAASA.org](http://NERAASA.org).

*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](http://area31aa.org).

*District 3 meeting:*

Traditions; 2nd Sunday at 7:00 pm. For Zoom information go to [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org).

***Opportunities for service:***

*Open positions for 2022*

District 3 is in need of a Co-DCM and LCM. There is an ongoing need for GSRs.

Next meeting: January 15, 7 pm. Zoom ID 830 1542 5561, Password: 043735.

Intergroup: There is an ongoing need for reps.

Next meeting: January 10, 7 pm. Zoom ID 876 1377 6813, Password: 306885

***From Karen S; 2021 Intergroup Chair:***

2021 has been a quiet year for Intergroup in many ways. Officers and a few stalwart reps continued to meet monthly but we never did get back to in-person, despite what we might have anticipated. Local AA meetings opened and closed and morphed into hybrid mixtures, and much of our time was spent tracking these changes, along with selling literature, chips and coins and virtually attending meetings and conferences. The fellowship as we enter 2022 is as strong as ever. And as new officers take over, hope continues for meetings to reopen in person and for Berkshire Intergroup to continue to play its role in supporting all our groups' and individual members' needs.

***Intergroup Office:***

An effort is being made to bring back printed meeting lists for in-person meetings. They are particularly important for places such as CSS, Magee and the Brien Center. If your group information needs to be updated, please write to [berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com](mailto:berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com) by December 30.

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

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News and announcements can be sent to [berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com](mailto:berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com).

For the next issue, please send news and announcements by Monday, January 10.