Berkshire Intergroup News

March 2023

Anniversaries:

Lee Young People	March 20	Bill W (6 yrs)
SOS (Sober on Saturday)	March 25	Patti K (18 yrs)
Keep It Simple Group (in-person)	March 25	Amy (16 yrs), Mark S (25 yrs)
Stockbridge Tower Group	March 28	Gabriel K (2 yrs)

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Sheffield 12 & 12 March 29 Tom L (19 yrs)
Lenox Big Book Step March 30 Dwayne M (1 yr)

Southern Berkshire Group March 31 Janice B (3 yrs), Joni C (31 yrs)

Peter G (34 yrs)

Recent meeting changes*

Time Change:

In Focus Step Tuesday, 7:30-9 pm Closed Step

First Baptist Church, 32 North Street, Cheshire

Discontinued:

Big Book (community center sold) Sunday Adams

Keep an Open MindTuesdayNorth AdamsEye OpenerWednesdayWilliamstownCandlelightThursdayNew Lebanon, NY

Events:

Area 31 Spring Assembly and Mini-Conference

Saturday, March 25, 9 am to 4 pm: Mini-Conference; includes lunch at noon

Sunday, March 26, 1 pm to 5 pm: Business Meeting

Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 29 Sugarloaf Street, South Deerfield

This event will be hybrid. Zoom information will be posted on the area31aa.org website.

Bus Trip to GSO

Friday, June 30. Trip to the General Service Office in New York will include a meeting and tour. A chartered bus will leave Lee at 7:30 am and return at approximately 6:40 pm. \$25 per person. A link to sign up will be on the Intergroup website soon.

Northeast Regional Forum (NERF)

June 2-4, Boston Marriott Burlington. An opportunity for members throughout the service structure to exchange information. No registration fee. For more information and link to register go to: https://www.aa.org/regional-and-local-forums

Massachusetts State Convention

November 10-12, Sturbridge Host Hotel, 366 Main Street, Sturbridge

Hybrid planning meeting: March 28, 7 pm Zoom ID: 815 7599 9333 Passcode: 112023

Grapevine:

Mid-Life Sobriety

Share about some challenges you've had after 8, 10, 20 years sober. Have you ever nearly relapsed? Did you ever stop going to meetings or disconnect from AA? Have you ever been a dry drunk? How did you get back on track? What helped you may help someone else. Stories due April 15, 2023. Submission guidelines can be found on aagrapevine.org.

Area 31 Grapevine committee to hold a writing workshop in June. Details to come.

^{*} To help make meeting listings as accurate as possible, please fill out the group change form at berkshireaaintergroup.org or send an email to berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com.

New Grapevine app to be launched in September, 2023. Proposed to be \$2.99/month.

AA Grapevine's Podcast in top 5% of all US podcasts. New episodes weekly.

Ongoing:

District 3 Traditions Meeting

2nd Sunday at 7:00 pm. Zoom ID: 842 7414 8976, Passcode: 816033

Links to recordings of past speakers can be obtained by writing district3@area31aa.org.

Area 31 Public Information Committee

A.A. Pre-recorded Radio Show "Friends Helping Friends" Sunday mornings 5 am WMAS, 94.7 and 6 am WHLL, 98.1 FM.

Next *Intergroup* meeting: April 10, 7 pm. Zoom ID: 876 1377 6813, Passcode: 306885 Next *District* 3 meeting: April 21, 7 pm. Zoom ID: 830 1542 5561, Passcode:043735

Opportunities for Service:

Berkshire Institutions Committee

Institutions have opened up to in-person meetings. There is a strong need for A.A. meetings to be brought in. Institutions reps are encouraged to attend upcoming committee meetings: March 23 and April 13 at 8:30 pm. Zoom ID: 815 4091 3682, Passcode: serenity. For more information email berkshireaainstitutions@gmail.com.

Berkshire Intergroup

There is a need for a volunteer to be in the office on Monday afternoons. There continues to be a need for an office manager. Position description:

Berkshire Intergroup Office Manager

Suggested: 2 years sobriety Part-time volunteer position Suggested term: 2-3 years

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours per week

Train volunteer staff and coordinate schedules

Purchase inventory and supplies

Maintain working relationship with landlord/maintenance staff, Coordinate maintenance of printer (McFarlane Office Supplies)

Update hotline (Berkshire Communicators) as needed

Attend monthly Berkshire Intergroup meetings

Intergroup Office:

The Intergroup office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm and the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

On Saturdays, if the door is not open, call the Intergroup office number.

It is suggested that visitors **CALL AHEAD** to make sure someone is there.

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 <u>berkshireintergroupnews@gmail.com</u>. For the next issue, please send news and announcements by Monday, April 10.