

Berkshire Intergroup News

September, 2024

Anniversaries:

Bushwackers	September 20	Pat M (6 yrs)
Stockbridge Tower Group	September 24	Michele W (1 yr), Richard P (10 yrs)
Sheffield 12&12	September 25	Brittany C (3 yrs), Roger M (19 yrs), Gavin E (42 yrs)
Great Barrington Men's	September 26	Travis (1 yr), Matt T (2 yrs), Cody C (3 yrs), Evan F (3 yrs), Donnie (4 yrs), Dylan L (20 yrs), Colby (34 yrs), Jim L (35 yrs), Bob O (36 yrs)
Southern Berkshire	September 27	Dan U (17 yrs), Michael H (17 yrs), Jamie M (24 yrs), Peter K (49 yrs)
SOS (Sober on Saturday)	September 28	Sue N (23 yrs), Gail R (27 yrs), Vera F (35 yrs)
Keep It Simple (In-person)	September 28	Michele W (1 yr), Nicole P (14 yrs), Ron P (15 yrs), Dylan L (20 yrs)
Monterey 11th Step	September 29	Peg F (43 yrs)

Recent meeting changes*

Meetings resume:

Tuesday Women's Step Meeting Tuesday, 6:30 pm Open 12&12
Living in Recovery, 75 North Street, Pittsfield, MA, Entrance on McKay Street
Ivory Keys (scheduled to reopen October 1)

* Email corrections and additions to: berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com.

Events:

Stockbridge Tower Group: Sober Dance Party

September 21, 8:30–11:30 pm
South County Recovery Center, 67 State Road, Great Barrington

Great Barrington Men's Group Picnic

September 28, 12:00–5:00 pm, Meeting 4:00–5:00
Sides, drinks and desserts welcome but optional
Sheffield Town Park, 53-59 Frederic Lane (off Miller Avenue), Sheffield

District 3 - Emotional Sobriety: From The Bedevilments to The Promises

October 5, 9:00–noon. Hybrid event. Speakers, Q&A and an Ask-It-Basket. Coffee and pastries.
First Congregational Church, 4 Main Street, Stockbridge. Zoom ID: 765 4576 1500

Chili Cook-off

October 12, 11:00 am–4:00 pm, Pittsfield State Forest, 1041 Cascade St, Pittsfield
Chili Cook-off, speaker meeting, sobriety countdown and gratitude meeting at summit
Planning meetings: September 27 and October 11 at 5 pm. Zoom ID: 876 1377 6813
Password: 306885 Groups/participants can sign up - by calling (413) 448-2382 during
Intergroup office hours or emailing berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com.

Area 31 Fall Assembly

October 19–20. Saturday 8:00 am–2:00 pm, Sunday 1:00–5:00 pm
St Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St, Chicopee

I Don't Have a Clue Thanksgiving Zoomathon

10:00 am–7:00 pm. To sign up for a meeting slot, email ldhacathon@gmail.com
Include proposed meeting format; ie. topic discussion, speaker, literature, etc

Massachusetts State Convention

November 8–10, Best Western Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road W, Marlborough

For more information: aamastateconvention.org

The next hybrid planning meeting will be held on September 24 at 7:00 pm.

Zoom ID: 815 3656 5207 Passcode: 729674 Carpool; altdelegate@area31aa.org

2025 International Convention: "90 Years: Language of the Heart"

Registration is open; <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>.

July 3–6, 2025, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

New Literature:

Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous

Scheduled to be available November 1: To reserve copies, call Intergroup (413) 448-2382

or email berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com with "PLBB" in the subject line.

Also new: a revised pamphlet "Black in A.A" and Literature Workbook

Ongoing:

District 3 Traditions Meeting

2nd Sunday, 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 Committees

There are a number of area committees that encourage participation. These include: Accessibility, Archives, Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Grapevine, and Public Information (PI). More information can be found on the website: area31aa.org.

Berkshire County Committee Meetings:

Intergroup: 2nd Monday, 7:00 pm. Zoom ID: 876 1377 6813, Passcode: 306885

Institutions: 2nd Thursday, 8:30 pm. Zoom ID: 815 4091 3682, Passcode: serenity.

District 3: 3rd Friday, 7:00 pm. Hybrid. Lee Town Hall Courtroom, 32 Main Street

Zoom ID: 830 1542 5561, Passcode: 043735

Opportunities for Service:

Berkshire Institutions Committee

There is an ongoing need for people to bring meetings into institutions (McGee, CSS, Jones and BCHC). Groups are encouraged to send a rep to the Institutions Committee meeting on the 2nd Thursday at 8:30 pm to learn more. Zoom ID: 815 4091 3682, Passcode: serenity.

Berkshire Intergroup

Elections will be held in November for positions which will be open in January; Co-chair, Treasurer and Secretary. For more info contact any present or past officer or write berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com.

Those interested in becoming a group rep or learning more about ways to get involved in Intergroup can attend a committee meeting or write berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com.

Office volunteers are needed to carry out tasks which include answering the phone, greeting visitors, selling literature and medallions. Six months of sobriety is suggested. For more information, contact Robin D at (413) 446-7445.

Intergroup Office:

The Intergroup office is now open Monday through Friday from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm except for holidays. The office will be **CLOSED** October 14.

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

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

Website: berkshireaaintergroup.org

Email address: berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com

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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 14.