



<b>WMYPAA</b>	Matt F.	N	N	Y <sub>20</sub>									
Position	Name	Jan	Feb	S/A	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
District 1 DCM	Carol L	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>21</sub>									
District 1 Co - DCM	Carrie	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y <sub>22</sub>									
District 2 DCM	Elaine	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>									
District 2 Co - DCM	Tamara R	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>24</sub>									
District 3 DCM	Chris D.	Y <sub>22</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>25</sub>									
District 3 Co - DCM	Michael K	N	N	Y <sub>26</sub>									
District 4 DCM	Nancy P.	Y <sub>23</sub>	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>27</sub>									
District 4 Co - DCM	James C	N	Y <sub>22</sub>	N									
District 5 DCM	Chris K.	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>	Y <sub>28</sub>									
District 5 Co- DCM	Corinna **	N	N	N									
District 6 DCM	Greg R.	Y <sub>25</sub>	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y <sub>29</sub>									
District 6 Co- DCM	Caroline.T	N	N	Y <sub>30</sub>									
QUORUM = 18	voting	25	24	30									
Area Chair only votes to break a tie	**Elected Feb. 3rd												

## **Secretary's Report**

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.Adam (chair PI) made a motion to combine the meetings of the two committees CPC/Pi. (There would still be two committees but we thought there would be a way) .

**All in favor 12 +5 =18 opposed 28 +1 = 29 online. Not enough votes to carry it**

Steve spoke against this motion.

Caren, co-chair of CPC, spoke in favor of the motion.Also a Liaison position should be created. Randy(online) thinks there should be one committee called the CPC/PI Committee.There are alot of Areas that already do this.

Carol L I chaired both committees. They are very different committees and the commitments are to two very different kinds of people. CPC I went to a group of priests.On PI I went to a Middle school,

Bruce spoke in favor. It is designed to give each committee more support. Mike asked what exactly would be different.Adam is explaining what the purpose is of this change. Tanya said trying to see this proposal through it seems like a Concept 10 issue. Two headed committees don't work well.

**Call the question Vote 42 +5 =47 Motion did not pass.**

Minority OPINION Brian W. , Pat L. ,Bruce No votes changed. Motion did not pass.

## 2. ELECTION

Board of trustees about to have an opening for Trustee at large US. Our Area wants to provide a candidate to the NE regional group of 18 candidates. Steve read the qualifications for the position....from the Service Manual

Mike B. came up to read his resume. He has a great deal of experience.

Mark N., the other candidate, also has a lot of experience, as well.

Results: **50 votes 30 Mike and Mark 20**

**2/3 = 34 2nd vote 33 Mike Mark 16 with an abstention (this allowed it to pass with 33 votes in favor.**

3. Motion to close at 430 ish We closed the meeting with the Declaration of Unity followed by the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted

Kate V. Area 31 Secretary

### **Treasurer's Report** (March 30, 2025)

This covers six months September 2024-February 2025. From Fall to Spring Assemblies. Opening balance for September 2024 was \$12,232.21 Contributions for the past six months totaled \$15,778.32. Area expenses totaled \$17,444.14. The closing balance was \$10,657.39 plus Prudent Reserve: \$8,501.00 = 19,158.39 Total funds available.

\*GSO reimbursement and the mini conference totals of these will be reflected on the March report.

Contributions by district

District 1 946.70

District 2 4102.36

District 3 2366.63

District 4 2682.31

District 5 3313.45

District 6 2368.87

\*contributions were down 8 percent to last year but up from the fall assembly

\*donations have increased recently thank you to Steve, Ray and Bob for getting the message out

Thank you for your continued support/contributions to Area 31, and thank you for this opportunity to serve Area 31

Respectfully submitted,

Justin C. Area 31 Treasurer

### **Registrar's Report** (March 30, 2025)

THE JOB OF THE REGISTRAR is to maintain the group and district records for Area 31. This includes records of DCMs and Co-DCMs, GSRs and Alternate GSRs, mail contacts, plus various bits of information about groups (including anniversary dates, estimated number of members, and changes in name or status). These records are contained in a database called Fellowship Connection, managed by an amazing team at the General Service Office in New York.

NUMBERS—GROUPS

Area 31 currently has 299 registered active groups. 13 of these are virtual, meaning they meet online only. The other 286 groups meet in person or are hybrid. These numbers move around a bit, as new groups are formed, and as inactive groups are dropped.

There are also 2 groups in the pending active category: the Recovery with a Purpose Group in Springfield (District 1) and the Sunday Discussion Meeting Group in Holyoke (District 2). According to a 1990 Conference Advisory Action, each new group is subject to a 30-day pending period. The idea is to give your DCM and others an opportunity to welcome your new group.

#### NUMBERS—DISTRICTS

Area 31 has 6 districts. Groups per district:

District 1 (low)	28
District 2	40
District 3 (high)	69
District 4	67
District 5	56
District 6	39
AVERAGE	50

#### WEBSITE

Toward the bottom of the Area 31 web page, under Registrar, you can find: the GSR Change Form, a list of Area 31 groups with their Group IDs and anniversary dates, and —recently posted—the guidelines and form for getting a new group registered.

#### GSRs AND DCMS

No Registrar's report would be complete without a friendly reminder about submitting contact information for new GSRs. Here's why we need this.

A group record is not up-to-date if it is missing the name and contact information of its current GSR, or alternate GSR, or mail contact.

A group without that information is not really a group in the eyes of Fellowship Connection, because the fellowship doesn't know how to connect with that group. It becomes an "unknown" group. You don't want to be "unknown" because Listing with G.S.O. provides a wider opportunity for communications between your group, G.S.O., and the General Service Structure.

GSRs receive a Group Handbook and are included in mailings sent to all listed AA groups, including Box 4-5-9 and information on regional forums and international conventions.

So please, if you're a GSR or an Alternate GSR or someone willing to be a contact person for your group, and you haven't already given your information to me or to your DCM, grab one of the forms, fill it out, and leave it with me. You can also find the form on the area website: fill it out, and email it to me. The address is on the form: registrar@area31aa.org. And if you hate forms, just email me the name of your group and your contact info.

THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve.

Sally S. Registrar Area 31

#### **Archivist's Report:** (March 30, 2025)

I have finished primarily sorting the archives. (3 years) Next, I will refine that process in each storage space and begin to catalogue the archives. This will be ongoing for years.

I asked the Grapevine Committee if they could go on a scavenger hunt for missing grapevine issues last year. They continue to provide missing copies. There have also been some individual donations as well. (thank you).

I have responded to several inquiries about group histories, origins as well as other similar inquiries, for example research for CPC Committee commitments, questions about the name of the Round Up, etc. I enjoy researching things like this.

I have added to the Area history for last year regarding renewal of W.M.Y.P.A.A. Committee as well as the reintroduction of the printed When and Where meeting list after a 4-year hiatus due to the covid pandemic.

Also added (Mickey) next to Alfred M. past Delegate panel 10.

We donated to G.S.O. archives materials from Margaret C. (personal correspondence, photos, and other materials). We received a thank you letter.

Finally, I encourage all Committee Chairs and DCMs to provide hard copy for minutes and events, as well as posting these minutes to the website (which has become a de facto electronic archive).

(Please include FULL dates on documents.)

*The one constant that has been and still is relevant is paper copy.* It is only if we preserve these minutes that they will be available to future generations for research, that we may continue to carry the message of our efforts of today. Sadly, looking at the website and past minutes this is an area for much improvement. Much of our past efforts are lost to time. We may do wonderful things now, but if they are not retained then the work ends at the year's end.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl G. Area 31 Archivist

### **Webmaster:** (March 30, 2025)

As is custom, I'd like to share some website usage statistics first. Our website receives about 1400 hits per month. 39% reach our site through a bookmark or by typing in area31aa.org. 54% of traffic comes from search engines. The remaining 7% are linked from other sites – mostly Western MA Intergroup and other area websites. The most popular operating system for accessing the site is iOS at 36%. Windows follows at 28%, Android at 20%, and Mac at 14%.

There have been a few minor changes to the website since our last assembly. First, a plugin has been added to fix our security certificate not appearing by default. This should help increase search engine traffic.

More recently, I incorporated another plug-in called Forminator. We currently use WPForms for each of the committee's contact forms. It works well, but the free version is very limited. Forminator has many more features included in its free version. It's currently being used for online registration for the Round-Up. If your committee has any use for receiving any information by form, please consider reaching out to see if we can use the tool to help your committee.

At the Fall Assembly, I shared my takeaways from the National AA Technology Workshop. I analyzed our website through a tool called Lighthouse, which scores site accessibility. Our site has plenty of opportunities in this area, and my focus this year is to improve our site's score. One area for improvement is the site's loading speed. Our website loads a video, which is very small (3MB) but isn't suited for all devices and connections. I plan to change our landing page to a still image, and I am asking the area for landscape photography submissions – preferably of local scenery. Images

can be submitted to [webmaster@area31aa.org](mailto:webmaster@area31aa.org). Please be sure that you have rights to any image submitted.

Standing announcements –

There have been increased phishing attempts on our domain. Most state that your mailbox is full or our hosting needs to be renewed. Please stay vigilant about these attempts and do not click on any links or provide any information. Filters on spam have been tightened, but please periodically review spam folders to check that valid messages are not being filtered out.

Please reach out if you have issues accessing your area email. While many people have opted over the years to use their personal emails instead, our [area31aa.org](mailto:area31aa.org) emails continue to receive correspondence and many have gone unanswered. If you want to use the Outlook or Gmail apps on Android or the Mail app on iPhone to access your area31 email, please reach out, and I can help you set it up. Similar options are also available on PC or Mac, and I find them easier to use than RoundCube.

Please continue to share your committee's minutes so that they can be posted on the website. I have to remove any personal information, so an editable form is preferred.

Thank you for letting me serve!

Tom H. Webmaster

### **Accessibilities:** ( March 30, 2025)

Grateful to be serving as the Accessibilities Chair. We maintain meetings that were started in various Nursing facilities :

Mondays: Pioneer Valley Health and Rehab S. Hadley 7-8 pm

Fridays: Cedarbrook Village Assisted Living , Ware 7-8 pm

Second Wednesday, in home meeting S. Hadley 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Third Wednesday, Care One Rehab Holyoke 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Third Thursday, Linda Manor Assisted Living , Leeds 6:15 -

There are 4 meetings I must attend or send a representative to :

Institutions 1 st Wednesday, Area meeting on the 2nd Wednesday

Intergroup on the 2nd Thursday and the Accessibilities meeting on the 4th Wednesday

We are going to be chairing a workshop on Accessibilities at the Round Up in June . Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Judy H. Chair

### **CPC** ( March 30, 2025) Caren F., Chair

In Sept. 2024, we set up an Agenda for a typical CPC Presentation.. We also attended our Quarterly Area Committee chairs' lunch at 99 in Chicopee. AIC presentation had 48 students, and would like to renew for 2025. Greenfield Sheriff's Dept. went well and would like to renew., Monson Public Safety had many people attend the booth. Lots of fun and we hope to renew.

In October, we did a CPC Presentation for District 6 by Co chair Caren.

In November, 5 attended Springfield College Substance Abuse Masters Program 1:45 minute presentation. Invited for 2025. We determined the need for physical outreach to our local DCM and GDSR into the home groups and Area Service Committees to widen outreach for AA's CPC.

In December, We spent time Identifying CPC Goals: How many commitments is CPC capable of handling. ?Do we purchaseCPC workbooks or print them off? An AA Big Book is offered for the presentation.Presented to Elms College 20 Students were in attendance and a possibility with their Sociology dept. and Nursing School. Bruce said Thank you for letting him serve as 2024 Chair. Caren rotated in as 2025 chair.Danielle came on as Co chair.

In January, with 15 members in attendance , we asked for volunteers to call an institution directly, so that they may have a contact. We reviewed our new opportunities

In February, Caren and Danielle attended the virtual NERAASA .At the CPC meeting, we watched the CPC presentation videoWe discussed this current video being used when offering a presentation. One possible lead at the Holyoke Medical Center.

In March, 11 attended our monthly meeting. Danielle will be stepping down as Co Chair. Due to time and personal matters. We now have an opening for a Secretary and a CPC co Chair for 2025. Respectfully submitted,  
Caren F. CPC Chair

### **Grapevine/LaVina** (March 30, 2025)

Good afternoon Area Committee, continued gratitude for the opportunity to serve as the Area 31 Grapevine/La Viña chair!

The Grapevine/La Viña Committee has a standing project we could use assistance with. We are on a scavenger hunt in cooperation with our Area Archives for old Grapevine magazines. Any members throughout the area who have issues dating back to 1993 are encouraged to contact either myself at Grapevine@area31aa.org or the archivist at Archivist@area31aa.org if you are willing to pass them along to the area. Please visit the Grapevine page on the Area Website for an exact list of issues needed, and thank you Tom for your help getting that set up.

In the past 6 months we have participated with Area Service in the following ways:

Participation in group anniversaries with the Grapevine boards. Apologies to a group in Chicopee - I missed a commitment there in January!

We hosted a Podcast Listening Party in Haydenville in December. Members in attendance listened to a selected episode of the Podcast and then shared reflections on the topic. Widely well-received, the only input we had to improve this event was to introduce ourselves and our home group before getting started.

From NERAASA:

Many Grapevine committees in the Northeast have GVRs who interact with various aspects of the Grapevine in unique ways. Examples of these included "Purple Can People" who collect contributions and send them to the Carry the Message Project, and a promotional item rep who distributes the promotional materials produced by the Grapevine. Probably the most interesting suggestion was a sober hike coordinator, who organizes a hike and Grapevine story reading. These and more positions will be available at our next committee meeting on Tuesday 4/1, so come visit us and see what else is in store!

From the editorial calendar: The November 2025 issue of the Grapevine will consist of classic stories from their archives. No submissions are requested for this issue. Submissions for stories on members living in remote communities and sober holiday stories are requested, due May 15th. For Remote Communities - Do you live far away? Are you a loner? Do you have a cultural or language barrier that prevents you from getting to meetings? For Sober Holidays - What ways do you stay sane and grateful during the holidays? How do you navigate holiday parties? Share your best sober holiday stories!

Please remember that the Grapevine is self- supporting through subscription sales, literature, and other merchandise. Since the Grapevine does not accept contributions from Individual members or AA groups,the sales of these materials keeps this vital piece of the Fellowship alive.

We have finalized a location for a Creator's Workshop - April 5 at 98 North Maple St in Hadley, MA from 5-8pm!  
We will focus on creative submissions including stories, jokes, cartoons, "if these walls could talk" submissions, heard at a meeting, and others.

We also will be hosting a Writer's Workshop at the Round Up on Saturday, June 7, from 3:00-4:30. Does anybody have any questions?

Thank you for the opportunity to serve

Joe I. Chair Area 31 Grapevine/La Viña Committee

### **PI** (March 30, 2025).

The Public Information Committee has averaged between 10 and 15 members/attendees over the past three months.

In December 2024, a commitment was held at Gandara, and the facility has expressed interest in establishing a regular commitment with the Area. In January, the PI Committee reviewed both the Public Information Workbook and the Area 31 Handbook to clarify our purpose and direction. We discussed suggested areas of focus for the first half of the year, including:

Literature Distribution: Placing books, pamphlets, printable flier cards, business cards, bookmarks, and event fliers (with QR codes) at facilities, schools, libraries, community bulletin boards, roadside lending libraries, and other public access points.

Educational Outreach: Sending emails or letters to high schools, community organizations, health fairs, and facilities to offer A.A. literature and/or presentations on what A.A. is and what it does.

Media Engagement: Working with local radio and TV stations to run Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and to list open A.A. meetings in local newspapers.

Paid Advertisements: Exploring ads on shopping carts, streaming platforms like Spotify and Pandora, and other avenues.

Digital Outreach: Sharing A.A. information on public safety websites and local town/city webpages.

Spanish-Language Outreach: Expanding our reach to Spanish-speaking communities by distributing translated materials.

We have created a shared Gmail account for the committee:

([Area31PublicInformation@gmail.com](mailto:Area31PublicInformation@gmail.com)) and begun developing a database and tracking sheet to log outreach efforts, including contacts, services offered, and next steps with each facility.

We secured a commitment to present at Hampshire Regional High School in the fall and have reached out to multiple schools, facilities, and media outlets as part of our first half of the year outreach. Berkshire Radio station WBCR-lp 97.7fm in Great Barrington is offering the opportunity for a PSA and potential radio show. Drafts have been developed for flier cards (postcards), business cards, and bookmarks that members can distribute widely and effectively, and will be printed in the next couple months. Lastly, two nursing programs have asked us to support upcoming health fairs by providing literature, including books and pamphlets. We are reviewing our budget to determine how best to support these requests and ongoing material distribution.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Chair PI

### **Round-Up**: (March 30, 2025)

Wow! It's hard to believe that we are here at the Spring Assembly already! If you haven't heard, the 56th Annual Area 31 Roundup will be held from June 6 – 8th at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Pittsfield, MA and the theme is "Working Together, Increasing Trust" -- if you haven't heard it before ... you'll definitely hear about it again and again in the next couple of months.

The Roundup is an opportunity for all of area 31 to hear the results of the General Service Conference from our Delegate as well as a chance for all of us to come together and share our

experience, strength and hope as well as fellowship for a weekend of workshops, meetings, a banquet, keynote speaker from GSO and a dance.

Right after the Fall Assembly, the Roundup committee got a late start on planning this year's event and we have made a lot of progress in just a few short months. We scouted a few locations and have secured an excellent site for the Roundup that provides all the space we need for all the meetings we want as well as a Banquet and dance. When I first called Grace (yes, the hotel contact's name is Grace) I knew that this would be a great roundup and everything would work out ... and they have been very accommodating to our needs.

We have worked out a three-day program that also includes Al-anon participation and have communicated to all of the standing committee chairs and districts all of their workshop assignments. Thanks to our webmaster and Mark , our registration person, we have the option of online registration (@ area31aa.org) as well as accepting payments through Venmo, Cash App & PayPal. Registration for the weekend is \$30.00 and the cost for the banquet is \$35.00. We still have a few items to finalize and have two more committee meetings to do so. We have been working hard to plan this Roundup and now we need all of your help.

I know that this is a "One day at a time" program ... but we also need to make plans. I ask everyone here to register as soon as you can for the Roundup and banquet either at the registration table in the back of the room, or at your convenience online or by mail. Our committee will also be at the events coming up over the next couple of months (District 4's workshop in May and the GV event in April), and can come to your district or committee upon request.

We need as many early registrations as possible so that we can make sure that we have planned for the right number of people and ,if not ,can renegotiate our numbers with the hotel. So, GSRs – tell your groups about the exciting event that will be taking place in June. Committee chairs – talk about the Roundup in your committee meetings and ask your members to participate in the biggest event in our Area's calendar.

There are about 300 groups in area 31 ... wouldn't it be great if we have at least one group member from each group at the roundup as we "work together and increase trust?"

Jack, Chair

### **Berkshire Intergroup:** (March 30,2025)

There have been an average of four to eight groups that are represented at our monthly meeting. We started the bookie exchange which starts at 6:30. There have been an average of two to three exchanges a month and we hope to see that number increase as the word gets out.

We are doing financially well with Intergroup. The office is fully stocked and is open Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. Our office manager is planning to attend the Intergroup and Central Service Offices seminar in September in Memphis.

We had our first annual chili cookoff at the Ski Lodge in Pittsfield which was well attended by about 70 people with a wonderful speaker. We had a successful Christmas Alkathon, and the committee did a great job of helping out. We would love to see District 3 attend our meeting more consistently. The Secretary, Treasurer and Co-chair positions were all filled. Berkshire Intergroup will have a table at the Round Up to sell Literature. The reps are

currently bringing ideas of Intergroup activities back to their groups to be considered. We also had a good collaboration with western Mass Intergroup to do a workshop. Finally, there has been discussion about a new location if it becomes necessary to move. Dwayne, Chair of Berkshire Intergroup

### **Institutions:** (March 30,2025)

#### Ways to Get Involved

Become the Institutions Group Representative for your homegroup, and tell your homegroup about open commitments they might want to sponsor.

Sponsor a commitment as individual AA members (requirement: "sponsor" with 1 year of sobriety and co-sponsor with 6 months of sobriety)

Stand for a service position on the committee

Attend the monthly committee meeting to learn more: 7PM on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 30 Carew Street in South Hadley, MA

#### Ongoing Committee Concerns:

Difficulty updating filled and open commitments due to communication challenges with AA members and facilities, especially since COVID.

Please help us improve our service and strengthen our unity by connecting your active personal commitments to the Institutions Committee. This will give us a clearer understanding of active commitments and facilities' needs. The committee provides assistance with challenges that arise, including finding a new sponsor if you need to step down, and AA literature to distribute at your commitment.

No Spanish-speaking commitments offered through the Institutions Committee at this time and no translation offered at monthly meetings.

We are not hybrid, and some AA members are not able to come to the monthly meeting to sign up for a commitment.

#### Library

January 2025 Report:

Dispersed: 258 Books

Amount Spent: 2003.00

Books Purchased: 168

Total literature Inventory: 722 Books

February 2025 Report:

Dispersed: 47 Books

Amount Spent : 1,728.50

Books purchased: 140

Total Literature Inventory : 812 Books

March 2025 Report:

Dispersed: 141 Books

Amount Spent: \$2,270.00

Books Purchased: 188

Total literature Inventory: 771 Books

25.5 groups out of 321 groups donated to Institutions leaving 295.5 groups who did not donate to Institutions  
Average monthly donations in a 6 month period = \$2025.02

Average monthly books purchased over a 6 month period 179 based on monthly donations of \$2025.02

Average # of books distributed monthly over the 6 month period was 217

Based on the average # of books being distributed and the average # of books purchased, it is likely that we will have a shortage of books to distribute in roughly 8 months

If each of the 295 groups who are not currently donating to Institutions donates a minimum of \$5 each month, the Institution committee will have no problem in the foreseeable future with book shortages.

Lena, Institutions Chair

**West. MA Intergroup** :(March 30,2025)

Western Mass Intergroup meets every 2nd Thursday of each month at 30 Carew St. in South Hadley, starting with the Bookie meeting at 6:30 and the regular meeting of Intergroup beginning at 7:00 pm. The meetings have been well attended; However, our previous treasurer has had to step down and therefore we need a volunteer for the position until the end of the year. The West.MA. The Intergroup Committee organized and hosted two alkathons, one for Thanksgiving and the other for Christmas. Both were heavily attended and there were abundant food contributions for guests to enjoy. A special thanks to Young People for all their help and contributions in food and time. The alkathons received great reviews and the Int. Gp. Committee will continue to host them. I attended the Mass. State Convention in Marlborough this past November and this year I will not only be an attendee, but Area 31 Intergroup will have a table there making our resources and supplies available for sale. On March 22 we held a workshop for the Bookies and Intergroup reps. titled "Working Together, Increasing Trust". I found it beneficial; our three speakers emphasized the importance of each role in the Intergroup Committee. We had good feedback. Looking forward: Intergroup is holding the annual Golf Tournament on May 24, 2025 starting at noon with a shotgun scramble. It will be at the Agawam Municipal Golf Club, it is limited to the first 72 golfers and May 12th is the cut off for registration. The event costs \$100/person and includes lunch, a golf cart, dinner, raffle and prizes. Intergroup will also be hosting the annual picnic on Aug. 17, 2025 at the Moose Lodge in Chicopee on Fuller Rd. The event is free, family friendly with games, prizes and raffles. We will be reaching out to groups for donations for raffle prizes, all contributions are greatly appreciated. November will be the Area elections, as well as most Committee elections, and Intergroup is hoping that those interested in service will come join us and stand for key slots within the Committee. With God's help, the November elections will yield a treasurer who will be able to not only fill the position and see it through its full term as well. As previously mentioned, we need a treasurer to fill in NOW until the end of the year. If you are interested in helping Intergroup out in that role, please feel free to contact me at intergro4@aol.com or attend our next Committee meeting on April 10th at 7:00 pm. In gratitude for allowing me to serve,  
Yolanda, Chair

**West MA Young People AA (WMYPAA)** (March 30, 2025)

First off, WMYPAA would like to thank all of Area 31 for its continued support, for allowing us to be a part of the service structure, and for being the powers of example that help us grow as individuals and members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Over the past six months we have been working diligently towards serving as the MSCYPAA Host committee. With five months until the convention, we are confident we will host a successful weekend long event August 15-17 at the Marriott in Downtown Springfield. With multiple facilities and sober houses nearby, this is an ideal location to hopefully attract a newcomer who may not otherwise have the opportunity or willingness to experience the comradery and energy that occurs at ypa.

As a committee we continue to remain willing and open minded (for the most part) to better understand how to fulfill our primary purpose. The group had an inventory recently facilitated by a past host/advisory member with experience in our specific situation. Being more welcoming, and more unified amongst the committee, as well as AA as a whole were things we discussed and continue to work on. We encourage all of our members to attend area 31 functions.

Members put on commitments at various locations hoping to carry our message. With hosting MSCYPAA, we do have a financial responsibility. Balancing this with our primary purpose is an ongoing experience. Our primary source of being self supporting comes from registrations to the conference (which is \$30 right now), events which we host on a monthly basis. April 26 at St Stephen's church in Pittsfield starting at 6:30 pm is our next event. It will be a speaker meeting followed by a dance. In June, (13-16) we are hosting a Campout at Emerald lake at a Park in East Dorset, VT. You can find all of this information at [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) (thankyou tom you are a huge help) or [mscypaa.com](http://mscypaa.com). We also have fliers and business cards with a QR code floating around or speak to any member if you have questions. Our meeting is the 1st sunday of the month with a traditions study at 4 followed by our business meeting at 5 located at the Serenity Club 143 main st Spfld MA  
Respectfully submitted  
Matt F MSYCYPAA liaison.

### **District 1** (March 30, 2025)

.In October, I was a GSR zNo one had a key to the meeting Blg. so we had the meeting outside on the hood of Tony's car. It was cold! We started planning the workshop that we put on in December. Also in December we had elections. All positions were filled. I became DCM, Carrie the Co DCM and Karen the secretary. Fast forward to this year, List of Springfield meetings was handed out and GSRs will be visiting meetings that need representation and explaining why coming to the District meeting is important. In the upcoming months, Carl will visit us and Sally the registrar also will visit. I am excited to say that we had 15 people at our last meeting.  
Carol L. DCM District 1

### **District 2** (March 30 2025)

District 2 continues to meet at the Agawam Congressional Church on the second Monday of each month both in-person and on-line. We have an enthusiastic group of 15 - 19 GRSs attending. Most groups are doing well and contributing to the pie chart. We held elections in November and welcomed Tamara as co-DCM, Alyssa as Secretary and Eric as Zoom liaison. We have worked through some Zoom connection and equipment concerns. Eric has decided to use his personal laptop instead of the Area one we had borrowed. This worked great for our March meeting. It is unlikely that we will need to purchase a laptop for District 2. At each District meeting, a GSR volunteer gives a presentation on the Tradition of the Month. Instead of reading the tradition in the meeting, the GSR volunteer researches the Tradition in our literature and gives a short 2 minute presentation. These presentations have been great and very informative.

We held a District 2 NERAASA watch party. We gathered for food and fellowship before watching the Saturday Evening NERAASA Programming. We all had a great time with lots of laughs and great AA service inspiration from the NERAASA programing.

We are in the process of planning a fall workshop on the Plain Language Big Book. This will be a hybrid event. We are in the process of lining up location, guest speakers, and date. The GSRs in District 2 are grateful for the timely distribution of Conference Agenda Items. Several GSRs were able to present the Conference Agenda items discussed yesterday to their home groups for

feedback prior to this Assembly. The District 2 GSRs are a fun and enthusiastic group. I'm grateful for all they contribute to the District and Area.

Elaine H District 2 DC

**District 3:**(March 30, 2025)

District 3 meets for its monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month at 7pm with around 15 to 20 attendees, including both in-person and virtual. The District added several new GSRs and Alt-GSRs in the past six months. Most groups with a GSR are donating regularly to the pie chart. The monthly virtual tradition meeting is held on the second Saturday of the month, with speakers from the Area sharing on the tradition coinciding with the month. There has been a bookie exchange, where speaker exchanges are happening between groups within and outside the District. We've had visitors including Bob, the Area Chairperson, Steve the Area Delegate, and Sally, the Area Registrar. Additionally, we have regular attendance from Berkshire Institutions as well as Berkshire Intergroup. In November, elections were held utilizing Third Legacy procedure for DCM, co-DCM, and Secretary. I was elected DCM, and Mike K was elected as the co-DCM. Kathy was elected Secretary in November, but just this past month had to step down. Maureen B has stepped up as the new Secretary of the District. An effort has been made for GSRs to take inventory of newcomers in their groups, and to think about how groups might continue to support our primary purpose. This has generated lively conversation in the District meetings. There has been significant interest in new literature, so efforts are under way to organize an event around the Plain Language Big Book in the District in the near future, to gain insights into the impetus and process for writing the text, and its intended use in reaching newcomers.

Yours in Service,

Chris D (District 3 DCM)

**District 4:**(March 30, 2025)

In the last three months of 2024 District four did outreach to the groups to encourage them to send a GSR to the district four meeting. We began discussions about having a workshop since the last was in 2023. GSR reports have shown no major group issues. We have seen about 6 new GSR's rolling in this year.

We had a visit from our Archivist, Carl. At that meeting we had a visitor who wished to know where the Roundup name came from. Carl investigated and we were able to share what he found at the next district meeting. We were also able to provide that member with some information about where to ask questions and find other's experience around the International Convention.

Sally, our registrar, visited the next month and helped us understand better what she does and why. She has been helpful to our GSRs and me in getting registered. Lina, our Institutions chair, visited us and was very helpful in explaining what Institutions does and the advantages of having a rep. and listing group commitments with Institutions.

Ray, our alternate Delegate, brought us the GSR presentation and let us know that it was ok to pass it on to GSR's that wished to better inform their groups.

Bob, our area chair, asked district 4 to step up and help Northfield Mount Herman to fill a need for two meetings during their alumni weekend occurring the same weekend of the Roundup. James, our co-DCM, took on the commitment since he is familiar with the school. He has reached out to two sober alumni who will go there with him and perhaps be able to fill this need in the future. Thank-you James.

We are nearly finished with our plans for a workshop to take place on May 17 at the Grapevine clubhouse located at 93 Chapman st in Greenfield. It will run from 10am-2pm. Please help yourself to flyers. Our topic is "Working Together, Increasing Trust". We have three speakers on the topic, display boards from Grapevine and hopefully Archives. We will also have an informational table from Institutions, and WMYPAA. There will be time for sharing, and questions, food and fellowship. To end, on Friday it looked like we would be short-handed for setting up this assembly. I sent out an email to District 4 and got immediate offers of help from the district's GSRs. Thank-you to District 4 GSRs for stepping up and helping to facilitate this assembly so that our delegate will be informed as to our conscience when he attends the General Service Conference in New York in April! I wish to thank the area officers and other DCM's who have helped me serve District 4

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy P District 4 DCM

### **District 5:** (March 30, 2025)

District 5 meets on the first Monday of the month at 7pm at 30 Carew Street in South Hadley and online. Since the Fall Assembly, the attendance at the District meeting has been well attended. We've had some groups sending new GSRs and alternates since the beginning of the year. The attendance has averaged 15 GSRs and alternates since last fall. At the March meeting we had a full house with over 20 people in attendance. It's been nice to see a healthy growth in participation. We started the year with the newly elected Co-DCM unfortunately having to step down for personal reasons so in January I asked if any GSRs would be interested in filling the role. Not much interest so we tabled it for a month to allow them to think about it. In February, Corrina volunteered herself and the GSRs voted her in. Welcome Corrina as the Co-DCM of district 5. At the March meeting, a few groups mentioned attending NERASSA with some positive and mixed experiences. The fact that it was held online only, contributed to some of the mixed feelings of the event. Most groups have stated healthy attendance at their meetings with a few reporting low attendance. Those reporting low attendance have discussed possibly changing start times for their meetings to be earlier to attract more attendees. One such group is the Wilbraham Monday Night Step Group. The South Hadley Sunday Night Women's Group also reported low attendance recently with low membership as well. They could use some support. Also at the March meeting, the No Name Group asked the GSRs to spread the word that their group is really struggling and needs support. They meet on Wednesdays at 859 Center Street in Ludlow at 7:30pm. The Eye Opener Group also in Ludlow stated having the area possibly coming in for an incoming commitment. Groups who have had the area come to them before encouraged that as it was a very positive experience for them. Also since the Fall Assembly, the district has maintained inviting a committee chair to visit and share with the GSRs what the committee does and encourage the GSRs to get group involvement and representation. The March meeting we had Jack A., the Round Up chair visit to discuss the upcoming Round Up this year and the importance of the GSRs involvement. He informed us of our workshop and Alcathon

assignments. For the upcoming year, we as a district are discussing possible workshop ideas with maybe another play but nothing has been determined yet. We next meet on April 7th..  
Chris K. DCM

**District 6:** (March 30,. 2025) ..

On behalf of the District 6 committee we thank all of the Area service personnel for their kind and useful work. Steve visited and Ray visited to give the GSR presentation. Justin the treasurer visited to explain how the finances of the Area work. Sally did her presentation of what her job as the Registrar is and how she keeps us in touch with the Gen Service office in New York. Attendance at the district meetings is between 10 and 14 people each month. Groups are overall healthy however multiple groups report struggling to fill service positions. Mark, a representative from Round Up, came to encourage everyone's attendance in June at the Round Up.

I shared the agenda items for the Spring Assembly workshops with GSR's and encouraged them to share with their groups and get feedback for the Spring Assembly.

Finally, we are working on a workshop, the date still to be determined, however, the topic, if the webmaster is available, will be an orientation on how to go through the Area website.

We are aiming for a date sometime after the Round Up.

District 6 meets on the 3rd Monday of every month @ 568 College Highway Southwick in the basement of the Daily Grind at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg R. DCM District 6

**Delegate's Remarks:** (March 30, 2025)

Since the Fall assembly, our GS committee has met twice online. I have attended "NERASSA" (online) and "NERD" in December. NERDelegates meet monthly online to keep in touch. We may have fixed "meeting guide app" issue with CT meetings ( AAs have been directed to meetings in Area 11, even meetings that are in our area)

I have completed reading GSC background information; I still need to get to GSC Inventory Material NERForum Dec 5-7 Omni Providence RI, is a great opportunity to meet GSO members that work in the NY office. This is free to attend and should be attended by everyone interested in service.

At the Int. Convention (July 3-6) NERRegion is hosting the Hospitality Suite ; Mary E-K, past DelegateArea 11 put something up on the website. I don't think there is any \$ involved.

As the delegate, I got to choose Dianne L., of the NY office, also the Conference Coordinator, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Round Up.

As a part of the conference work that needs to be done is to re DO all of the Workbooks that pertain to Committees: treatment, Institutions, Accessibilities, Public Info, CPCand Corrections workbooks.

Mass State Convention planning has started and I am gratefully serving as the Treasurer.

I also attended the Grapevine workshop and the District 1 workshop, and the WM Intergroup and the Berkshire Intergroup workshop

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Delegate Panel 74/Area 31 Delegate

**Alternate Delegate's Remarks:**(March 30, 2025).

Since we Last met 6 Months ago at the Fall Assembly, I have had the pleasure of Serving the area in the following ways: Another successful Mass State convention, Area visits to various committees and districts, in January provided the GSR presentation to all 6 Districts, the annual NERD reunion & most recently executed the Mini conference to help provide the area conscience to Steve, our Delegate. The next 6 months will be filled with more area committee and district visits, the Round Up, The International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, MYCYPAA and workshops as they develop. And of course, being the Carpool and Program chair to the Mass State Convention. We meet last Tuesday every odd month, except October when we stuff the envelopes for November. Please join us on NOVEMBER 14, 15 & 16.

Ray Meunier Panel 74/Area 31 Alternate Delegate

**Area Chair's Remarks:** (March 30, 2025)

There isn't much I have to say that hasn't already been said

I am grateful to the standing committees for all their hard work , looks like we are getting . back in the groove after Covid.Thank you all for your reports and making the effort to keep them brief and to the point. Keep up the good work.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE    NEW BUSINESS:**

1.Lena (Institution Chair) made a motion that the Area stop getting printing done at the Sheriff's Dept. and INSTEAD go with a "Market Price " vendor. The motion was seconded from the floor. A lively discussion ensued. The vote was called; the amount of possible votes were counted. There were 40 +9 online. Vote: **6Y 42N and 1 abstention. Motion did not pass. .**

2. Ray made a motion that the Chair appoints a tech host every year. Justin seconded.Carol L. What is a tech host? Lara A. said "I am. It is me!" Jack A. As an alternative to a structural change, it is recommended that the Area Chair enlist a tech team for assistance to host the meetings.

Ray will withdraw his motion to have a better handle on the particulars of the situation.

3.Joe I (GVchair) made a motion that we purchase a sign(for 154.49) to find the entrance to the Assembly or workshop. It was seconded. Voting was: **1 in favor EVERYONE ELSE was against the motion There were 6 abstentions.**

4.. Motion to close at 305 pm Seconded and voted Unanimously.Closed with the Responsibility Pledge. The next Area meeting will be on April 9th at 730pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kate V. Area 31 Secretary  
Western Mass General Service

