

June 11, 2025 Area 31 Business Meeting Minutes  
Called to order at 7:30 PM

Position	NAME	Jan	Feb	S/A	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
Area Delegate	Steve M.	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>1</sub>						
Alt. Delegate	Ray M.	Y <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>	Y/O <sub>2</sub>	Y <sub>2</sub>						
Area Chair ***	Bob M.	Y <sub>3</sub>	Y <sub>3</sub>	Y <sub>3</sub>	Y <sub>3</sub>	Y <sub>3</sub>	Y <sub>3</sub>						
Area Treasurer	Justin C.	Y <sub>4</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	Y/O <sub>4</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	N						
Area Secretary	Kate V.	Y <sub>5</sub>	Y <sub>5</sub>	Y <sub>5</sub>	N	Y <sub>5</sub>	Y <sub>5</sub>						
Area Registrar	Sally	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y	Y						
Area Archivist	Carl G.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
<b>ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR</b>	Judy H.	Y <sub>6</sub>	Y <sub>6</sub>	Y <sub>6</sub>	Y <sub>5</sub>	N	Y <sub>5</sub>						
CO - CHAIR	Dan R.	Y <sub>7</sub>	N	Y <sub>7</sub>	N	N	N						
<b>ARCHIVES CHAIR</b>	Joe L.	Y <sub>8</sub>	N	Y <sub>8</sub>	Y <sub>6</sub>	N	N						
CO - CHAIR(as of 1/26)	.Rick W.	N	N	Y <sub>9</sub>	Y <sub>7</sub>	Y <sub>6</sub>	Y <sub>6</sub>						
<b>C P C CHAIR</b>	Caren F.	Y <sub>9</sub>	Y <sub>7</sub>	Y <sub>10</sub>	Y <sub>8</sub>	Y/O <sub>7</sub>	Y <sub>7</sub>						
<b>CO - CHAIR (as of 1/15)</b>	Danielle A	N	Y <sub>8</sub>	Y <sub>11</sub>	resigned	Still none	Tanya N						
<b>GRAPEVINECHAIR</b>	Joe I..	Y <sub>10</sub>	Y <sub>9</sub>	Y <sub>12</sub>	Y <sub>9</sub>	Y <sub>8</sub>	Y <sub>8</sub>						
CO-CHAIR	Anisa	Y <sub>11</sub>	N	Y <sub>13</sub>	Y <sub>10</sub>	N	N						
<b>PUBLIC INFO CHAIR</b>	Brian W.	Y <sub>12</sub>	Y <sub>10</sub>	Y <sub>14</sub>	Y <sub>11</sub>	Y <sub>9</sub>	Y/O <sub>9</sub>						
CO-CHAIR	.John F.	N	N	N	Y <sub>12</sub>	N	N						
WEBMASTER	Tom H.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Asst. WebMaster	Jenn	N	N	N	N	N	resigned						
<b>W.Mass IGP CHAIR</b>	Yolanda	Y <sub>13</sub>	Y <sub>11</sub>	Y <sub>15</sub>	N	N	N						
<b>BERK IGP CHAIR</b>	Dwayne	Y <sub>14</sub>	Y <sub>12</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>13</sub>	Y <sub>10</sub>	Y <sub>11</sub> co						
<b>INSTITUTIONS CHAIR</b>	Lena/JD	Y <sub>15</sub>	Y <sub>13</sub>	Y <sub>17</sub>	N	Y/O <sub>11</sub>	JD N						
CO-CHAIR	JD/Bruce	N	N	N	N	N	Bruce N						
<b>ROUND UP CHAIR</b>	Jack	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>14</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>14</sub>	Y <sub>12</sub>	Y <sub>12</sub>						
CO-CHAIR	Jill F.	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y <sub>15</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>15</sub>	Y <sub>13</sub>	Y/O <sub>13</sub>						

<b>WMYPAA</b>	Matt F.	N	N	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>14</sub>	N						
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District 1 DCM	Carol L	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y <sub>15</sub>	Y <sub>14</sub>						
District 1 Co - DCM	Carrie	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y <sub>22</sub>	Y/O <sub>18</sub>	Y/O <sub>16</sub>	Y/O <sub>15</sub>						
District 2 DCM	Elaine	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>	N	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>						
District 2 Co - DCM	Tamara R	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	N						
District 3 DCM	Chris D.	Y <sub>22</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>25</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	N	Y <sub>17</sub>						
District 3 Co - DCM	Michael K	N	N	Y <sub>26</sub>	N	N	N						
District 4 DCM	Nancy P.	Y <sub>23</sub>	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>27</sub>	N	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>						
District 4 Co - DCM	James C	N	Y <sub>22</sub>	N	Y <sub>21</sub>	N	N						
District 5 DCM	Chris K.	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>	Y <sub>28</sub>	Y <sub>22</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>						
District 5 Co- DCM	Corinna **	N	N	N	N	N	N						
District 6 DCM	Greg R.	Y <sub>25</sub>	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y <sub>29</sub>	N	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>						
District 6 Co- DCM	Caroline.T	N	N	Y <sub>30</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>	N	N						
QUORUM = 18	voting	25	24	30	23	21	20						
Area Chair only votes to break a tie	**Elected Feb. 3rd												

**Secretary's Report**

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1. Fall assembly will be Oct. 18th and 19th in district 2. Area Elections will be on Sunday.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Ray made a motion that the Mass State Convention be allowed to borrow our old projector. Seconded by Kate. **Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Motion to close at 9:04 seconded and **carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted  
Kate V. Area 31 Secretary

**Treasurer's Report** (June 11, 2025)

**NOTE: This report was not accepted as read. More will be revealed.**

Beginning May Balance	\$	8789.39
Group Contributions	\$	1951.92
Total Area Expenses	\$	2154.57
Closing April Balance	\$	8586.39
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$	8.501.00

Total Funds Available \$ 17,087.39

Further Comments:

\*Contributions in May 2025 decreased 18 percent to last year

\*There was a total of 16 donations made in May 2025 totaling \$1951.92

\*See Treasurer's spreadsheet for more detail.

Thank you for supporting AREA 31 Western Mass General Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin C. Area 31 Treasurer

**Registrar's Report** (June 11, 2025)

Numbers

303 registered active groups. Up by 1 from last month—Northampton Wednesday Night Group. Several more in the pipeline.

District Visits and New GSRs

I've just finished this year's visits to all 6 districts. I'm grateful to the DCMs for inviting me, and to the GSRs who asked great questions and helped clarify some confusions and fix some errors in Fellowship Connection.

Data Stewardship

One of the cool things about serving as Registrar for a while is entering what they call a "new individual" as Alt GSR, then, a year or two later, re-entering that individual—no longer new and now called a "position holder"—as GSR. And then some of those GSRs get re-entered as DCMs. This is data stewardship as a spiritual experience.

THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve.

Sally S. Registrar Area 31

**Archivist's Report:** (June 11, 2025)

Continuing to sort through the districts and now working on Margaret C.'s drawer, and Found the 1st Delegate's report. I signed out mini Boards and Golden West tee shirts for the International Convention.. Finally, Springfield Young People's group original member Jim N. in the 60s, March 1968 1st meeting on State St. Also, I looked for but did not find Institutions reference materials for boards. The Incoming co-chair for Institutions is looking for display materials.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl G. Area 31 Archivist

**Webmaster:** (June 11, 2025)

Thank you for announcing the new landing page photo submission effort. I have received several submissions and will present a few options to the area in the next couple of months

Spam filters have been tightened on our email accounts. A global spam setting was tightened, and I am also explicitly blocking emails that mention BlueHost in their subject line. Multiple phishing emails have been going out to all area emails stating that we need to pay money to renew our license.

Please let me know if any of the 'contact us' forms on your committee pages are receiving bogus submissions. We recently ran into this issue with the contact form that was on the front page of the website, capturing interested parties for assisting with a hospitality room at the international conference. This plugin was different from the one on the committee pages, but I cannot see submissions, so please do let me know if this is happening.

Thank you for letting me serve!

Tom H. Webmaster

### **Accessibilities:** ( June 11, 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

NEW BIZ We have a new Secretary. We need a new co-chair. Come get involved and learn the ropes.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Judy H. Chair

### **Archives :** (June 11, 2025)

10 people in attendance including the chair, co chair and Archivist. Committee discussion centered around the meeting topic and participation for Round Up. Participants for workshop including confirmed date of September 20.

Board Schedule 6/6,7,+8 Area Round Up

6/12 Cold Spring Group Anniversary

Rick W., Archive Co Chair

### **CPC** ( June 11, 2025)

New Business/ Leads follow up-

It appears that Franklin County House of Correction is a no for now.

Don: Wsfld. St. Univ. nursing was left a message with no return call yet. Lt. Gaspetini from Monson was also left a message regarding our participation in the Monson Summer Fest, July 20th. No return call as yet.

For next month contact ?.

Lead- Addiction Counseling, Wsfld. St. Univ. a possibility in the fall.

Bruce: We expect a commitment from AIC in the fall.

Mike: Physician Assistant Prg.. at Bay Path, the E.Longmeadow site, commitment on 07/10/25, from 2-3pm. There needs to be 1 person to present the history, 1 to qualify and other volunteers for the commitment.

Bay Path is also looking for AAs to bring students to AA meetings to observe. They will break the students into groups of 4 to help facilitate that. They are looking for an experienced AA to sit with the students, and explain what is going on and answer questions. \*\*\* Tim mentioned his home group. Holy. Step Grp. does a special meeting just for this purpose on the last meeting of the month and is willing to commute the students. Don says Whip City Nooner is an Open meeting and could meet people there, as well as Southwick Sunday night. Tania stated that her home group, the Women's Language of the Heart in Hadley is an option also, for female students.

Don: Direction of Ace Prg. will have contact over summer and should be good for fall.

Caren: Spoke with Institutions Liaison to inquire whether or not they could get us in to speak with some recovery facilities staff; However, the person who was the Liaison may have currently stepped down.

Bruce: May leads were Madeline Fernandez, All Inclusive Support services and judges.

Laura: Theresa Maude Low at HCC Nursing, spoke to her last week but Low is no longer teaching that class and she will forward CPC info to incoming teacher, haven't heard any response yet.

Earnest Corbin, no response from, not sure if he is still at Foundations of Health at HCC.

Keith: Elms, Psychology and Law, neither heads have their fall schedules yet so re-connect in Sept.

Don: Sherry Fitz, left message with, no response. For the Monson Summer Fest, July 20th.

For next month's contact

Tim: STCC Nursing Dept., Dr. Mike at Bay Path, Ron "Rocket" Robinson

Bruce: Tony Scibelli

Laura: Ernie Corbin, HCC- Theresa Beaudry

New Leads: Tania informed us that Valley Medical Group out of Greenfield is interested in working with the committee. She asked them to email and she will follow up with them.

Other: Caren opened a discussion on the possibility of using post cards, as PI does, to contact business and other professional entities who might be otherwise difficult to make direct, in person contact with ( ie. like a cold sale).

We discussed the Tradition of attraction v. promotion, Tim mentioned that there is actually a precedent that has already been set that some committees have used this form of "introduction" in the past. Brian from PI was coming in as we were in discussion and he was able to give an idea of the cost and the best printers for graphics to use. It was also discussed about a return address on the post card and which to use, Area's P.O.Box? more will be disclosed with insight from the Area at the Area Committee meeting tomorrow night.

Caren brought in a "Book of Lists" which lists many entities, businesses that may yield new leads, hence the usefulness of the postcards... Someone mentioned that we could curtail the cards by industry- ie. nursing, retail, law- by using the sample letters provided by CPC.

Caren suggested that members watch the CPC video on the Area site.

Respectfully submitted,

Caren F. CPC Chair

### **Grapevine/LaVina** (June 11, 2025)

Good evening everyone, I am grateful and humbled by the opportunity to serve on the Grapevine/La Viña committee! We meet in this room, 30 Carew st South Hadley, in person and hybrid, on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. We still have an ongoing cooperative scavenger hunt with the area archives. Area members are encouraged to check our webpage on the area website to see if

they have issues we are looking for. DCMs, please bring this info back to your districts and groups to see what we can find.

I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to preregister for MSCYPAA, which will be in Springfield on August 15, 16, and 17. Our committee will be hosting a workshop there on August 16th.

There is a lot going on in the world of AA, and the Grapevine is a great way to stay up to date. Check out the free AA Grapevine app, the Grapevine Podcast, or the Important Updates section in AAGrapevine.org for news pertaining to AA as a whole. The Grapevine Podcast also accepts submissions for recurring segments they offer, including "heard at a meeting," "misheard at a meeting," the "stump the thumper" Big Book Quiz Show, and more! Tune in to the Podcast for details on how to submit

Lastly, from the Grapevine Editorial Calendar: for the Jan 2026 Issue Due June 15th, "Stories for Day Counters" - what are things that helped you most when you were very new to AA? How did you find a sponsor? How did they help you? What parts in the literature helped you the most? Which suggestions or slogans or service positions helped you? Share your newcomer stories! Please note that submission deadlines are changing to the 1st of the month beginning July 2025! For the February 2026 issue, due Jul 1 2025, "Getting Through Tough Times". A serious illness, divorce, the death of a loved one, a house fire, loss of a job, bankruptcy... how have you stayed sober through adversity? Tell us how the program and fellowship helped you.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service

Joe I. Chair Area 31 Grapevine/La Viña Committee

### PI (June 11, 2025).

Last meeting was held on June 10th and we had 7 participants, and co-Chair John chaired the meeting.

The committee discussed current outreach to senior living facilities, public safety officials, and Massachusetts Library officials. We also discussed next steps to getting our contact info on police station websites and the potential for having public safety officials to present at the monthly meeting, or separately about how they are working with the general public as it relates to alcohol.

We had one commitment through our Bay State Medical Center opportunity; this is an as-needed commitment to patients through social workers on staff.

Area PI hosted a Friday night speaker meeting at the Roudup.

The option of a radio show was briefly discussed but was limited this month at the meeting as regular attendance was down. The radio show could be a fun opportunity to pre-record or do live sessions to provide the message to the public.

Reprinted another 100 postcards and business cards, and a draft option of bookmarks was created and \commented on.

And, CPC and PI are looking to collaborate on commitment to local colleges and universities for students who will be entering fields where addiction is prevalent,

We also discussed looking at summer events magazines (or other events focused periodicals) in the area for advertisements or the potential to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W. Chair PI

**Round-Up:** (June 11, 2025)

Treasurer's Report:

**Starting balance: \$8,561.00**

**Ending balance: \$3,463.78**

Location Sub Committee Report:

Location sub-committee to have at least a few different location options for the 2026 RoundUp by the next RoundUp committee meeting (09/10/2025).

Find out the date of the 2026 General Service Conference to determine date availability for the 2026 RoundUp.

The committee discussed potential locations for the 2026 RoundUp which include: St. Catherine of Siena in Springfield, MA, a location in Greenfield, MA, Smith College in Northampton, MA. Location will need to have room for the RoundUp event and available parking. Locations/churches will be "date-dependent".

Registration Sub Committee Report:

"Save the Date" fliers to be made for the 2026 RoundUp by the 2025 Area 31 fall assembly (Oct. 18th and 19th). The committee discussed getting the word out for the 2026 RoundUp ASAP.

Program Sub Committee Report: **Theme for the 2026 RoundUp will be "Humility in Action".**

**\*Notes\*** The vote for RoundUp committee positions will take place at the next committee meeting 09/10/2025.

The committee discussed utilizing Area 31's projector for the 2026 RoundUp. The committee discussed speaking with the Intergroup webmaster to utilize their A/V equipment to record the delegate's report for the 2026 RoundUp.

Jack, Chair

**Berkshire Intergroup:** (June 11, ,2025)

Bronwyn: there was a check issuing problem which has been resolved; Verizon was unpaid for a few months. Craig noted that it would be useful to see previous months in the report for context, previous years etc Treasurer's Report was accepted

**Office Manager's Report**

Robin: We did just under 350 in sales at the round-up

A lot of large volume sales of chips/medallions

We are way up for sales compared to previous years/months

We have one pamphlet rack left, our old supplier no longer carries them

We are looking for an additional volunteer in running the intergroup office

**Website Report**

Craig: website is going fine Flyers need to be in PDF or JPG format

Bronwyn asked about her flyer; asked if it needed to be converted

**Chair's Report**

Dwayne: No exchanges at bookie meeting tonight

District 4 workshop, Dwayne shared on Intergroup

Round-up - Berkshire Intergroup had a panel with W. MA Intergroup

Ad-hoc committee met to explore 501(C)(3) process

Dwayne reported on various upcoming AA events in the area  
Co-Chair's Report Mary: we will need volunteers for Jul 19 workshop undergoing review from members and groups etc for approval Collaborated from W. MA on creating the draft

#### Old Business

Dwayne shared details of progress on the Step 6/7 workshop planning  
501C3 ad-hoc committee was formed

#### New Business none

Respectfully submitted,  
Dwayne, Chair of Berkshire Intergroup

#### **Institutions:** (June 11,,2025)

Lena has stepped down as Institutions Chair, JD will take over Bruce C. stepped in as Co Chair. No one was in attendance to make the report.

#### **West. MA Intergroup** :(June 11, 2025)

Our last meeting was on June 12, 2025. We had a good turnout from the intergroup reps Art, our temporary Treasurer, will be staying on till elections in Oct or Nov Mike is still helping in the background

We talked about getting flyers out for donations to the intergroup picnic like raffle prizes and so forth.

Our intergroup golf tournament was very well attended. We had a total of 64 golfers and the day was perfect, a donation of \$335 was made to Intergroup. Next year's date is tentatively set with Agawam on May 30, 2026.

Western Mass Intergroup hosted a workshop with Berkshire Intergroup at the Round-Up Bookie meet is slowing down, but anyone still interested in booking meetings, we do have a bookie list

We are asking if anyone has any great ideas for intergroup events, please come join us on the second Thursday of the month and share with us.

We have the same spot for this year's Thanksgiving Alcothon at the same hours as last year. Our Christmas Alcothon is all set

Our next meeting is July 10 2025 @ 6:30 for bookies and & 7pm for intergroup reps

The next steering committee meeting will be on 06/26/2025 7pm on zoom

We are also putting it out there that elections will be coming up in Oct and if need be, Nov, if you have or know someone that would do great send them our way all positions are open for elections.

#### **West MA Young People AA (WMYPAA)** (June 11, 2025)

No one was in attendance to make the report.

#### **District 1**(June 11, 2025)

In Attendance Steve Delegate gave the GSR orientation slide show. Sally, our Registrar, spoke of the importance of groups registering their current information. Lara helped set up the Zoom aspect of our meeting. A total of 15 people attended and no one attended on Zoom. A great turnout of 11 District 1 people attended the Round Up this past weekend . Finally., BYOBB group anniversary at the end of June, At Sacred Heart Church Wednesday at 7:30. Respectfully submitted,  
Carol L. DCM District 1

**District 2** (June 11, 2025)

Attendance 12 including Steve -Delegate and Sally - Registrar

Group News - Groups are doing well with most groups able to contribute to the PIE chart

Business - Continued discussion about our Workshop:

Our ad hoc committee is working on details. We discussed the possibility of purchasing PLBB with our budget, having some for display, buying books and donating them, or displaying the relevant pages on the screen. Pros, cons, etc were discussed and the subject tabled.

Discussed attending groups that are using the PLBB as preparation for our workshops and GSRs are encouraged to do this.

Sally (Registrar) gave a presentation on the Registrars role and our role in registration of groups and GSRs.

Elaine H ,District 2 DCM

**District 3:**(June 11, 2025)

Secretary Maureen will be sending out the minutes. Most groups are doing well. Adhoc Committee dor P)lain Language Big Book workshop reported they're planning a fall timeframe. Possibly in Pittsfield.

Yours in Service,

Chris D (District 3 DCM)

**District 4:**(June 11, 2025) D4 May Meeting

We had our workshop on May 17 in Greenfield. There was good participation from the district's GSRs. Bob, Sally and Ray did a great job on "Working together, Increasing Trust". We put out a contribution bucket and collected \$58. It was great to hear from Round Up Young People, Grapevine, Institutions, and Archives. Dwayne from Berkshire Intergroup shared when asked and it was greater to hear from him.

James, our co-chair, and Patrick (a GSR) went to Northfield Mount Herman and put on two meetings for their alumni gathering. James did As Bill Sees it Friday night and Patrick did Came to Believe on Saturday. James believes they want us to come back next year. My question to the area is : who should take the commitment? District 4? Institutions? Or one of the other committees? It does conflict with the Round Up.

At the Round Up we had a 10pm Alkathon meeting on Friday. Only 2 people attended one 10 month sober who needed a meeting. It was wonderful to share on the topic KISS and then have time to share personal stories and experiences. We all left feeling grateful. On Saturday our workshop was "Principle over Personalities" I was joined by Michael S (D4GSR) and Kathleen (D4 Alt GSR) we each shared on the topic and then opened it up for a great discussion. There were 12 people there and we all left knowing a bit more about the topic. The next D4 meeting is Tuesday June 17th @ 7PM We're scheduled to see Dwayne from Berkshire Intergroup. Finally, there has been some talk about taking the meeting IN Person next year and I expect to have more to report at the June Area meeting. 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:** (June 11, 2025)

District 5 met on Monday June 2, 2025 at 7 pm in South Hadley at 30 Carew Street and online. We had 14 groups represented with 1 new GSR in attendance. Groups didn't report any new concerns and most have continued to contribute to the pie generously. A few groups are celebrating anniversaries this month. Clear Cut Directions celebrated their 2nd anniversary June 10. Cold Spring Group will celebrate their 50th anniversary Thursday June 12 with food and fellowship at 6:30 pm and a speaker meeting at 7:30 pm. The Hitchcock Academy will celebrate their anniversary in August. More details to come. Belchertown Saturday Night has changed their start times for their meetings. They start their beginner's meeting at 6 pm and the speaker meeting is at 7 pm now. Hampden Step group reported a very nice increase in women membership and now have a nice mix of men and women attending. The Eye Opener Step Group in Ludlow has reported a very amicable relationship with their church they rent from since moving to them. They meet at the Faith Community Chapel at 485 East Street in Ludlow. The church has stated they really approve of the group meeting there and has told them that if any other AA groups are looking for a new place to rent they are willing to take more groups in.

For old business we finalized our Round Up responsibilities. I'm happy to report we had good representation from District 5 at the Round Up. Do Or Die volunteered for the Alkathon meeting on Friday night. 6 members showed up and did a great job discussing the topic of "Let Go and Let God". It was an awesome meeting they put on! Saturday we had the topic of "God of my Understanding". It was a very well attended topic discussion meeting with real good participation from all.

For new business, we have secured a time and location for the 12 Traditions play. It will be held on July 26 at Morningstar Community Baptist Church, 11 North Main Street, South Hadley. The plan is to open doors at 10:30 am with the play starting at 11. Lunch will be served following. Spread the word please.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

-Chris K. District 5 DCM

**District 6:** (June 11, 2025) May 19, 2025 - District 6 Area 31 -Meeting Minutes  
7PM (Zoom Only) Attendees

Greg, DCM, Pat, Keith, Jarod, Bonnie – Secretary, Judy, Katrina, Dan, Brian, Steve – Area Delegate. PLEASE NOTE: THAT JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY ZOOM ONLY (unless otherwise noted)

GSR Reports:

Keith – Southwick Nooner, The group was exploring moving to a new location however this fell through. Gone to the wayside for now. Attendance is good. All is good.

Dan - Path to Recovery, Wednesday night, Western MA Hospital. Big Book meeting. Approximately 12-25+ people. The good part of attendance is from the inpatient TSS facility, patients come down from time to time. More of an open meeting as the patients have other substances of choice. Unique, great set up, check it out. Dan's schedule changed and is hopeful he has a replacement for him soon.

Katrina - Enfield Young Peoples meeting Friday nights, 7:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Enfield, CT. Katrina will be stepping in at the end of June for Jarod. Attendance is roughly 30-35, going well. No issues. Jarod – Nothing really to add except for letting us know that Katrina was coming on board.

Pat - East Mountain Group, Friday night at West Mass Hospital, Westfield. The meeting's been going well, 40-60 people . We lost a long time group member known throughout the area district – services June 22nd Going well. No major issues. Getting regulars back from Florida. Will be requesting a commitment from the Area in November. I am happy to be taking advantage of this opportunity.

Judy - Hand of Hope meets at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Hazardville, CT. Great group of people. Attendance of 20-30 people. Group anniversary coming up. Will be electing officers for the group in June. Nothing major is going on.

Brian – Westfield Tuesday night group – No major issues. The person who oversees the building tends to rule with an iron fist and creates problems when there are no problems. We were entertaining the thought of moving, but will be staying where we are. 20-25 people in attendance. Flat ground and wheelchair accessible.

\*Greg provided information from the May 14th Area meeting:

There is an opening for a non-trustee. Reach out to Bob if you would like more information. Respectfully submitted,

Greg R. DCM District 6

### **Delegate's Remarks:** ( June 11, 2025)

People who do not show up for these meetings can and should be called out. There is a process spelled out in the area handbook. Please read it. There are openings at the General Service office (GSO) : a non Trustee Director July 1st deadline. talk to Steve about this if interested or know some qualified person Also, a class A Trustee AAug 31st deadline Professionals, business people etc.

There is a link to my report on the GSO meeting. News section of the meeting guide app. [AA.org](http://AA.org)

Concerning getting the agenda items out in time to get them to the groups and have them discussed at that level. The agenda item that was passed by delegates (again) states that the board will provide a running spreadsheet on agenda items as they are added. We need to stand up to the board and demand that this be done, apparently.

International Conv. news: The NE Regional Hospitality Suite Coordinator is looking for volunteers. Steve will make the info available online through Tom, our webmaster.

NERF is being held late this year due to the International Conv. 12/6- 12/7 at the Omni Hotel in providence. Registration opens in October. This is free for us to get to know the GSO and all its moving parts.

Gratefully serving as your Delegate, (Panel 74/Area 31)

**Alternate Delegate's Remarks:**(June 11, 2025). .

Greetings,fellow lovers of service,.

The past Month has been filled with various visits to districts, committees and most recently the Area 31 Round Up. It was a Great 3-day event filled with smiles, friendship and fellowship.

Thank You Steve, for your very thorough report, as well as an Informative question answer session that followed.I had a great time and want to thank the Round Up committee for making it well worth the trip up to Pittsfield. I am looking forward to what next year has in store for us.

I am very much looking Forward to attending the2025 AAInternational Convention VancouverBritishColombia Canada July 3-6.I have my flight, rooms and suitcase ready to go.Meeting up with Other AAs from Area 31 will be The highlight of my Weekend, If you are on the fence about going,just go.

The Mass State Convention Planning Committee met on the last Tuesday of May;we are starting to gel our program set and will keep everyone informed with the lineup There will be a full-time game room, an oral history room, a comedian on Friday night, and various other activities.The seminar room will have the Bill W Documentary with the Q &A like last year.Michael C will be putting on a Presentation on Carl Young/ William James also.

The Program sub committee has begun meeting on the last Tuesday every even month at 6:00 on Zoom only.I am still the carpool person for the next few months, and will be leaving the parking lot of the bowl-er-o (end of rt. 291 at 5:30 sharp to head up to the Best Western in Marlboro Mass.If you can't, make it live, please join us on Zoom.It's a great committee that could really use some support.Speaking of support, Thank you to those that have answered the call to step into roles in the committees' that asked. Your time and energy gets returned in Love and Service and smiles for miles. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Ray M.Panel 74/Area 31 Alternate Delegate

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

- 1 July 21st next service commitment Suffield Monday beginners grapevine.
2. Bob is looking for parking lots available at or near 300 Appleton St.,for the Fall Assembly..

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:** 1. **Fall Assembly** will be Oct. 18th and 19th at 300 Appleton St. in Holyoke Sat 9-3 Sun 1 - 5 **business meeting and Elections.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1. Motion to close at 910 seconded and unanimous vote  
Next area business meeting will be July 10th at 730 pm Be there in person and get some cool and tasty baked goods!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate V. Area 31 Secretary Western Mass General Service

