

September 15, 2025 - District 6 Area 31 - **Meeting Minutes**  
7PM (Zoom/In-Person)

Attendees

- Greg, DCM – In-Person
- Bonnie, Secretary - Zoom
- Pat In-Person
- Lynn - Zoom
- Katrina - Zoom
- Paula - Zoom
- Brendan - Zoom
- Ray – (Guest – Alt. Delegate) – In-Person

Greg opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Greg read what the GSR is responsible for.

Bonnie summarized August's minutes.

**GSR Reports:**

- Katrina - Enfield Young Peoples meeting Friday nights, 7:00 p.m. at the Hazardville United Methodist Church in Enfield, CT. Speaker/discussion meeting. Attendance is roughly 30-40 consistently, going well. Treasurer is not attending all the business meetings.
- Pat - East Mountain Group, 7:00 p.m. Friday night at Western Mass Hospital, Westfield. Meeting going very well. Had Anniversary August 8<sup>th</sup>. Very well attended, many from the area also attended. We have 40-50 people including the Kendara women that come down and also others that come down from upstairs. Have been giving out lots of early sobriety coins, very positive. Things are going well. Snowbirds are beginning to head south for the winter. New members
- Paula –Tuesday night Women's meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Enfield Congregational Church, Enfield. Going well, good participation, 20-30 women every week. Speaker/Step/Speaker/Tradition monthly rotation, many new people attending, contribute to the pie chart. Annual Anniversary will be coming up on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. food and fellowship followed by a 2-speaker meeting at 7:00 p.m. .
- Brendan - Southwick Sunday Big Book Step Group, 7:00 p.m. Sunday night at the Daily Grind. It is going well. Attendance is good, steady flow, about 25-40 a week, newcomers coming in. Healthy group. Most group members all have service positions. 10-year members as well as new members. Healthy amount of people joining. No issues.
- Lynn – Hand of Hope, Hazardville United Methodist Church. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. Average 25-30 people. No issues. Have service positions open. Topic/discussion meeting. Going very well.

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Greg reported the following from the August 13<sup>th</sup> Area General Service meeting:

- Intergroup is looking for ideas on what they should be doing.
- Alkathons will be happening over Thanksgiving and Christmas. Steering committee for 9/25.
- Elections are in October, and they are looking for service work. It is strongly suggested to encourage groups to get involved in service.
- Area 31 District 6 Workshop on navigating the [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) website will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hazardville United Methodist Church, 330 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT. 1:00 p.m. for presentation; 2:00 p.m. food and fellowship. Will also be hybrid
- Area Fall Assembly – October 18/19, in Area District 2 – United Congregational Church, 300 Appleton St., Holyoke, MA.
  - Time to vote on the slated area officers. GSR attendance is strongly suggested.
    - Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – 9-3 p.m. – Plain Language Big Book, workshops presented by District 2.
    - Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 1-5 p.m. – Business Meeting - Elections – GSR's speak on behalf of the group, strongly advise to attend and vote for area representatives.
    - Get others from your groups to come out.
    - Will also be on Zoom.
- Western Mass Round Up – New Chair is Jill and they are open positions for Hospitality, Program, Set-up and Cleanup crew. Service work available. Email [roundup@area31.org](mailto:roundup@area31.org)
- 61<sup>st</sup> MA State Convention – November 14-16, 2025 – Best Western Royal Plaza, 181 Boston Post Road, West Marlborough, MA . Rooms available now, can call directly (508-460-0700) or book online through [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org). Registration is open. Please register. For more information or to participate please contact Sue W. (Chair) at 978-223-3803 or Steve M. (Treasurer) at 413-626-5854 or email [massstateconvention@aaemass.org](mailto:massstateconvention@aaemass.org). Planning meetings on Tuesday's 7:00 p.m. 9/30 & 10/28 (stuffing party). Join Ray in his carpools. Join the planning meetings via Zoom at ID: 8784199-4146 Password: hkJvj8.
- Northeast Regional Forum (NERF). December 5-7, 2025; Friday: 6:30 p.m. – Sunday: 12:00 p.m. Omni Providence Hotel, 1 West Exchange Street, Providence, RI. Free Registration and you must register! Registration is now open [aa.org](http://aa.org). Hotel rate \$199/night – Book by November 12, 2025. 1-800-the-omni. Just reference NERF to receive the group rate.
- NERASA (Northeast Regional Area Service Assembly) is booking. February 19-22, 2026 – Holiday Inn by the Bay Hotel 88 Spring Street, Portland ME. Deadline for hotel reservations is January 19, 2026. Overflow hotels will be available.
- Area 31 Concept Meeting – 30 Carew Street, S. Hadley. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, also available Hybrid.
- AA is looking for a Class A trustee for Board of Trustees (Amateur or Non-Alcoholic). August 31 deadline to submit application. See What's New on the Meeting Guide App for more information.
- Area 31 Grapevine Committee is in need for a secretary and co-chair.

There will be no Area meeting in October due to the Fall Assembly.

Ray touched on:

- Area31 Archive listening party. September 20<sup>th</sup> Speakers who got sober on zoom during COVID. Hybrid.
- District 6 is having a workshop on September 27<sup>th</sup>. How to navigate the area 31 website. Will be Hybrid.
- District 1 is having a workshop on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. (District Bob Wilcox general office manager of AA to give presentation he gave years ago - AA around the world. See area31.org for more information.
- Fall Assembly – Come for the Business Meeting.
- MA State Convention – November 14-16, 2025 – Best Western Royal Plaza, 181 Boston Post Road, West Marlborough, MA. Ray – carpool guy.
  - Grapevine will be having a writer's retreat on Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Northeast Regional Forum (NERF). AA GSO Roadshow. .
- Monthly Area Concept Meeting – 30 Carew Street, S. Hadley. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month. Also available Hybrid.
- NERAASA will be in Portland, ME in February. Registration and reservations for rooms are open.
- Group Inventories are available. Like doing a 4<sup>th</sup> step with a past delegate. If you haven't had one in 5 years, you should try to have one. Contact Bob – Area chair.
- Speaking commitments are also available. Contact Bob – Area chair.
- PI – Locked down radio show 97.7 FM WPCR – podcast type. Once a month.

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Old Business - Workshop on navigating the area31aa.org website discussion. Greg to reach out and confirm with Tom. September 27<sup>th</sup>. 1:00 p.m. for Tom was better. Hazardville United Methodist Church, 330 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT.

Paula wanted to talk about the old business. \$50 check from Justin for rent. Jeanette will need the check to give to the check and has confirmed that we have the room for 1:00 p.m., September 27<sup>th</sup>. Meeting will be hybrid.

Should District 6 meeting move elsewhere? Change the location of meeting. Get more members to come to District 6 meeting to agree to change the location. Discussion on moving to Western Mass Hospital, Westfield. Pat will check in on this. They do have availability on Monday nights.

Lynn offered to reach out to Hazardville United Methodist Church to see if they have availability to move the Area31 District monthly meeting there.

New Business – District 6 meetings overlapping other Monday night meetings. Possibility of attending in another district.

Motion to adjourn.

Lynn summarized Concept 9. Paula volunteered to summarize Concept 10 at the next meeting.

No questions.

Next Meeting: October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Daily Grind and via zoom.

Meeting closed with the “I am Responsible Pledge.”

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Online platform: Zoom  
Meeting ID: 850 5066 1264  
Passcode: 862389  
[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Please see [Area 31 – Western Massachusetts – of Alcoholics Anonymous](#) for more information on meetings.