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1. OPENING

Good morning. I am an alcoholic, a member of The Hill Group in District 12, Toronto Southwest, and my name is Mel C. I have the honor and privilege of serving you as Chairperson for this term.

Area Chairperson, Mel C, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

- Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions Read By – Francis – High Park Group
- 12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By – Dan N. – Alternate DCM – District 02

Welcome everybody. Did everyone enjoy the Service Day yesterday?

Perhaps we can have a hand for the Service Information Day Committee?

How about that great buffet last night?

Let's have a hand for the Catering manager and serving staff here at the Ambassador for all their great work.

And what about JoAnne L's talk? Wasn't she something? A hand there too?

Introduction

The A.A. Service manual combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." This is the first Assembly of four that will be held over the length of this term. Over the next two years, we will work together to keep Alcoholics Anonymous vibrant and strong in Area 83, Eastern Ontario International as well as around the world. Just as your District and your home Group meet, usually once a month, to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. Area 83 stretches from Oakville to Ottawa and from Upper New York State to northern Algonquin Park and the Ottawa Valley.

Some of us have been here before – as the Groups General Service Representative or Alternate, as District Committee Member or Alternate, or as visitors. For some of us, it will be our first Assembly and it will seem pretty overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? Amazing. And see, you are not alone!

That said; remember that this is just a regular business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are all here representing the group conscience of those who elected us. Whether as a General Service Representative representing our Group Conscience, a District Committee Member representing the group conscience of his or her District or as a member of the Area Committee representing the Area as a whole, we will share our experiences and problems.

Over these two years, we will make decisions on a variety of topics. The Area Assembly, like the General Service Conference, always strives for substantial unanimity through ample discussion. Before a vote is taken, plenty of time is taken for full discussion and questions. It is my sincerest hope that you all return home to your respective Groups and Districts with the feeling that you have done your part in keeping Alcoholics Anonymous strong and vibrant in your area also that you have had a strong voice in our affairs where you've felt you ought to have it.

I would like to remind all those present who will be giving a report today to give whatever highlights are important, but that their written reports, if submitted to our Secretary Joyce, will be transcribed in full in the minutes for all in Area 83 to share.

At this time I would like to introduce to you our Area Committee Officers, Committee Sub-Chairs, Immediate and Past Delegates and noteworthy Visitors. If you could hold your applause till the end of each section it'll save some skin on your hands!

Delegate
Alternate Delegate
Secretary
Registrar

Sandy S.
Robb W.
Joyce S.
Kim S.

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Treasurer
Immediate Past Delegate for Panel 57
Chairperson

Deirdre B.
Dot D.
Mel C.

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information
Cooperation with the Professional Community
Correctional Facilities
Treatment Facilities
Grapevine
Self Support
Archives
Service Information Day Committee

Jim S.
David T.
Peter N.
Jim St.
Ruth F.
Winnie S.
Milner G.
Dave M.

This is your elected Area executive and committees for the 2009 and 2010 term.

Introduce Past Delegates, People with appointed Area Service Positions and long time Service visitors.

Panel 51 - Delegate Joe D.

Panel 53 - Delegate Roy R.

We have with us serving in Appointed Positions:

Area Webmaster – Vince R.

We have with us today as noteworthy visitors Jo-Anne L. – AA World Services Canadian Trustee At Large.

This then is you your Area executive, committees and visitors for this, our third Assembly of the term.

HOUSEKEEPING

Registration

Please ensure that you have signed in to the folders at the Registration area in the Atrium. These will be available only until lunch time.

SMOKING AREA

THE ONLY SMOKING AREA is outside, please use the butt containers provided by the hotel. It's unfair for us to have the hotel staff clean up after us. If you leave this room for a smoke (or any other reason) please do so quietly, and please do not congregate just outside the doors.

NAMETAG HOLDERS

When you leave for home this afternoon or evening, please leave your name tag holders in the boxes provided near the doors. We re-use them to save money.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

I think it's worthwhile to review the schedule of meetings for this term, for both this Assembly and the Area Committee:

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The Assembly meets twice a year – in March and October. This afternoon we will decide on a date for this fall's ELECTION Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area officers, DCM's and Past Delegate will meet four times this year. We met in Quinte West in January 9th of this year and we will meet again on June 5th, September 11th and December 4, 2010.

SEVENTH TRADITION

I know that it seems as if the coffee and drinks provided this weekend may be free, but the hotel charges us a flat rate per person for the weekend. Rather than have honour buckets beside the coffee urns, we have chosen to use the Seventh Tradition to cover these costs. Please keep these costs in mind when the 7th is being passed around later.

WHO VOTES?

Only members of the Assembly may vote.

These are:

All Area Officers, including the immediate past Delegate, but not the Chair.

All Area sub-committee Chairs

All DCM's of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate DCM may vote.

All GSR's of Groups in Area 83, in their absence, the Group's Alternate GSR. In their absence a member of the registered Group. This includes the General Service Representatives of recognized Correctional Facilities groups.

- ◆ There is one vote per person.
- ◆ After lunch, which is when we would expect to conduct old & new Business, I would ask those with voting privileges to sit at the front, others near the back. This will make it much easier for us to count votes.

A.A. HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED THE VOICE AND OPINION OF THE MINORITY

When we have a vote, unless the voting is unanimous, or if the vote was to cover items such as acceptance of minutes, I will ask if anyone would like to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion. This next part may be unique to A.A. If, after the minority has spoken, if one member of the Assembly who had voted for the majority on the issue stands at a microphone, and says, "I wish to change my vote", we start all over again.

The pace at which A.A. makes decisions may seem slow, but in truth it is measured. The goal is always to achieve a substantial unanimity, and the process is in place to prevent hasty, emotional decisions.

WHO MAY ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY?

Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. This is important for two reasons:

- ✓ It keeps the focus on the fact that the Assembly is the business meeting of the Area – Assembly members are carrying and presenting their Groups' wishes, rather than their own.
- ✓ And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups' opinions and needs.
- ◆ All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time. I would ask for your cooperation on this. If you don't have a vote, as I just described, please keep your input for sharing time, which is scheduled for later this afternoon. At that time everyone is welcome to participate and their opinions will be listened to.
- ◆ On the topic of sharing time, please, if you can, stay until the end of the Assembly. I realize that many of us drive a long way to get home, and that Monday morning comes early, but the Assembly truly isn't over until it's over. We have asked our guests and visitors to have their say during sharing time, and as hosts, it's polite to stay and hear their views. It's also quite possible that something important will be said.
- ◆ On the topic of staying until the end, I'd like to mention at this, our second Assembly of the term that our last Assembly, in the Fall of 2010 is known as the election Assembly. It's but one day every two years and on that day, we generally stay a little longer to facilitate voting by way of our third-legacy procedure. If you put it in your calendars now you might come to look forward to it! Perhaps you might even think about letting your name stand for a position! It's an important day and we hope you'll come prepared to stay.
- ◆ To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak, please use one of the microphones dotted around the room, and identify yourself by name, position and Group (I'm Bill W., GSR of the Serenity Group in District 99).
- ◆ If you are making a floor motion for the Assembly to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary Joyce before standing at the microphone. Thank you for that.

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HOW DO WE VOTE?

- ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority – 2/3 of the votes cast each time. As we cannot control who is in the room at the time of each vote, it is impractical to use the roll-call as the basis for the 2/3 calculation.
- ♦ I believe that the early part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority – 1 vote more than 50%. I will advise you when I believe we should move to 2/3. If any of you think we should switch before I indicate it, remember it's your meeting – make the motion.
- ♦ To facilitate the voting, which today will be by show of hands, I have asked a number of non-voting attendees to help me as hand counters. When we return from lunch, I would ask those with a vote to sit in the front, those without to sit at the back. Ultimately, it will speed things up.
- ♦ At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a 'sense of the meeting'. This is not a vote, and anyone can raise his or her hand.
- ♦ Again, when you are ready to speak can I ask that you identify yourself by name, position and Group.

MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO OPERATE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY?

Moved: Tony A – DCM – District 10
Seconded: Dave M - DCM - District 36
Motion: Carried

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

ACCEPTED

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

Motion to accept the agenda

Moved: Terry G – DCM – District 22
Seconded: David T. - Area CPC Chair
Motion: Carried

Breaks and Lunch are not shown as Agenda Items. With your permission, I will call for these as necessary. As an ex-smoker, I'll try to be kind.

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE FALL ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009.

Does anyone see any ERRORS OR OMISSIONS in the minutes as distributed to bring to our attention?

Motion to accept minutes as submitted or amended

Moved: Jim St. - Area Treatment Chair
Seconded: Rob M. - DCM-District 28
Motion: Carried

4. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

(Sequence of reports have been Pre-drawn from the hat)

The District committee members' verbal reports are limited to 2 minutes. The 2-minute time will be controlled by the timer that was built by Denis D., a past Delegate. It cycles between green, yellow, and red lights and ends with a buzz. Written reports, which are also requested, may be as long as needed, and will be included, in their entirety, in the minutes of this assembly if, and only if, a copy is given to Joyce, our Secretary. To help keep things moving along, we have 5 chairs up here at the front

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and I would ask that as the District reports are given, the District Committee Members who are “on deck” come up and enjoy our “Green Room”. Again I would request that all please respect the time.

District 02 Malton

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Brampton Recovery Group and the DCM for District 02 Malton, and my name is Dareena B.

Our committee meets every second Sunday of the month at the St. Paul Apostle Church on 2182 Kipling Ave @ 7pm.

Our district meetings have been well attended with approximately 90% of the groups represented. We have welcomed back a group which had left some time ago, The Reaching Out Group, who sent there newly elected GSR to the table last meeting.

Also, I'm pleased to report that all our Committee Chair positions are filled for the first time in years, leaving only 1 Alt. Chair position open.

Dan N, Alt DCM and I continue to visit groups. This has generated participation from the Bolton Group that has been a part of our district since last December.

All of our commitments are being met at present both service and financially, thanks to the generous donations of time and monies from the groups in our District as we continue to carry the message responsibly.

Our Treatment chair Keith P is still carrying the message into the “Gift of Life” meeting held in Humber River Regional hospital as we are still looking for volunteers to facilitate this meeting. So if you are free Tues afternoons, please consider volunteering your time and give me your number and I will pass it on to Keith. Keith also reports that the Detox and Shelter meetings in our District are doing well.

Our Corrections chair, Alacoque C., has reported that OCI is back on track. She reports that we now have sufficient volunteers to hold the meetings and she is planning on holding another Big Book Study within the next few weeks. Alacoque communicates with Elaine Barns, the volunteer coordinator, as needed on a regular basis to keep the lines of communication open as per her request.

There has been no activity in Roy McMurtry for the past 3 weeks with the females and none what-so-ever from the males. AA has provided materials for them so that it can be viewed privately away from prying eyes. It seems there is a great deal of gang related violence as well as peer pressure on the young men keeping them away from any self help programs. We are working on conducting one on one meetings in the near future. It is unfortunate, however, we will continue to standby ready to support when requested.

The rest of our Committee chairs continue to work hard to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in love and service, Dareena B., DCM District 02, Malton

District 04 Humber

Good morning. I am an alcoholic and my name is Carol J. I am currently serving as Alternate DCM for District 04. My DCM asked me to give the report this morning.

We have had some changes since our last assembly. We have a new Secretary/Registrar. The Grapevine position has been filled and he is currently updating our Grapevine material and making a new display board.

A new group, the One-Twelve has joined our district giving us a total of 9 groups.

The Downsview Dells, a men's transition house that we have been servicing for some time has requested that their weekly meeting be men only, and we continue to serve this meeting in accordance with the changes they have requested. Also, they asked if we could provide their facility with the Big Book in 6 different languages, and we were able to fill their need with the co-operative efforts and financial aid of the GTA Treatment Committee and Toronto Intergroup. It was wonderful to be able to deliver these books to the facility to help the still suffering alcoholic. This was possible because of joint efforts of people wanting to serve.

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We are currently working on a joint effort with Malton, District 02 and GTA Treatment Committee to service a meeting at Humber Hospital once a week.

It gives me great joy to be part of a process of coming together to carry the message.

Yours in service, Carol J. – Alternate DCM – District 04 – Humber

District 06 Mississauga

Thank you for this great gift and letting me report on the best District in Area 83. We travel the furthest and enjoyed a 60% plus attendance here at Assembly, as many of our GSR's are active and seem to love it.

The District 6 meeting location has moved to a new location while the Port Credit Arena is undergoing renovations. We've had the first meeting at the new Community Centre on Mississauga Valley Blvd and it is great with coffee and set up supplied. Under the Self Support – Advisory Action, to use literature profits to fund services, or should there be a limit, or what if there is a contributions shortfall, created good discussion with the Groups - the GSRs were eager to voice several good ideas from their Group discussions all boiling down to, no limit should be imposed and that when contributions are not sufficient, income from literature sales should continue to be used.

We have noticed a slight decrease in the number of Groups contributing in the District. We still continue to meet our obligations and provide assistance to the Groups, GSRs and Sub Committees as needed.

All Sub Committee Chairs are active in our District and the GTA as a whole, communicating monthly at the District Table including a new monthly report from the District Web master. There is a new CPC Chair, Karen D, the GSR from the Six Points Group and a new Intergroup Liaison, Marvyn W the GSR at the Mississauga Group. The Archives Chair Jim W of the Long Branch Group is on fire with a number of Group histories and long timer interviews already completed and stored at the Intergroup Archives Repository. He's currently working on a catalogue with pictures of all District 6 Group locations and Group Banners.

Again thanks for letting me share 'the enthusiasm of service' with you.

Jim R. - DCM@aamississauga.org

District 10 Toronto South Central

Hello and good morning friends:

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Church Street Group and currently serve as the DCM for District 10-Toronto South Central and my name is Tony A.. At the beginning of this year, we have commenced a study of 12 traditions – studying one tradition per month and the discussions have been lively, informative and enlightening. And, a big heart-felt thank you to all of the area chairs that visited district 10 and presented to us last year.

As of our last district meeting, attendance to the district table by our member groups remains consistent with about 60 % of member groups attending. Currently, all of our sub-committee positions are filled with the exception of Self Support, Accessibility and Grapevine. Financially, we meet our district obligations, are self sustaining and maintain slightly above our prudent reserve.

We now have 2 weekly service commitments servicing the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health. Our more recent commitment on Saturday mornings in the CAMH withdrawal management unit has really taken off quite nicely and has been well attended by the patients. Please note this is a locked unit and is not open to the general AA membership.

Our treatment facilities chair has reported that with regards to the Bridging the Gap program, the districts need to provide better education to the facilities regarding this service. The TF chair will bring a package that GSRs can take to their home groups in the hopes of soliciting some volunteers who might be a temporary contact for individuals coming out of treatment facilities who wish to utilize AA in their recovery. Our Archives chair is diligently working on obtaining oral histories of long timers in our district.

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I have distributed flyers for the upcoming annual Gratitude roundup. Gratitude is a conference hosted by the GLBT AA/Alanon community in downtown Toronto. This year's theme is "We are Not Saints" and it promises to be very exciting. The conference meets the weekend after our Thanksgiving weekend. For more information, please visit the website www.torontogratiuderoundup.org.

Last month, a couple of members from a "diversity committee" that has been struck provided a wonderful presentation to us regarding initiatives to carry the message to minority groups in the Toronto area. It is hoped that dissemination of this information provided by the committee to the districts and other social service agencies will help to raise awareness with this issue.

YILAS, Tony A. - DCM for District 10

District 12 Toronto South West

Greetings ... from District 12 / Toronto South West

I am an alcoholic / Member of The Hill Group / District Committee Member for District 12 ... and my Name is Jim M.

- Attendance is good at 78%
- Our recent Inventory Chaired by Barry W. was a success ... thank you again Barry
- Our funding is healthy ... ironically some bigger groups donate minimally and our smaller groups are most generous ... it all evens out. Virtually all monies donated to our District are used for AA Services within our District
- Treatment Facilities with Greg & Ren are quite active with requests for more meetings and information on our program of Action. We have more Treatment Facilities in our District than most.
- Our CPC committee with Duncan is quite busy with their strategic planning and implementing.
- Paco is a new enthusiastic member of our Archives Committee.
- We are currently seeking a new Corrections Committee Chair. A special thanks to Neils B for his valued initiatives, assistance and ongoing service to the Keele Centre.
- Heather M is active in her roving Grapevine committee. They seem to have great fun meeting in different restaurant locals as well as implementing Grapevine initiatives.
- We have a terrific Secretary / Registrar in Joe S who is the keeper of all that is reference. He and all others at the table are truly valued!

From all in District 12 / Thank You for the Opportunity to be of Service

Jim M.

District 14 Toronto North Central

Good Morning to all. My name is Rodney S. and I am an alcoholic. Proudly serving District 14 Toronto North Central

I say proud as I am proud of the work being done in our district.

Our self support efforts are sufficient to purchase enough literature to populate racks in all police stations in our portion of York Region. Our self support funds are sufficient to purchase big books to give away here at the assembly. Our self support funds are sufficient to purchase dinner tickets for 2 inmates at every assembly I have attended. Our self support funds are sufficient to place contact cards in doctor's offices and now our self support funds are sufficient to supply literature and tools needed to ramp up our PI activities.

To say we are a busy district would be an understatement. If your group is in district 14 I submit you should be proud too.

Aside from the financial health provided through our self support efforts our district is sound financially. We have met all our commitments and are able to contribute to Area finances as well as New York.

We are planning our third District Service Workshop day in November and Grant G. of the Thornhill Group will be chairing that event.

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At the request of the Bathurst group we will be holding a district inventory on April 10th, and Robb W. has gracefully agreed to come and facilitate that for us.

On a personal note, I will be attending the upcoming World Conference in San Antonio and I look forward to that. A few AA friends have decided to make the journey on motorcycles and I am thrilled about that.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Derrick B. the GSR from the Maple Group and our Archives Chair on his 30 year anniversary which he celebrated last Thursday. And no, I am not trying to outdo Herb.

District 14 is alive and well. There is no doubt about that. It is a pleasure to serve it and the groups in it.

District 16 Distrito Hispánico de Toronto

Good morning everyone my name is César H. I am a proud member of the Unidad Group.

I am pleased to report that it is business as usual. We continue to hold our meetings and keep an attendance and sharing the experience and service within the area.

Hopefully, we will get some new people coming to our district table and fill the remaining committee chairs. We are receiving the La Vina (Grapevine) orders on time and I am confident that District 16 will get better.

I thank the district and area for allowing me to serve.

Yours in Service - César H.

District 18 Toronto City East

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic, a new and grateful member of the St. Andrew's ie Group, and have the honour and privilege of serving as the DCM of District 18 Toronto City East. My name is Jim A. Sobriety rocks! What a great time to be sober and working in the service of others. Last weekend was the ORC and by all indications it was a huge success spiritually. This weekend is all about service. Gives "naturally high" a whole new meaning. Does it get any better than this?

The term is quickly moving on. Since we last met, the district has replaced the Secretary, the CPC chair and soon the registrar. D18 has also added an Alt Chair for Treatments and for CPC but have lost the Corrections Alt chair due to work conflicts. Two steps forward one step back. Some groups that have been absent from the District table for a very long time have returned, attendance is now 10-12 of 20 groups. The level of co-operation is rising, and I am proud to work with such a dedicated bunch

Items of note:

- D18 remains well supported financially by the member groups. Thank you.
- All service commitments (Mon. night meeting at Toronto East General, Wed. night Probation office meeting and Wed night Bridgepoint Hospital) are covered with a schedule for the remaining months of the term.
- Information AA Day will be held May 29th 2010 and District 18 is taking an active role in that event. The coffee is on us. It will be held at Lansing United Church in the Yonge/401 area of North York. Please come and be among the first to hear the Delegates Report of the 2010 General Service conference. See flyers in the Atrium.
- The East York Group will be having a Service Day on Saturday April 24th at St. Columba Church, St. Clair and O'Connor. This is an all day event with a pot luck supper followed by a speaker.
- The District continues to look for a Self Support Chair. In the meantime ADCM Patrick F., Registrar Bob F. and myself are visiting the groups to carry the message of service, and to get Group Change forms completed.
- The Access-Ability Subcommittee chair John L of East York has visited most groups and has sent a letter to them concerning the issue of ASL interpreters at closed meetings. may be.
- The Archives Chair remains vacant, but I am covering this for the time being.
- District 18 and District 22 will be holding the 5th Annual Toronto Archives Breakfast on Sunday May 16th. For those interested, there are flyers in the Atrium.
- I regret to announce the closing of the Wexford Group on 12/22/09. This group was started on 02/28/61 and was my home group for 8 and a half great years. Attendance was down to about two active members, who stuck it out as long as they could.
- This Monday at 7pm past was the premiere of a new service meeting at the Scarborough Grace Hospital 3030 Birchmount Rd.. We have been able to reverse the damage of SARS and the Mcguinty gov't, hence the name " Return

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to Grace". This meeting was an idea for a very long time but special thanks to Patrick F. (ADCM), John B. (Alt TF) and Jim H. D22 TF Chair for getting this up and running in a matter of two weeks.

- Thanks to Mel C. 83 Chair for conducting our District inventory in November. WE are now working on getting past our historical tradition of getting by and moving towards get more done.
- And a special thank you to Patrick, ADCM, for taking care of me this week with the dentist, and D18 for the past few months while my attention was diverted to the affairs of the ORC. Being DCM and Treasurer f that event at the same time has been an awesome experience but draining

A reminder to the GSR and officers of D18. And for all Districts as well. Start talking to your HP and your service sponsor (they are not the same person) about what you may wish to do next. Our District elections are in June, and most groups elect new GSR's prior to the fall Assembly When we meet here in the fall, we need to bring those new to service here to see the magic. As our esteemed Chair Mel keeps saying "Just let your name stand, God will do the rest"

So that it is for now. Our Trustee at large "borrowed" my usual sign off last night. So in keeping of what is coming in October "Stand for something and be counted"

Until we see each other again in the fall, may we all have continued successes on the road of Happy Destiny.

Humbly yours in love and service Jim A.. - DCM District 18 Toronto City East

District 22 Scarborough

Good day everyone, my name is Terry G., and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Rouge Valley Centenary Group. I am honored to service as the DCM for District 22 Scarborough.

Attendance at the District Table is 85% to 90%.

We are doing well financially and meeting our financial obligations.

The sub committee chairs and alternates position are filled.

District 22 Service Day will be held September 25, 2010, Cathie D. Alt. DCM and her committee are working very hard. Information AA Day 2010 is May 29, 2010 and the committee is working hard.

The 5th Annual East Archives Breakfast a joint venture in District # 18 and #22 is underway and the date is May 16, 2010. Ticket will be \$16.00 and will not be sold at the door.

On a sad note we lost another member from our District Table Benny I. from the Beaches Group and District # 22 Archives Chair. Our elections for Incoming DCM will be held in June 2010.

Yours, In Love & Service, Terry G.

District 26 Lakeshore West

Hi friends

Good morning my name is Bill H. and I'm an alcoholic. I am also a grateful member of the Whitby Group and DCM for District 26 Lakeshore West.

Our District is doing well and we are still getting good turnout at the District Table. All our positions at the table are filled with our alternate DCM Diane M. filling in at Self Support. Our financial situation is weak at the moment, as we've not had as much support from our Groups as we normally do by this time of the year, but I am positive this will get better in the coming months.

Our Sub Committee Chairs are very active in carrying the A.A. message, and they are doing a wonderful job, as are the District Officers at the table.

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I am looking forward to our Service Information Day in conjunction with District 28 on the 6th of June. It will be held at the Alano Club at 1pm and I'm sure we'll have a great turn out. Thank you to those who are facilitating it: Sandy, Robb, Jim and Peter. Our 38th Annual Lakeshore District Conference will be held again this year on August 13th 14th 15th. "THE NEED TO CHANGE" is the theme. Flyers are available in the Atrium. Please take some back to your districts for distribution.

We have a new group in our District and it's called the Young Peoples Group. They are very enthusiastic about starting a group for young People and people who feel young. Our District wishes them great success in their efforts.

Yours in service - Bill H. District Committee Member (DCM) Lakeshore West District 26

District 28 Lakeshore East

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, member of the Kedron group, and my name is Rob M. I have the honor and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for Lakeshore District 28 East.

All is well in District 28. Attendance at our monthly meetings is about 80%, with a strong group of enthusiastic GSRs. All positions on our District Committee are filled. Our PIC, and CPC Committees are very active, and support at their monthly meetings is improving. Our Treatment and Corrections Committee is busy putting on regular meetings at institutions and treatment centers in our District, as well as helping out in neighboring Districts. Our Archives and Grapevine Chairpersons continue to stay active, but still receive little support. We continue to meet our financial responsibilities, and recently made contributions to our local intergroup office, as well as Area83, and GSO.

Our annual spring round-up was held on March 6th and was a great success. Planning has begun for the annual Lakeshore Districts Conference to be held August 13th, 14th, and 15th in Oshawa. Flyers are available in the atrium.

In co-operation with District 26 we will have a service information day on June 6th at the Alano Club at 200 Thornton Road N. in Oshawa starting at 1:00pm. Our Delegate Sandy S will be there to report on the upcoming general service conference, as well as other Area Committee Members to put on information seminars, all are welcome to join us.

I attended the Area 86 assembly in Kitchener last Sunday along with my service sponsor. It was interesting to see that although they do things very differently than we do here in Area 83, the end result is similar, with financial matters, and procedure getting most of the attention. How best to carry the message of recovery and best serve the members of Alcoholics Anonymous seems to be important in both Areas.

Yours in Love and Service, Rob M. District Committee Member, Lakeshore District 28 East

District 30 Quinte West

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, member of the Keep It Simple Group in Frankford Ontario. Best Group by a dam site in the Province of Ontario. My name is Tom. I am presently serving as the district committee member for district 30 Quinte West.

Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in Quinte West. The district is financially sound and all positions at the table are filled. The district meetings are well attended with over 90% of the groups regularly sending representation to the table.

The district is presently preparing for our annual round up. This year it will be at the Oddfellows Hall in Cobourg on the 29th of May. The tentative theme for this year is share the program with a professional. We are hoping to have a number of community professionals attend the round up and learn how AA can help in their fields.

We will be sharing a service information day with District 86 in May as well. There will be a number of workshops and Sandy will be giving us her latest report from the GSC. We will be posting this information as well as the details of our round up on www.quintewestaa.org.

Our ad hoc committee on operating procedures has been hard at work preparing procedures to make our district meeting run more smoothly. The GSR's are presently reviewing the first draft and are submitting comments and revisions to the committee. As someone who in a previous life spent a great deal of time preparing procedures, I trust their thick skins and egos won't take

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too much of a pounding. It is a great deal of work with very little reward during the process. Much like working with a difficult sponsee.

The district committee chairs have been very active since I spoke here last October. Some of our initiatives have been very ingenious in carrying the message. Here are some highlights.

The Public Information Committee has been putting the Youth poster in all the local high schools. We have found that a personal approach with the high school principals can cut through the red tape and bureaucracy that dealing with the school board sometimes entails. So far we have been 100% successful in all our attempts.

Grapevine continues to be made a part of our district program and anyone who hasn't met our Jacqui when she is on a mission needs to be advised to stand back.

Our Corrections Committee regularly takes part in a weekly meeting at the Warkworth Prison and has begun a process of working with the Brookside Youth Home carrying on the work of two of our previous members. One who has passed away and the other who returned to Indiana following the passing of his wife. The rewards of this program are seen in the appreciation of the members who find worth in working with alcoholics within these two institutions.

The Accessibility Committee, an off shoot of the Treatment Committee, has been involved in developing a data base of accessibility issues within the district. Some early results are a listing of members available to provide American Sign Language help for meetings in the district.

Unfortunately our district newsletter project as a part of our web site has been terminated due to a lack of involvement from our membership. But out of the ashes a Phoenix has emerged. The District CPC Chair has volunteered to keep the project moving on a smaller and less formal scale.

A sign of our times. Three meetings within our district have emerged as "low scent" meetings. In all cases the group conscience of these groups was such that carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic was able to be done without offending those members with scent allergies. As a result the Quinte West district table recently voted on the scent issue and the district table voted with substantial unanimity to be low scent meeting.

If there is anything I said in this report that needs clarification please visit www.quintewestaa.org . This report will be reprinted on that site as always.

Yours in Love and Service, Tom JC, District Committee Member, Quinte West ,District 30

District 34 Quinte East

Good morning friends, I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Enterprise 12 Step Group and have the honour and privilege of serving District 34 as DCM. My name is Dave B.

All service positions at the District are currently filled and the various committees are working hard to meet the needs of the still suffering alcoholic who reaches out for help. We are reviewing the results and recommendations of our ad hoc committee to ascertain the best alternative for our District concerning the Telephone Answering Service.

Attendance at District meetings has dropped off in recent months to a point of concern. As a result, a letter which was drafted to send out to "dimming" groups, has been sent out to all groups in the District. In the letter we encourage the group to elect a GSR and have their elected representative attend the monthly District meeting so that their group's voice is heard and we can be of assistance if required. This initiative will be followed up with visits to each group in the coming months. Hopefully, our efforts will bear good results.

February 2010 was a sad month for District 34 – three members with significant amounts of sobriety died between the 18th and the 25th. Royce C. had 44 years of sobriety, Jack K. had 35 and Paul J. had 18. They will be missed in their home groups and by the various members who knew them.

District 34 is in a sound financial position at this time thanks to the generous contributions of the groups in the District.

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Yours in love and service, Dave B., DCM, District 34 Quinte East

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Good day everyone my name is Dave M. and I'm an alcoholic. I'm an active member of the Frontenac group and it is my humble privilege to serve as District committee member for District 36 Kingston and The Islands.

We have great turn out for our business meetings in January we filled the room with GSR, Chairs and quests. What a great feeling to see so many people come out. GSO received a contribution from District last month. Last year out of the 16 groups 10 gave to the Area which is very good thank to all of you.

CPC/PIC has been very busy doing two presentations at St. Lawrence College. They have finally got in to the Catholic Separate School system with our literature. They are still working on Police Services in Kingston.

Thank you to everyone who help out at the Spring Assemble this weekend.

Remember alone we cannot but together we can. Thanks for my sobriety.

Yours in loving service, Dave Manryk

District 38 Thousand Islands (Absent No Report)

District 42 St. Lawrence International

I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, Area 83 – Eastern Ontario International, District 42 - St. Lawrence International, Waddington Friday "Nite" Group, Waddington NY, my name is David D.

"Practicing A.A.'s Principles – The Pathway to Unity" theme of the 60th General Service Conference

I have been visiting some groups to offer support of the district committee and encourage members be a part of the fellowship by joining in service. Many of our meetings exist because of the efforts of one or a few members. Other meetings have many active members. Both circumstances are examples of making the most of what we have. Both can be considered as intensive work with other alcoholics.

Area Corrections Chair Peter N. and Area Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair David T. have been working to spread the word in Area 83 that there are service opportunities in the districts in Northern New York State. David has been cooperating with the State of New York Department of Correctional Services, Supervisor of Correctional Facility Volunteer Services. We are grateful for their efforts.

Although we have no district corrections chair, most correctional facilities are being covered. The St. Lawrence County CF, Gouverneur CF, and one of the two Ogdensburg Correctional Facilities have a meeting once a month.

Academy at Ivy Ridge a locked facility for adolescents in Ogdensburg that had requested a meeting has closed.

Rene P. and Roger P. from Prescott, ON have been supporting the Hamilton Hall Rehab meeting at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center Campus.

Since the Fall Assembly the district has received a request for a meeting at the Sex Offenders Treatment Program and the Trinity Treatment Unit at the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center Campus.

This past year we were able to get a meeting started at the Claxton Hepburn Medical Center- Mental Health Unit in Ogdensburg. It is difficult to cover.

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The best news of the district is that more members are getting involved in service at the group level. They are experiencing the benefits of service to others as all of you have experienced. It is a journey of challenges and growth. Something I was not experiencing before I became a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This past February at the Salt City Roundup in Liverpool NY a past inmate of Riverview CF thanked me and asked me to relay his gratitude to Fred L. for our service work at that facility 6 years ago. He is doing 12th step work at a detox and a shelter where he had been a client

I attended the Saturday session of the Ontario Delegates Committee Meeting February 27th in Ottawa. I drove up with D48 Committee Member Herb W., and we were joined later in the day by D48 Alternate Committee Member Gerry S. It was interesting listening to all involved and guests. I got a new perspective on the AA service structure.

That evening I attended a meeting in Ottawa where Joanne L., Interim Eastern Canada Trustee, was the guest speaker. A member of the group asked me if I had known the late Dennis D., Past Area 83 Delegate and member of the Hogansburg NY Group in District 46 – St Lawrence Adirondack. It reminded me of the world wide fellowship of AA, and my connection to AA. There were so many moments like that both during the conference and spending time with each other when not in session.

It made me realize that we are doing the same thing right here in District 42. We are maintaining and finding new ways to fulfill the Fifth Tradition.

District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack (Absent No Report)

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Good morning my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic and a member of the Russell Saturday Night Group and have the honour of serving as District Committee Member for District 48 Seaway Valley North.

Our district is financially sound and group participation is around 75percent attendance at the district table. GSR enthusiasm is very good however I regret having to report our district secretary has stepped down for personal reasons leaving us with the secretary position open. I spoke with our PI / CPC representative and she has also resigned her position for personal reasons and on behalf of district 48 thanked them for their service and assured them they were welcome to return if they wanted to return to service.

Our groups in our district have responded to the need for AA to remain self supporting by recommending the district send 500 dollars to New York and some of the groups have also contributed.

We had our Roundup in February and it was the best one to date. I would like to thank Gerry St L. our Alternate District Committee Member and the roundup committee and of course all who attended to make this event the best to date!

I am attending the archive meetings in Ottawa and they have expressed interest to have us apart of their committee and I will be attending the archive workshop in Peterborough on April 10th.

I attended the Ontario Delegates Committee meeting in Ottawa in February and was quite surprised at the incredible amount of responsibility and time it takes to be a delegate or a trustee in alcoholics anonymous and I have been blessed with a great respect to those who serve so the next alcoholic need not be alone.

I have spoken with the district committee members from district 42 and 50 and they will join us in hearing the delegates report on June 12 and we are going to decide on the days agenda in the next month and am enthusiastic that we will have another great event together again this year.

In closing I am finding out in service that its not so important that I look behind at my mistakes but that I look forward to the things I can do in my day to help the still suffering alcoholic.

Thank you for this sober day !
In service, Herb W.

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District 50 Cornwall

Good morning. My name is Elaine M, an alcoholic and currently servicing as DCM for District 50. My home group is the Sunday Morning Group (thanks to a wonderful Sponsor Katie G. whom a lot of you knew and still miss dearly) She led me well and I hope I can do justice to her and our District.

We have had some problems in the district for awhile with lots of positions vacant for the last year.

With the help of Kim W., our new Alternate DCM, we commit to working on this and hope to have the positions responsibly filled shortly. We do have a new Treatment Chair and Alternate. Both are here today.

Our new Conference Chair, Kelly, is hoping to have a service workshop on Saturday morning this year and we are looking forward to that. We will be asking for a volunteer from the Area to lead the workshop.

We have lost some of our old time members this past year and we will particularly miss Al G., a co-founder of the Sunday Morning Group and Richard L. who was very involved in service and whom you along with us will miss.

I would like to thank all the Area members who have responded to my many emails and answered my many questions. I promise I will not pester you as much as time goes on and I learn. However, I would like to have a workshop to help us get on track and I will be requesting help with that.

I look forward to sharing a Service Day with District 42 & 48 in August.

I will be forwarding the district minutes to all Area Members and look forward to sharing and learning from others.

I thank our district for giving me the opportunity to be a trusted servant, and to give back. I commit to the continued welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous and the suffering alcoholic.

Yours in Service – Elaine M. – District 50

District 54 Ottawa Rideau

Good morning, my name is Jim B. D.C.M. for District 54 Ottawa Rideau. My home group is Hand in Hand and I am a grateful responsible member of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Activities are progressing very well in District 54. We are expanding our service commitments and are increasing the number of groups participating in these service commitments. Increasing group participation in our district is slower than we would like. However, we are making progress one group at a time and one service commitment at a time.

Currently, Robert W. is drafting district guidelines which will streamline our administrative procedures and allow us to devote more time to and focus our attention on providing service in our region.

There has been very good group and district participation in the Alkathon, Spring Conference, and Traditions Workshop. We are looking forward to Gratitude Day on May 15th and the Vanier Round-Up on June 5th.

In closing, I would like to say how much I enjoyed being at the Ontario Delegates Conference in Ottawa on February 27th and 28th. This was a real “eye-opener” for me as I had not appreciated the teamwork necessary for our delegates (and the Conference), to keep our Fellowship balanced on the point of the triangle. If you get a chance to attend the Ontario Delegates Conference in the future, please do so as it is a great growth experience.

Cheers to Service: Jim B. D.C.M. District 54 Ottawa Rideau

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Alcoholic, DCM of Ottawa Bytown my name is Jean. The GSRs from Ottawa Bytown unanimously agreed that I could speak on the following rather than report on the district. The Bytown district report will be included in the minutes prepared by the Area secretary of course.

A few months ago, I had a moment of clarity when my own home group completely dismissed the idea of an eastern Canada service conference, saying that they didn't want to spend money on an AA elite to travel to somewhere in eastern Canada. I was appalled at the idea that they thought there was an AA elite, where did they get that idea – and then I realized that almost no one of my business meeting of 20 people had ever been to an assembly, they had never had the opportunity to see how marvelous it

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was to be amongst a group of people who love the service structure of AA, how there is so much more to AA than a single AA group.

Although I and the 7 GSRs in Bytown have worked hard to communicate how terrific this assembly is, it is kind of like sobriety, it isn't real until you try it yourself. Two weeks ago, at Ottawa's very first traditions workshop, similar to the traditions workshop that was held yesterday, almost 80 people attended. That is more than the number of Ottawans' at this assembly – so there is a thirst for service knowledge in Ottawa, then why is there such a poor turnout here?

There are groups in Ottawa Bytown who struggle to pay rent, so paying over \$200 for a GSR to come to Kingston is beyond them. There are GSRs who are unable to afford child care or who do not have the credit card that is required to reserve a hotel room. All of these difficulties can be overcome, but these continuous difficulties, year after year because the assembly is always in the same place, these difficulties are currently keeping the majority of groups, well over half, away from this assembly. As an area, I believe that we could benefit from the experience of other areas who have succeeded in attracting people to the most important job in AA.

From this annual report, I know that other areas work directly with districts that are having difficulties with an adequate representation of groups. I would like to suggest that our area look at doing the same

It took me a dozen tries to stay in this program, I was in and out for four years before my last sobriety day, through God's Grace 14 years ago. That same determination is making me want to share the wonderful experience I have at this assembly, I believe that it should be shared, I believe that it should be made more attractive to more people in eastern Ontario, and I believe that this should be the assembly's primary responsibility today.

The words "it has always been this way" or "it was good enough for me, it should be good enough for everyone else" are not words of attraction that I can take back to the 80% of Bytown groups that have not been represented at the Kingston Assembly since I have been coming to this assembly for the past 10 years.

Finally, I would like to share the following quote from "As Bill Sees it":

We must never be blinded by the futile philosophy that we are just the hapless victims of our inheritance, of our life experience, and of our surroundings--that these are the sole forces that make our decisions for us. This is not the road to freedom. We have to believe that we can really choose.

Report of District 58.

I am pleased to report that Bytown's District table has 7 GSRs out of 36 groups attending the meeting, we are fulfilling our TF commitments as I have taken on the role of TF coordinator for this district. The PIC and CPC coordinator from Ottawa West graciously offer to attend our meetings, and the Grapevine reps of Ottawa Rideau come to the Bytown Groups. We now have an alternate DCM as well. While we only receive contributions from 20% of groups, we are meeting our expenses as I am grateful to the other Ottawa Districts as I share a lift with them to the area meetings.

District 62 Ottawa West

Hi every one I am an Alcoholic, member of the Parkwood Hills Group in Ottawa. Currently serving as District Committee member for District 62 and my name is Mark C.

Since the last Assembly there have been few changes at the district. We have had our Registrar resign and another step forward so all our positions have remained filled. Our CPC committee in Ottawa is struggling with only two members on the committee. It is really difficult to reach out to all the professionals in the city when there is only 2 on the committee, so we are trying to reach out and encourage others to help out.

We had a Traditions workshop on March 17 from 7-9:30 which had an excellent turnout from all the districts.

The Spring Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza on April 3rd. Gratitude day will be held at the Overbrook community center on May at which time Sandy will be coming to give her report from the General Service Conference in New York.

Yours in service, Mark C.

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District 66 Golden Triangle

Good mornings, friends. I am an alcoholic, a member of Perth Tay Group and currently serving as DCM of Golden Triangle District 66 and my name is Pat.

Financially our district is sound with a good prudent reserve and also able to pass along contributions to both area and GSO.

Group attendance at our monthly meetings averages between 60 and 70 percent but this normally increases with the arrival of good weather. As stated at the area meeting in January our focus in the early part of this year was to put a real push on to get more volunteers involved in the treatment and corrections facilities which I am pleased to say is starting to show good positive results.

Once again this year our district is holding our annual round-up. The theme is "A Power Greater Than Ourselves"

DATE: April 10th PLACE: Civitan Hall, Highway 43 in Perth. TIME: Registration starts at 12-1230. First panel starts at 12.30 so please come and join us for a great day of AA and Alanon panels, fellowship, a round-up speaker and a super pot luck dinner. For more information on what's happening in district 66 visit our website at www.lanarkleedsaa.org.

Yours in love and service

Pat C. - District Committee Member -Golden Triangle District 66

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

My name is Jim M. and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for Renfrew-Pontiac District 70.

A lot has happened since the Fall Assembly in October 2009.

1. We had a very successful change in our Christmas Alcolthon. Rather than endure the expense of insurance, facility rental, etc. for an event that was not well attended, District 70 worked with those meetings regularly attended on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve to keep their meetings open longer and with extra provisions. In doing this there was an opportunity to have a holiday meeting in three locations, Renfrew, Arnprior, and Cobden. The plan worked as well as expected and will perhaps be repeated this coming December.
2. We have developed over the past year and months one of the most effective teams at the District Table I have ever witnessed. We have approximately 85% or better attendance; this includes both GSRs and Committee Chairs. Our meetings last between one hour and one and a half hours, and we achieve all our business during that time in harmony. I am very proud to be a part of their assembly.
3. An example of how they work together is realized by the extremely successful St. Patrick's Day Round Up we had just this month. It was held as usual at the Renfrew Armoires and was very well attended. The food, fellowship and sharing was remarkable and it was only enhanced by the excellent speakers that shared their message with us.
4. Our two bank accounts have exceeded slightly their prudent totals; thanks again to the wonderful attendance of our GSRs and also to our Secretary that works like a trooper to get the monthly minutes out within a few days. I believe that this effort more than anything shows our GSRs how urgent their attendance is and how important we feel the meetings are in honouring the "Responsibility Pledge".

In closing: District 70 (Renfrew) will be hosting a Fall Conference on Thanksgiving Saturday, Oct. 2010, all are welcome. I wish all here in attendance a great and rewarding twenty-four hours.

Yours in Service - Jim M

District 74 Pembroke

Good morning everyone!! My name is Pat E. and I am an alcoholic, a member of the Windsor-New Freedom Group and I have the privilege of serving as DCM for District 74 – Pembroke and Area.

Most groups are doing well in our District in both attendance and membership. Some are stronger than others. We now have one more group that is attending District Meetings and have re-registered as an active group once again. Attendance at our District Meeting's continues to be strong with about 75% attendance and most members are dedicated to their positions.

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Our financial situation has improved over the last few months and we no longer have to encourage groups to contribute to our District finances.

The Help Line continues to receive well over 30 calls per month and I believe this is a vital link to the still suffering alcoholic. Our volunteers continue to do a great job in handling these calls.

Our Treatment Chairperson, Audrey J., has done a great job in renewing contact with our Regional Hospital. She now has an up to date list of AA members, both male and female, who are willing to visit patients when the need arises.

Our PI Chair has just resigned due to changing job locations and we hope to have this position filled within the next few months. Our Grapevine and Self-Support Chairs have yet to join us at the District Table since assuming their positions. They have been advised that if they are not present at the next District, their positions will be vacant.

Our Spring Conference is set for May 8th. I have brought pamphlets with me this weekend and details can be found on our web-site at pembrokeaa.org. We invite everyone to attend this great day of fellowship which will include a wide variety of speakers and panels.

Yours in service - Pat E. - DCM – District 74

District 78 Madawaska Valley

Good Day. My name is Michael L. and I'm an alcoholic and District Committee Member for District 78, Madawaska Valley.

The district is doing great. We have filled the Alternate District Committee Member position. Claude L. has taken on this roll.

Our CPC/PI/GSR, Tony H. is very active. Our Archives person Howard L. is doing a great job.

The Whitney Group has started a Big Book Study the first Wednesday of the month which seems to be a great success with 12 - 14 members attending.

District 78 will be holding a Service Information Day on June 26, 2010 in Barry's Bay at the Anglican Church on Dunn Street. As soon as I have everything organized I will email out a flyer. I have been in touch with a number of people. Sandy S., Jim S. and also included in this will be Pembroke and Renfrew Districts.

Our group meetings rotate on a monthly basis and has really helped attendance at these meetings.

I was asked to mention that some people who are either thinking of or are wanting to do service work at the district level are afraid to, because more and more all communication is done via the internet. Not everyone has a computer nor knows how to use one. This creates problems.

Yours in Service, Michael L.

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

I am an alcoholic and my name is Leo, District Committee Member for Victoria- Haliburton District 82.

Alcoholics Anonymous is working in our area.

Over the last few months we have saw how this program works from new people to those with over forty years. This is the time when we are planning for our conference which will be May 1st.

We are also planning a district inventory and an ad hoc committee to look at our procedures and make changes if necessary. This should be an excellent experience for all concerned and help in carrying the message now and in the future.

Our P.I.C., Corrections, C.P.C., Grapevine and Archive Chair people are all doing their part.

We are looking forward to the new handbook that has come out for the Grapevine Representative.

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We have had two new discussion groups start in the last few months and both are doing well.

Over the winter months our attendance drops a little and as a result so does our 7th Tradition. This has an effect on our district table in its effort to meet our commitments.

We are all responsible to see that these services are sufficient and the bills are paid.

Thanks for my sobriety

Yours in Service, Leo McK. DCM – District 82

District 86 Kawartha

Good morning Area 83, I'm an alcoholic, and active member of the Stonewall group in Peterborough and my name is Fred.

Our new Chairperson for our 49th Kawartha District Conference, is Dave U. who is currently in the hospital .It will be held at the Evinrude Centre on June 25 & 26th. Flyers are available at the registration desk.

Our Intergroup chair Jack B. has had sudden health problems. He also is in the hospital. Kevin B. quickly stepped in to help the Intergroup out. Also Don M has offered to fill in as required. We wish Jack and Dave a speedy recovery and thank Kevin and Don.

We are currently seeking a Grapevine chair for the remainder of this term. Hopefully this position will be filled at our next District meeting April 11.

The District as a whole is financially stable. 20 GSR's out of 22 groups are very active and attend our District meeting each month.

Our Service Information day will be held May 16th at the Intergroup Office where we will be honoured to hear Sandy's report from the General Service Conference.

District 86 and it's committee's, are very active carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

With love and gratitude, Fred W.

5.COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee member's reports are not time-limited. Rather, we rely on the member's humility and compassion to keep their reports as brief as possible while still giving the Assembly the crux of what the activities are in our Area. As with the Districts, written reports are requested. I would ask each committee member to remain at the podium after their report to answer any questions from the floor.

a) Public Information Report

Jim S.

Good morning friends, I am an Alcoholic, a member of The Bolsover Pine Group in District 82 Victoria Haliburton, and my name is Jim S. I have the privilege of serving you as your Public Information Chair.

I would like to thank those who attended the PI workshop yesterday and to those who got up early and attended the combined CPC and PI meeting this morning. And a special thanks to Darlene K.,PI Chair for Dist. 54 Ottawa Rideau and Janyce M., PI Chair for Dist. 28 Lakeshore East for contributing so much to yesterdays PI Workshop.

I do appreciate the minutes that I receive, and they do help me keep in touch with the Districts who send them to me. From the ones I receive I can see that the message of Alcoholics Anonymous is being carried well through Public Information.

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The new Poster For Young People is now available from GSO and is being used by some Districts, and the pamphlet A Message to Teenagers-How to Tell When Drinking is Becoming a Problem, has been re-designed with the 12 pictures now similar to the new poster. The large Posters are \$1.00 to buy and the pamphlets are free. When there was no poster available from the General Service Office, Brian McC., Alt. DCM for Dist. 42 put a lot of time and effort into designing one we could use to fill the gap till one was available from GSO. This poster has served us well and I do want to thank Brian for all his work and dedication.

There are also two new video's available from GSO. One called Hope; it is about a young girl who is going to celebrate her one year medallion. It covers a lot of areas we can use in PI. The other is called A Young Peoples Video. This one is a collection of stories submitted by AA members who got sober in their teens and early twenties. These can be purchased for \$10.00 each. You can see examples of all four of these items at the display in the Atrium.

I have been asked to take part in two Service Information Days. The first for Districts 26 and 28 in Oshawa on June 6th, and the second for Districts 70, 74 and 78 in Barry's Bay on June 26th.

I did receive an email concerning anonymity on the Internet. I forwarded this email to the General Service Office asking what can be done about this. I am waiting for a reply, but I am not sure what can be done as far as stopping this, other than bringing it to their attention through the contact information on the website, and asking them not to use full names, reminding them of our Tradition of Anonymity

I have been elected to work with all the Districts in our Area. If you want me to assist you in any way please contact me.

Yours in the Love and Service of AA – Jim S.

b) Cooperation With The Professional Community

David T.

My activities since the last assembly have been very minimal and I hope this report will be very short. I attended the Iroquois Roundup where Jim St. and I were called upon to make a presentation on Service to the assembled membership. While this was a last minute change, Jim and I were pleased to be able to step up to the microphone and help out.

I also attended the Ontario Delegates Committee meeting in Ottawa and was able to provide some input on a couple of matters relating to the upcoming General Service Conference. Input was provided on the new Hope Video in relation to full face videos using professional actors. I also provided input about the subject of using literature sales to fund the General Service Office and where does it end. While this subject has many aspects, I expressed my opinion about how this is affecting 12th Step work particularly when committees are asked to purchase literature from AAWS or through local Intergroups and this does have an impact on the amount of literature we can give out.

Most committees in the Area are very active in trying to carry the message to professionals in their local regions and Cooperation with the Professional Community is active and well in most districts. One area of concern is the attraction of new volunteers to help the local committees. To this end I have been attending meetings in the Ottawa Area to help brainstorm on ideas of what the committee can do to generate more interest.

The only information from GSO has been the new Videos for Professionals which we showed yesterday during the CPC Workshop. We also discussed the contents of the CPC Kit which is on the agenda at the General Service Conference. There has not been any requests to staff booths at Professional Conferences but GSO has stated that they will provide literature for local regional Professional meetings if they are provided with sufficient advanced notice.

I have been invited to the Pembroke Roundup on the 8th of May to put up a display of CPC material and have purchased necessary supplies for this event. I am also willing to attend local Service Days and Roundups when I am available to help spread the word about Cooperation with the Professional Community.

An finally, I have collect five sets of volunteer forms for the State of New York Correctional Services in Northern New York and we are trying to arrange an orientation for these volunteers on an acceptable date. Unfortunately, this must be during a normal work day so this may take some organizational skills. I have been advised that they have four correctional institutions which need volunteers to go in as well as another treatment facility in the same area so there is lots of room for additional volunteers.

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Yours in Service, David T.

c) Corrections Report

Peter N.

Good morning friends. My name is Peter N. and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Bayview Group in District 14, Toronto North Central. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Correctional Facilities Chair.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Correctional Facilities Workshop yesterday, and to our panelists Katherine, Ross and Murray who did an excellent job of explaining how and why they carry the message on the inside, and their passion for Corrections. I would like to thank everyone who attended the CF meeting this morning. We had 17 in attendance and an excellent interactive exchange of ideas and information. Thank you also to everyone who contributed to Corrections to buy banquet tickets and literature, and to District 14 who contributed a case of Big Books. We had 6 people from Frontenac and 4 from Pittsburgh who attended yesterday.

Since I last reported to you at the Fall Assembly things were busy in the fall up to mid November and then quieted down. November 14 I was invited to the 2nd annual District 14 Service Day to present "Service for Dummies". Thanks to Rodney S., DCM and his committee for an excellent day. I have been attending the GTA Intergroup CF monthly meetings when I can; reading all the District monthly reports which I receive, and focusing on CF material.

In District news, the problems which we reported being experienced by District 02 Malton at the OCI have been resolved by their new CF Chair Alacoque C; the meetings the new Roy McMurty Youth Detention Centre for both male and female clients are being staffed by local AAs, with more success happening on the women's side. Thanks to all Districts who offered support. I have been asked to present a Workshop to the Service Day put on by Districts 26 & 28 on Sunday, June 6, 2010. We reported that David D., DCM District 42 had requested help because his District lacked support to carry the message in one the institutions in upstate New York. Thanks to our CPC Chair David T of Ottawa we now have 8 members from the Ottawa and Prescott areas who have offered their services to cross over in to the States. We continue to receive Bridging the Gap requests.

From GSO we continue to receive requests from the Corrections Desk for Spanish-speaking males who wish to volunteer for the "Corrections Correspondence Service.", and just this month a request that another 100 English speaking males need a correspondent.

Also from GSO, Western Pennsylvania, inspired by a recent Grapevine letter about an inmate who was corresponding with an entire A.A. group, are to get groups in their area to do the same. What a great idea.

There is a request for submissions of experience, strength and hope for a revision of the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell". Please talk to all of your institutional groups and GiRs. Stories can be sent directly to the Corrections Desk or to me and I will redirect them. Local CF Committees are also being asked to share experience with the signing of legally binding documents as part of their cooperation with corrections professionals. Local solutions, regarding how to observe facility regulations while staying within our Traditions can also be sent directly to the Corrections desk.

In any and all Districts which have any correctional or detention facilities, please ask the GSR's to ask their groups for volunteers to go into the institutions. Almost every district report talks of the need for more volunteers to go inside.

Thank you for support.
Peter

d) Treatment Report

Jim St.

I am an alcoholic my name is Jim. I have the honour to serve Area 83 International as Treatment Facilities Chair for this term.

The last few months have been fairly quiet, I had a rewarding visit to Iroquois for their Roundup and do to circumstances David T. and I ended up sharing a podium for an hour. The result of this opportunity has been contact in that area and a request for further visits.

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I also visited Renfrew once again always a nice experience.

I have been invited to the Ottawa Spring Conference although not formally by their CFTF Committee. Janet has asked me to help her with the display.

I will be attending the Pembroke roundup on May 8 and look forward to that.

The key to spreading the word to treatment facilities belongs with the member just like it did when Bob and Bill visited the man on bed Bill D. We the AA person are AA's most valuable asset. If I ask one member to go with me to a centre we are now two and more powerful than one. If we all do this we double our numbers not only in treatment facilities but in service as a whole.

Yours in Service, Jim St., Treatment Facilities Chair, Area 83 International

e) Grapevine Report

Ruth F.

Hello, my name is Ruth... and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Agincourt Acorn Group, in Scarborough – District 22. I am grateful to be serving you as your Grapevine Chairperson.

At the Grapevine workshop yesterday, we looked at how simple it was to get published in the Grapevine magazine, and also how to submit artwork and photos. Area 83 has been represented well in the Grapevine magazine, and in the calendar, and I think it would be fun show what we in Area 83 have to offer. If you missed the workshop, you didn't miss the boat... go to the Grapevine website www.aagrapevine.org for all the info you need! We also reviewed the Grapevine agenda for the Conference and I will be passing along what we discussed to Sandy.

The Grapevine magazine is our meeting in print. Bill W used it to communicate with us, the fellowship. It is a great way to have our voice heard. I love to read the articles, and hear what other members think, in the letters to the editor. If you haven't seen the newer format of the magazine, please get a hold of one and take a look. There is controversy and encouragement, cartoons and comments.

There has been some talk about doing away with the printed Grapevine, and going solely with the online version. I don't believe that will happen, but what if it does? The future of Grapevine is in all our hands, one member at a time. It is as simple as purchasing a subscription. Maybe your group could buy a few copies to sell at meetings? A Grapevine subscription is an awesome gift to give to someone... delivered to them every month. It is a great way to carry the message to those members who are not able to access meetings, because of location or illness/disability. It can be placed in waiting rooms, to carry the message to those who need the message of hope that it offers. After having a Grapevine subscription, I can't imagine not having access to this magazine every month. I don't want to miss it when it's gone, I want to enjoy it for a long time to come.

There is so much going on at Grapevine. I have read the new cartoon/joke book put out by Grapevine called "A Rabbit walks into a Bar". It is a great little book! There are CD's to listen to in your car or at home! Want to give a gift with meaning to someone... send a magazine, need a set of slogans? Guess where you can get those? The subscription forms for the Grapevine magazine, and all the other items, are available on the website.

If you are having any difficulty with the ordering process, hang in there. Drop me an email, and together we can look at how to resolve any issues. It's worth it.

I hope that those of you who bought 2010 wall calendars and pocket planners are enjoying them! One day at a time... The 2011 calendars and pocket planners will remain the same price this year (so far), at \$9.50 for calendars and \$4.50 for Pocket Planners. I will confirm the prices and distribute the order forms in June, at the Area meeting, and the deadline for all District orders will be the Area Committee meeting in September. The 2011 calendars and pocket planners will be ready to be picked up at the October 2010 Assembly.

Thank you to the Districts who currently send me their minutes. If you don't send me your District minutes, I would be pleased to receive and read them.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve. You can reach me at the Area 83 website: grapevine@area83aa.org

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In grateful service, Ruth

f) Self-Support Report

Winnie S.

Good Morning Friends, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Winnie. I'm a grateful member of the Kemptville Sunday Morning Study Group, and I have the honour of serving as Self-Support Chair of Area 83.

Thanks to Hugh W. for the invitation to attend the Pembroke round-up Apr. 10. I will be happy to attend and plan on making it a personal day of fellowship.

Although things have been relatively quiet the last few months as far as attending service days, I am excited by the interest being shown in self-support generally, and specifically in the response of the districts to the questions put forth for the General Service Conference.

Sandy sent all the feedback from the different areas concerning Advisory Action #7, so far. I have forwarded it to all the district chairs I have addresses for. The sense that I have from the general population is to; Use our literature sales but work towards being self-supporting. Several suggestions for doing that are;

1/ Promote the Birthday plan.

2/ Review pie charts for effectiveness or perhaps make your own

3/ Point out the value of the \$ compared to even 10 years ago. There was a flyer included, that I particularly liked, so I have distributed copies this weekend.

4/ Create new flyers

5/ All this should be done with the ever present reminder that: "The amount of our contribution should be secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world". There should never be any expectations placed on the newcomer.

The bottom line is awareness and specifically the importance of groups contributing to G.S.O. Through our efforts, I have faith that our Higher Power will continue to allow us to reach out to the still suffering alcoholic.

Thank You again for all who attended the workshop yesterday and showed up this A.M. for our meeting, and once again for the opportunity to serve in this position

Yours in Love and Service, Winnie S.

g) Archives Report

Milner G.

My name is Milner G. and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Fall Island Big Book Study Group in Potsdam, New York. I am pleased to serve Area 83 as your Panel 59 Archives Committee Chair.

Rotation of Area Archivist

At the Area Committee meeting 1/9/10 the committee confirmed the Chair's appointment of Cathy U. as our Area Archivist for the term 2010-2012. Congratulations, Cathy, and thank you for your willingness to serve Area 83. Cathy has worked on the District 86 Archives Committee for several years and brings both experience and enthusiasm to her new position. We are grateful to Maire O'B for her six year tenure as Area 83's first Archivist. We look to build on the work she has done and will count on her continued willingness to answer questions and provide help when asked.

Area Archives Workshop

I will be attending Area Archives Workshop on *Keeping our History Alive* April 10 in Peterborough. On the agenda are presentations from:

- Carolyn Bart-Riedstra, The Archives Advisor of Ontario, (database collections);

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- Iona McCraith, Preservation Consultant, Archives Association of Ontario (Paper Repair and Preservation Techniques);
- Cathy U., Area 83 Archivist (Oral Histories); and
- Gary C., District 86 Archives Chair (Group Histories)

After the workshop, Cathy has arranged for attendees to go on a guided tour of the Peterborough Archives Repository. We look forward to a day of learning and fellowship.

Markings - the GSO Archives Newsletter

The "electronic version" of the Winter 2009 issue of Markings is now available. You may download it from the Archives page at GSO's website <http://www.aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=24>. The main topic of this issue is the *A.A. National Archives Workshop* and its progression in defining the role of A.A. Archivists (and the distinctions between archivists, collectors, and historians).

GSO Archives Renovation

The GSO Archives space was renovated late last year. See the current issue of Box 459 for details.

Other Activities

On the first weekend of November 2009 I attended both the 7th Annual Longtimers Luncheon (Saturday, in Ottawa) and the 25th Annual Breakfast Meeting (Sunday, in Mississauga). I enjoyed hearing several long-time A.A. Members (33-55 years) speak as well as keeping abreast of archives activities in Ottawa and Toronto. I have maintained email contact with the district archives chairs, sending notices of the upcoming events, a copy of *The Eighty-Three* (Fall 2009), *Box 459* (Spring 2010), and the Archives Committee agenda items for the 2010 General Service Conference (thank you, Sandy!) which we discussed at this morning's archives meeting.

Please let me know your questions and your ideas. If you want me to attend your local service events I am available to do so, subject to prudent use of Area 83 travel funds. Just contact me in advance so I can get you on my calendar. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 83 as Archives Committee Chair for Panel 59.

Milner G. archives@area83aa.org

h) Service Information Day

Dave M.

Good day everyone my name is Dave M. and I'm an alcoholic. I'm an active member of the Frontenac Group and it is my humble privilege to serve as District committee member for District 36 Kingston and The Islands and your Service Information Day Chair.

I would like to thank everyone in our Area for doing such a great job. Your work shops are the best we have ever seen the work that has been put into them shows with the end result. Thank you again. We have one more assembly left. Boy does time go by fast. A year ago, which seems like yesterday we where sending email after email trying to get our first Assembly put together. Thank you again for making the Service Information Day Committee's job so easy.

May your higher power be with you on your road of sobriety and service.

Remember alone we cannot but together we can
Thanks for my sobriety. Yours in loving service
Dave M.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

DEIRDRE B.

[See Appendix A - Treasurer's Financial Reports.]

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic a member of the One Day At A Time Group in Toronto, my name is Deirdre B. I have the honour and privilege of serving as Area 83 Treasurer.

Thank you to all who attended the Treasurer/Self-Support workshop yesterday. I hope the information was useful. Thank you to Rodney for his technical support and to Robert, Juan, and Gerry for helping sell banquet tickets.

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Thank you for sending in your District and Group contributions. As of March 19th all cheques received have been deposited and all receipts were mailed. Self-addressed envelopes were available at the workshop yesterday. Future issued receipts will contain a return envelope to make contributions easier.

The following is a breakdown of our financial situation as of March 19, 2010:

Our reserve account, which is set aside as a GIC for unforeseen circumstances, had an opening balance of \$20,678.59. Actual Interest earned is 1% \$206.79 as GIC was redeemed to comply with the Assemblies wishes to remain as a \$20,000.00 balance (see box below).

From Area Assembly Minutes October 28, 2007

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

e) Area 83 reduce its prudent reserve to \$20,000.00

Moved: Tom H., DCM District 30

Seconded: Jim St., DCM District 66

Discussion: The reserve account has only been used once in the last 15 years, for a \$5,000 transfer to the operating account.

Vote: Carried 125-31

Minority Opinion: Is it wise to list a particular number to which to reduce the reserve? We could reduce the account by some lesser amount. We could find ways to use the money within Area 83 to carry the message.

Motion to Reconsider: None

Received and deposited interest of \$265.82 and \$261.49 at 2.55% was returned. Interest of \$619.56 appears as Income plus Interest Income from December 31 statement of \$265.82 equals \$885.38. This represents \$678.59 interest compounded (2007 \$27.79, 2008 \$564.69 and 2009 \$86.11) and \$206.79 interest (March 16, 2009 to March 16, 2010).

The total expenses for the period ending March 19, 2010 were \$15,283.93. To date our expenses are \$2,304.02 higher than our income.

The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2010 was \$34,601.90 (this represents the balance without prepaid items from Dec 31, 2009 account information). Total income of \$12,979.91 less expenses of \$15,283.93, plus San Antonio other Areas \$1,611.22, plus Prepaid Banquet \$297.00, leaves an Operating account balance of \$34,206.10 as at March 19, 2010. The combined balance of accounts is \$54,206.10.

Our group contributions are up \$1,672.00 compared to this time last year.

Our proposed spending guidelines are \$69,690.12.

THIS WEEKEND'S SEVENTH TRADITION — TOTAL = \$2,234.31

FRIDAY \$ 356.80 SATURDAY \$ 1,065.58 SUNDAY \$ 811.93.

BANQUET TICKETS SOLD 228

Thank you to all who helped take the 7th Tradition and sell Banquet Tickets this weekend.

Yours in Love and Service, God Bless You, Deirdre B., Area 83 Treasurer

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

JOYCE S.

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Bathurst Group and my name is Joyce. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Area 83 Secretary.

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I ask all District Committee Members and Area Committee Members to please check their "mail folders" in the plastic files in the Atrium during the weekend. In those mail folders you will find an updated District and Area Committee Listing with all the information I have been given as of last week. I have received some further changes this weekend and will send out a new updated listing with the completed minutes.

There were only 3 District Committee Members who requested hard copies of the minutes from the January Area Committee Meeting. They are in your folders as well. There will be a few spares copies of the minutes at our next Area Committee Meeting in June.

Along the wall over to the right on the tables are spare copies of the minutes from our Fall Assembly. Also, there are copies of the position descriptions for the Area Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster. If you have not had a chance to read them over, please try to do so before we come to new business when we will be voting on them.

The hotel would appreciate it if you would collect all the flyers in the Atrium before you leave. We should leave the area as clean as possible. Also, please do not leave any of the agenda's laying around because they have full names printed on them. It is our responsibility to protect the anonymity of everyone here this weekend.

Please continue to send me your minutes, I enjoy reading them. My email address is secretary@area83aa.org.

Finally, I would like to thank those who attended the Secretary/Registrar workshop yesterday. Both Kim and I appreciate your feedback.

Yours In Love and Service - Joyce S.

8. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

ROBB W.

Good Morning friends, I am an alcoholic, an active member of the Streetsville Group in District 06 Mississauga and I have the honor and privilege of serving Area 83 as Alternate Delegate and my name is Robb W.

Since the last Assembly, I visited District 12 to give a talk about General Service, mainly the difference between a Group Inventory and a District Inventory. I'd like to thank Janet D. for inviting me and Jim M. and the whole District for making me feel welcome. The pizza was great and the fellowship was just as good.

Here's a quick note on Remote Communities. The 14 Areas across Canada as well as Alaska have a conference call every month or so that I have been a part of. There are a few things going on across the Country although a lot of Areas are still trying to figure out how they can be of service. Bob P, Chairperson of the Steering Committee, is as active as always with the Quebec work group bringing our message of hope to the First Nations people in the north. With Bob's help, I managed to connect a group from here in Kingston with the person responsible for remote communities in Area 85, Northwestern Ontario and they sent some literature up to help carry the message. We have another conference call scheduled for a couple of weeks from now.

I spent a weekend last month in Ottawa at the Ontario Delegates Committee meeting and, as Sandy mentioned, was a little disappointed in the attendance although the weekend itself was a great experience. I would like to take a moment to thank Sandy and Mike for their hospitality. Jo-Anne T, Delegate for Area 84, and I stayed at Sandy's house and had a great time. Let's get the word out to the membership at large that these days are there for them as well. I honestly feel that if we were a little better at communicating, we would have higher attendance at these types of functions as well as our Assemblies. Our job in service is not just to perform the function of our position but to encourage those that don't know, to try their hand in it. I know that the General Service Representative and Alternate from my group expressed an interest and we, as a group, encouraged them to see for themselves. I do believe that there are at least two converts to General Service sitting in this room today.

I would like to personally thank Jo-Anne L. for sharing her experience with us yesterday afternoon and after the banquet last night. She certainly brought home to me the great work that Alcoholics Anonymous is doing around the world.

I will be heading up to Vaughn next month to facilitate a District inventory at Rodney S's. invitation and I'm looking forward to the trip. In June, I will be heading up to Lindsay to facilitate a District inventory for District 82 at Leo McK.'s invitation and look forward to that as well.

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I attended the Area Committee Meeting in Tuckers Corners in January where I gave a little information about the preparations being made for the Eastern Canada Regional Hospitality Suite. Things are coming along well. We have had a room assigned that should hold around 100 people and is ideally situated in the main Convention Hotel, the Grand Hyatt. All of the 10 Areas in the Eastern Canada Region have committed funds to cover the refreshments that will be available there. I have had over 30 people sign up for a volunteer shift while they are visiting San Antonio. I need at least another 30 to feel comfortable so to all those that are planning on attending, get online and sign up for a four hour shift. www.easterncanada2010.org is the place to go. I would like to thank our current Area Archivist, Cathy U. and our immediate past Archivist Maire O'B. for volunteering to put together an Area 83 display that we will showcase in the Hospitality Suite throughout the Convention. I was speaking to Doug R. at the Ontario Regional Conference last weekend and he was telling me that the number of people registered has surpassed any of the previous Conventions so it's looking like it will be a great party in San Antonio!

I would like to thank all of the Districts that send me minutes from their District meetings. It really is a great way to keep up to date on what's happening in the Districts in Area 83. Please check with your District Secretaries and, if I'm not on your distribution list, please add me. If there is anything I can do to be of service, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours in Love and Service, Robb W.

9. DELEGATE'S REPORT

SANDY S.

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Russell Goodwill Group in District #48 and my name is Sandy S. It is my privilege to serve this term as your Panel 59 Delegate.

Over the last couple of months I was busy gathering information and finalizing the planning and logistics for the Ontario Delegate's Committee meeting which was held in Ottawa the weekend of February 26th – 28th. I was a little disappointed with the turn-out, based on e-mail correspondence and confirmations that I had received, but as we know life happens and I know that those who were in attendance enjoyed the presentations and discussions. It was a good, interactive weekend regarding the upcoming General Service Conference process.

I would like to take the time to thank our Immediate Past Delegate, Dot D., for chairing the weekend, a past District Committee Member from District #48, Janet C., for taking up the task of recording secretary and Jim B., District Committee Member for District #54 for all the background work before and during the weekend.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to one of our past Delegates, Joe D., for providing the power point presentation on the entire General Service Conference process and to JoAnne L., our Trustee-at-Large, for her presentation and sharing during our question and answer periods.

The General Service Conference is taking place the week of April 18th – 24th at the Hilton Rye Town in Rye Brook, New York. I have been reading the various background information materials provided and have forwarded this information to each of the committee chairs for inclusion in their respective upcoming workshops and discussions this weekend. I anticipate receiving any relevant information from discussions on the various conference agenda items in order to have Area 83's thoughts and concerns to bring with me to the General Service Conference.

I have already received a number of e-mails from Chairs, Groups and Individual members regarding the finance question – Contributions & Literature Sales – which I have read and printed and plan to bring with me to the Conference for reference. I want to take the time to thank those for sending me their concerns and suggestions. It's great to know that matters are discussed thoroughly and an informed conscious is what I will be bringing with me to the Conference floor.

The Remote Communities pre-conference meeting is taking place on Saturday, April 17th at 4:00 pm and the initial Delegate's Only meeting is at 7:30 p.m. The next day – the conference will be in full swing.

Again this year, I am on the Trustee's Committee and our agenda consists of the following:

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On Sunday afternoon there is a Joint meeting of the Conference Committee on Trustees and Trustees Nominating Committee. We will review the Conference Committee composition, scope and procedure, the history of the Conference Committee, report of Trustees' Committee, discuss the report and any other related subjects that may arise.

The Conference Committee itself will meet on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

On Monday we will

1. Review the resumes for
 - a) Pacific Regional Trustee – 14 Candidates of a possible total of 15
 - b) Eastern Canada Regional Trustee – 9 Candidates of a possible total of 10 - With Barb K., Panel 55 Delegate from this Area being one of the candidates as per our election at our Fall 2009 Assembly. I have the honor of providing a 2 minute verbal recommendation of Barb on behalf of our Area.
2. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Inc.
3. Review the slate of directors of A.A. World Services Inc. – With Joe Downey, Panel 51 Delegate from this Area being on the slate as he was successful in the interview process
4. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine Inc.
5. Discuss a suggestion to clarify the language on page S65 in the AA Service Manual under the heading "Regional Trustee" regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate – Presently the section reads "... no area shall submit an individual as candidate for both regional trustee and trustee-at-large U.S./Canada in the same year." This sentence would be replaced with "... no area should submit the same name for regional and at-large trustee in the same year" This change provides that the language in the service manual is the same for both the regional trustee and the trustee-at-large nominations.
6. Other subjects that may arise

On Tuesday we will review Monday's business, continue with any unfinished items, discuss any new items and elect the chairperson for this Committee for the 2011 Conference. The Chair will be elected from the panel 60 Delegates who will attend next year's conference.

I received my "loving invitation" to give a presentation during the Conference on "General Service Conference Agenda Selection Process – How It Works". I was kind of hoping to be a little more back-ground involved, like maybe ballots (which when I thought about it wouldn't be possible because I will be voting) – but something more background anyways.

Here is the report that I have already submitted and will be presenting at the Conference –

When I first received my "loving invitation" I thought about the topic and read through our literature to ensure that I knew what I was talking about. Then I thought again and decided to take the simple, direct approach rather than quoting from our literature and / or providing a history lesson. I took the "keep it simple" approach to this presentation – so here goes.

Our process works well when and if we let it. We all have our individual personalities and, at times, need to keep ourselves in check – all, of course, based on working our Steps and practicing their principles.

Our practice of allowing each and every individual member the right to a voice is how we stay unified. All opinions and concerns are, or should be, considered as valid and valued – whether this means general discussion or a requirement to vote.

This is how our Agenda becomes a reality. A member, Group, District, Area or Trustee has an idea or suggestion. This can travel through our service structure or can be provided directly – either way it ends up with our General Service Office Conference Coordinator. The GSO Conference Coordinator reviews the submissions in the light of previous Conference actions then passes it on to either the Trustee's Conference Committee or the appropriate Conference Committee – whichever may be relevant given the nature of the submission. The idea or suggestion then becomes a workshop or presentation topic (such as what I am doing now), a proposal or a committee concern.

The Conference Agenda items are to deal with policy for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, so if something that has been submitted does not fall into that category it then gets routed for general discussion as workshops or presentations.

When the item does deal with policy it becomes a Committee agenda item for discussion, and it turns possible recommendation on the General Service Conference floor.

Our process may appear slow – but in fact it is deliberate. It protects us from ourselves in that it does not allow for hasty or emotional decisions so that at the end of the day – the good of A.A. as a whole is served. (the end)

At this point in time – the following is a listing of dates where I am already booked -

- April 3rd – Ottawa Spring Conference
- April 18 – 25th – General Service Conference, New York

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- May 15th – Districts 54, 58, 62, Ottawa
- May 16th – District 30 & 86, Peterborough
- May 29th – Toronto Info. A.A. Day
- June 5th – Area Committee Meeting
- June 6th – Districts 26 & 28, Oshawa
- June 12th – Districts 42, 48, 50
- June 19th – District 70, 74 & 78, Barry's Bay
- Sept 17th – 19th – Regional Forum, Trois Rivières

If you wish to schedule to have the Delegate's Report from the General Service Conference provided, please let me know as soon as possible as at this point we are looking into July weekends and if any of the dates I have provided above are wrong – please let me know right away.

Also, please note that when sending me any e-mail please ensure that there is something "obvious" in the RE/Subject line. If it does not state a District number or provide that it is minutes, and if I do not recognize the sender address – I simply delete the e-mail without ever opening it. I get quite a few e-mails and because the address is "out there" I get a lot of spam. My computer has been working well since it had it's last breakdown, and I would very much like to keep it that way – at least until the end of my term as Delegate. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their trust and support and I will continue to represent Area 83 to the best of my ability.
Yours in service - Sandy

10. ROLL CALL AND REGISTRAR'S REPORT

KIM S.

[See Appendix B - Spring Assembly Tally.]

For those that are new to the Assembly, my job is to pass group information the General Service Office. This includes any group changes. I do this by entering the group change form and new group forms directly on the GSO database. Since the start of this new year I have been getting consistently busier as more new GSR's enter this wonderful world of service. I do receive a lot of change forms that are incomplete. I cannot enter any information without complete addresses and this includes postal code. I do continue to receive many forms that I can read or understand.

I have been receiving group change forms many weeks or even months after a GSR or Alternate has taken the position. Please try to forward me the group change form as soon as possible. Not only will they not receive the GSO mailings such as Box 459 but they will not receive their GSR kit. After registering a new GSR, they should be receiving their kit within 20 working days. If a GSR has not received their kit within 2 months of assuming the position, please contact me and I will investigate.

I have group change forms, new group change forms in front of me at the table. I also have self addressed envelopes if you wish to send me the forms by postal mail. If you wish an electronic copy it is available from the Area 83 website for download.

I also have cut my printing costs. I did not put a District list in the DCM's slots. I have all the current Districts on my computer. I am able to give some districts a report on a CD. Please let me know if you wish a CD and I can give you one today. I do not have enough for each district though. I will email a complete excel District list to all the Districts. This will save approximately \$300.00 per Assembly. I did find when I distributed the sheets, two thirds were not returned. This seems to be a lot of money for printing that is not returned.

There will be a 2010 Regional Directory. The deadline for group changes to appear in the directory is May 6, 2010. Please ensure that I receive these changes in a timely manner so that I can make the changes. Please remember, I am the only one making the changes, so I do need a bit of time prior to the deadline.

Groups with the status of Unknown, Inactive, Pending Inactive, Pending Active or Incomplete or Vacant on May 7th, 2010 cannot be published in the Regional Directories.

Contact information without a phone number cannot be included in the directories. The directories are published to assist traveling AA's reach out to find a meeting where ever they may be. That makes a phone number a very important piece of information we provide in the directories.

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Permission to include a group contacts name and phone number in the directories must indicated on Group change forms. A request not to list or no indication at all will exclude that particular contact person and possibly the group from being published in the regional directories.

This is a monumental task. Please do not send your group changes in at the final second. If you take anything back to your groups and Districts from today, please let everyone know about directory and the guidelines I spoke about. This is a classic "when the hand of AA reaches out" and it is important that groups are represented.

Before I give the roll call, I would like to give a brief explanation of the process of compiling the tally. Many of you may have questions that I can answer now. When compiling the roll call, a lot of consideration is given to the vote, and ensuring that those who are entitled to vote have the right. For this reason, a lot of care is put into interpreting the sign-in sheets. The result being that the numbers will often not look at all like what was written on the sheets. For example, a district might have five people signed in as visitors, but when I announce the roll call, I might say that there was only one. The reason is that I check each visitor against his or her group, and if the group does not have a GSR that has signed in, I assume that the visitor will be voting on behalf of their group. They are, therefore, not counted as a visitor, but as a GSR. Also, if an Alternate DCM is the only person representing his or her group, I will count them as a GSR as well, since Alternate DCM's do not have voting rights, but Group Representatives do. Their role in the District may be that of Alternate DCM but their function, for the purposes of voting at the assembly, is really as their group's representative. . It is very important if you sign in as a visitor that you also write the name of your group. You could be voting for your group but I do not that if you do not indicate this on the sign in sheet.

I hope I have not confused you more but have given you an understanding of the tally process. It is the vote that is the primary consideration not the position.

Before I give the tally results I would like to thank Sheheen for her help last night in tabulating the tally. The tally is really a job that requires more than one person. Last night was challenging. Many people signed in on sheets in the wrong districts. There were groups I had not heard of nor were they in the GSO database.

I would like to thank all the great volunteers from District 36 for their help with manning the Registration table this weekend. Lynne H. from District 36 deserves a huge thank you for volunteering to take on task of the Registration table management, getting the volunteers and greeters. To all the volunteers that manned the table and greeted...thank you so much!

We now reach Item 11, Old Business.

At this point, I recommend going to 2/3 majority - might I have a motion to that effect:

Motion by : Dave P. – Archive Chair – District 28

Seconded: Peter N. – Corrections Chair

Motion: Carried

11. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

1. Area 83, Eastern Ontario International - 2010 Spending Guidelines

Motion by : Deirdre B.

Seconded: Rodney S. – DCM – District 14

Motion: Carried

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2. Recommendation that Area 83, Eastern Ontario International make a contribution of \$5,000.00 to the General Service Board

Motion by : Deirdre B.

Seconded: Jill – GSR – Vanier Early Birds Group

Motion: Carried

Now we move on to item 3, Webmaster issues, but before we do I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ad hoc committee formed to examine this issue and then to make recommendations to the Area Committee which of course finds its culmination here at the Assembly today before you, the membership. The committee consisted of Panel 55 Delegate Barb K., our current Treatment Facilities Chair Jim St. and Panel 51 Delegate Joe D. As well, Vince R., our current Webmaster provided opinions. They did a lot of hard work, looked at many other Area websites and sifted through all of GSO's recommendations, designing Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster position descriptions that reflect the role and duties involved in the positions. Perhaps we could give this committee a show of thanks (applause).

Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster position descriptions were sent to all DCM's and committee members about two months ago and ought to have been distributed widely. I know Joyce has put out a number of copies as well. We also have it for the overhead so all can see.

3. On a recommendation from the Area Committee, a motion to amend the Area 83 Operating Procedures by adding the position descriptions for Area Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster as approved at the January 2010 Area Committee.
[See Appendix C – Position Descriptions]

Motion by : Natalie – GSR – Rouge Valley Group – District 22

Seconded: Rodney S. – DCM – District 14

Motion: Carried

NEW BUSINESS ADDED FROM THE FLOOR

1. Area 83 form an ad-hoc committee whose purpose would be to propose strategies to present to this assembly, strategies that would encourage greater representation overall at this Area Assembly, particularly by those districts not currently represented at all or with less than 33% representation. Among other things, the committee would consult previous GSC reports to benefit from the experience of other areas.

Motion by : Jean F. – DCM - District 58

Seconded: David D. – DCM – District 42

Motion: Defeated

2. What ever funds are showing on the proposed spending guidelines as of December 31, if the funds are available, then the funds should automatically be sent to our General Service Office.

Motion by : Michael C. – GSR – Step By Step Group

Seconded: Jim St. – Area Treatments Chair

Motion: Defeated

3. Motion to send our Area 83 Delegate to the International Conference, when it occurs during their term. 2/3 of others areas send their Delegates.

Motion by : Terry G. – DCM – District 22

Seconded: Ruth F. – Area Grapevine

Motion: Defeated

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13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

There were several birthday and group anniversary announcements as well as some displeasure voiced towards participants who noisily left the Assembly before the end.

14. NEXT AREA ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY

I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

October 22, 23 & 24, 2010 at the Ambassador Hotel, Kingston, Ontario

Moved: Jim M. – DCM – District 12
Seconded: Milner G. – Area Archives Chair
Motion: Carried

15. CLOSING

Thank you for staying until all business for finalized.

Reminder – Next Area Committee meeting at Quinte West , Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to close:

Moved: David P. –Archives Chair - District 28
Seconded: Dave M – DCM - District 36
Motion: Carried

Meeting was closed at 3:30 pm with the Responsibility Declaration...

I am Responsible...
When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that
I am Responsible

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Appendix A – Financial Reports

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNTIONAL AREA 83	
AS OF: March 19, 2010	
RESERVE ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2010	\$ 20,678.59
Interest Actually Earned 1% (Redeemed & Renewed)	206.79
Interest Paid 2.55% March 16, 2009 - Septemer 16, 2009	(265.82)
Interest Paid 2.55% September 16, 2009 - March 16, 2010	(261.49)
	\$ 20,358.07
Redeemed & Renewed	(358.07)
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 20,000.00
INCOME	
7th Tradition	\$ 276.76
Cost Recoveries (Grapevine)	19.00
Group & District Contributions	12,064.59
Interest (261.49 + 358.07)	619.56
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 12,979.91
EXPENSES	
Accomodations	\$ 105.52
Meals	2,106.87
Travel	17.01
Long Distance	1,372.39
Postage	727.83
Printing	130.47
Literature	446.18
Stationary	176.37
Miscellaneous (143.44 Website 302.74 Archives Display)	
Ad-Hoc Committee	
Area Committee Meetings	
Area GSO Contribution	
Bank Service Charge	
Forums	
Grapevine Seasonal	5,855.92
GSO Assesment	
GSO Flow Through	4,345.37
Ontario Delegate Conference	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 15,283.93
OPERATING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2010	\$ 34,601.90
Total Income & Transfers	+ 12,979.91
Total Expenses	- (15,283.93)
San Antonio Hospitality other Areas	1,611.22
Prepaid Banquet (264 @ \$1 & Ticket 264 sold at door)	297.00
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$ 34,206.10

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Position	Hotel	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	2010 Guideline	Balance + / -	% Spent YTD
Delegate		5.00	190.47							195.47	2,930.00	2,734.53	6.57%
Alternate Delegate			169.40							169.40	1,500.00	1,330.60	11.29%
Immediate Past Delegate										0.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	0.00%
Chairperson		65.52	149.10							214.62	1,370.00	1,155.38	15.67%
Secretary			17.50			1,201.19				1,218.69	4,260.00	3,041.31	28.61%
Treasurer			140.00		17.01	149.05		16.44		322.50	1,305.00	982.50	24.71%
Registrar										0.00	890.00	890.00	0.00%
Area Web Site/Web Master									143.44	143.44	600.00	456.56	23.91%
Archivist		35.00	71.20							106.20	2,005.00	1,898.80	5.30%
Cooperation with the P.C. Correctional Facilities							104.88		302.74	407.62	1,565.00	1,157.38	26.05%
Grapevine			142.10							142.10	1,440.00	1,440.00	0.00%
Self-Support			120.40			22.15				105.00	1,365.00	1,260.00	7.69%
SID Committee			154.00							120.40	1,725.00	1,604.60	6.98%
Treatment Facilities			564.20				622.95			564.20	5,045.00	4,490.80	11.18%
Spring Assembly			283.50							906.45	2,670.00	1,763.55	33.95%
Fail Assembly										0.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00%
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP:	0.00	105.52	2,106.87	0.00	17.01	1,372.39	727.83	16.44	446.18	4,792.24	44,250.00	39,457.76	10.33%
Ad-Hoc Committees										0.00		0.00	0.00%
Area Committee Meetings	151.20	25.17								176.37	704.80	528.43	25.02%
Area GSO Donations										0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00%
Bank Service Charges								114.03		114.03	134.03	20.00	0.00%
Forums										0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00%
Grapevine Seasonal										0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00%
GSO Assessment										5,855.92	5,855.92	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through										0.00		0.00	0.00%
Ontario Delegate Conference	1,906.24	1,033.35	1,265.18					38.61	101.99	4,345.37	4,345.37	4,345.37	100.00%
TOTAL OTHER EXP:	2,057.44	1,058.52	1,265.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	152.64	101.99	10,491.69	25,440.12	14,948.43	0.00%
Guideline Total	2,057.44	1,164.04	3,372.05	0.00	17.01	1,372.39	727.83	169.08	548.17	15,283.93	69,690.12	54,406.19	

Total Income \$12,979.91
Total Expense (\$15,283.93)
Loss for period: (\$2,304.02)

INCOME	
7th Tradition	276.76
Bank Interest	619.56
Contributions	12,064.59
Cost Recoveries	19.00
TOTAL INCOME:	12,979.91

Group contributions are up \$1,672.00 for the same period last year.

Loss for the same period last year (\$103.81)

<p>GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL</p> <p>2009 YEAR TO DATE</p> <p>AS AT March 19, 2010</p>

			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	02	Malton	\$ 1,249.60
District	04	Humber	100.00
District	06	Mississauga	200.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	210.00
District	12	Toronto South West	400.00
District	14	Toronto North Central	1,092.50
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	
District	18	Toronto City East	550.00
District	22	Scarborough	500.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	670.18
District	28	Lakeshore East	811.65
District	30	Quinte West	
District	34	Quinte East	160.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	880.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	
District	42	St. Lawrence International	81.59
District	46	St. LawrenceAdirondack	
District	48	Seaway Valley North	120.00
District	50	Cornwall	346.67
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	1,692.50
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	
District	62	Ottawa West	643.90
District	66	Golden Triangle	320.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	696.00
District	74	Pembroke	940.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	50.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	
District	86	Kawartha	350.00
Total Contributions YTD:			\$ <u>12,064.59</u>

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2010 PROPOSED GUIDELINES**

INCOME

7th Tradition	\$	5,900.00
Bank Interest		919.56
Cost Recoveries		950.00
Grapevine Seasonal		7,000.00
Group & District Contributions		<u>54,920.56</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	<u>69,690.12</u>

EXPENSES

Accommodations	\$	8,275.00
Meals		8,680.00
Travel		17,600.00
Long Distance		35.00
Postage		625.00
Printing		3,850.00
Literature		2,140.00
Stationery		1,265.00
Miscellaneous		1,780.00
Ad-Hoc Committees		
Area Committee Meetings		704.80
Area GSO Contributions		5,000.00
Bank Service Charges		134.03
Forums		2,400.00
GSO Assessment		5,855.92
GSO Flow Through		
Grapevine Seasonal		7,000.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference		<u>4,345.37</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	<u>69,690.12</u>

OPERATING ACCOUNT

Total Income	+	69,690.12
Total Expenses	-	<u>69,690.12</u>

OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 0.00

2010 PROPOSED SPENDING GUIDELINES

Total Income	\$69,690.12
Total Expense	\$69,690.12
Income & Expense	0.00

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Appendix B – Spring 2010 Assembly Tally

District	DCM	Alt-DCM	Comm	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups Attending	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups in District	% Groups Attending
02	1	1	1	7	0	0	7	10	8	22	32%
04	1	1	1	3	0	0	3	6	4	9	33%
06	1	1	3	15	2	2	15	24	16	32	47%
10	1	1	2	6	0	1	6	11	7	20	30%
12	1	1	2	6	0	1	6	11	7	14	43%
14	1	1	0	10	1	0	10	13	11	32	31%
16	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	9	
18	1	1	1	7	3	2	7	15	8	21	33%
22	1	1	1	9	0	1	9	13	10	23	39%
26	1	1	4	8	1	1	8	16	9	19	42%
28	1	0	3	11	0	1	11	16	12	22	50%
30	1	0	3	7	1	3	7	15	8	15	47%
34	1	0	4	8	0	3	8	16	9	30	27%
36	1	0	4	18	2	21	18	46	19	20	90%
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
42	1	0	0	4	0	0	5	5	5	29	17%
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
48	1	1	0	7	1	0	7	10	8	14	50%
50	1	1	0	7	0	2	7	11	8	13	54%
54	1	0	0	8	1	1	8	11	9	24	33%
58	1	1	0	3	1	0	3	6	4	35	9%
62	1	1	1	17	2	6	17	28	18	41	41%
66	1	1	2	14	0	7	14	25	15	26	54%
70	1	0	0	4	0	0	4	5	5	21	19%
74	1	0	0	4	0	0	4	5	5	18	22%
78	1	1	0	2	0	1	2	5	3	7	29%
82	1	1	1	5	0	1	5	9	6	18	28%
86	1	1	1	14	1	2	14	20	15	25	56%
Cor	0	0	0	3	0	6	3	9	3	19	16%
Totals	26	17	35	207	16	62	208	363	233	591	35%
Area Committee								15	13		
Past Delegates/Visitors							0	5	0		
Total	26	17	35	207	16	62	208	383	246	591	35%

Appendix C – Area Webmaster & Alternate Webmaster Position Descriptions

AREA WEBMASTER

To be appointed (or re-appointed) for a two year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area 83 Chairperson after consultation with any other members of Area 83 deemed suitable for advice by the Area 83 Chairperson. Total term length not to exceed 4 years. Resumes for consideration shall be submitted to the Area 83 Chairperson. The Webmaster shall also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83.

The Area Webmaster holds primary authority and responsibility for the oversight of the Area 83 Website. The primary duty is to maintain the website, in terms of additions, deletions, updates, email address forwarding for Area 83 contacts and to track web site usage. The Webmaster shall assure the 12 Traditions and Concepts, GSO guidelines and policies and Area 83 Web Site Guidelines are followed relating to the World Wide Web.

The Webmaster, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area 83 Chairperson regularly, and to the Area Committee and the Assembly as necessary about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects.

The Area Committee shall be ultimately responsible for and give direction regarding the Area 83 Web Page contents and policy thus requiring attendance of the Area Webmaster at Area Committee. Attendance at Assembly is voluntary, however, the Service Information Committee may require the webmaster to do a workshop or participate in a panel or in presenting displays at Assembly. All expenses, including but not limited to transportation, travel expense (including room and meals for the Webmaster), shall be paid by Area 83 or in the case of other requests, the requesting party or organization.

A separate line-item on the Area Spending Guidelines and Expense worksheet shall reflect expected Area Webmaster expenses including the costs to maintain the Web Page.

ALTERNATE AREA WEBMASTER

An Alternate Webmaster will be appointed (or re-appointed) for a 2 year term by the Area 83 Chairperson from candidates recommended by the Webmaster from resumes submitted to the Area Chairperson. The Alternate Webmaster shall also be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and assist in the design and maintenance of the Website and be available for Area Committee/Assembly when the Area Webmaster is not able to attend. The overall position summary for the Area Webmaster shall apply to the Alternate Area Webmaster.