

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**September 10, 2011**

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

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| <b>12</b>   | <b>OLD BUSINESS.....</b>   | <b>27</b>     |
|   | No old business  |               |
| <b>13</b>   | <b>NEW BUSINESS.....</b>   | <b>27-28</b>  |
|   | a) Interim report from Ad-Hoc Committee Chair with regards to Ambassador Hotel<br>proposed increase in charges for services.   |               |
|   |  | <b>Joe D.</b> |
|   | b) Open discussion about whether the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly should be held<br>annually or every second year. The purpose of this discussion is to get a sense of the room with regards to this issue. |               |
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**Area Committee Meeting – September 10, 2011**

**1. Opening**

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

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions Read By Tim D. District 06.

12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By Ellie, Secretary District 70

**Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our third and final Area Committee meeting of this year. This is your meeting and is an opportunity for you all to share what's happening in your Districts. Please feel free to voice any concerns or questions you may have. There may be someone in the room who has the same question or concern and it always helps to share. It is important for us all to think of our First Tradition - "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity". We are all here to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains unified and strong in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Our personal recovery, as well as the recovery of the still suffering Alcoholic, depends upon it.

**Some reminders**

This is a non-smoking facility. A break will be called sometime around 11:00 and again in the afternoon. Lunch is not shown as an agenda item, but we will break around noon. Please turn off your cell phones or anything else that might beep.

At this time I would like to introduce our Area Committee.

**Area 83 Officers**

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Delegate                | Robb W.  |
| Alternate Delegate      | Mel C.   |
| Treasurer               | Jim A.   |
| Secretary               | Kim S.   |
| Registrar               | Tony A.  |
| Immediate Past Delegate | Sandy S. |
| Chairperson             | Joyce S. |

**Area Committee Chairpersons**

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|---|------------|
| Public Information Chairperson                          | Rob McA.   |
| Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson | Herb W.    |
| Correctional Facilities Chairperson                     | Deirdre B. |
| Treatment Facilities Chairperson                        | Rodney S.  |
| Grapevine Chairperson                                   | Leo McK.   |
| Self-Support Chairperson                                | Ruth F.    |
| Archives Chairperson                                    | Peter N.   |
| Service Information Day Chairperson                     | Heather M. |

**Introduction of Past Delegates:**

Today we have Panel 51 Past Delegate currently serving the fellowship as a Non-Trustee Director of AA World Services, Joe D. and Panel 57 Past Delegate Dot. D.

We also have our Area Archivist David T. and our Area Webmaster Todd. S.

This is your Area Executive for 2011 and 2012.

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**Housekeeping** Frequency of meetings. The Area committee meeting has met three times this year and will meet four times next year. The Area Assembly and Service Information Day are held twice each year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Our next Area Committee meeting is scheduled to be held here on January 7, 2012 and our next Area Assembly will be held in Kingston on the weekend of Oct 28<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

| Year | Month     | Date               | What                   | Where                      |
|------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2011 | January   | January 08         | Area Committee Meeting | Westminister United Church |
|      | March     | March 25, 26, 27   | Spring Assembly        | Ambassador Hotel, Kingston |
|      | June      | June 04            | Area Committee Meeting | Westminister United Church |
|      | September | September 10       | Area Committee Meeting | Westminister United Church |
|      | October   | October 28, 29, 30 | Fall Assembly          | Ambassador Hotel, Kingston |
| 2012 | January   | January 07         | Area Committee Meeting | Westminister United Church |
|      | March     | March 23, 24, 25   | Spring Assembly        | Ambassador Hotel, Kingston |
|      | June      | June 02            | Area Committee Meeting | Westminister United Church |
|      | September | September 08       | Area Committee Meeting | Westminister United Church |
|      | October   | October 26, 27, 28 | Fall Assembly          | Ambassador Hotel, Kingston |
|      | December  | December 01        | Area Committee Meeting | Westminister United Church |
| 2013 | January   | January 05         | Area Committee Meeting | Westminister United Church |

### **Food:**

Our Treasurer, Jim, has made arrangements with Wilf P., DCM for District 34, to have submarine sandwiches delivered. The cost is \$3.00 for one sub and 2 for \$5.00. Please deposit this amount in the bucket on the table, which Jim will place there. May I have a show of hands of those who would like to participate. On behalf of the Area Committee, I thank you for doing this for us, Wilf.

### **Seating:**

As much as possible – District Committee Member's and Sub-Committee chairs sit on the outside of the tables. Alternate District Committee Member's on the inside. Visitors and Past Delegates area asked to sit at the tables set up at the side of the room. This seating arrangement helps to facilitate the voting.

### **Who votes?**

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 act on behalf of the District. There is one vote per person.

### **How do we vote?**

#### **Procedure:**

Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority. 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. I believe that the first part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority, the items under new business are of such a nature to be under 2/3 majority and I will ask for a motion when we get there. If for any reason you think that we should be under 2/3 before then, please make the motion.

### **Voice of the Minority**

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 wishes to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion. **If, after the minority has spoken, someone from the majority side of the vote wishes to change their vote, he or she may make a motion to reconsider.** If this is seconded and passes by a two-thirds majority, we start discussion again on the *original* motion.

### **Calling the Question:**

During the discussion on a motion, a member, once recognized by the Chair, may move to "call the question". This is a motion to end discussion and move to the vote. This motion needs to be seconded, is not debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass. If it passes, we go directly to the vote of the motion or amendment we were discussing. I would caution you not to use this privilege too

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often or too early – many good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

### Who may address the committee meeting?

It has been the *practice* at the Area committee level to use the same *principle* as we do at the Assemblies: only voting members of the Committee have a voice. This is important for two reasons:

- It keeps the focus on the fact that this Committee is in effect the steering committee of the Assembly – members are representing their District's positions or Area's in the case of our Officers, rather than their own.
- It also maximizes the time available for those members to voice the opinions and needs of their District. All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time.

I respectfully ask for your cooperation in 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 all in attendance are welcomed to participate and their opinions will be heard.

### Floor Motions

If you are making a floor motion for the Area Committee to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary Kim.

I would entertain a motion now to carry out the first part of today's meeting **by simple majority**:

### Motion for simple majority

**Moved:** Milner G, DCM District 42

**Seconded:** Wilf P. DCM District 34

**Vote:** Carried

## 2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Before calling for a motion, are there any items that should be added to today's agenda?

**Old Business to be added-** None was added

### NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED UNDER NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEM 13

**13 (b)** Open discussion about whether the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly should be held annually or every second year. The purpose of this discussion is to get a sense of the room with regards to this issue.

**13 (c)** Move that Area 83, Eastern Ontario International contribute \$250.00 to the start-up fund for the first Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly.

May I have a motion to accept the agenda as amended?

Motioned: Gary C. DCM District 66

Seconded: Diane M. DCM District 26

All were in favour of the motion  
No one was opposed to the motion  
No abstentions

Result: Carried

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**3. ROLL CALL**

Tony A., our Registrar has circulated the attendance sheets – please sign in the appropriate spot – there is a separate section for visitors.

**4. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING June 4, 2011. -Deferred until after lunch.**

**Motion:** ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING June 4, 2011

**Moved:** Diane M. DCM District 26

**Seconded:** Wilf P. DCM District 34

**Vote:** Carried

**5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS** (Sequence of reports to be drawn from the hat)

We have requested written reports from all Committee members, including District Committee Members. Members are asked to keep in mind the 2 minute time limit for verbal reports. Written reports may be as long as you like and will be included in the minutes in their entirety, if given to Kim S. our secretary.

I would ask members to come up front to the mic to give their report. Order is determined by the chair drawing names from the bag. I will announce who is on and who is on deck. If you are “on deck”, can you come up to the front and be ready to present when the DCM before you steps down. Please clearly state your name, your position and your District when you are up here. Thank you.

**District 02 Malton**

All is well in District 02. We are in good financial shape. Most of our positions are filled. We were closed July and August.

We have a Big Book Study in October this Fall, so we need more volunteers at OCI on Wednesday night.

Robert B. Alternate DCM

**District 04 Humber**

There were no meetings in July and August. Our draft policies are ready for being accepted. Fluctuating group attendance is reflected in the District's finances. There are no sub-committee chairs although we are meeting Treatment Facility commitments in cooperation with Districts 12 and 14.

We will be discussing at the September District meeting how best to get the groups participating in the General Service structure. We are supporting the GTA 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Archives Breakfast on November 6 at the Oasis Convention Centre.

Maire O Alternate DCM

**District 06 Mississauga**

Good Morning. I'm alcoholic; a member of the Bloordale Group, currently serving as the District Committee Member of District 06 (Mississauga) & my name is Scott.

Attendance this last quarter has improved from 53% up to 73%. We've had some turn over's with our Committee chair positions but continue to have these chair positions filled. We continue to request filling the vacant alternate positions we have. Alternates are reminded to attend meetings with the GSR's and Committee chairs, not instead of.

Contributions from groups are down this year by less than 4% compared to last year. Approximately 50% of our groups contribute to District.

I'm working with our P.I. chair to have the anonymity letter sent to the local periodicals we have, as Mary C., from GSO's P.I. desk cannot provide the list of newspapers that this letter goes out to on an annual basis. Those being the Etobicoke Guardian, the Mississauga News, the Oakville Beaver & Oakville today periodicals.

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Please remember to visit our Website at [www.aamississauga.org](http://www.aamississauga.org) for events including Group Anniversaries. On our website, we continue to update information on ASL interpreters & wheelchair accessible meetings. For interpreters, we sit at 72% in favour of signage & hopefully, this figure will continue to grow.

The Mississauga Fall Round-Up at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church will be on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, with AA, Al-Anon & Alateen programs. Tickets are \$20.00 & only \$5.00 for Alateens. There are tickets and flyers available today.

As for things we cannot change...unfortunately, we also recently lost two more of our long-time members, Ted S., with the Kingsway group, who spoke at the Archives breakfast last year & most recently, Bill M., the "chip-meister", with the Credit Valley Group. They will be missed.

I hope to see you at our upcoming Unity Day in Bradford & at our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Archives breakfast in Mississauga supporting the GTA Archives Committee.

That's all for this report.

Yours, in love & service, Scott M. [dcm@aamississauga.org](mailto:dcm@aamississauga.org)

### **District 10 Toronto South Central**

Hi, I'm the District Committee Member for District 10, I am an alcoholic and my name is Vince.

District 10 meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 519 Church St. in Toronto at 8pm. We are financially healthy and we are getting about 85% of our groups represented at the table. This last month we had 2 more groups come to the table that weren't previously represented. We also email the District minutes to a couple of groups that can't send a GSR. All of our subcommittee positions were filled with the exception of Self Support which is being covered by our ADCM.

In my report at our last meeting I had said that we voted to discontinue one of our service meetings at CAMH. Upon review, we realized that we were wrong to do that so we are continuing to be responsible for that meeting. One of the blessings of sobriety is that once we realize we are wrong, we have the option to change our thinking. We are also continuing to put on the closed CAMH meeting in the withdrawal management unit for "patients only" on Saturday mornings. Both the Tuesday meeting at Harbourlight and the Women's Own on Mondays is going very well.

We are in the process of developing some procedures and guidelines for District 10. We are hoping to have a draft complete by the end of the year. Our website is running now. The address is [www.district10toronto.org](http://www.district10toronto.org).

Yours in love and service, Vince R.

### **District 12 Toronto South West**

I'm an alcoholic, a member of Prince Edward, currently serving as District Committee Member (DCM) for Toronto Southwest District 12, my name is Heather M.

Our district finances are stable and sufficient to meet our current service needs. Our resources are sufficient to service our large number of Treatment Facilities with literature.

Our district voted to break for the summer. At our June meeting we filled all 4 of our monthly Treatment service commitments for all 3 months. Our next district meeting will be this Wednesday, September 14. Our first meeting for Info AA Day for this upcoming May will occur the end of September.

As the events get closer we'll be announcing:

- Unity Day
- District 22's Service Day
- Mississauga Fall Round Up

Yours in Service, Heather M. DCM District 12

### **District 14 Toronto North Central**

Hello Everyone, My name is Gary O; I am an alcoholic and a proud member of the Living Sober Group in Newmarket, Ontario.



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Our sub-committees are filled with the exception of Intergroup, however we have a GSR who is going to attend an Intergroup meeting prior to committing. In August we had a member from another district come to the table; Lucy D. who was nominated to the position of Alt. Treatment Chair.

I would like to thank Breanne from the Living Sober Group for taking the position of P.I. Chair and as a district we are looking forward to a lot from this young lady. On average, we have a 60% attendance at our district meeting.

Gord our ADCM is chairing our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Workshop that will be held on October 01, 2011 in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Gord has put in a flyer for this event in your files, please take them back to your districts. We hope to see you there.

Sue C. our Secretary ensures that the monthly district meeting minutes, correspondence and other information is distributed to the district members quickly and accurately. To keep high photocopying costs to a minimum our main form of communication is e-mail. It works well, is fast and reliable.

Don M. our Treasurer has all district bills paid. Don keeps us informed of funds coming in and going out. We are planning to make a donation to the area at the October Assembly.

Robin M. our Registrar has our: Committee Chairs, GSRs and Alt.GSRs records up to date for this term. Robin will continue to update the area as positions are filled and as changes arise.

Todd S. our Self Support Chair has been contacting groups that do not have Self Support cans. Todd is offering to attend their business meetings to explain what the self support can contributions are for. These funds greatly contribute to our district's success in providing literature to our Hospitals, Police Stations, Doctor's offices etc.

Grant G. our Grapevine Chair, has been hard at work revamping our Grapevine display and taking it in to various group functions in our district. We as an district are putting in an order for calendars and pocket planners.

Veronica D. our Correction Chair; since our district does not have any correctional facilities we concentrates on supplying literature to all of the police stations, parole and probation offices in the district. Veronica is setting up a list of B.T.G. contacts. Her list is not complete yet.

Our Treatment Chair's main job is to arrange chairs for our various Hospitals and make sure they are well stocked with literature. Our Gift of Life Hospital service meeting is being hosted by 3 districts participating together; District 4, 12 and 14 are on a monthly rotation. I am sad to report that Lynda S. our recent Treatment Chair resigned this month for personal reasons. We trust Lucy D. Alt. Treatment Chair will ascend to Treatment Chair.

We are working on Facility Specific Meeting lists for our Hospitals, Parole and Probations offices. These are list are: 8½" x 11", double sided and have a few very local meetings listed per day. These lists are to be used short term until they attend an AA meeting. The cost for 1 of these lists is 7± cents per copy. (Copies are in your files)

In closing I would like to thank the district for their support in making my job very rewarding and easier to fulfill.

Yours in service, Gary O. DCM District 14

### **District 16 Distrito Hispano de Toronto**

No report submitted

### **District 18 Toronto City East**

Hello everyone I am an alcoholic and my name is Patrick. A proud member of the Danforth Group in Toronto.

I am currently servicing as the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto City East. Our district is doing ok financially .The district would like to thank Katrina E . our secretary for keeping are minutes together and sending them out on time . Our table as been getting 15 to 22 people at the district meeting. All but one of the sub- committee chairs are full / the intergroup liaison chair needs to be filled .

We just got a new registrar John I. from the East York Group. We have 4 service commitments, 2 hospitals and a men's shelter and a probation meeting that's put on by the groups from the table.

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The district just spend 200 dollars on big books and meeting books for the hospital and the man's shelter meeting. I am looking to work with the East Toronto breakfast committee and Info AA Day committee again this year.

Yours in loving service, Patrick F.  
Oh yea our Alternate DCM Murry O. is here too

### **District 22 Scarborough** (read by Alt DCM, Caroline C.)

Hello Friends, I am an alcoholic, currently serving as District 22's DCM, my home group is the Pine Hills Group in Scarborough and my name is Cathie D. (Pause for those saying hi Cathie to Carolyn, lol.)

District 22 is thriving with strong participation in 21 groups and 12 Service Meetings, including one Treatment Facilities meeting located in a hospital. We have had many medallions ranging from 1 year up to and also many goodbyes in the first 9 months of this year. The month of May saw everyone enjoying breakfast and fellowship and 2 excellent speakers at our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast put on in cooperation between District 22 and District 18's Archives Committees.

District 22 has seen some changes this year in regards to the service structure within our District committee. The Table, at the end of the last term, decided to split the Secretary/Treasurer's position into 2 separate positions and in typical alcoholic fashion that has now created 4 service positions. (Both positions as well as alternate positions for each one and hooray, they are all filled!). There is an AD HOC Committee in place, headed by a previous DCM of our District, to look at the changes needed to reflect these positions in our Operation Procedures and Guidelines as well as other items that have been added to and changed over the course of the last couple of years at District table.

We currently have 2 Chair positions open, Public Information and Self Support, but on a very positive note, we have an alternate P.I. Chairperson (!) and someone who has stated they are willing to let their name stand for the Self Support Chair position at tomorrow's District meeting. We are also in need of an Alternate Corrections Chairperson.

Carolina C. and her Committee are working hard to put together a wonderful Service Day on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If you have this day with nothing booked please come out to Oakridges Community Centre at 63 Pharmacy Ave, in the east end of Toronto. The day begins at 9 a.m. and goes until 4 p.m. with panels and speakers and a wonderful pot luck lunch. In the evening there is a dance that helps to pay for our Service Day and Carolina, I believe, has tickets if you are interested; dance tickets are only \$10 to strut your stuff and show by power of example that sobriety is fun and that we are not a glum lot.

I am very grateful to Carolina C. District 22's Alternate District Committee Member for giving this report on my behalf. I once again have worked the overnight shift and am in no condition to drive to the Quinte area. As this is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that I have missed the Area meetings this year, I realize that I cannot currently fulfill the responsibilities of the DCM position. Tomorrow at our District meeting, I will be stepping down. It has truly been an eye-opening learning adventure and I hope to return to the District table soon to be of service in whatever area needed once I get this self supporting thing down to a manageable routine. I also feel that with such young time in sobriety, I have not grown enough to be truly capable of performing the tasks and responsibilities that a DCM needs to carry out.

I know that District 22 is in very good and capable hands with Carolina stepping in to act as acting DCM until formal elections can take place next month. This has been such a hard decision, but I know it is best for the District and that is where concern for well being must come first. I will definitely miss the opportunities I was looking forward to having and the learning experiences of being a kinder, gentler, more willing servant. I wish everyone the best with your own District's continued successes and look forward to seeing you in the rooms and at conferences and round-ups.

Always in a humble spirit, and grateful to be sober, Cathie D., alcoholic DCM, District 22, Scarborough.

### **District 26 Lakeshore West**

I am an alcoholic, member of the Port Whitby Group, DCM for Lakeshore West, District 26, and my name is Diane M.

Our District GSR Table had our last meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June and doesn't meet again until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September so I really don't have a lot to report.

We did hold our Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference and were grateful that our Area 83 Delegate Robb W was able to be part of it. Since our table hasn't met yet, we haven't received an official report on how successful it was. I was able to attend our conference and was met one more time with that AA is alive and well in the Shwa. Congratulations to the committee for their time and effort.

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We will be holding our annual "BRING A FRIEND" meeting in Oshawa at the CAW hall, 1425 Phillip Murray Ave. down at the lake in November. More details to follow in my report in October at Kingston.

District 26 Lakeshore West hopes that everyone had a fabulous summer and thank-you for allowing me to serve.

Yours in Service, Diane M.

### **District 28 Lakeshore East**

Hello friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the *Orono Easy Does It* Group, and my name is Garth W. I have the honour and privilege of serving as DCM for Lakeshore District 28 East.

As the new term continues, general service continues to be strong in District 28. Our new PIC and CPC sub committees are settling in, their attendance continues to be strong. Our Treatment and Corrections committee continues to help facilitate meetings at Pinewood Detox Centre, Brookside Youth Centre, the Lindsay Correctional Institution and Renascent House in Brooklin (which recently re-opened). We have active Archives, and Grapevine chairpersons, who continue to try to create interest but still haven't received much support.

Financially our District is much better. Our group contributions are gradually picking up and we have restored our prudent reserve.

We are thankful all who organized, attended, volunteered and took part at our successful Lakeshore Conference back in early August.

We are also thankful for the visit from Robb W., even further back, on Sunday June 12, at our Alano Club to give the Delegate's report. The afternoon was well attended where we also appreciated the P. I. information provided by our former DCM, and current Area P.I. chair, Rob M.

Yours in Love, Service and the Fellowship of the Spirit. Garth

### **District 30 Quinte West**

Good morning, my name is Miles C., I am an alcoholic, a member of the Trenton Group and currently have the privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 30. All is running as usual here in Quinte West.

We recently lost our Self-Support Chair and Newsletter Editor – our loss is Toronto gain. We are still looking for Cooperation with the Professional Community.

Along with District 34 we had a good one-day workshop on August 27-lots of good speakers. Thanks to all Area Officers and Committee Chairs who presented. Great job!

We recently had a bit of trouble with our Bridging the Gap. This has been looked after. I think in future if there is a problem getting a hold of District Committee Chairs, please contact me and I will get it done. My email is either [dcm@district30.com](mailto:dcm@district30.com) or [mdcampbell@hotmail.com](mailto:mdcampbell@hotmail.com)

Our district has decided that 2 hard copies and 1 email of Area Committee minutes is good enough for our District. Financially we are holding our own. Other district events and flyers I get, I also send to our webmasters and can be read there.

Yours in service, Miles C., DCM

### **District 34 Quinte East**

Lady Chairperson, Area Committee Member's fellow D.C.Ms. honoured guests, again welcome to Quinte East, I am an alcoholic a member of the Stirling Fri. Night Group and it is a pleasure to serve district 34 as DCM. My name is Wilf P.

District 34 is in fair shape we have 3 vacant positions at this time our sectary is AWOL the PIC/CPC and Corrections chairs are empty and need to be filled. Hoping now that summer is over we can accomplish this. The district has good support from all other chairs some have stepped up and are wearing two or three hats (thanks Linda). I hope we don't burn them out. Financially our district is in fair shape. Thanks to all those who came out on Aug.27<sup>th</sup> to help make our service day a success.

I will be busy this fall with two district round ups and various medallions a 40yr this thru for Bud C. (my sponsor) of the Quinte Group.

Yours in service, Wilf P. DCM District 34

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### **District 36 – Kingston & The Islands**

We continue to trudge the road to happy destiny; who knew the road had as many potholes as that of downtown Kingston! But just as a good car as shocks to survive our roads so too do we have our Traditions to help us muster through.

Lynne H. (our alt. DCM) continues to work with our Corrections Committee. I am working with our PIC/ CPC chair. AA service continues all the while.

The District remains financially sound with a most effective Money Person (Sandy B.) at the helm. And thank goodness we have such a quiet, but equally effective Secretary/ Registrar (Mary A.). These positions are so often the thankless ones, but what would we do without them? After lengthy discussion amongst themselves, the Thousand Islands Gananoque Group (#000115659) has decided to move to our adjoining District #66; they say they interact more with the people there. Best of luck and the door at D-36 always remains open if you wish to return.

We are purchasing some of the Grapevine's Pocket Planner's and Calendars. We continue to work on the tidying up of our Operating Procedures hoping that clarity will be the result. Thank you for the ears of those of you in the room (and elsewhere) to help us muddle through our service endeavors.

Until next time (I hope)  
Yours in Service, Roxane T.

### **District 38 Thousand Islands**

Not present and No Report Submitted

### **District 42 St. Lawrence International**

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 privileged to serve as District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International.

I was in Minnesota for my 40<sup>th</sup> college reunion in June and thus missed my first Area Committee meeting since I started attending in June 1998. I guess I will have to return my attendance medal.

The main activity since the last AC meeting was the Delegate's report / Service Day "Passing it on" held in Canton NY on June 18 in conjunction with Districts 48 and 50. Our presenters included:

- Gerry St.L. (DCM 48), Elaine M. (DCM 50), Milner G. (DCM 42) – Carrying the Message Beyond the Group
- Janet C. (Ottawa Intergroup) – Bridging the Gap
- Robb W. (Area 83 Delegate) – 2011 General Service Conference Report
- Peter N. (Area 83 Archives Chair) – the importance of the General Service Representative
- Milner G. (DCM - District 42 – the importance of the Home Group)

In addition to our visiting presenters, we were grateful to count David T., Area Archivist, and Kim S., Area Secretary among the thirty five people in attendance.

Louise T. directed "CSI AA" – a comedy-drama seeking answers to the demise of a once-thriving A.A. home group. A.A. members – long timers and newcomers – comprised the cast. A great, fun time!

At the district level, we are still seeking people to chair and serve on our various committees. Attendance at the district table has remained consistent at around ten people.

- Our Treatment Chair, Gary G., has been very active and our treatment speaking commitments are now scheduled three months in advance.
- Our Corrections Chair, Bill L., is coordinating coverage at the facilities in the district, including the much needed help we are receiving from AA members from "across the river."
- Our Public Information chair, Tessa G., has started meeting list distributions to various locations in the district.
- Our veteran district servants -- Secretary Peggy C., Treasurer Louise T., and Registrar David D. -- continue their excellent service to our district.

We still have vacancies at Alternate DCM, Archives chair, and CPC chair. More shall be revealed.  
I am grateful for the chance to continue to serve A.A. and to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

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**District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack**

Not present and No report submitted

**District 48 Seaway Valley North**

Hi I'm Gerry and I am an Alcoholic, DCM for district 48 and proud member of the 12&12 study group in Morrisburg. We just had our first district meeting after the summer break on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Our GSR's and our committee chair people are very eager to get back in to service.

Herb W. asked me if I could get more numbers from the district, as our new adds are generating calls to the phone center in Ottawa. I mention the request to the district and through PI and the GSR's we will come up with more numbers by the next meeting in October. CFTF in Ottawa has requested \$250.00 from us, as our rep Sara M seats in on their meetings. As most of our commitments for Jails and Treatment centers are not in our district, we have in the past affiliated ourselves with Ottawa that we may help in the task at hand. The GSR's are going back to their groups to pass on the request. Sara will ask CFTF Ottawa for a financial statement.

Our literature sales to the groups are going very well. Having our own Literature chair person is very handy for the groups. It will be interesting to see how much the district purchased and handed out at the end of the year.

New Gate 180 for Women's Treatment center has moved to Merrickville not far from the men's Treatment center. We are hoping that they will decide to have an open meeting together, as it is difficult to get just women volunteers for their otherwise closed just for women meetings.

Bill R. one of our GSR's has requested that we look in to an AA representative for the courts from our district. We ran out of time and the request went under new business to be tabled for the next meeting. Thanks for your attention and interest.

Yours in Service, Gerry S. DCM

**District 50 Cornwall**

Good Morning Everyone, my name is Elaine M, member of the Sunday Morning Group in Cornwall ON and DCM for District 50. We took a vacation over the summer and did not meet in August. However, Linda C., Alt. DCM and myself were kept with questions, and the transferring of the telephone to a cell phone. A move which will save us approx. \$35 each month. This can now be put toward the web site which we are hoping to have for our District in a few months. We presently have a committee working on this project.

I, unfortunately was the only member to attend the Service Day in Canton. Thank you Milner for putting together such a wonderful day with lots of learning and experience shared. We have submitted a cheque to cover our third of the cost.

Unfortunately we have 2 of our committee members who are quite ill. I ask you to keep them in your prayers for their healthy return. We miss both of them and the time and devotion they gave to our District. I believe, we do not know how much a person is contributing until they are unable to give of themselves and their time. This was the reason for the telephone transfer and we will be looking for somewhere to keep our archives.

Marge M., our PI chair has been busy preparing to put literature out to the Institutions, hospitals, libraries, schools, etc. soon. We have not had a PI committee for a long time and it is nice to know we will be connected and in touch with the Public. Thank you Marge. Our Treatment and BTG are also giving their best to our district and reports are positive.

The table has decided that it is time for a district inventory and I will be asking for assistance with this. As we are definitely having some problems, we would like to do it ASAP.

I have put a flyer in all the district folders for our Fall Conference. Unfortunately I had only enough to give you one copy. However, District 48 got 75 copies and we now expect a very good attendance from them. Thank you Gerry for the distribution. The Conference has decided to have a raffle this year. There was some concern over this at the table and I have conferred with a few people. All giving me the same response. It is Conference Conscience (not the decision of the District Table). They as trusted servants can make the decision. Again nice to see everyone. Thank you for your continuing support and see you in Oct. at the Area Assembly.

Yours in Love and Service, Elaine M, DCM

**District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

Hi, my name is Ward A. and I am and alcoholic. It is my pleasure to present this report for Greg C. who is unable to attend today.

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District 54 is operating smoothly. Ward has recently been voted in to complete this term as Alternative DCM as Rob C. was unable to continue. I trust you will all give him a warm welcome.

The past weekend was our Fall Conference. We had a new venue this year, the Weston, and all reports I have heard were positive. The speaker meetings I attend were awesome and I was informed I missed the best ones.

Our Alkathon Committee has started meetings to prepare again for Christmas and New Years.

Ottawa AA Archives will be hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Long timers Luncheon on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Bronson Centre. Tickets are \$10.00. The issue of non-conference approved literature at our Grapevine table has become an issue again. We have asked the GSR's to discuss this with their groups, and we will see at our October meeting there they stand.

Yours in service, Greg C. DCM

### **District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

Good morning, my name is John V. and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic and A/DCM for District 58, Ottawa Bytown. Currently we are engaged in all the major areas of service, from OWMC in our area to hosting regular meetings at Newgate 180 in Merrickville. We have met all requests for money, be it PIC, CPC or other special projects in our area. We have dipped into our prudent reserve this summer to honour our commitments, but as summer holidays end, checks from groups are starting to arrive to replenish our funds.

At the beginning of the summer all three Ottawa area districts participated in a Gratitude Day at the Bronson Centre, which was attended by over 100 people and gave them an excellent introduction to AA and service in AA. Thanks to all the volunteers and Robb and Mel for their participation as well.

Several of our district members are on the planning and organizing committee for the Christmas/NYE Alkathon, and we're sure it will be as successful as last year's. Thank you on behalf of myself and Bonnie F.

Yours in service, John V, ADCM

### **District 62 Ottawa West**

Hi everyone, I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Barrhaven Tuesday Night Group in Ottawa and currently serving as District Committee Member for Ottawa West District 62; my name is Ian B.

I apologize for not being here today. A major reason for becoming a member of AA was so that I could really be there for my family in times of celebration and sorrow. Today is my wife's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and from what I've been experiencing for the last month I believe this may qualify as both.

The District continues to be fiscally healthy and all Service Committees are actively spreading the AA message. Major points of interest since our last Area meeting are:

- PIC has provided a Big Book and Living Sober to a majority of the Secondary Schools in Ottawa and reports indicate they are being read by the students. PIC is planning on contacting these schools' Guidance Councilors to offer additional assistance such as talking at meetings.
- T.A.S. has a number of new volunteers and is operating at 90% for meeting commitments.
- Districts 54, 58 and 62 Gratitude Day took place on June 25<sup>th</sup>. I'm happy to report that it was a very successful day with a number of relative newcomers to AA making up the 70 or so attendees.
- The Ottawa Fall Conference took place last weekend. There were approximately 350 at the banquet and 300 at the door. All in all it was a great success.
- Archives will be having their Longtimers Luncheon on October 15, 2011.

Yours in service, Ian B District 62 Committee Member

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**District 66 Golden Triangle**

Good morning everyone, my name is Gary and I am an alcoholic, a member of the Seaway Group and privileged to serve as District Committee Member of Golden Triangle District 66.

Our financial situation is sound for now and attendance at our monthly meetings has been very good. The month of September will be a little slow, but for me another good lesson on acceptance. Our district has had one or two new groups starting to attend and it was great to be able to welcome them to the District table.

Our commitments to the Corrections and Treatment facilities have all been honoured ,but getting new volunteers to help out continues to be a concern. District 66 and myself our looking forward to the Fall Assembly in October, and we hope to see you all attend.

Yours in love and service, Gary C. District Committee Member

**District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

Good morning, everyone. I am Terry C. and I have the honour to be the DCM for District 70 Renfrew-Pontiac, one of your interprovincial districts. Things are going very well indeed in our part of the Ottawa Valley. The Alternate DCM Reg G. and I have visited every Group in our District over the past few months. A couple of them are preparing to do Group inventories along with us.

We have good attendance at our District Table...we had eighty percent attendance at our August meeting.

Our Fall Conference is rapidly approaching. It's on October 15th at the Armories in Renfrew, Ontario and we have brought flyers for anyone who is interested. The Conference is presented by the GSR's of the District and they have stepped up and taken responsibility in heartwarming fashion. Everyone here is invited to come to our Conference and take a chance to experience the beauties of the Ottawa Valley in the fall and the joyful sobriety of district 70.

Yours in love and service, Terry C. DCM

**District 74 Pembroke**

Not present and No Report Submitted

**District 78 Madawaska Valley**

Hi my name is Claude, I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 78 Madawaska Valley. It is great to see everyone today. Our attendance at the district table has been really good. Most of our positions are filled. The district is struggling financially, but I hope that will be looked after by groups.

Our Fall Round-Up is on Oct 1, 2011. Everyone is welcome. Please join us for a day of fellowship.

I am going to have to step down from my position as DCM. I am finding the duties too difficult right now with my health. I will stay on until a replacement can be elected.

Yours in service, Claude L.

**District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

My name is Glenn C. and I am an alcoholic. I am the Alternate DCM from District 82. This is my first Area Meeting and I am honoured to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and be here with you today.

I would like to share with you some of the happenings of our District in the past months:

- The "Sunday Nighters" service meeting has officially become a Members meeting and has a chair at our district table
- Our district held its Annual AA Picnic on August 28<sup>th</sup> and it was well attended and a great day in the fellowship
- "Shaky Bob" is celebrating 52 years of continuous sobriety in October at the Little Oak Group
- Although we are slightly down financially, our table meets tomorrow again after breaking for the summer. So we expect an improvement in the immediate future.
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We must always try to remember our primary purpose and for that I am grateful.

Yours in service, Glenn C.

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## **District 86 Kawartha**

Hi, Everyone! I am an alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough and my name is Gary C.

As reported previously, Dave U. found it necessary to resign his position as District PI/CPC Chair. 3 Nominees for a replacement were accepted at our District meeting in August. So, we will have an election tomorrow to decide who ends up in this position.

Additionally, our Alt. DCM, Steve L., has found it necessary to resign his position for personal reasons. I thank Steve for his contributions to Service in our District and for doing so with enthusiasm. Steve is with us today.

Our Kawartha District celebrated its **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference** this year on June 24 and 25. The Conference was held at the Evinrude Centre and was a grand success. I thank Liz B. for her thoughtful and energetic handling of this milestone event which we now add to our *Memories*.

So, with an election and nominations for both Alt. DCM and our 2012 Conference Chair, tomorrow's District meeting promises to be a busy one. Also in attendance today is our District Secretary, Barb B. Barb has a dual responsibility as our District Registrar.

Financially our District is in good shape and the Group attendance at our District meetings continues to be excellent. We continue to do our share in covering volunteer meetings at Lindsay CECC.

In closing, I say "**Let Gratitude be your Attitude**",  
Gary C., DCM

## **6. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

### **a) Public Information Report**

**Rob McA.**

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron group in District 28, and my name is Rob M. I have the honour and privilege of serving as Area 83 Public Information Chair.

Thank you to the Districts who continue to send me their meeting minutes, I do read them as it's a good way for me to keep in touch with what's going on in your Districts. Districts not sending out minutes I ask you to consider doing so.

Since we last met I have attended Service Days for Districts 26 & 28 in Oshawa on June 13th, and Districts 30 & 34 in Quinte West on August 27th. I also attend the monthly GTA Intergroup Public Information Committee meeting whenever possible.

Recently I have sent an email to Mary C. GSO Public Information coordinator. I requested a listing of television networks in Area 83 who currently air our Public Service Announcements (PSAs). If I can obtain such a list I plan to cross reference it with a list of television networks in Eastern Ontario compiled a few years ago by former Area 83 PI Chair Peter N. The goal is to determine which networks do not air our PSAs, try to contact them, and ask them to consider starting to air them. The current telecaster numbers for our PSAs (CRTC requirement) expire in November. The renewal process is handled by GSO. I asked Mary to confirm that this will be completed on time. I will continue to update on any information I receive with regards to these items.

The 61<sup>st</sup> annual General Service Conference Final Report is now available. Public Information topics covered in the report include; the 2011 membership survey will be conducted and results will be published in pamphlet form and as a table display for visual information about Alcoholics Anonymous at public events. The policy on actors portraying AA members or potential AA members in videos produced by The General Service Board or its affiliates was approved. The pamphlet understanding anonymity and the AA fact file will be revised. There is lots of other useful information in the report and I encourage all to read it.

I enjoy receiving email requests for information through the Area 83 Website. Our website is helpful not only for members in Area 83 but also for those visiting us as I have received requests for information from members across Canada and the United States.

I thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Area 83 and look forward to seeing all of you at the Area Assembly in October.

Yours in Love and Service  
Rob M  
Public Information Chairperson



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**b) Cooperation With The Professional Community**

***Herb W.***

Hello everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Russell Saturday night group in District 48 and I have the privilege of serving as your Cooperation with the Professional Community chairperson for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. I hope everyone had a great summer.

I would like to thank everyone for their minutes and those on CPC committees that have sent me their goals and ideas for their terms in service. A thank you to Districts 30 and 34 for the opportunity to share and be a part of their Service day on August 27th. I enjoyed every ones sharing and enthusiasm. I can see AA is alive and well in your Districts and the District Committee members Miles and Wilf put together a great service venue.

As I mentioned in my last report in June, I had spoken to Padre Hill at the Army Base in Petawawa, who requested information from the General Service Office about starting an AA meeting on the Base. I spoke with him again and am going to have lunch with him and try to help in any way I can.

The next event I will be attending is Unity Day on September 17<sup>th</sup> and look forward to being a part of that event. Hope to see some of you there. Please feel free to invite me to your events and don't hesitate to ask any questions about Cooperation with the Professional Community or any other question about service. I may not know the answer but I can introduce you to many people who do know the answer.

Thank you all for this truly incredible journey and privilege to serve,  
Gratefully in service,  
Herb W.

**c) Corrections Report**

***Deirdre B.***

Good morning my name is Deirdre B and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chair. 18 of the 28 District's have Correctional Facilities Chairs and 1 District without a CF Chair has a Bridging the Gap contact. There are 23 Correctional Facilities in Area 83 that are being serviced by the District's in Area 83, not including the Youth facilities. There have been 18 Bridging The Gap Request since the beginning of the term, many of them were outside of Area 83 and 4 of them were with Pittsburgh Institute as this program was established via Eileen B Program Officer of Pittsburgh contacting Toronto Intergroup and me contacting her while waiting for a new CF chair for the district. It has now been handed over to Russ District 36 CF Chair. The District Corrections Chairs are to look after Bridging The Gap requests for Correctional Clients coming into their area and the Area Corrections Chair looks after requests from Area 83 District Chairs for facilities in their district that are going outside of Area 83.

A list of District's and Correctional Facilities within their districts was sent out to all of the Correctional Facilities Chairs to confirm the information and also to solicit if their facilities have Inuit cliental as requested from our Alternate Delegate Mel C for remote communities work. The response received was low.

An invitation has been extended to me to attend the District 22's Service day which I am looking forward to on September 24, 2011.

There has been a staff rotation at G.S.O. and our new staff member for Corrections is Tracey O. GSO is in need of male A.A. members on the "outside" to correspond with male A.A. members in correctional facilities and to share their experience, strength, and hope. To sign up for this service contact the Corrections Desk, G.S.O. P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163; [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org) or 212-870-3400.

I can be reached via e-mail at [cf@area83aa.org](mailto:cf@area83aa.org) or via phone at 416-633-7650.

God bless you all,  
Deirdre B

**d) Treatment Report**

***Rodney S.***

Good morning, my name is Rodney S and I am an alcoholic. I am honored and priveledged to serve as your area Treatment Chair for 2011-2012 Term. I have asked Gord McC to give this report as I am currently attending the Bridging the Gap Weekend Workshop in Sacramento CA.

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When I registered for this conference they asked if I would be willing to present. I said I would and I just heard back today, Sept 4 that I will be presenting the work we have done so far in Area 83 at this workshop. I am excited to be doing so and hope to get some real feedback and shared experience from this journey.

As I have stated over and over again Bridge the Gap (BTG) for Treatment facilities was in need of an overhaul. Corrections seems to be up and running ok but Treatment was not and still is not. Despite it being all I have talked about some people were not aware that there was a similar BTG program for treatment as for corrections.

So far in Area 83 only one TF is making routing BTG requests and we have done our best to fill them. However getting the necessary feedback to show the center the program is working has been difficult. It is the feedback they need to ensure that the program is working and so they will keep sending us requests.

I have been given some pushback from DCMs stating that many centers have adopted the Harm Reduction Policy of the Ontario Government and so BTG is dead in Ontario. This I don't buy into. I am aware of several centers, who preach harm reduction and still have AA meetings held on a regular basis. Since these centers are using a harm reduction model we know that their staff cannot or will not run a BTG program so why cant AA run its own BTG problem during the meetings held at the facility. If we approach the facility management and get their permission to bring it up at the meetings there is no reason why BTG in Treatment cannot be as successful as in Corrections. We have to be responsible to make this work and we cannot count on the staff of such places to this for us. We could be setting up BTG contacts from so many centers if we are willing to do the work.

Meanwhile below is my current database of contacts made since I began to record this information. Next week at Unity Day I will report a little of what went on at the BTG Weekend Workshop. My workshop at the Assembly should further take what I learn at this workshop and try to apply it in our Area.

My thanks to all those who have helped make contacts with members returning to Area 83.

Going forward I would like to suggest that each district try to get a few members, male and female, on a non rotating basis, who can be called upon if ever there is such a need in their district. These names should be maintained by the TF Chair or the BTG Chair if such a position exists. These people should remain on the list, there is no need to rotate them every two years. Consistency is what is needed here not rotation. The chair can rotate.

Yours in love and service  
Rodney S

### **e) Grapevine Report**

**Leo McK**

I am an alcoholic and my name is Leo. My home group is 'The Little Oak Group' in "District 82 Victoria-Haliburton". I have the privilege of serving Area 83 Eastern Ontario International as your Grapevine Chair.

I do hope everyone has had a good summer. I would like to thank district 30 and 34 for having invited me to there information day. The orders for the 'Pocket Planners' and 'Calendars' are due today September 10<sup>th</sup> and I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the sale of these items and supporting the Grapevine.

A.A. Grapevine Inc. belongs to the fellowship and its goal is to be self supporting by your subscriptions and/or product purchases. There are two new books as of September 1<sup>st</sup> (1) 'Step By Step' and (2) 'Emotional Sobriety II'.

The web site a.a.grapevine.org has been updated and working well. The estimated number of members in A.A. is just over two million but the monthly circulation of the 'Grapevine' last year was 93,104 and the bimonthly 'LaVina' was 8,741.

As a reader of the Grapevine, you know that your sobriety is enhanced by the stories found in its pages. The benefits drawn from your subscriptions are not confined to you or whomever you share it with. It also helps provide the resources to carry the message to others who don't have access or don't know it exists.

I would like to encourage members who read and know the benefits received from the Grapevine to talk to others, members we sponsor, to our groups about purchasing a subscription, it is an active way for any member to get involved for as well as looking at being a Grapevine Representative.

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July/August issue of LaVina celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
The July issue of Grapevine was the annual prison issue with stories.  
The August issue ---- 'Relationships in the Rooms'.  
September issue ---- 'Dealing with Loss'.  
October issue ---- 'Relapse'.  
November issue ---- 'Gratitude'.  
December issue ---- 'Surviving the Holidays'.  
LaVina next issue ---- 'Realizing Dreams in Sobriety'.

Yours in Service,  
Leo McK, Grapevine Chairman

**f) Self-Support Report**

**Ruth F.**

Hello, my name is Ruth, and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Agincourt Acorn group, in District 22. I am excited to be currently serving you as the Area 83 Self Support Chairperson.

There is something that each of us can do, to give back in Alcoholics Anonymous. Self Support encompasses the use of our money, our time, and our talents in service. I am getting the opportunity to connect with members in AA who are full of gratitude, and are eager to get involved and give back. It is exciting to see such enthusiasm!

I received some interest in updating an informative page that has been around for a long time. With input from some interested self support committee members, we have been updating the information sheet that compares the prices, over the decades, of things like milk, cigarettes etc, and the average contribution we are making into the basket as it passes us by in meetings.

Just a couple weekends ago, right in this very room, I had the honour to be a part of a service day. It was great to hear about how service has impacted people's lives. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a part of a day that so clearly carried the message of hope and service! September 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be off to Unity Day. Anytime I can talk about self support and gratitude in AA, I am more than happy to do so.

The following weekend, September 24<sup>th</sup>, sees me at the District 22 annual service day.

In the Self Support/ Treasurer workshop at this Fall's Assembly, Jim and I will do short presentations, and then be putting on the Traditions play. I have a couple volunteer actors, and will be looking for more, soon. There will be time for questions and answers. Please bring your thoughts, encouragements, questions and concerns, the workshop is a great time to be heard, and hear the experience of others!

I am very grateful that I am able to be of service. Alcoholics Anonymous gave me hope. Service enables me to show my gratitude, carry the message, and give back.

Life is good!  
Ruth

**g) Archives Report**

**Peter N.**

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

I trust you all had a good summer. As for many of you my summer activities slowed down. On June 7<sup>th</sup> I attended the Joint Districts/Intergroup Sharing; on June 10<sup>th</sup> the GTA archives meeting in June; on July 17<sup>th</sup> the workshop on "Oral Histories" conducted and hosted by Maire O, our first Area 83 Archivist, Eddy G, GTA Archivist, and his Apprentice, Jim W. It was wonderful: hugely informative, well planned and well attended. I was at the GTA Archives meeting last night. On June 18 I was invited by District 42 to participate in their Service Day. It too, was well organized and attended with a high portion of young people dropping in and out throughout the day – good workshops, a great skit; and special thanks to Milner for hosting Kim and me. We had a warm welcome and a great time. AA is alive and well in upstate New York. And, although I didn't get to attend, I now know where the Fall Island Big Book Meeting of AA is held on Sunday nights after all these years of hearing about it.

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On September 17th I will be participating in the fourth Unity Day put on by Areas 83 and 86. This year's event is being hosted by Area 86 in Bradford, half way between Toronto and Barrie. The Very Reverend Ward Ewing, Class A Trustee (Amateur, or Non-Alcoholic) Chairman of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous will be participating, with some reference to the 61<sup>st</sup> (2011) General Service Conference and the work done on our behalf by GSO, no doubt. I have always found presentations made by our Trusted Servants from GSO to be excellent. There will service committee workshops, a banquet and more.

Thanks to much work by our Archivist David T, Lynn H. from Kingston of District 36 and Joe D., Past Delegate the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 83 Archives Workshop is being held in Kingston on October 1. Some last minute cancellations, invitations and schedule adjustments have left David unruffled. There will be workshops on: Setting up Small Collections by Amanda Hill, Coordinator of the Archives Association of Ontario; Oral Histories by Fred G., Archives Chair District 86; a Preservations Workshop by Iona McCraith, Preservation Consultant, Archives Association of Ontario; a Q & A session; a tour of the Queen's University Archives; and of course a great AA potluck lunch. I got interested in Archives when I jumped in the car and attended this same day in Peterborough a few years ago. Come and join us for a good time.

November 6 is the date of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual GTA Archives Breakfast in Toronto.

Flyers for both the Service Day and the Archives Workshop and the Archives Breakfast are available both in paper and electronic form.

Also thanks to David, our Spring Newsletter has been very well received. It is available on the Area Website. We are currently in the processing of developing the Fall Edition.

I had two communications from GSO, the most recent, last night. It must be Archives humour but the email was entitled "Archives Disaster". Since it was from GSO I immediately thought that something terrible had happened, but it was just about preparing to prevent disasters. The second was from Michelle Mirza:

*"I would like to request your sharing and experience about the successes in your archives collection, as we update the "Archives Committee Activities: Shared Experiences" section of the Archives Workbook. This integral section of the workbook is meant to give guidance directly from you to other local, area, and district archivists who may be facing similar situations.*

*The 2011 Conference Archives Committee suggested that we rotate this material every five years, to keep it fresh and interesting for new archivists and other readers of the workbook, and to help continue the process of communicating about your collections. The trustees' Archives Committee has now directed us to begin collecting this new material for the update.*

*The current content in this section (pp. 27-31) consists of wonderful sharing from five area archives describing some of their activities. Please note you can view the entire current Archives Workbook online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) – just go to the "Archives and History" Portal, and click on "Resources For Local A.A Archivists."*

*We would like to hear from you! Please send stories of your archives' work by **October 1, 2011**. You can send via email to [archives@aa.org](mailto:archives@aa.org), fax them to 212-870-3003, or send them by mail to: **GSO Archives, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 459, New York, N.Y. 10163.***

Please continue to send me your District minutes, I read them all. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in love and service

Peter N

### **Service Information Day Report**

**Heather M**

I'm an alcoholic, a member of Prince Edward, currently serving as District Committee Member (DCM) for Toronto Southwest District 12, also picked from the hat to be your Service Information Day chair, my name is Heather M.

I'd like to introduce the committee: Vince R Dist 10, Gary O Dist 14, Diane McL Dist 26, Miles C Dist 30, Gerry StL Dist 48. We look forward to our next Service Information Day next month, October 29, 2011.

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We are awaiting responses from a couple of DCM's who've been asked to participate in workshops. Once we have confirmation from them, then we can put forth the final copy of the agenda which the Area Secretary will distribute at the appropriate time.

Remember that if your workshop is in the Ontario West room you will NOT have a PowerPoint projector, you will have an overhead projector. Remember that there have been workshops in the past where technical difficulties midway through have prevented a presenter from continuing in PowerPoint and so having overheads pre-printed as a back-up is always a great idea regardless of the room you are in. While multi-media presentations are great, low-tech alternatives in case there's a tech problem are always recommended.

This is your final reminder to remind your districts' GSRs to book rooms for Kingston ASAP.

Yours in service,  
Heather M.  
DCM Toronto Southwest District 12  
Service Information Day Chair

### 7. Registrar's Report

**Tony A.**

Good afternoon, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Church Street Group and currently serve as your Panel 61 Registrar for Area 83 International and my name is Tony A.

The roll call for today is **14** Area Officers (including Webmaster & Area Archivist), **1** Immediate Past Delegate, **2** Past Delegates, **16** DCMs, **13** Alternate DCMs and **10** visitors. For voting purposes there are **13** Area Officers eligible to vote (includes our Immediate Past Delegate) and **24** DCMs or Alternate DCMs for a total of **37** votes. Total delegation for this meeting is **56** people.

Since my last report at the June Area Committee Meeting, things have slowed down for me but I continue to remain quite active. I am really enjoying the job and the service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you all for getting me your group changes prior to the cutoff for the regional directory. To date, I have not heard from GSO regarding these but will let you know promptly as soon as I am notified. All group change forms submitted have been processed. I trust that all incoming general service reps have received their kits. If there are any issues regarding your not receiving your kits, please let me know and I will follow up for you.

I will email the district committee members a copy of the updated spreadsheets for their districts and have sorted this spreadsheet by group status for your convenience. This spreadsheet contains all of the group information for each group in your districts. If you have any questions regarding this, kindly call me and I can help you navigate through it. These should be helpful in keeping your group and registrar records up to date.

A reminder about group status – active status means there is a contact associated with this group and the General Service Office is able to send information to this group. Unknown status means the group is **still active** but does not have a contact associated with the group record. Inactive means the General Service Office has received information that the group has disbanded or is not currently meeting – this might be due to returned mail. Please remember that the registrar is responsible for the groups in Area 83 and secretary is responsible for the districts and area committee information.

If you know that a group is active, but the spreadsheet indicates otherwise, I need a full mailing contact to change the group status. This can be any member of that group and not only a general service rep or alternate general service rep. District Committee Members can also be a contact for the group if necessary. Also note that groups cannot get deleted – once registered, stay in the database. I can only facilitate an inactive status by removing the contact information from them.

I have updated the Group Change and New Group forms to include an email address field of entry. I kindly ask that updates or new group forms are sent to me by email and created in a Word format for easier transcription. You can also scan and fax if needed to me at 416-924-6149. Please submit all changes by using these forms as it makes it less complicated.

It seems that most are comfortable with the email format to sending this information and I thank you very much for accommodating. Once again, the email address to submit changes is [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org). I do enjoy reading the district minutes so please keep me in the loop by placing my email on your distribution mailing lists.

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I will make myself available to districts and groups to assist you with registrar related issues where I can and please remember that communication is essential. I plan to attend the upcoming Unity Day being hosted in Bradford next week and I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Area Assembly next month. Thank you for the trust that you have placed in me and it has been my honour to be of service to Area 83 International.

In loving service,  
Tony A.  
Registrar-Area 83 International

### 8. Treasurer's Report

**Jim A.**

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic a member of the St Andrew's Group in Scarborough, my name is Jim A. I have the honour and privilege of serving as Area 83 Treasurer.

I would like to thank all the Districts and the lone group that continue to send their minutes to the Area Website.

I would like to now present you with our Area's financials as of August 31, 2011.

#### Page One Summary

Our reserve account has a balance remains in a \$20,000.00 GIC maturing March 16, 2012. Interest is at 1.5% and is payable semi-annual; next semi annual payment is expected this week.

Income for the year to date: 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is \$2,519.06; cost recoveries \$118.76, Group & District Contributions \$26,826.57, GSO Flow Through \$40.00 and Interest received of \$148.77. The total of these inflows to the operating account is \$29,653.16. The total for these same items in 2010 for the period ending September 7, 2010 was \$37,070.04. Current spending is at 50.66% of the 2011 Proposed Spending Guidelines. Our current spending is consistent with other years.

The total expenses for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 were \$31,909.55, as compared to \$38,009.42 in 2010. To date our expenses are \$2,256.39 higher than our income. 2010 = - \$939.02. All invoices are paid.

The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2011 was \$ 32,987.79. Total income of \$29,653.37, less expenses of \$31,909.55 to date leaves an Operating account balance of \$30,641.40 as at August 31, 2011. **The combined balance of accounts is \$50,641.40.** The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition for today's meeting is: \$175.58.

The 2011 bulk purchase of 2012 Grapevine materials totaled \$4524.00.

The mail strike in June simply delayed contributions until mid July. August was slower than in the past. Contributions typically slow down during the summer months and increase during the fall. Upcoming expenses for Area 83 will be the travel, printing and literature costs of today's meeting and the Fall Assembly. I mention these two items specifically as these are the forums where the voice of the groups is heard, as mandated by the inverted triangle of the service structure. These vital meetings represent a significant portion of what we, as trusted servants are called to do.

Therefore over the remaining four months of there may be a challenge to remain self supporting. The level of support during the past two weeks alone has increased, and is an encouraging sign that Area 83 will continue to have sufficient financial resources for caring the message of recovery to the outside world, and the message of service to the fellowship.

I have left a hard copy of my new contact info in each DCM's file as well as sending directly to them and our Area Secretary August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please forward this info to your District Secretary and your GSR's. You will also find some SAE contribution envelopes. As mentioned before, please do not use envelopes with previous Treasurer's addresses, as cheques risk being staled dated before find their way to me. Big or small I will cash them all.

Please make any contribution cheques payable to: **Eastern Ontario International Area 83** and mail to Jim A. 283 Danforth Ave., Suite 138, Toronto, Ontario, M4K 1N2.

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I have been also receiving the contributions via Toronto Intergroup every month since May, some as group treasurers do not seem to be getting the correct contact information. Even hand delivering a receipt to a treasurer that contained a SAE resulted in a second contribution dropped off at 234.

I have also obtained a registered copy of Quicken. My winter project will be to input at least two years of data. This will be done in order to assist in the creation of the 2012 Proposed Spending Guidelines.

Page two: Detailed expense report by activity and trusted servant/committee.

Please note that the literature expense for the Service Information Day Committee is net of cost recoveries for service manuals sold to date (\$312.00). Miscellaneous items are identical to those that were discussed at the June 4<sup>th</sup> ACM.

Please note the two summary boxes that provide: 1) summary of income and 2) year over year comparisons of cash flows, and contributions from groups and districts.

Our group contributions are down \$5,198.42 compared to this time last year. To date, 11 of 28 Districts and 119 groups (20.66%) from 27 different districts have made contributions to Area 83. This includes a group in District 38, hope that light continues to shine. In comparison to 2010: 122 groups and 19 Districts made contributions. According to the 2011 General Service Conference report, 46% of the groups and districts in Area 83 made a contribution to GSO during 2010, while 28.13% (162) of groups and made a contribution to Area 83. There appears to be more Group support for GSO than Area. Perhaps a challenge to the groups would be to support each equally. Maybe by year end this will be true.

All contribution letters have been mailed or hand delivered to the respective DCM. A return address is always appreciated.

As mentioned at the June 4<sup>th</sup> ACM concerning the possibility of sending GSO a contribution of up to \$2500.00 as per the Proposed Spending Guidelines. I hereby recommend that AREA 83 forego making any contribution to GSO at this time. Year end results will determine if a recommendation comes at our Jan 2012 mtg. Our spending for Forums is complete for the year.

Page three: Contributions by each District and its respective groups.

Page four: Total contribution to August 31<sup>st</sup> for the years 2007- 2011.

You can see how 2011 contributions are significantly lower than other years.

Yours in Love and Service, Jim A. Area 83 Treasurer

Seventh Tradition was \$175.58

### 9. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

***Kim S.***

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, I have the honour of serving as your Area 83 Secretary and my name is Kim.

I would like to thank everyone that has given me their support since our last Area Committee meeting in June. A lot has happened since then. The secretary email at [area3secretary@bell.net](mailto:area3secretary@bell.net) started to malfunction sometime in July. I am not sure when. I was not receiving any emails but I thought that it was quiet due to the summer and many Districts were not meeting. Since this is my first summer as the Area Secretary I had nothing to compare the email traffic to. After realizing that I was not receiving some emails, it didn't take long to realize that my email was completely out of commission.

Todd, our Area Webmaster has set up the Area Secretary email again for me. If you have sent me anything in July to the bell.net email address, it is likely that I did not receive it. The email to use is [secretary@area83aa.org](mailto:secretary@area83aa.org).

Also it was brought to my attention that there was an error made with the Operating Procedures that I distributed in June. The Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster are listed as an Appendix instead of in the body of the procedures. The above positions should be a part of Section III, Responsibilities. They should be listed with all the other positions within the Area as number 19. A PDF version of the Operating will be sent to Area Committee Minutes September 10, 2011

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all Area Committee members. It will have the proper sequence of the Area responsibilities. The written procedures still have all the proper information. It is just the two job are at the end of the procedures. I do apologize for this error. I have lost count but I think this is lesson 160 I think.

In all the District Committee Members and Area Committee Members "mail folders" in the plastic bins in the Atrium I have put

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- District Service Roster
- Area Committee Meeting Agenda
- Area Committee Minutes, June 4, 2011

In about a week the Invitation Letters and Agendas for the Fall Assembly will be sent out by mail to each DCM, Area Committee Chairs, Area Officers and Past Delegates.

Please send me your reports asap. I would like to have the minutes completed and distributed by the end of September. October will be a busy month with the Fall Assembly.

If there is something you would like me to do, please let me know. I hope that it will be a smoother sail this year. I am truly humbled by all the learning experiences I have had since becoming your Area Secretary,

Yours in service, Kim S

### **10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**

***Mel C***

Good morning/afternoon everyone, my name is Mel C. and I am an alcoholic - currently serving the fellowship as Alternate Delegate, Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International; good to be here, good to be sober.

I've had a pretty meaty summer with many and varied Area activities and now that Fall is here, and AA is ramping up again as it always does, many more events and obligations are filling my calendar - which is fantastic. I am now in the middle of 7 AA events in 7 weeks. I find it keeps me well on the beam when I'm busy, so this is good, for AA and for society as a whole.

#### **Remote Communities Report from Iqaluit**

I guess I should lead off with the big gun of my report, which would be Iqaluit. As most of you know, I attended the "First Eastern Arctic Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous" in Nunavut in June, 2011. My first time ever above the tree-line and it was very exciting.

#### **Before going, initial ideas**

Tents or igloos - snow - canvas - dogs - whales & seal meat

#### **First impression**

Frontier town - a rhythm going on - business happening, but under the gun

#### **Second impression**

Nervousness - furtiveness - over-riding sense of change. A certain sadness

#### **Reality**

Town in transition. Whites/natives/government - everyone trying to live, not exactly sure how.

In that setting... AA is perfect medicine. Hope. Our set of spiritual principles translates very well. Though a perfect environment in many way, un-perfect in others. Anonymity is a huge issue, as is the young population itself. Suicide is such a pervasive issue, it was described to me by a local as the "dirty little secret". More at the Assembly.

#### **Conference proper**

People - about 80 people, great success (55 expected)

From - Iqaluit, towns around Iqaluit, Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, Prince George BC

Demographic - young, old, male, female - all ages. Good AI-anon presence.

Other Delegates - Bob P., Richard B. (A90), Darryl D. (A78), Self, Phyllis

Speakers - all native speakers spoke in Inuktitut - translation provided. Heart warming.

What AA meant to them or what they hoped it would come to mean; Conversations that followed were so important; A seriousness was seen, along with much laughter, but the seriousness was palpable. Numbers exchanged.

Phyllis - started out all GSO'y, quickly became an alcoholic. Very interesting to see.

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After-taste - something important happened. Things were learned. Seeds were planted. Confidence was bolstered in the locals. Commitments were made to ourselves.

Conclusion - we should continue in this effort in any way we can. Completely worthwhile and worth every penny we spent - but we didn't spend it, did we. The 500 groups in A83 spent it, and I think they would be pleased with how their money was spent. They received good value.

### Intergroups

I've no real "outstanding" news to report on any of the Intergroups that I liaise to; Ottawa, Peterborough, Lakeshore or Toronto. They all seem to be getting along quite well. I had some contact with Lakeshore and Peterborough at the beginning of the term, but nothing since. I have been attending the regularly scheduled Toronto Intergroup-District Sharing Sessions and they have been fantastic, with great representation occurring on each side. The most recent one was last Tuesday night. You can be so proud of our Districts the way they step up and the maturity they show. Seems to me relations have never been better in that particular venue.

If anyone has an Intergroup issue that you think I ought to know about or can help with, please corner me anytime; glad to help if I can.

### RC Initiative with Deirdre

Call from RC's Bob P. - concern over Inuit in CF's in Ontario.

One aspect: Translations of our literature to Inuit in A83 institutions - distribution needed

Initial plan, build searchable database - worked with Deirdre

Became evident quickly that was not going to work

1) Smaller, provincial institutions don't allow material or have libraries

2) District Chairs not the way to go, not the right people to involve

New plan - contact experienced people, the people that hold this work as a passion; arm them with the material.

Also: concentrate on maximum security facilities

### CERRASA Conference Calls

I suspect Robb may be wanting to talk about this so I won't take too much time on it. I will say, in case he doesn't, that Robb and I have been participating in the CERRASA conference calls. CERRASA of course stands for (the) Canadian Eastern Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. It would concern the 10 Area's from the Manitoba border to the Atlantic - which of course is the Eastern Canadian Region. As reported before, we are the last region in N. America NOT to have a gathering of this nature and both Robb and I are behind it. We are at the stage where we are designing Operating Procedures and Guidelines on how it is run, how it rotates, host cities and that kind of thing, so if anyone has any desire to have input here, please see me after and I'll be glad to go over where it stands at the present time.

### Ad Hoc committee - Ambassador

Was part of team tasked to examine potential new relationships w. other hotels

Joe is going to report on this later in the meeting, so I won't say much.

Suffice it to say I worked with Peter N. and we examined Toronto area hotels

Presented findings to the Chair a couple of weeks ago

### List of Service Events I attended & coming up

Last week: D30/34 SID Aug. 27, great day

Today: This ACM

Next Week Unity Day in Bradford, ON - Sept. 17th

Week after that: District 22 SID Saturday the 24th

Week after that: District 14 SID Saturday October 1st

CERRASA Conference Call October 11th

Fall Assembly looking forward to; surprise or two in my RC's workshop!

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## **Various and Sundry Changes at Area**

Finally, a note on various and sundry changes at Area. You know how you run across something every once and awhile and you say "... gee, that's not right" or "... gee, we could do that better"? I have started a file I am adding to that lists things like that for our Area. Things like cleaning up the Index in the Operating Procedures or adding time frames around when certain things might be done. These are little things I hope to bring to the Area when we have down time on a particular Agenda. If you have any little niggling things like this in the back of your mind, feel free to call or write me with them and I'll be glad to add them to my list or help you get them onto this floor for consideration as a motion. If the Area committee of each term is vigilant on improving our Ops, Procedures & Traditions, our Area will only get better year after year, and I think that's the idea.

Thanks for your trust; I'm having the time of my life as your Alternate.

YiL&S,  
Mel C.  
Panel 61 Alternate Delegate  
Area 83, Eastern Ontario Intentional  
416.788.9728

## **11. DELEGATE'S REPORT**

***Robb W***

Good Morning, I am an alcoholic, an active member of the Streetsville Group in District 06 Mississauga, I am the Panel 61 Delegate for Eastern Ontario International. My name is Robb W.

Well, here we are, getting closer to the second Assembly of the term. Things have been pretty steady since the last time we met. I have presented the Delegates Report at a number of service days around the area including Districts 28, 30, 34, 36, 42, 54, 58 & 62. I had a wonderful time at every one of these service days. If you have a service day coming up in the future and would like me to attend, please be sure to invite me as soon as possible. My calendar is pretty full.

I will not be talking about the General Service Conference today as most of you have heard my report at your service day. I do, however, have a few hundred Reports on the 61<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference out in my car. Please come and see me at Lunch time or after today's meeting and pick up the copies for distribution to the GSR's in your District. I don't want to take them home with me!

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, we had a conference call regarding the C.E.R.A.A.S.A. On the call were 7 Delegates and 8 Alternate Delegates from the 10 Areas in Eastern Canada. The main topics of the call were the frequency of the Service Assembly (every year or every 2 years) and discussion about how to raise the seed money necessary for the first Assembly.

On the first topic, it was decided that we would wait until the next call to make a decision so that everyone could talk to their Areas and come to some sort of consensus. As noted at the start of the day, I have asked our Chairperson to add this to the agenda under new business for discussion.

The second item was about the funding of the first C.E.R.A.A.S.A. It was motioned by me and seconded by Dean T. Delegate, Area 86 that each of the 10 Areas in Eastern Canada contribute \$250 towards the startup account. The vote was passed unanimously. At our June Area Committee Meeting, we voted to support this initiative. Now we need to talk about being self-supporting. I have asked our Chairperson to add an item to the agenda that Area 83 contributes \$250.00 towards the startup.

I'm looking forward to attending Unity Day next weekend and hope to see many of you there. It promises to be a great day of service and fellowship.

Next month, Roy R. (Panel 53 Delegate) and myself will be putting on a Traditions Workshop for the Intergroup reps for the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup. That also promises to be a great day! Also in October will be the next C.E.R.A.A.S.A. conference call where I hope to bring the conscience of this Area regarding the two items previously mentioned.

I'm looking forward to the Assembly in the Fall and hope that we all have spread our enthusiasm around our respective Districts and the turnout is the best yet!

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Thank you for allowing me to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. It certainly makes for a busy time but it is also one of the most challenging and rewarding positions I have had the good fortune to hold.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Robb W.  
Panel 61 Delegate  
Area 83, Eastern Ontario Intentional

**Chairperson:** At this point in the agenda, I would like to recommend that we move to 2/3 majority.

**Motioned:** Claude L. DCM District 78r

**Seconded:** Wilf P. DCM District 34

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carried

### **13. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business

### **13. NEW BUSINESS**

A few days prior to our Area Committee Meeting last June I received a phone call from the Catering Manager, Judy, at the Ambassador Hotel. She informed me that the hotel will be increasing our costs by \$600.00. This is for the hotel to take down the round tables from the Saturday service day and banquet to set up the main ballroom to theatre style for our Sunday business meeting. I felt it was necessary to set up an ad-hoc committee to see if the Ambassador Hotel's fees are in line with other convention centres. Therefore, I appointed, Joe D, to chair this committee. At this time I would call upon Joe to report on the committee's finding thus far.

#### **a) Interim report from Ad-Hoc Committee Chair with regards to Ambassador Hotel proposed increase in charges for services.**

**Joe D.**

Good afternoon, I am an alcoholic and my name is Joe. I am a member of the Frontenac group in Kingston, which just celebrated 60 years of continuous service to the Fellowship in the Kingston area. I have the privilege of serving the Fellowship as a director of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services Incorporated and served our Area as its Panel 51 delegate.

As our Chairperson Joyce described in the introduction, our committee was struck with the clear direction to determine whether or not the additional charges the Ambassador wishes to impose upon us were within reason and in-line with other convention centres within the Area. This was not the first time the Ambassador was in a position to charge us set-up fees, for those of you that recall a couple of years back, we used to have the ballroom theatre style Friday night and Saturday, with banquet tables for the afternoon.... Rather than accepting the charge for redesign of the ballroom seating we agreed to round table set up but kept the Sunday theatre at no additional cost to us. We are now in the position of having to decide whether or not to keep the round tables or accept the set up fee for theatre on Sunday.

Your committee was chosen from various locations across the Area:

Toronto section: Mel C and Peter N

Ottawa section: Greg C and Ian B

Everywhere in between: Roxane T and Dot D

Barb K and I make up the remaining of the committee. I would like to thank the committee members for their diligence and hard work checking with convention centres in their sections for comparators in order for us to determine whether or not these additional charges would be in keeping with general business from other convention centres and alike. Each team had the assembly requirements as set out in our banquet orders with the Ambassador as a guideline to their investigation.

We have received full reports from each team thus far. We have had email communication and discussions concerning the reports as they came in. At this moment in time, the committee has been discussing a wide variety of options way outside the parameters and auspices of the committee as struck by our Chair but I must admit it has been an exercise probably worth having. However our ever loving Trustee at Large for

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Canada Barb K reminded us of the limited purpose of our ad hoc committee so therefore **we must report that at first blush, the additional charge by the Ambassador in light of the current services we are receiving is reasonable.**

This is an interim report. Chairperson Joyce has approved me meeting with the Ambassador to determine whether or not they might phase in the charge or what options might be open to us as we move forward. We hope to have this meeting accomplished soon, and a final discussion of all options either via email or conference call and report back by January to Area Committee but sooner to our chairperson since the proposed increase is to be implemented for the Spring 2012 assembly. More will be revealed.

We thank you for the opportunity to be of service and would be happy to respond to any questions or ideas you may have.

Yours in Service,  
Joe D

- b) Open discussion about whether the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly should be held annually or every second year. The purpose of this discussion is to get a sense of the room with regards to this issue.**

**Robb W**

*The sense of the room was to hold the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly every other year would be sufficient.*

- c) Move that Area 83 Eastern Ontario International contribute \$250.00 to the start up fund for the first Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly.**

**Robb W**

Motion was seconded by Sandy S. Panel 59, Immediate Past Delegate

Motion was carried

Opposed: 3

Abstentions: None

Voice of the minority spoke but no one wished to change their vote. Motion stands.

### 14. SHARING – WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

- a) Chairperson's Remarks: "A concern about using the area distribution list for upcoming events not related to Area 83 has been brought to my attention."

*This is a friendly reminder that the use of the distribution list of area officers and area members are to be used only for area business. Recently, flyers have been sent out which are outside issues and not pertaining to Area 83 functions or business. If anyone has a flyer for an upcoming event they would like distributed it should be sent to the Area Webmaster who will determine if the flyer passes website guidelines. The Area 83 Webmaster will then put the flyer on the Area 83 Website under the events page. Please pass this on to your District Secretaries.*

Is there any discussion with regards to this?

*There was no discussion*

- b) There were various group and individual announcements.

### 15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **Joyce S. – Area Chairperson**

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **January 7, 2012**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

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Moved: Robb W. Area 83 Delegate  
Seconded: Patrick F. DCM District 18  
Approved: All in favour  
Motion carried

***Just a reminder that the Fall Assembly is October 28, 29 & 30, 2011.***

**16. CLOSING**

It is now 2:40p.m. and I would like to thank everyone for their participation today and wish you all a safe drive home. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly. Please stress to the members of your districts the importance of their attendance at the assembly.

May I have a motion to end this meeting?  
Moted: Herb W. Area 83 CPC Chair  
Seconded: Diane M. DCM District 26  
Result: Carried

**CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE**

**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.**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL**

## Appendix A – Financial Reports

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| <b>EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83</b><br><b>AS AT: August 31, 2011</b> |
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| <b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>             |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| January 1, 2011 Opening Balance    | \$ 20,000.00        |
| Interest (\$87.85 accrued in 2010) | + 148.77            |
| Transfer to Operating              | - (148.77)          |
| <b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>     | <b>\$ 20,000.00</b> |

| <b>INCOME</b>                       |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 7th Tradition                       | \$ 2,519.06         |
| Cost Recoveries                     | 118.76              |
| Flow Through to GSO                 | 40.00               |
| Grapevine Seasonals                 | -                   |
| Group & District Contributions      | 26,826.57           |
| Interest Accrual                    |                     |
| TOTAL INCOME                        | \$ 29,504.39        |
| TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE              | 148.77              |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b> | <b>\$ 29,653.16</b> |

| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Accommodations                                   | 3,418.15            |
| Meals  | 4,954.72            |
| Travel   | 6,784.92            |
| Long Distance                                    | 48.00               |
| Postage  | 235.00              |
| Printing   | 3,771.53            |
| Literature                                       | 1,005.97            |
| Stationery                                       | 643.30              |
| Miscellaneous                                    | 1,007.12            |
| Area Web Site                                    | 83.40               |
| Total Committee Expenses                         | \$ 21,952.11        |
| Ad Hoc Committees                                | 0.00                |
| Area Contribution to GSO                         | 0.00                |
| Area Committee Meetings                          | 418.55              |
| General Service Conf. Assessment                 | 6,160.36            |
| Bank Service Charges                             | 40.56               |
| Forums   | 2,287.88            |
| Grapevine Seasonal & Service Info.Day Recoveries | 0.00                |
| GSO Flow Through                                 | 40.00               |
| Ontario Delegate's Conference                    | 1,010.09            |
| Total Other Expenses                             | \$ 9,957.44         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                            | <b>\$ 31,909.55</b> |

| <b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>              |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Opening Balance as of January 1, 2011 | \$ 32,897.79        |
| Total Income & Transfers              | + 29,653.16         |
| Total Expenses                        | - (31,909.55)       |
| <b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>      | <b>\$ 30,641.40</b> |

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International  
Details of Expenditures  
As at 9/1/2011

| Position                    | Accommodations     | Meals              | Travel             | Long Distance   | Postage          | Printing           | Literature         | Stationery       | Misc.              | Total               | Annual Guideline    | Balance +/ -        | YTD Usage     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Delegate                    | -                  | 162.06             | 640.00             | -               | -                | 20.00              | 23.75              | -                | -                  | 845.83              | 3,510.00            | 2,684.17            | 24.10%        |
| Alt. Delegate               | -                  | 93.00              | 322.00             | 48.00           | -                | -                  | 71.70              | 66.96            | -                  | 601.66              | 2,215.00            | 1,613.34            | 27.16%        |
| Immediate past Delegate     | -                  | 70.15              | 143.12             | -               | -                | -                  | 67.62              | -                | -                  | 280.89              | 1,040.00            | 759.11              | 27.01%        |
| Chairperson                 | -                  | 116.84             | 425.60             | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                  | 542.44              | 1,100.00            | 557.56              | 49.31%        |
| Secretary                   | -                  | 93.00              | -                  | -               | 133.66           | 3,169.65           | 67.59              | 78.87            | 250.00             | 3,792.77            | 4,175.00            | 382.23              | 90.84%        |
| Treasurer                   | -                  | 99.62              | 396.10             | -               | 101.34           | 75.95              | 45.15              | 118.27           | 119.52             | 955.95              | 1,500.00            | 544.05              | 63.73%        |
| Registrar                   | -                  | 189.39             | 90.00              | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | 284.16           | -                  | 563.55              | 1,005.00            | 441.45              | 56.07%        |
| Area Web Site/Webmaster     | 214.70             | 25.00              | 478.80             | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 83.40              | 801.90              | 800.00              | -1.90               | 100.24%       |
| Archives                    | 214.70             | 155.75             | 1,045.10           | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 50.00              | 1,250.85            | 1,900.00            | 649.15              | 65.83%        |
| Cooperation with the P.C.   | -                  | 84.67              | 319.90             | -               | -                | 312.45             | -                  | -                | -                  | 931.72              | 1,820.00            | 888.28              | 51.19%        |
| Corrections Facilities      | -                  | 46.61              | 816.20             | -               | -                | 28.25              | -                  | -                | -                  | 891.06              | 1,200.00            | 308.94              | 74.26%        |
| Grapevine                   | -                  | 36.00              | 454.00             | -               | -                | -                  | 33.94              | -                | -                  | 523.94              | 1,815.00            | 1,291.06            | 28.87%        |
| Public Information          | -                  | 110.89             | 480.90             | -               | -                | 77.00              | -                  | 11.30            | -                  | 680.09              | 1,535.00            | 854.91              | 44.31%        |
| Self Support                | -                  | 105.00             | 395.50             | -               | -                | 44.04              | 134.16             | 13.65            | -                  | 692.35              | 1,830.00            | 1,137.65            | 37.83%        |
| Service Info Day Cmte       | 1,056.45           | 76.68              | 282.10             | -               | -                | 5.77               | -                  | -                | -                  | 364.55              | 1,190.00            | 825.45              | 30.63%        |
| Treatment Facilities        | -                  | 196.27             | 154.00             | -               | -                | 38.42              | 392.31             | 21.76            | -                  | 1,859.21            | 3,190.00            | 1,330.79            | 58.28%        |
| Spring Assembly             | 1,932.30           | 97.00              | 341.60             | -               | -                | -                  | 169.79             | 48.33            | -                  | 656.68              | 2,500.00            | 1,843.32            | 26.27%        |
| Pall Assembly               | -                  | 3,196.77           | -                  | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 587.60             | 5,716.67            | 5,700.00            | -16.67              | 100.29%       |
| <b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.</b> | <b>\$ 3,418.15</b> | <b>\$ 4,954.72</b> | <b>\$ 6,784.92</b> | <b>\$ 48.00</b> | <b>\$ 235.00</b> | <b>\$ 3,771.53</b> | <b>\$ 1,005.97</b> | <b>\$ 643.30</b> | <b>\$ 1,090.52</b> | <b>\$ 21,952.11</b> | <b>\$ 43,725.00</b> | <b>\$ 21,772.89</b> | <b>50.20%</b> |
| Adhoc Committees            | -                  | -                  | -                  | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                  | -                   | -                   | -                   | -             |
| Area Committee              | 300.00             | 58.55              | -                  | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 60.00              | 418.55              | 700.00              | 281.45              | 59.79%        |
| Area GSO Donations          | -                  | -                  | -                  | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                  | -                   | 2,500.00            | 2,500.00            | 0.00%         |
| Bank Charges                | -                  | -                  | 1,855.57           | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 40.56              | 40.56               | 60.00               | 19.44               | 67.60%        |
| Forums                      | 426.00             | 6.31               | -                  | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                  | 2,287.88            | 4,000.00            | 1,712.12            | 57.20%        |
| Grapevine Seasonal          | -                  | -                  | 683.97             | 30.00           | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                  | -                   | 5,000.00            | 5,000.00            | 0.00%         |
| GSO Assessment              | 269.88             | 104.95             | -                  | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 5,071.56           | 6,160.36            | 5,950.00            | -210.36             | 103.54%       |
| GSO Flow Through            | -                  | -                  | -                  | -               | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                  | 40.00               | 40.00               | 0.00                | 100.00%       |
| Ont Delegates Conf.         | 630.56             | 187.48             | 135.10             | -               | -                | 56.95              | -                  | -                | -                  | 1,010.09            | 1,010.00            | -0.09               | 100.01%       |
| <b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>       | <b>\$ 1,626.44</b> | <b>\$ 357.29</b>   | <b>\$ 2,674.54</b> | <b>\$ 30.00</b> | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>\$ 56.95</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>\$ 5,172.12</b> | <b>\$ 9,957.44</b>  | <b>\$ 19,260.00</b> | <b>\$ 9,302.56</b>  | <b>51.70%</b> |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>       | <b>\$ 5,044.59</b> | <b>\$ 5,312.01</b> | <b>\$ 9,459.56</b> | <b>\$ 78.00</b> | <b>\$ 235.00</b> | <b>\$ 3,828.48</b> | <b>\$ 1,005.97</b> | <b>\$ 643.30</b> | <b>\$ 6,262.64</b> | <b>\$ 31,909.55</b> | <b>\$ 62,985.00</b> | <b>\$ 31,075.45</b> | <b>50.66%</b> |

| As at Aug 31st         |                    |                  |             | Change          |  |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
|                        | YTD 2011           | YTD 2010         |             |                 |  |
| INFLOWS                | 29,653.16          | 37,070.04        | -           | 7,416.88        |  |
| OUTFLOWS               | 31,909.55          | 38,009.42        | -           | 6,099.87        |  |
|                        | <b>\$ 2,256.39</b> | <b>\$ 939.38</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>1,317.01</b> |  |
| Contributions          | 26,826.57          | 32,024.99        | \$ -        | 5,198.42        |  |
| Contributing Groups    | 119                | 122              | -3          |                 |  |
| Contributing Districts | 11                 | 19               | -8          |                 |  |

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Income Summary      |           |
| 7th Tradition       | 2,519.06  |
| Bank Interest       | 148.77    |
| GSO Flow through    | 40.00     |
| Contributions       | 26,826.57 |
| Cost recoveries     | 118.76    |
| <b>\$ 29,653.16</b> |           |

2011 Financial Statements.xls/Expenses

9/1/2011

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL**

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| <b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL<br/>2011 YEAR TO DATE<br/>AS AT AUGUST 31, 2011</b> |
|---|

|                          |    |                            | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------------|----|----------------------------|--------------|
| District                 | 00 | Unknown                    | \$ 0.00      |
| District                 | 02 | Malton                     | 1,867.59     |
| District                 | 04 | Humber                     | 100.00       |
| District                 | 06 | Mississauga                | 2,800.00     |
| District                 | 10 | Toronto South Central      | 2,693.02     |
| District                 | 12 | Toronto South West         | 726.46       |
| District                 | 14 | Toronto North Central      | 2,375.15     |
| District                 | 16 | Hispano De Toronto         | 300.00       |
| District                 | 18 | Toronto City East          | 1,108.42     |
| District                 | 22 | Scarborough                | 980.00       |
| District                 | 26 | Lakeshore West             | 654.90       |
| District                 | 28 | Lakeshore East             | 301.68       |
| District                 | 30 | Quinte West                | 800.00       |
| District                 | 34 | Quinte East                | 825.00       |
| District                 | 36 | Kingston And The Islands   | 2,150.00     |
| District                 | 38 | Thousand Islands           | 18.72        |
| District                 | 42 | St. Lawrence International | 96.16        |
| District                 | 46 | St. Lawrence Adirondack    | 0.00         |
| District                 | 48 | Seaway Valley North        | 1,090.00     |
| District                 | 50 | Cornwall                   | 890.00       |
| District                 | 54 | Ottawa Rideau              | 410.00       |
| District                 | 58 | Ottawa Bytown              | 199.73       |
| District                 | 62 | Ottawa West                | 1,309.74     |
| District                 | 66 | Golden Triangle            | 1,930.00     |
| District                 | 70 | Renfrew Pontiac            | 520.00       |
| District                 | 74 | Pembroke                   | 400.00       |
| District                 | 78 | Madawaska Valley           | 120.00       |
| District                 | 82 | Victoria Haliburton        | 1,300.00     |
| District                 | 86 | Kawartha                   | 860.00       |
|                          |    |                            | <hr/>        |
| Total Contributions YTD: |    |                            | \$ 26,826.57 |
|                          |    |                            | <hr/>        |
| Total from Groups        |    |                            | 20,806.93    |
| Total from Districts     |    |                            | 6,019.64     |
|                          |    |                            | <hr/>        |
| Total Contributions YTD: |    |                            | \$ 26,826.57 |
|                          |    |                            | <hr/>        |