

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Committee Meeting Minutes**

**September 8, 2012**

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

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**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 Bryan D. ADCM District 22.

12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By Terry K. ADCM District 66

**Welcome to Quinte West** – This is our third Area Committee meeting of the second year in the term. 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**

Public Information Chairperson	Rob McA.
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Herb W.
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Deirdre B.

Treatment Facilities Chairperson – An email was sent out to everyone in July with the announcement that our Treatment Chair, Rodney, had resigned and moved to Vancouver. In the interim, after discussions with our Delegate, Alternate Delegate and a few Past Delegates, the decision was made to appoint our Alternate Delegate, Mel, to assume the duties of Treatment until the end of this term. Mel will give a report later in the day.

Grapevine Chairperson	Leo McK.
Self-Support Chairperson	Ruth F.
Archives Chairperson	Peter N.
Service Information Day Chairperson	Heather M.

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### Introduction of Past Delegates:

Today we have Panel 43 Past Delegate Don S. At this time, I would like to announce that Don has been invited to facilitate our elections this coming October. Thank you, Don, for graciously accepting.

Panel 57 Past Delegate Dot D.

We also have our Area Archivist, David T., our Webmaster Todd S. and our Area Alternate Webmaster Jim R.

This is your Area Executive for 2011 and 2012.

**Housekeeping:** Our meeting schedule up to and including the tentative dates to the end of January 2014 will be included in the minutes. As Chair, I have arranged for the facilities to be secured in order to hold these meetings either here at Westminster Church or at the Ambassador Hotel. However, the incoming Chair has the option of changing the dates. The Area committee will meet here again on September 8<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. At the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting you will be electing the incoming Sub-Committee Chairs. Everyone is welcome to attend. The next Area Assembly and Service Information Day will be in Kingston on the weekend of October 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>.

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2012	January	January 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	March	March 23, 24, 25	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	June	June 02	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	September	September 08	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	October	October 26, 27, 28	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	December	December 01	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2013	January	January 05	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	March	March 22, 23, 24	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
	June	June 01	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	September	September 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
	October	October 25, 26, 27	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel, Kingston
2014	January	January 04	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church

### Food:

Lunch has been arranged by our Treasurer, Jim at a cost of \$5.00, per item. Please put your money for lunch in the buckets supplied by him.

### 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.

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### **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 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:** Miles C., District Committee Member, (DCM) District 30

**Seconded:** Vince R., District Committee Member (DCM) District 10

**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)** I move that Area 83 financially support sending our Panel 63 Delegate and Immediate Past Delegate to CERAASA in Montreal in February 2013 - motion by Robb W. Delegate

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

Motioned: Garth W. DCM District 28

Seconded: Wilf P. DCM District 34

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

Result: Carried

**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 2, 2012. –deferred until after lunch**

**Motion:** ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETING June 2, 2012

**Moved:** Carolina C DCM District 22

**Seconded:** Gary C. DCM District 66

**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**

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group and the DCM for District 02 Malton, and my name is Dan N.

Although District 02 did not have meetings in July and August, we ensured coverage of Treatment and Corrections meetings for the District. All our Committee Chair positions are filled with the exception of PI. Alternate Chair positions remain open in PI, Accessibility, Literature and Archives. There are just a few things I'd like to share:

- I'd like to thank our Alternate Delegate, Mel C. who facilitated the Royal York Group Inventory this past Wednesday. There were some group concerns by some of the members which dissipated with the inventory process. Mel was asked on short notice to do this and it was much appreciated by the group.
- We will be starting up our regular district meetings starting tomorrow.
- Rexdale United will be celebrating their 40 year anniversary as a group on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. There is a dinner and regular meeting planned.
- Our District is holding a Service Day on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and being chaired by our Alt. DCM Robert B. You're all invited to attend at Holy Family Anglican Church 10446 Kennedy Road North in Brampton, including a Pot Luck lunch.
- Finally, I wanted to share with you that our prior ADCM Michael H. who passed in March, 2011 has very generously contributed \$2k to our District and another \$500 each to GSO and Area 83. We are especially grateful to Michael as we have an immediate need for literature for Corrections and he gave much service to this part of AA.

Yours in love and service,  
Dan N, District 02, Malton

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### **District 06 Mississauga**

Good morning friends. I'm alcoholic, a member of the Bloordale group & my name is Scott. Hi! It continues to be an honour & privilege to serve District 06 as the District Committee Member.

We continue to meet our service commitments at the Tuesday night Cawthra Rd. family shelter meeting and new to us, the Monday afternoon Jean Tweed women's treatment centre meeting. We also share the responsibilities of the Tuesday noon time Gift of Life service meeting along with District 14.

I'm pleased to share that our District 02 & 06 joint effort to place literature within the Peel Regional Police Wellness Centre is complete. Although a little controversial at our district table, the non-conference approved GTA Intergroup beginners pamphlet was voted on to be part of the 12 pamphlets that this rack holds.

At our June 18<sup>th</sup> district meeting we conducted our elections for our incoming DCM & Alternate DCM positions for our next Panel 63 term. After passing a motion for 2/3 majority on the voting process, Elaine H. (Streetsville Group) was the only one to stand for the DCM position and was therefore, acclaimed. Our Alternate DCM position had 3 people stand and on the first ballot, our current Secretary / Treasurer, Chris H. (Streetsville Group) came away with exactly 2/3 of the 21 votes with 14. Congratulations to you both.

By having our elections in June, we allow our DCM elect to attend the upcoming Eastern Canada Regional Forum. I was also in attendance at the forum and thoroughly enjoyed the time shared with our neighbors in the fellowship and also enjoyed the information shared from the podium, the floor and in the workshops I attended.

We will be electing our incoming Secretary / Treasurer and Registrar / Webmaster positions at our October district meeting.

We have our Website guidelines in draft, but I await to pass these at the table. I continue to be excited with the launch of our new and improved District website at [www.aamississauga.org](http://www.aamississauga.org). We continue to have lots of AA events posted, so check us out.

Mark your calendar for the 2012 Mississauga Fall Round-Up. It's scheduled for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> again at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic church. Check [www.mississaugafallroundup.org](http://www.mississaugafallroundup.org) for info. There are flyers here.

Also in our neighborhood is the upcoming Annual GTA Archives Breakfast on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Cliff H. & Betty H., not related, will be our long timer speakers. Once the breakfast is paid for, proceeds for the \$25.00 tickets goes directly to the GTA Archives Committee and their continuing work.

We've recently had two long-timers celebrate 40 years of sobriety in the past month. Congratulations to Eric S. (Markland Wood) & Harold W. (Port Credit).

Also, thank you to the districts that responded to our questionnaire regarding meeting agenda & format. Anyone that was unable to respond, Elaine would be happy to speak with you over lunch today.

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 at 519 Church Street on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. If you wish to contact any committee members, you can visit our website at [www.district10toronto.org](http://www.district10toronto.org) and go to the contacts page.

Recently our Alternate DCM resigned, so the district elected to have our incoming DCM, James O'D., fill that role for the remainder of the term and I'd like to thank him for being so willing to step up when needed.

Although we are having difficulties in putting on one of the CAMH meetings, and are in the process of finding out if the facility still wants us to do it, we are continuing to put both CAMH service meetings on, as well as the Tuesday meeting at Harbourlight and the Women's Own on Mondays.

Finally, I'd like to extend an invitation to everyone to our first "Central Toronto Roundup". It will be held on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4:30 pm at 519 Church St. in Toronto and I'd like to thank the Church Street group for graciously agreeing to suspend their regular meeting that day so that we

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can hold this event in their meeting room. There will be no admission fee and light snacks and coffee will be provided. Our Delegate, Robb W, will be the closing speaker and I hope to see all of you there.

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. We have each of our committee chairs filled, for the first time in a long time. We are now actively seeking alternates to learn the ropes for the upcoming term.

Our summer hiatus meant that we assigned groups for our 5 district-service treatment facilities for July, August and September at the June meeting. We had 4 Corrections Bridging the Gap requests. 3 have passed and one is upcoming.

We also have two groups from District 04 interested in joining our district. We will keep you informed if they decide to join us.

We've decided to do a district inventory in September and Kim S has graciously agreed to chair. We will also be holding elections in October and Peter N has graciously agreed to chair that.

I expect that our December district meeting will be an open house, welcoming incoming GSR's and saying good-bye to old ones. I smell pizza.

Yours in Service  
Heather M. DCM District 12

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

Good morning, my name is Gary O. I Am the District 14 Committee Member and member of the Living Sober Group in Newmarket, Ontario.

It is great to see all of you here alls well in our district. Not much has been going on in the district since our last meeting. We have a 60 % turn out at the table. All committee are filled except for C.P.C. All our bills our paid and we will be making a donation to the Area and New York.

In November one of the high light at the table was we had a new group start up in September and at the district table with a new G.S.R. and alternate GSR. We welcome the Queensville group to the table and we hope to hear a lot from this group. All our committees are carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Upcoming event are District 14 service workshop. It will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Thornhill Pres Church on Center Street, Thornhill, Ontario at 9:00 am. The highlight of the meeting is Mel C. from the Area will be talking about the traditions as per request from the groups in the district. There will be a free lunch, so mark this event on your day planner. I hope to see you there.

Yours in service,  
Gary O. DCM

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

Good morning every one, my name is Cesar, I am an alcoholic and a proud member of Group Unidad.

District 16 continue to hold our meetings three times a month one business meetings, study the manual for the world service and we share the service experience and take an attendance with a 70 percent of the General service representatives in attendance.

We also take part of the groups public meetings by means of participation and the week of unity, every group, intergroup and district are invited to give the concepts of one tradition to twelve the group assign the tradition number.

We have two committees up and running which are the Archives and La Vina. We hope in the future will be able to fulfill the rest of the committees.

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We place an order of 30 Vinas every two months because La Vina issues run every two months. Every issue is distributed within the groups of District 16 and sold out.

And we continue to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.  
Thanks to the District 16 and Area 83 for allowing me to serve as their DCM

Yours and service, Cesar H

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

Hello everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Patrick F. I am a member of the Danforth Group and currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 18 .Toronto City East. The District is doing ok financially. We sent 500 dollars to Area and G.S.O in August.

Our District has 4 Service Commitments; 2 hospitals, a men's shelter and a probation office meeting that is covered by the groups at the table.

Our Registrar had to step down but was quickly filled by Donna Z, the G.S.R. from the Thorncliffe Park Group. We need to fill in most of the Alternate's positions.

On September 11 2012 we will be having a bi election for District Officers, ADCM, Secretary, Registrar, and Treasurer. I have asked Joyce S. Our Area Chair to help us with the election. There have been 3 groups that returned back to the district table. Welcome back Thorncliffe Park, Half Century Group, and the S.O.S. Group. Welcome back.

District 18 is working on reformatting are current Operating Procedures so we can make the changes that will help the District run smoother. Then when that's all done we'll be looking for a district inventory.

For the last 4 years I had the opportunity to help with the Info AA DAY Committee and the East Toronto Archives Breakfast Committees as the brew master and the lottery guy.

Thanks for letting me serve. It was a blast.

Yours in loving service, Patrick F.

### **District 22 Scarborough**

Hi all. I am an alcoholic, Carolina C., member of the Bellamy Group and DCM for District 22.

Our district is functioning well, we are financially secure and all service positions are filled except for two alternate chairs....Self Support and Access Ability.

We held our elections at the June meeting with Jim A. as facilitator. The new slates of officers are;

DCM        Bryan D's  
ADCM      Eddie G  
Secretary   Ed H  
Registrar   Sandi L  
Treasurer   Angus MacC

The Disrict voted to have a table banner made to display at our various functions.

District 22 Service Day will be held September 15<sup>th</sup> at Oak ridges CC. Come join us. There is a Sober Dance in the evening.

The Scarborough Area is holding its first all day roundup October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Wexford Church on Lawrence Ave. Planning has begun for the ETAB (archives breakfast) hosted by District 18 and 22.

Yours in love and service,  
Carolina C, DCM Dist 22, Scarborough

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### **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 held our last meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June and we resume again the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September so at this point I don't have a lot to report.

We did hold our Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference in August and regretfully could not attend as I was in New York City that weekend. Since our table hasn't met yet, we haven't received an official report on how successful it was. Word has it the Conference went well yet again.

We will be holding our annual "Bring a Friend" meeting in Oshawa at the CAW hall, 1425 Phillip Murray Ave. down at the lake Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. More details to follow in my October report for Kingston.

Our District Secretary informs me that the Good Tide Group at 294 Queen St. in Port Perry is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 and over the summer a new open discussion group has formed on Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. held at the Lake Vista Clubhouse 450 Emerald Ave in Oshawa. Their name is the Rainbow Group and they are gay friendly.

I was fortunate and grateful to attend my 1<sup>st</sup> Forum in St. Catherine this past July. I found this to be yet another avenue to enrich my service experience.

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

Yours in service,

Diane M. DCM District 26

### **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 our two-year term continues, general service continues to be strong in District 28. Our 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's Sullivan House in Brooklin.

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 okay. 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 Districts' Conference back in early August. We are awaiting the final report tomorrow at our regular District meeting, also, at which our elections will be held for the 2013-2014 term.

Open invitation reminders:

Newcastle Fall Round-Up	Saturday November 10, Town Hall
Bring-A-Friend Meeting,	Monday November 12, CAW Hall, Oshawa

Respectfully submitted.

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

Garth

### **District 30 Quinte West**

Good morning everyone, my name is Miles C. and I am an alcoholic and a member of the Pine Ridge Group in Brighton. I currently have the privilege and honour of servicing District as their DCM.

We had good turnouts at our District table which is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month. Currently we do not have a CPC, Self-Support or Treatment Chair.

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After 10 years of service as our District Literature Chair, Bob A has decided to step down. Thank you for all your hard work Bob. Our new Literature Chair is Peggy C.

Our revised Operating Procedures are finished and adopted. The District Election for 2013-2014 term will be held in October.

The District 30 newsletter is dying a very slow agonizing death. For some reason no one wants to send in any articles. District 30 sent me to the Forum in July, in St. Catharines. I found this to be very informative and highly recommend everyone go. In almost 30 years of service this was my first but hopefully not my last.

Yours in service, Miles C

### **District 34 Quinte East**

Madam Chair, Area Committee Members, fellow DCMs and guest's, I'm an alcoholic a member of the Stirling Fri. Night group it's an honour and privilege to serve district 34 as it committee member my name is Wilf P. Hi.

Our district has been busy all summer; all groups report doing ok and attendance is up in most. Financially the district is in good shape.

PIC is busy as usual, Grapevine reports are good, Treatment is in good shape working with bridging the gap, District 34 is in need of a corrections chair we have had a hard time keeping this chair filled over the past two years. Our new Webmaster and Archives chair are doing a wonderful job.

District 34 is holding a District inventory tomorrow at 1pm at this location. Also at this time I would like to thank Ron & Lynn F. for catering our lunch good job!!!

Yours in love and service,  
Wilf P. D.C.M District 34

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

We are alive and well and settling into our positions just in time for the upcoming elections for 2013-14. Glad to report that one of our two vacant District chair positions continues to be filled by a new to service person.

Financially, we have managed to not bankrupt ourselves thank you to the continued efforts of our D-treasurer.

Of special interest is our upcoming annual D34/36 Conference upcoming Sunday September 23: the Chair of this committee has indicated that they are ready.

Our District elections will occur Wednesday, September 26 7:30 at the church located southwest corner of Bath and Palace Roads (downstairs) ... anyone thinking of giving back what has so freely been given to you? Hope to see you there.

Yours in Service,  
Roxane T. DCM

### **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.

We are eagerly anticipating our District Day of Sharing on September 29. As always, the purpose is to encourage service participation, especially since our elections are scheduled for October (or maybe November, or maybe December, when I was elected two years ago)! This service panel has flown by! We are grateful that Kim S. and Peter N. have agreed to attend to discuss service at the Area level. We are planning displays for Archives and Literature/Grapevine.

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We still have vacancies at Alternate DCM, Archives chair, and Public Information chair. More shall be revealed. And our treasury has been well supported from active groups in our district.

Our AA Hotline Coordinator, Mary H., has been very active in updating our phone volunteer list. She has been calling everyone on the list to make sure they are still available as well as encouraging new volunteers.

At the July district meeting a motion was made and seconded to consider whether or not our district should take all or part of the summer off – June to August, or maybe two of those months. We agreed that we would leave the question on the agenda but would not bring it up for a vote until the new service panel, to whom the changes would apply, convenes in January. I would be grateful to hear other districts' experience on taking one or more months off during the summer – pro and con.

I am grateful for the chance to continue to serve A.A. and to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Milner G.

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### **District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack**

Not present and No report submitted

### **District 48 Seaway Valley North**

Hi I'm Gerry S., 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

Michael C., our ADCM for the district has started the flyers for the January Round Up and has made mention that he would like them finished and approved by the Fall Assembly.

Our commitment to CFTF in Ottawa was mention and it has been accepted to hand over 250.00 dollars again. We continue to support our ads in the local papers. I have passed on the letter request from Area 83 PI chair that those specific papers get the anonymity letter from GSO.

The Kempville Gratitude Group gave the district their History report read by Michael C. as the district has adopted this practice for each group to take a turn at reporting its history. On September 18<sup>th</sup> our PI chair Neil W. will hold a PI meeting to connect with his volunteers after the summer break. Sarah M. the Corrections chair for the district is still working hard to find volunteers for the centers and jails in Ottawa.

The District is still selling its own literature to the groups and we continue to make enough to purchase more from New York, thanks to all Johanna C. great effort as Librarian slash Secretary for the district.

I read the 6 month report from AA world service to the district and the response by the members was strictly amazement. They expressed that AA was truly a miraculous wonder, that such a shoe string budget could touch the lives of so many alcoholics in so many language. Thanks for your attention and interest.

Yours in Service,  
Gerry S.

### **District 50 Cornwall**

All is going very well at district table. We are looking for a member to fill the P.I. position. Ray V, Past DCM donated a box of books and literature for my personal use. Thank you Ray.

Preparations for the Cornwall Conference are going very well and on schedule. Tickets are available. Please call 613 938-1984 for info. There was no district meeting in Aug 2012. I will be attending the area committee meeting on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2012 in Belleville.

Hope everyone had had a great summer.

Yours in Loving Service,  
Linda C

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### **District 54 Ottawa Rideau**

I am an alcoholic, a member the Search for Serenity Group in Orleans and my name is Greg C. It is my pleasure to represent District 54 Ottawa/Rideau as District Committee Member.

Financially we are doing well, in part to having just received a large donation from the Vanier Round-up.

CPC seat is empty at the District table after Walter H had to step down. All other positions are filled. Ward A, our Alternate DCM will be unable to continue past the end of his term as alternate due to personal issues. It will leave a big gap come elections in November. CFT elections are scheduled for Oct.23<sup>rd</sup> and all positions are open.

Rick P, chair for the Alkathon is actively looking for volunteers. It is hard to think of Christmas this time of year.

We had a new GSR attend our meeting Thursday. Gerry C was our DCM the first time I attended a district meeting. It is nice to see him back. All is well and moving forward in Ottawa/Rideau.

Yours in Service,  
Greg C

### **District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

Good Morning my name is Bonnie F, currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 58, a member of the Uptown Group, and I am an alcoholic.

Gratitude Day was held Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Hintonberg Community Centre. We would like to Thank Delegate Robb W. for his talk on General Service Conference. Also a thank you to Ruth our Self Support chair and Joyce the Area 83 Chair for going out of their way to both attend and speak at Gratitude Day. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Over the summer I am happy to report that attendance at the District meeting as remained steady. We continue to have many opportunities for service at the District with vacant positions in Grapevine, Public information Committee and Co-operation with the Professional Community to name a few.

As a District we are hoping to a Group Audit to be completed before December to better reflect groups that are still active in the District. Some Groups listed under District 58 have moved or are not aware of which District they are listed under. Financially, we are in good standing and should be able to make all commitments that have been budgeted for till the end of the year.

Yours in Service, Bonnie

### **District 62 Ottawa**

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.

It has been a relatively quiet summer and District 62 continues to be healthy in spite of me. Since our last Area meeting I'm happy to announce that Archives is doing much better, they now have enough volunteers for meetings.

Gratitude Day took place on Sunday June 24, 2012; it was a great success with excellent information sessions, good sharing from members and a tremendous lunch. Even the large contingent from the Area that attended and greatly added to the day, noted on how good the turnout was. In addition our 2012 Fall Conference, which just took place last Labour Day weekend, was a great success. The next Archives Longtimers Luncheon will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and Alkathon meetings are already underway in preparation for Christmas and New Years.

There are now 53 groups in the Ottawa Region with 31 groups having a designated Representative for our meeting. Over the last 3 months we have attracted 6 new groups, 2 per month. However in July 2012, we still had only 21 representatives in attendance. This is an uphill battle but we seem to moving forward.

Financially we are secure but group contributions this year are to-date, approximately 40% lower than each of the last 4 years. This has not impacted our ability to support District initiatives to spreads the message but may negatively impact how much we'll be able to pay forward to Area and GSO. We have identified this statistic to the GSRs and hopefully this can be rectified.

Yours in service, Ian B. District 62 Committee Member  
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### **District 66 Golden Triangle**

Good morning everyone I am an alcoholic and a proud member of the Seaway group in Brockville and my name is Gary. It continues to be an honour and a privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 66 of the Golden Triangle.

District 66 held the regular monthly meeting for Aug. 29th and had a very good turnout of regular members and of new members. District 66 will be holding the end of term elections at the end of September. To prepare the new people for the election we decided to have Jim S. explain to everyone how the election procedure works, and who would be able to vote. We got everyone excited about the election and told them to stand when asked to fill any position. Everyone here knows how that works.

District finances are in pretty good shape so we were able to pass on some money to Area and GSO. All the sub-committee members are doing a very good job keeping the district table healthy. The district had a lot of changes this term due to sickness and job changes so everyone is holding their own on keeping commitments and other positions.

I am getting very excited about the fall assembly, and would like to see everyone there with all their friends and alternates.

Yours in love and service,  
Gary C.

### **District 70 Renfrew Pontiac – read by Alt DCM Michelle R**

Good morning brothers and sisters. My name is Terry C. and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be a member of the Steps & Traditions Group every Wednesday night and I am proud to be the District Committee member for AA District 70 Renfrew Pontiac, one of your inter-provincial districts.

District 70 has had a good summer. Our annual Fall Roundup takes place October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Renfrew Armories from 11:30 to 7:00. Our Renfrew-Pontiac Guidelines make it the duty of the GSR's on the District Committee to put on the two Round Ups we present each year. Looking back a couple of years we can chuckle at the near panic around the table when we started out to set up our first Round Up as a committee. Now 2 years later the group responds eagerly to the call for Chairs for the event and everything falls smoothly into place. So come and see us on Thanksgiving Saturday when the Fall colours are at their best in the Ottawa Valley. We promise you warm hospitality and sobriety.

We also had the privilege of doing a District Inventory on August 19<sup>th</sup>. It was conducted by Sandy S., who gave us a very positive report on our table. We are grateful for Sandy's kind help and for the teamwork that resulted from such a rewarding experience and positive report.

Wishing everyone another day of God-given sobriety.

Yours in love and service,  
Terry C., DCM, Renfrew-Pontiac

### **District 74 Pembroke**

Sorry I won't be there. I am going to visit my father and brother (death due to suicide) at the cemetery. Also it is my Uncle's 50th wedding anniversary.

All is well in Pembroke. See you at the fall conference.

Jack B. DCM District 74 Pembroke

### **District 78 Madawaska Valley**

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic, DCM for dist.78 Madawaska Valley and my name is Claude L.

This past summer has been a good one in our district for attendance. We had a 50 year anniversary for Earl McD. And also a 30 year for Debbie from Barrie's Bay group.

Our Festival of Colors round-up is shaping up quite well, with tickets over half sold as it is, and every thing else is all ready for it. We are expecting a full house again this year. There will still be some tickets sold at the door, maybe about 25.

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We will be holding our elections at district next month in time for the Assembly. Financially we are doing good and hope to be able to send some money on to Area and GSO. This will happen after our round-up.

We have a few newcomers in the past couple of months. Mel contacted me to let me know about someone would be finished treatment and needed a contact number and I passed it on to someone from Barrie's Bay and I'm pleased to say that the chap is going to meetings.

All groups are meeting their financial obligations, which is very good.

Yours in service,  
Claude L.

### **District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

I am an alcoholic, my name is Ben D and I am Alternate DCM for District 82, Victoria-Haliburton. I am a member of the Omeme Centennial Group.

The district was on a summer break for July and August and will reconvene on September 9, 2012. There are still a number of vacant positions such as CPC Chair, Archives Chair, Grapevine Chair and Secretary.

Our Operating Procedures were finalized at our June 10, 2015 District meeting. GSR attendance at the District is 50 %. No financial issues.

Yours in service,  
Ben D. Alternate DCM

### **District 86 Kawartha**

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

Since we last met, Cathy U. has resigned as Alt. DCM as she has started a journey that will consume much of her time. I thank Cathy for her service to the District and wish her well in her future endeavors. As we've had a couple of nominations, I anticipate the position will be filled at our District meeting tomorrow. Dave U. has taken the PI/CPC Chair position and this leaves only the Corrections Chair unfilled at this time.

We are still in need of a Corrections Chair. It has been a somewhat frustrating position over the past year with so many last-minute cancellations. We do our best to help cover Volunteer meetings at Lindsay CECC, supplying 12 male volunteers per month. Since the meetings started again in June, things seem to be somewhat better, although there was another cancellation this past Wednesday.

Our 51st Kawartha District Conference was held June 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough. The Theme was "New Beginning – New Life" and was a very successful Conference for our District. I thank Sandra B. for her handling of this important District event.

After having one Group deregister, we now have 21 Registered Groups in Kawartha District. Financially our District is in good shape and the Group attendance at our District meetings continues to be excellent.

In closing, I say "**Let Gratitude be your Attitude**",  
Gary C., DCM, District 86, Kawartha.

## **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 McA. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information chairperson.

I attended the Eastern Canadian Regional Forum in St. Catherine's in July. Much was learned from the reports given by members of our General Service Office, and it was nice to get to meet and chat with some of them. The Traditions workshop I attended was informative and included some lively discussion from the audience. Area 83 was well represented at the Forum.



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Also in July there was an anonymity break in a newspaper in District 34. Wilf P, DCM of District 34, informed me of this situation, and requested the 'anonymity letter to media' be sent to the newspaper. Our General Service Office annually sends out this letter but I believe that like the newspaper in District 34 not all receive it, especially the smaller publications. I have sent a copy of the letter to our District Public Information Chairs and requested that they send it to all newspapers in their Districts. Hopefully this will help to prevent this sort of anonymity break from happening in the future.

I recently received an email from Joe H, a Great Britain General Service Board Trustee who sits on the Public Information Committee. At their General Service Conference in April the question, '*Would the Fellowship share experience and make recommendations on how to make AA more visible to the general public?*', was raised. The following was put forth: '*The Committee recommends that the General Service Board remains constantly aware of effective PI (Public Information) initiatives in other countries...*' I have replied to his e-mail inquiry, and shared with Joe some of the ways we carry out our Public Information duties here in Area 83.

We have several active PI Committees in Area 83 that carry the message by taking literature, giving presentations, and speaking at schools, senior centers, libraries, and police stations. District 18 runs a Public Service Announcement in a local newspaper. District 82 recently had 2 radio stations agree to air our radio PSAs. Thanks to continued efforts, Public Information remains strong in Area 83.

It's a pleasure to be of service. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. My email address is [pi@area83aa.org](mailto:pi@area83aa.org) and my phone number is 905 431-8633.

Yours in Love and Service  
Rob McA  
Area 83 PI Chairperson

### **b) Cooperation With The Professional Community**

***Herb W.***

Hello everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve as your Area 83 C.P.C. chairperson for the 2011-2012 term. Due to the fact that I have just relocated to Trenton I still do not have a home group yet but will be joining a group in District 30 Quinte West in the near future.

I want to thank everyone who welcomed me to your meetings that I attended in Districts 30 and 34; you made my transition a pleasant journey! My health has been a bit of a challenge this past three months and with changing my residence it has been a bit of a challenge to keep up to date with what's going on in the area, but I am settled in well now and able to pick up the pick and shovel and fulfill my duties.

Since the last meeting I attended the Service Day in Cornwall for Districts 42, 48, and 50 on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and would like to thank the District Committee Members of the respective districts for the invitation and the good fellowship.

On August 19<sup>th</sup> I attended the District meeting in Brighton for District 30 and had a great time meeting some new faces as well some familiar ones. In the sharing session I shared a little about C.P.C. in Area 83. Thank you Miles and the District for your time.

I have been asked to find out from the General Service Office about what events represent and the process they use to decide what events to attend by the Toronto Intergroup CPC Chairperson, Marv, and their committee, as they have some events they would like to see represented. I have spoken with Sheila the CPC Coordinators secretary and reported back to Marv H.

Marv has been a great person to work with and we have shared many thoughts and ideas together, through difficult times and good times, he just keeps calling and asking those questions and sharing new ideas! I encourage more of you to do the same!

I am going through all my mail and checking for items that I could follow up on and contacting people I have passed on information to. I have received an email from Bonnie R. the new CPC representative for District 36; it's a nice Area 83 welcome to you!

Thank you all for your minutes and let me know if you want me to attend any of your events, I would be happy to be there! Hope to see you all at the Assembly in Kingston in October and would like to encourage you to let your name stand for a position in service.

I can say that I am glad I decided service was more important to me than my fears were!  
Thanking you all for the journey to serve a little for a whole lot that was given to me!

In service,  
Herb W.

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**c) Corrections Report**

***Deirdre B.***

Good morning my name is Deirdre B and I am an alcoholic. I am a proud member of the Rexdale United Group. It is my privilege to serve as Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chair. Since taking on the Correctional Chair position there have been 47 Bridging The Gap requests. 25 were for 2011 and 22 were for 2012. There has been a lot of action from Area 86 District 25 since June 2012 we have had 12 requests for female contacts all for the GTA.

Peter N and David T mentioned that at the Forum they found out through Tracy GSO Corrections desk that the Correctional Correspondence is not done in Canada. We will try to work together to see if we can get something started.

Joyce brought us in old tapes that were donated. These were given to District 36 as they responded to the email that was sent if any Institutions accept tapes to be brought into the institutions. If anyone has old tapes they wish to bring in for Correctional Institutions that allow tapes, please do so.

Sharing From Behind the Walls is a newsletter published quarterly by the Corrections assignment and contains excerpts from inmate letters sent to G.S.O. and reprinted with the inmates' permission. These newsletters are intended for widespread distribution to inmates involved in A.A. in correctional facilities. This newsletter may be duplicated for distribution to inmates without obtaining permission from A.A. World Services, Inc. The Fall August 2012 pdf version is available online at aa.org link is <http://www.aa.org/subpage.cfm?page=310>. Correctional information can be found by clicking on A.A. Literature, then click Service Material, then on the left hand side click Corrections.

Please continue to send your district minutes as I enjoy reading about the corrections activity in Area 83.

If you need my assistance please contact me 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**

***Mel C.***

Good morning everyone, my name is Mel C. and I have the pleasure of serving as your Treatment Facilities Chair for A83, Eastern Ontario International.

As most of you know, I stepped into this position on July 11, 2012 as a fill-in for Rodney S. who vacated the position because of his transfer to Vancouver, BC.

My first job was to determine who was involved in Treatment in our Area and in short order I had a list of contacts. I sent each contact a synopsis of all matters that pertained to Treatment from the 62nd General Service Conference to make sure that they were aware of current events in Treatment in North America.

I got involved in the efforts Rodney held exclusively around the Bridging the Gap programme and to date have participated in 13 BTG events.

Our Area Sub-committee elections will of course be held in December, so at that time, I will have much to sit down and talk about with the incoming TF Chair - who is likely sitting in this room right now. It is an interesting experience taking over for someone in mid-stream and seeing how they handled a Chair position.

I look forward to passing the torch when the time comes,

Thank you,

YiL&S,

Mel C.  
P61 Alternate Delegate  
P61 Treatment Facilities Chair

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**e) Grapevine Report**

**Leo McK**

I am an alcoholic and my name Leo McK. a member of the Little Oak Group in District 82 Victoria Halliburton and currently serving as your Grapevine Chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario.

Hopefully everyone is aware that today is the final day for ordering Pocket Planners and Calendars. Delivery will be at the Fall Assembly. I had the opportunity to get to the Forum in St.Catherines and the Class A. trustees really got to me, what a weekend. Highly recommend it. Message of Recovery, Unity, and Service.

The Grapevine continues to make changes and information to the web site. The Daily Quote on the web now has 11,250 subscribers, also a sale of C.D.'s at 50% off and 75% off Tapes. E –Books are flying with the latest being “Young and Sober” and “Into Action” for a total of 8 and all are very good reading, stories written by members for both young and old.

La-Vina on July 28 & 29 had a 16th Anniversary Celebration was held in Area 92 Washington and collected over 600 subscriptions as a result of co-operation between the Spanish and English communities.

The Grapevine has not used any of the reserve account to date, UNITY WORKS!!!!!!

All Grapevine Chairs are encouraged to send in events and photos and any ideas about getting the word out about “The Grapevine and La-Vina”. Also members are reminded to send in pictures for the 2014 Calendar deadline is Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2012.

With new elections taking place in all Districts it is a good time for all to get a Grapevine Representative and to subscribe to the Grapevine either in print or with the web. With new elections just to remind everyone to make sure you send in your name and other information to the Grapevine. I receive a Grapevine news letter every month and they are quite informative. The Grapevine monthly circulation is 85,000 copies and La –Vina 9000 copies. They always have a Did You Know.?

Did You Know - In 1969 the General Service Conference recommended that A.A. World Service and Grapevine with ‘the primary purpose of the fellowship in mind’ study their efforts on each other’s behalf and extend to each other the fullest co-operation in making the fellowship aware of all the tools of A.A.

Did You Know - In 1987 General Service Conference recommended the Delegates focus their efforts on the District Service structure as a means of reaching individual groups in order to make every group aware of the value of the Grapevine as a recovery tool. INTERESTING!!!!!!

Yours in Friendship and Service,  
Grapevine Chair, Area 83  
Leo McK.

**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, Scarborough. I am currently serving you as the Area 83 Self Support Chairperson.

Self Support is alive and well in Area 83! We are spreading the word about how important it is for us to support Alcoholics Anonymous. Members, groups, and districts have been carrying the message of self support, with our talent, our time and our treasure. We are showing our gratitude to the members who are giving their time. Once people see that there is a need, they quickly rise to the occasion and fill that need. We just have to continue to get the information out there. I have enjoyed some talent- plays, humour, and messages of experience, strength and hope. As for treasure... once we show members the information, the trends and the need, they don’t hesitate in giving of their treasure! AA will continue to carry the message; all we have to do is OUR PART.

I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing about self support. I was at Info AA Day on May 26. District's 70, 74 and 78 invited me up there on June 9th. The day was great, and the people were generous and kind. I want to thank Shirley for putting me up, feeding me, and being an awesome tour guide! June 23 saw me in Cornwall, and then off to Ottawa June 24<sup>th</sup>. It is great to talk to members who are interested and passionate about AA. The day in Ottawa was educational and inspirational.

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I enjoyed attending some of the Eastern Canada regional Forum at the beginning of July. The beginning of August, the display and I met with David and spent the day at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Lakeshore Conference. Everywhere I go, people want to know about how AA works, and how they can be a part of that. I love it.

The comparison sheet has been updated, and is available today. This sheet is an informative and fun way to show members that what we put into the basket as it comes around, doesn't reflect the rising cost of other items such as cigarettes, gas, etc. It is a good conversation starter. There is also a sheet showing the pricing of the Big Book over the years. Very interesting!

I have learned so much as I study the AA material and seek to find answers for questions. Through self support, I can be a part of AA. I have always wanted to be "a part of" something. The people I have met along the way have taught me so much. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. Thank you.

Sober sure is better,  
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.

June 23 I presented an Archives workshop in Cornwall at the Districts 42, 48 and 50 Service/Information Day. It was an excellent day, well organized and attended.

July 6-8, I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in St. Catharines. I posed the question to the GSO Board Chair Ward E as to when Archives would become a full Conference Committee as opposed to being a secondary Conference Committee. We are closer but do not have a firm date yet.

I attended the Archives Workshop in French on Saturday and it appears that the four Quebec Delegate Areas are just six months into setting up Archives. I spoke with our Delegate Robb W. and with Pierre C., Panel 62 Delegate for Area 87, Southwest Quebec about the idea of our presenting an Archives Workshop at CERAASA (Canadian Eastern Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) to be held in Longueuil, QC February 22-24, 2013 so that we could share the experience of the Area 83 and GTA Archives Committees with the 10 Delegate Areas in Eastern Canada. Since Pierre's wife Louise D. was chairing the Archives Meeting, we may have some support. In addition, I was approached by Russ, a DCM from Area 82 Nova Scotia/Newfoundland/Labrador and they are just starting out as well. If we could coordinate the ten Areas in the Canadian Eastern Region, that would be fantastic.

Our Delegate Robb W. spoke with Pierre C., Delegate Area 87 it appears that we will have the workshop. I have been corresponding with Pierre V. who is the Archivist for Area 87 in Quebec, and copying all concerned so that we can build and coordinate a Power Point Presentation Workshop. Our Archivist David T, Eddy G and Jim W from GTA Intergroup, Katrina, who is doing the software programming so that we can create a uniform data input standard are all involved in this effort.

As well, I spoke with David T., Archivist and Murray O. Alternate DCM from District 18 about trying to coordinate getting Group Histories from the Federal and Provincial Institutions. Murray has a contact with the head of the Association of Volunteer Service Coordinators and David has as connection with Corrections Canada in Ottawa so we will see how this turns out. An email will be sent out within the next two weeks to all District Archives Chairs.

As well, I have spoken with Pierre and Les who carry a meeting into Warkworth in District 30 Quinte East. They are awaiting permission to do an Oral History with an old-timer of the history of A.A. in the Warkworth Institution (Correctional Service Canada).

The new GTA Archives display is progressing well and will soon be available to the membership.

Over the past number of months I have been contacted by new Archives District Chairs and have been able to help them get started by providing a few suggestions, helping them to get their Chairperson's Kit and direct them to the GSO website where they could obtain the Archives Guidelines and Workbook.

We have arranged to do an Oral History of the former Ontario Correctional Conference at the Kingston Assembly with Keith F., the former chair.

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We are going to recommend sending our Archivist, David T., to the National Archives Workshop in 2013. The Archivist attends this Workshop once during their 3 year term.

September 29 Kim and I will be in District 42 for their Service Day to share our experience on service beyond the Group and District, at the Area level.

I have been asked to conduct the District 12 Elections on October 10 and the District 14 Elections on October 15.

GSO Archives are requesting success stories from District and Area Archivists.

Please continue to send us your District minutes, we read them all. If there is any way in which David T. or I can be of assistance to your District please let us know.

Yours in Love & Service,

Peter

### **h) 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 your Service Information Day chair, my name is Heather M.

I'd like to again introduce the committee: Vince R Dist 10, Gary O Dist 14, Diane McL Dist 26, Miles C Dist 30, Gerry S Dist 48.

Thanks again to the DCM's who did the Traditions workshop, Joe, Barb, Dot and Sandy, along with all of the workshop presenters.

Traditions 10, 11 and 12 are up next. Having lost the working copy of the agenda from the spring, would the DCM's who volunteered please remind me who they were.

We attempt to rotate all the workshops so that no one is always stuck in a particular time-slot; no one is always stuck with a PowerPoint if that's not their choice. Presenters if you prefer not to use PowerPoint and prefer to leave the other rooms to those who do or if you prefer a later afternoon slot, please tell us! Presenters, remember that if your workshop is in the Ontario West room you will NOT have a PowerPoint projector, you will have an overhead projector. Also remember that while multi-media presentations are great, low-tech alternatives in case there's a tech problem are always recommended.

It appears our reminders to GSRs to book in advance has been successful in that already all the double rooms for our allotment are booked. Please remind GSRs that the Fall assembly is a voting assembly and so everyone should prepare in advance to stay later to complete the voting.

Yours in service,

Heather M

DCM Toronto Southwest District 12

Service Information Day Chair

### **7. Registrar's Report**

***Tony A.***

Good day, I am a member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and belong to the Church Street Group in District 10 and currently serve as your Panel 61 Registrar for Area 83 and my name is Tony A.

The roll call for today is **15** Area Officers (including Webmaster, Chair & Area Archivist), **1** Immediate Past Delegate, **2** Past Delegates, **21** DCMs, **13** Alternate DCMs and **6** Visitors. For voting purposes there are **12** Area Officers eligible to vote (includes our Immediate Past Delegate) and **23** DCMs or Alternate DCMs for a total of **35** votes. Total delegation for this meeting today is **58** people.

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Since my last report given at the area assembly, I have been much slower but still steady with group changes and related registrar work. I attended the Eastern Regional Forum in St. Catharine's in early July.

The 2012 regional directory should be made available to the membership in the next few weeks as it has been delayed a bit in its release this year. I also received an email from the GSO Records Department reminding us that when a group is newly registered with GSO, the group sits on a "pending active" status for a period of 30 days. I can advise groups of their service number after the 30 day period has elapsed and the group status has been changed to "active."

Currently, our census in Area 83 is: 963 groups in total listed in the GSO database. The breakdown for these groups are 501 active groups, 329 inactive groups, 21 groups that have merged, 2 groups pending active (new) and 110 groups listed as incomplete or unknown. Inactive groups never get removed from the GSO database.

All group changes and forms submitted to me have been entered and are up to date. Any groups that you know that are listed as an unknown group but you know for certain are inactive, please send me an email so I can forward this information to the GSO records department.

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.

I have started sending out to the DCMs of each district that still contain groups listed with an unknown or incomplete status. If you could get a contact for these groups, this will change the status to active and ensure the record is more current and up to date. Your prompt attention to this would be greatly appreciated in my attempt to pass over a more cleaned up database to my succeeding registrar.

When you send me your updated changes, please ensure that all fields are completed especially in the mailing addressing area. I cannot enter incomplete information into the GSO database as the system will not allow me to do so. You can submit changes by email (preferred) at [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org) or by faxing them to 416-924-6149. If you have general registrar related inquiries, you are more than welcomed to call me and we can discuss them at 416-702-6280. Group change and new group forms are posted on our area website under district resources and can be downloaded for your convenience.

Finally, since our upcoming fall assembly is a voting assembly, I would like take particular attention in ensuring accuracy with the roll call given prior to our vote. Therefore I am requesting all DCMs to come and verify my tally prior. Thank you for the trust that you have placed in me. It has been my privileged honour to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous Area 83 International.

In loving service,

Tony A  
Registrar-Area 83 International  
[registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org)

### 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 your Area 83 Treasurer.

I hope everyone had a great summer. It's almost fall now, so let the service marathon begin. The Forum in St. Catharine's was awesome. And very informative regarding all aspects of finance that GSO and Grapevine are going through right now. It was pleasures to meet other Area Treasurer's and learn of some of the situations they have encountered.

I also had the pleasure of visiting GSO in August. That is a trip I will not soon forget. Again meeting the people that are our trusted servants and those that do the day to day work of keeping our organization going was very rewarding.

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Thanks goes out to those districts sending their minutes to Area.

I would like to present you with our Area's financials as of August 31, 2012.

Our reserve account has a balance remains in a \$20,000.00 GIC maturing Sept 16, 2014, paying interest of 1.85% compounded annually.

Income for the year to date: 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is \$2638.83 (\$2,519.06 in 2011), cost recoveries \$160.00 (\$118.76), Group & District Contributions \$31,108.93 from 16 districts and 112 groups (\$26,826.57 from 11 districts and 119 groups), GSO Flow Through \$76 (\$40.00) and Interest received of \$148.77. The total of these inflows to the operating account is \$34,132.83 as compared to \$29,653.16 as at August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

The total expenses for the period ending August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 were \$37, (\$31,909.55 in 2011, and \$38,009.42 in 2010). To date our expenses are \$3,353.83 higher than our income.

The opening balance of the operating account as of January 1, 2012 was \$ 34,977.40. Total inflows of \$34,132.53, less expenses of \$37,486.15 leaves an Operating account balance of \$31,623.78 as at August 31, 2012. **The combined balance of all bank accounts is \$51,623.78.** This amount represents 87.5% of our proposed spending, or in terms of time, 10.5 months of spending. The suggested guideline for an Area is 12 months. Area 83 is doing very well.

All invoices are paid and bank reconciliation is up to date.

Our group and district contributions are ahead of the 2011 YTD total by \$4,282.36. To date 112 or 18.64% groups (119 groups (20.66%) and 16 of 28 Districts (2001: 119 or 20.66% of groups and 11 of 28 districts) have made contributions to Area 83. In comparison to 2010: 122 groups and 19 Districts made contributions. According to the 2012 General Service Conference report, 42.7% of the groups and districts in Area 83 made a contribution to GSO during 2011, a larger participation figure than those making a contribution to Area 83.

Observations: Your trusted servants were very busy accepting all of your invitations to participate in your service days. Someone far wiser than me, made a suggestion and it came true. I should watch the post marks of the mail I received. The outcome was unbelievable, and consistent. About three weeks to a month after a service day, wherever in the Area, I would get mail from the groups and districts near there.

That says that the fellowship really appreciates the efforts and dedication of the various chairs and officers. Special mention needs to be made of the thoughtfulness exhibited by service day organizers. The co-ordination of service days in Cornwall and Ottawa on the same weekend, billeting of speakers, these are some of the great ways our fellowship shows that it cares. And it means less wear and tear on your Area resources, both the bank account and the service road warriors of 83.

Projections: Upcoming expenses for Area 83 will be the travel costs of today's meeting, the Fall Assembly and the December Area committee meeting. I estimate these three items to be approximately \$19,000.00. Therefore over the remaining four months of there will be a considerable challenge to remain self supporting. The level of support during the past four months alone 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.

You will also find some SAE contribution envelopes. As before please do not use envelopes with previous Treasurer's addresses, as cheque risk being staled dated before them their way to me...

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.

*The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition for today's meeting is: \$204.94.*

Page two: Detailed expense report by activity and trusted servant/committee. [Question from Bonnie F. DCM 58 "What does the amount of \$3399.49 under meals and assembly represent? Answer: The coffee bill for the entire weekend]

Please note the two summary boxes that provide: 1) summary of income and 2) year over year comparisons of cash flows such as total inflow, total expenses, and total contributions. My comment here is that the financial support of Area is very strong hence the increased contributions (\$4382.36). The increased expenses of \$5,575.80 are mostly the Area contribution to GSO (\$4000) and increased costs for the General Service Conference (\$825) and ODC (\$775). Increased travel has been offset by lower literature costs.

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

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Page four: I have prepared a cash flow analysis of the term. You will see the significant expenditures listed in the period they occur. Over the next four months I foresee spending approximately \$19,000 on three major events: today's meeting, the October assembly and the /Dec 1<sup>st</sup> ACM. This is foreseen and has been accounted for in the Proposed Spending Guidelines as passed by the floor at the March Assembly.

So everybody keep on doing what you are doing to carry the message of service.

Just another reason why service rocks.

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service. See you soon in Kingston.

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

**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.

In all the District Committee Members and Area Committee Members "mail folders" I have put:

- Area Committee Meeting Agenda
- Area Assembly Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2012
- Area 83 Operating Procedures
- District Roster
- District Committee Member (DCM) list
- Alternate District Committee (ADCM) list
- Area Committee List

There are 2 copies of today's agenda, Area Committee, DCM, ADCM listings. One is for you and the second for the ADM. There are 3 copies of the June 2 ACM minutes and Operating procedures; one for you, ADM and one for your district. Please check your District Roster to ensure that the information is correct. If there are any changes you can write the changes on the roster and give it back to me today.

Since the last ACM along with the ACM minutes and today's agenda, I have sent out a memo and application for a GSO position that will be coming available 2013. Also the July AAWS Highlights went out this week. If you did not receive either of these emails, please let me know.

Although it has been a quiet summer, it is starting to get busier. . I have the honour and privilege to be chairing the District 12 Inventory on Wed Sept 12. I also will be participating in the District 22 Service Day on Saturday Sept 15 and the District 42 Service day on Sept 29.

Please send me your reports asap. I have a goal to have the minutes out in 3 weeks. If I get all the reports, it could be sooner. It is going to busy with the Fall Assembly so I would like to do the minutes as soon as possible. I will also be sending out the Fall Assembly Invitation letters and agendas out very soon.

If you have any District Chair changes, please let me know. If someone in your District has not received their kit, please let me know.

My email is [secretary@area83aa.org](mailto:secretary@area83aa.org).

If there is something you would like me to do or if I can be of service to you in any way, please let me know.

Yours in loving service

Kim S  
Area 83 Secretary



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**10. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**

**Mel C**

Good day everyone, my name is Mel C. and I am an alcoholic - currently serving the fellowship as Panel 61 Alternate Delegate for Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International; good to be here, good to be sober.

I've had a busy time going forward from our last ACM, being occupied with many and varied Area activities. I've been all over the map, both in the types of service work I've been involved in and the location of that work.

**Intergroups**

I continue to be available for the Intergroups that I liaise to; Ottawa, Peterborough, Lakeshore & Toronto. They all seem to be getting along quite well. I attended the last regularly scheduled Toronto Intergroup-District Sharing Sessions on Aug. 7 and they have been fantastic, with great representation from the 9 Districts that comprise Toronto Intergroup. I am just a fly on the wall, but try to lend support where I can.

If anyone has an Intergroup issue they think I can help with, please corner me anytime; I'm glad to help if I can.

**Remote Communities**

I continue to participate in the Remote Communities Work Group, my last two calls were Mon July 16 and Monday Sept 17. I report here that since Bob P. stepped down as Chair the committee has faltered some. There is new leadership and I hope that it will return to its former vibrancy soon. If anyone wishes to talk to me afterwards about this, I would be happy to discuss it.

**D70, 74, 78 S.I.D. Cobden, ON**

I attended and presented at a wonderful SID for Districts 70, 74 and 78 in Cobden, ON. on June 9. Everyone had a great day and much service work was discussed. My thanks to Terry, Jack and Claude for making the day happen and for my loving invitation.

**Spoke in Barrie, Area 86**

I spoke in Barrie on June 14. I mention it only as it is in Area 86 and I was somewhat perceived to be the Alternate Delegate of Area 83. It's was at a really great meeting called the Three Legacies Group so if you're ever in Barrie on a Thursday night you should check it out.

**Eastern Canada Forum, St. Catharines**

I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in St. Catharines July 6-8. If you have never been, it is really quite unlike any other A.A. events. I found that it again deepened and broadened my perspective around A.A. in ways I could not have imagined before attending. I tried to do my best to meet new people from other Areas and form relationships for the good of AA. We had great representation from Area 83 people so thanks to all attended. I was happy to be able to attend a 10 Area meeting around CERASSA on the Sunday morning at 7 am.

**Treatment Facilities Chair**

I have taken on the duties of Area Treatment Chair due to Rodney's leaving - from July 11 onward. I have so far done 13 BTG requests. If the next P63 TF Chair is in the room today, I will have much to share when I pass this torch. This has been keeping me quite occupied. On that note, if anyone wishes to be involved, I could use some help. I really could.

**D02 Royal York Group Inventory**

I facilitated a Group inventory for the Royal Group on Wed, Sept 5, 2012. It was well received.

**Speak Dunnville Convention & Camp-out**

Last night I again spoke in AREA 86 at the 41st annual Dunnville Convention and Campout. Sometimes called the Romp in the Swamp if it rains. It started with a fish fry, so I knew it was going to be fun! I left Lake Erie late last night to be able to come here today, but I sure would have liked to have stayed, it looked like it was going to be a great weekend of AA.

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**GOING FORWARD**

**D34 Inventory**

Sunday Sept. 9, 2012 - I will be facilitating a District 34 District inventory, that's tomorrow and it is right here!

**Speak for Joe D.**

Tues. Sept 11 I will speak for the venerable Joe D. in Kingston ON at his 25 year medallion celebration - all are welcome - The Frontenac Group.

NOTE - to be clear: no Area expenses were charged whatsoever for my speaking in Barrie, Dunnville or Kingston, ON - they were all at my own expense.

**Georgina Archives Breakfast**

On Saturday Sept 15 - I have been asked to speak at a brand new Archives breakfast in Georgina, ON. Not sure what that'll look like, but I'll show up, do my best and report back!

**District 14 Service Workshop**

On Sat. Sept 29 I present at a D14 Service Day. I will speak on the Traditions and am quite looking forward to that.

**District 2 - Lakeshore Group Inventory**

I am scheduled to facilitate a group inventory on Sunday Oct 14 at the Lakeshore Group in D02 but that may be postponed.

**Inventory - The Oakville Group**

I will be facilitating a group inventory for the Oakville Group on Saturday Oct 20. That out to be interesting as this is the group where Father Peter W. in a member! More to follow...

This take me up to the Assembly....

**2012 SPRING PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY**

... a few words on the new format.

I have much more I am working on around our existing operating procedures and guidelines. Their organization, some inconsistencies we have, things like that, but I can only bring so much to the Table before, as Peter is won't to threaten, I am impeached for being too much of a pain in the you-know-what.

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

YiL&S,

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

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## **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. My name is Robb W.

Well, where do I begin? Since we last met, I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in St. Catherines. What a great weekend! I was really happy to see a number of people from our Area in attendance. There were a lot of great presentations and lots of audience participation.

I've also visited many different towns and districts to give my report on the conference. Cobden, Cornwall, Ottawa and many points in between. I've had a great time travelling around our Area and talking to members from all over. I was in Quinte West last week at District 34 and had some nice talks with some people who were just beginning their General Service journey. Just like seeing a newcomer come to my home group for the first time, seeing someone at their first District meeting gives me a nice feeling of Remember When.

At a number of Service Days or District visits I sat with DCM's and Alternates and discussed issues in that location and together, using the Traditions and Concepts, came up with possible steps toward a solution. I feel now more than ever that Area 83 is vibrant and strong.

At our last meeting, there was some discussion around the registered name of our Area. To be honest, I was a little surprised at some of the reactions. It's only a name. We're not an International Area because our name says we are, we're international because we have districts in the United States. That being said, I have written to Karen H. in the records department at the General Service Office and asked what needs to be done to fix this. I haven't heard back yet but when I do, I'll be sure to report back to you.

I received a letter from the Treasurer at GSO, Terry B., who tells me that for 6 months ending June 2012, 28.8% of groups in our Area have contributed. This compares to 26.21% for the same period last year. This is a good trend but we still have a long ways to go. This is where I go when I talk about us not being self supporting. Certainly AA groups are self supporting as well as Districts and Areas. The General Service Office, however, is not. The message I try to get across is that we need to step up to the plate and encourage groups and individual members to contribute to the General Service Office. GSO is still relying on literature sales to cover their budget. Through the end of June, literature sales were lower than budgeted by a little less than \$30,000. Of the 900,000 print books sold, non-AA purchases accounted for 161,000 or almost 18%. Now, as a publishing company, we have to sell our literature to anyone who wants to buy it. That's the law. But that shouldn't stop us from trying to help our General Service Office become self-supporting through our own contributions. If we were truly self-supporting, our literature would not be free. I've always said that we would only have to pay what it costs to produce.

Now, on to a different type of support. I asked Kim, our Secretary, to send out some information recently to all DCM's with regards to an opening for a GSO staff member. I hope that you have all shared that information with your Districts. The office will be accepting applications until the end of next month. Anyone who has attended Information AA Day in Toronto and has heard the guest speaker from GSO will understand what a great job being a staff member is.

For those who would like to be involved in some small way with the General Service Conference, I have received a request for suggestions for the theme of the 2014 General Service Conference. If you are interested, just see me sometime today and I'll give you the information you need.

As this term comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on my time around this Area. It's been a blast! That's not to say that there haven't been opportunities for learning. I'll tell you that I'm really looking forward to the Assembly next month. For some reason, I seem to be more relaxed than I usually am for an election Assembly. That being said, I would just like to remind everyone here in this room that the only thing you have to do at this election is to say "Stand" and let God and the Assembly decide what you will or won't do.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. This experience certainly is one of the highlights of this poor drunk's life.

See you in Kingston!

Yours in Love and Service,

Robb W  
Panel 61 Delegate  
Eastern Ontario International

**Secretary's Note: Robb read a letter from the Public Information Chair in India, Lucky D.S. and also an invitation from Lucky to attend the Conference in India. Both documents are in appendix B attached to the minutes. These documents were emailed out to Area Committee Members Sept 9, 2012**

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

**Motioned:** Herb W. Area 83 CPC Chair

**Seconded:** Patrick F DCM District 18

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** Carried

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) That the Area Sub-Committee meetings during Assemblies be held on the Saturday to include all Chairpersons that can attend the Service Information Day only.

**Motion:** Gary C- DCM District 86

**Seconded:** Heather M – DCM District 12

The motion was brought to the Area Committee meeting because the District 86 Committee chairs do not have funding to stay at the Assembly until Sunday morning (when the Committee meetings are generally held)

Discussion: -Too much to put on the Area Chair, with workshops to do all in one day

-Some would like to see the meetings on Saturday

-Are there rooms available to hold the meetings on Saturday? Area Chair, Joyce will look into the availability of rooms

Claude L DCM District 78 called the question

Gary O. DCM District 14 seconded

For: 4

Opposed: 15

Defeated

Back to Discussion- This is not a Committee meeting. Let's not make this a mandate. Should be up to the Area Chairs to decide about the meetings

General sense of the room want meetings to stay on Sunday although Area Chairs said they will see how their District Chairs feel and if rooms and time are available, they could try to accommodate

Garth W, DCM District 28 called the question

Claude L, DCM District 78 seconded

For: 23

Opposed: 7

Discussion ended and we went straight to the vote

**Motion**

For: 4

Opposed: 25

Abstain: 3

Motion defeated

3 people from the voice of the minority spoke

No one wished to change their vote so motion stands as defeated

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- b) I move that Area 83 financially support sending our Panel 63 Delegate and our Immediate Past Delegate to CERAASA in Montreal in February 2013.

**Motion: Rob W. Area 83 Delegate**

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

Discussion:- Will CERAASA replace ODC? Robb W, Delegate answered, No it should not but will be discussed. There will still be one next year and the year after.

- What is the cost? Robb checked costs on his blackberry...no firm price but approximately \$1,000.00 - \$1,200.00 for both to attend
- General discussion as to if there is a benefit to attending. Some felt there was. Maybe not immediately but as with Remote Communities, the benefits do not always show immediately
- Some felt that we should not use Area money for this purpose
- It was also mentioned that the vote is not to send anyone to CERAASA but to send the motion to the Fall Assembly for everyone to vote because the motion states Area 83 financially support so all of Area 83 will and should vote

Claude L DCM District 78 called the question

Wilf P, DCM District 34 seconded

For: 18

Opposed: 10

Abstain: 2

Defeated

Back to Discussion -General discussion as to the benefits of attending- sometimes it does take awhile to show but there are benefits some felt

- when trusted servants travel for AA they are working for the good of AA as a whole
- some felt that we should use our money to help the still suffering alcoholic
- some felt one person should attend not two
- ADCM from District 82 said his district was opposed to sending anyone to CERAASA
- many Districts do support sending the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to CERAASA
- some felt one person should attend not two

Greg C DCM District 54 called the question

Claude L DCM District 78 seconded

For: 30

Opposed: 3

Discussion ended and we went to the vote on the motion

**Motion**

For: 30

Opposed: 4

Abstain: 0

Voice of the minority spoke: - felt money is better spent to directly use it for the still suffering alcoholic

One person wished to change their vote. Needed simple majority to open discussion

4 people wished to open discussion

Motion carried and will be on the Agenda at the Fall Assembly.

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

- Dareena B past District 02 DCM celebrates 15 years at the Recovery Group on Sept 26, 2012
- Joyce S. Our Area 83 Chair celebrates 30 years at the Twelve Step Group in Toronto on October 17, 2012
- Joe D panel 51 Past Delegate celebrates 25 years at the Frontenac Group in Kingston on September 11, 2012
- Vince R. DCM District 10 went to the Philippines for 3 weeks with family. He went to an AA meeting but when he arrived it was an NA meeting. The person that ran the AA meeting prior had passed away. They did not have any AA literature. Vince left them some AA literature. He is hoping that with the AA literature they will be able to continue AA meetings.
- Don S, Panel 41 Past Delegate spoke on group conscience. He mentioned that it has been his experience with being on the first Remote Community Committee that you cannot be too involved in service.

**15. NEXT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Joyce S. – Area Chairperson**

I would recommend the next committee meeting be held here at Quinte West on **December 1, 2012**. Would someone be willing to make a motion to that effect?

Motioned: Robb W Panel 61 Delegate  
Seconded: Ian B DCM District 62  
Approved: All in favour  
Motion carried

***Just a reminder that the Fall Assembly is October 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>.***

***As mentioned earlier, Don Swallow, Panel 43 Delegate, has graciously accepted my invitation to facilitate our elections in October. Don will also be putting on a workshop on Saturday with regards to our Third Legacy Voting Procedures. Please advise the members of your tables who have not been at an election assembly about this workshop so they may better understand the procedure. Every one is encouraged to attend.***

**16. CLOSING**

It is now 3:33 p.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 again at the Fall Assembly, if not before.

I

May I have a motion to end this meeting?

Motioned: Patrick F. DCM District 18  
Seconded: Bonnie F DCM District 58  
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.**

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## Appendix A – Financial Reports

<b>EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83</b>			
<b>AS AT: August 31, 2012</b>			
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Guideline</b>	<b>+/-</b>
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>			
January 1, 2012 Opening Balance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Interest (\$87.85 accrued in 2011)	148.77	275.00	(126.23)
Transfer to Operating	(148.77)	(275.00)	126.23
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
7th Tradition	\$ 2,638.83	\$ 6,200.00	-\$3,561.17
Cost Recoveries	160.00	525.00	(365.00)
Flow Through to GSO	76.00	76.00	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	-	4,500.00	(4,500.00)
Group & District Contributions	31,108.93	52,000.00	(20,891.07)
Interest Accrual			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 33,983.76</b>	<b>\$ 63,301.00</b>	<b>-\$29,317.24</b>
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	148.77	275.00	(126.23)
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 34,132.53</b>	<b>\$ 63,576.00</b>	<b>-\$29,443.47</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Accommodations	4,606.25	7,990.00	(3,383.75)
Meals	5,969.39	11,660.00	(5,690.61)
Travel	9,108.86	15,075.00	(5,966.14)
Long Distance	48.00	100.00	(52.00)
Postage	418.40	550.00	(131.60)
Printing	1,200.15	3,900.00	(2,699.85)
Literature	345.57	1,150.00	(804.43)
Stationery	516.82	1,000.00	(483.18)
Miscellaneous	1,066.68	2,201.61	(1,134.93)
Area Web Site	98.39	98.39	0.00
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 23,378.51</b>	<b>\$ 43,725.00</b>	<b>-\$20,346.49</b>
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
Area Contribution to GSO	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	553.39	900.00	(346.61)
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,424.46	6,600.00	(175.54)
Bank Service Charges	6.88	135.67	(128.79)
Forums	1,257.58	1,750.00	(492.42)
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00	4,500.00	(4,500.00)
GSO Flow Through	76.00	76.00	0.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	1,789.33	1,789.33	0.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,107.64</b>	<b>\$ 19,851.00</b>	<b>-\$5,743.36</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 37,486.15</b>	<b>\$ 63,576.00</b>	<b>-\$26,089.85</b>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2012	\$ 34,977.40	\$ 34,977.40	
Total Income & Transfers	+ 34,132.53	63,576.00	(29,443.47)
Total Expenses	- (37,486.15)	(63,576.00)	26,089.85
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 31,623.78</b>	<b>\$ 34,977.40</b>	<b>-\$3,353.62</b>

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Eastern Ontario International Area 83  
Detailed Expense Statement as at August 31, 2012

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	244.35	46.41	1,345.35	48.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,684.11	2,900.00	1,215.89	58.07%
Alt. Delegate	135.25	503.65	482.30	-	-	34.22	-	-	-	\$ 1,155.42	1,900.00	744.58	60.81%
Immediate past Delegate	-	73.57	524.13	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 597.70	1,325.00	727.30	45.11%
Chairperson	150.00	100.57	475.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 725.87	1,025.00	298.13	70.82%
Secretary	-	106.55	352.80	-	98.65	837.17	-	192.00	-	\$ 1,587.17	3,750.00	2,162.83	42.32%
Treasurer	-	111.39	314.50	-	299.56	115.29	-	29.83	300.00	\$ 1,170.57	1,550.00	379.43	75.52%
Registrar	-	182.96	229.50	-	-	-	-	115.18	-	\$ 527.64	1,200.00	672.36	43.97%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	108.48	50.42	504.70	-	-	-	-	-	98.39	\$ 761.99	1,250.00	488.01	60.96%
Archives	283.22	203.97	828.05	-	-	-	-	-	77.41	\$ 1,392.65	2,425.00	1,032.35	57.43%
Archivist	348.15	113.74	75.00	-	-	72.87	-	-	60.00	\$ 669.76	1,750.00	1,080.24	38.27%
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	55.00	397.60	-	-	8.48	-	-	67.80	\$ 528.88	1,250.00	721.12	42.31%
Corrections Facilities	-	-	322.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 322.00	1,100.00	778.00	29.27%
Grapevine	105.77	323.10	817.60	-	-	59.88	-	5.00	-	\$ 1,311.35	1,425.00	113.65	92.02%
Public Information	-	90.00	343.00	-	-	-	220.08	8.24	-	\$ 661.32	1,350.00	688.68	48.99%
Self Support	124.38	112.21	877.24	-	20.19	64.74	-	78.18	-	\$ 1,276.94	1,150.00	-126.94	111.04%
Treatment Facilities	108.89	144.89	754.79	-	-	7.50	125.49	-	-	\$ 1,142.56	1,450.00	307.44	78.80%
Service Info Day Cmte	718.68	351.47	465.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,623.54	3,275.00	1,651.46	49.57%
Spring Assembly	2,278.08	3,399.49	-	-	-	-	-	88.39	561.47	\$ 6,239.04	5,450.00	210.96	96.73%
Fall Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00%
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 4,606.25</b>	<b>\$ 5,969.39</b>	<b>\$ 9,108.86</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 418.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.15</b>	<b>\$ 345.57</b>	<b>\$ 516.82</b>	<b>\$ 1,165.07</b>	<b>\$ 23,378.51</b>	<b>\$ 43,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,346.49</b>	<b>53.47%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area Committee	300.00	173.39	-	-	-	-	-	-	80.00	\$ 553.39	100.00	100.00	0.00%
Area GSO Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	900.00	346.61	61.49%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.88	\$ 6.88	4,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Forums	874.08	-	133.50	-	-	-	-	-	250.00	\$ 1,257.58	1,356.67	128.79	5.07%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,750.00	482.42	71.86%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,424.46	\$ 6,424.46	6,600.00	175.54	97.34%
Ontario Delegates Conf.	563.43	253.90	959.57	-	-	12.43	-	-	76.00	\$ 1,789.33	76.00	0.00	100.00%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,737.51</b>	<b>\$ 427.29</b>	<b>\$ 1,093.07</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,837.34</b>	<b>\$ 14,107.64</b>	<b>\$ 19,851.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,743.36</b>	<b>71.07%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 6,343.76</b>	<b>\$ 6,396.68</b>	<b>\$ 10,201.93</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 418.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,212.58</b>	<b>\$ 345.57</b>	<b>\$ 516.82</b>	<b>\$ 12,002.41</b>	<b>\$ 37,486.15</b>	<b>\$ 63,576.00</b>	<b>\$ 26,089.85</b>	<b>58.96%</b>

to August 31st	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	Change
INFLOWS	34,132.53	29,653.16	4,479.37
OUTFLOWS	37,486.15	31,909.55	- 5,576.60
	<b>\$ 3,353.62</b>	<b>\$ 2,256.39</b>	<b>\$ 1,097.23</b>
Contributions	\$ 31,108.93	\$ 26,826.57	\$ 4,282.36
Contributing Groups	112	119	-7
Contributing Districts	16	11	5

Income Summary	
7th Tradition	2,638.83
Bank Interest	148.77
GSO Flow through	76.00
Contributions	31,108.93
Cost recoveries	160.00
Grapevine Seasonal	-
	<b>\$ 34,132.53</b>

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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL 2012 YEAR TO DATE AS AT August 31, 2012</b>
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			<u><b>TOTAL</b></u>
District	00	Unspecified	\$ 0.00
District	02	Malton	1,555.18
District	04	Humber	309.18
District	06	Mississauga	2,664.17
District	10	Toronto South Central	4,194.08
District	12	Toronto South West	681.08
District	14	Toronto North Central	2,362.18
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	3,218.17
District	22	Scarborough	2,109.17
District	26	Lakeshore West	717.96
District	28	Lakeshore East	349.54
District	30	Quinte West	0.00
District	34	Quinte East	413.18
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	2,150.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	44.59
District	42	St. Lawrence International	227.93
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	1,470.00
District	50	Cornwall	250.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	550.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	142.41
District	62	Ottawa West	990.11
District	66	Golden Triangle	2,105.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	920.00
District	74	Pembroke	675.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	530.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	1,850.00
District	86	Kawartha	630.00

Total Contributions YTD:	<u><b>\$ 31,108.93</b></u>
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Total from Groups	22,801.06
Total from Districts	7,814.46
Service events	493.41
Total Contributions YTD:	<u><u><b>\$ 31,108.93</b></u></u>

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

## GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL Statement of Cash Flows

2012	Jan.	Feb.	Mar. 1-16	Mar. 17-31	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct. 1-15	Oct. 16-31	Nov	Dec	Total
Operating account bal.	\$ 34,977.40	\$ 37,228.05	\$ 33,540.26	\$ 35,042.15	\$ 21,818.56	\$ 22,588.75	\$ 27,390.07	\$ 26,307.60	\$ 28,459.63	\$ 31,625.88	\$ 32,125.88	\$ 35,625.88	\$ 27,125.88	\$ 33,125.88	\$ 34,977.40
Inflows	4,785.66	3,153.00	3,641.22	3,949.62	2,165.69	5,176.95	3,733.39	4,330.87	3,166.25	7,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	60,632.65
Outflows	(2,535.01)	(6,840.79)	(2,135.33)	(17,173.21)	(1,425.50)	(375.63)	(4,815.86)	(2,176.84)	0.00	(7,000.00)		(12,000.00)		(3,500.00)	(59,984.17)
Ending Balance	\$ 37,228.05	\$ 33,540.26	\$ 35,042.15	\$ 21,818.56	\$ 22,588.75	\$ 27,390.07	\$ 26,307.60	\$ 28,459.63	\$ 31,625.88	\$ 32,125.88	\$ 35,625.88	\$ 27,125.88	\$ 33,125.88	\$ 35,625.88	\$ 35,625.88
Prudent Reserve	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
	\$ 57,228.05	\$ 53,540.26	\$ 55,042.15	\$ 41,818.56	\$ 42,588.75	\$ 47,390.07	\$ 46,307.60	\$ 48,459.63	\$ 51,625.88	\$ 52,125.88	\$ 55,625.88	\$ 47,125.88	\$ 53,125.88	\$ 55,625.88	\$ 55,625.88
Reserve as % of exp	95.41%	80.26%	91.76%	69.72%	71.00%	79.00%	77.20%	80.79%	86.07%	86.90%	92.73%	78.56%	88.57%	92.73%	
Major expense item	ACM	Assessment		Assembly			ACM			ACM		Assembly		ACM	

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## Appendix B – Letter and Invitation From India



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### GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INDIA.

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ROOM, NO. 1 & 2, GROUND FLOOR, MUNICIPAL ENGLISH SCHOOL,  
BEHIND BYLCULLA FIRE BRIGADE, MEGHRAJ SETHI MARG,  
BYCULLA, MUMBAI - 400 008

Date 20<sup>th</sup> of Aug.2012.

Dear Friends,

Greetings from all of us here in AA India

I am still recovering from the overwhelming experience I had during my visit, I am grateful to all of you for allowing us to be with you and witness the magic of group conscious and prevalence of collective wisdom in action. In our forth coming conference (November 2012 end) I will present a full report to the fellowship in India.

#### There is news from INDIA.

Aamir Khan a very big film star from India had made a TV show named "**SATYAMEV JAYATE**" (only truth shall prevail), in which he highlighted various social problems & their possible solutions. He chose alcoholism as a topic in one of the episodes; we worked very closely with the production team since the last one year explaining them our traditions and providing them with all the information they needed.

They shot the entire show revolving around alcoholism & its effects on people, society, economy etc. during the show they had one AA member as a speaker (his anonymity was protected by blurring his face) we also had our class "A" trustee Dr. Ashish Deshpande who is well renowned psychiatrist in India on the show speaking about alcoholism as a disease. Overall the episode was hugely successful in portraying the problem of alcoholism & the possible solution in AA programme.

#### Our preparation

We were anticipating a lot of calls as the episode was to be telecast on national television in eight languages simultaneously. In fact the popularity & languages were our challenges; we needed to answer people in their own language! We understood that simple phone numbers will not help & we could not hire help of call centers due to issues of money, traditions & languages involved, eventually we found out the solution in cloud telephony wherein a single number can divert calls to hundreds of volunteers in nine Indian languages simultaneously!

Our regions responded with about more than 200 volunteers making themselves available to receive calls! We had also displayed a five digit SMS no. our email & web address. While we were waiting for the telecast; I had written a letter to fellowship titled "Jack Alexander comes to India" I had mentioned the game changing article & contemplated whether history would repeat itself after so many years?

#### D day (1<sup>st</sup> July 2012)

it was 1<sup>st</sup> of July 11:37am when the first call came, then within the next five minutes we had 12000 calls & by the end of the day we had more than 35,000calls! The present data as on 15-08-2012 is that we have received about 250,000 calls!!!

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**Reaching out to the still suffering**

Our reaching out plan is divided in two parts

- A) Areas with AA presence
- B) Areas without AA (more than 500Kms from nearest group)

Volunteers answering calls were giving meeting addresses & local helpline nos for areas with AA presence; we were also making a list of all people who were from Area "B"

For area "B" callers we had planned in three phases

- 1) Collection & segregation of data town wise
- 2) Sending them introductory pamphlets & a **letter** of our further planning
- 3) Volunteer visits to areas to help start AA groups

Now we have entered the third phase for many areas where volunteer teams are calling them back informing about their visits & requesting them to attend the meetings planned. It will take about a year for us to complete major cities, frankly speaking for towns & villages with our limited resources how much time we need is a big question mark, anyhow we are moving forward,

This event will be recorded in AA history as one of the most effective endorsement of AA programme. We have decided to record & make a pamphlet on the lines of "Jack Alexander article", yes now we can say that we have an Indian jack Alexander & his name is **Aamir Khan**. The full episode can be seen at:  
<http://www.satyamevjayate.in/issue09/>

The recording of events & happenings after the show is still going on I had taken a team of volunteers with me for a 10 day tour in the state of Bihar where there was no AA presence, today we have 3 new meetings in the state, these meetings are being handled by two and three day old recoveries!

many AA members are planning similar trips, it's payback time in INDIA. God bless them & all of us in recovery "one day at a time".

Yours in AA service.

Lucky Daler

Chairman Public Information

AA India.

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20<sup>th</sup> of Aug. 2012.

Dear Friends,

After The news here is an Invitation....

First National Convention hosted by the GSO India celebrating 25 years of General Service Conference and G.S.O. in India.

It will be a great pleasure for all of us in INDIA to have you amongst us to celebrate 25 years of our service structure; the convention will be held during November 1-3, 2012. The venue is Jaipur in Rajasthan which is world famous tourist destination, very near to "TAJ MAHAL" one of the eight wonders of the world

We can help you in planning your trips if you wish to see the rest of India, all those members who wish to see other places can let us know & then we can make an itinerary for you, we can hire services of travel agents for this purposes.

Seats are limited & we have planned to make special arrangements for our overseas friends, so pl. circulate this invitation in the fellowship & let us know how many of you will be coming to support us!

We also require speakers on various topics in the convention please also convey your willingness to share. The language of the convention will be HINDI & ENGLISH

For more info please visit Web-site: - [www.aaindiaconvention.com](http://www.aaindiaconvention.com)

On your confirmation we will be able to provide you additional information as & when needed.

Anxiously waiting to hear from you

Regards,

Yours in AA service.

Lucky Daler  
Chairman Convention Programme Committee  
A.A. India