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### 1. OPENING

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of The Twelve Steps Group in District 22, Scarborough, and my name is Joyce S. I have the honor and privilege of serving you as Chairperson for the term 2011 - 2012.

- Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions Read By –Ed H. – 12<sup>th</sup> Step Group, GSR, District 22
- 12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By – Joan S., Streetsville Action Group – GSR, District 06

Welcome, it is so good to see you all so bright and early! Did everyone enjoy the Service Day yesterday? Perhaps we can give a hand for the Service Information Day Committee.

What about the banquet? Let's give a hand to the catering staff. At this time I would like to thank the hotel staff for the wonderful service they have given us these past two years. Especially, Judy & Sarah whom I have enjoyed working with. They have been a tremendous help.

Also, please give another hand to Jeryl for his terrific talk last night.

### Introduction

The A.A. Service manual combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." This is the fourth assembly of four that will be held over the length of this term. Just as your District and your home Group meet, usually once a month, to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the Business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. Area 83 stretches from Oakville to Ottawa and from Upper New York State to northern Algonquin Park and the Ottawa Valley.

Some of us have been here before – as the Groups General Service Representative or Alternate, as District Committee Member or Alternate, or as visitors. For some of us, it will be our first Assembly and it will seem pretty overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? That's great – welcome – we are glad you are here. This day promises to be electrifying.

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

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

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

At this time I would like to introduce to you our Area Committee Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, Immediate and Past Delegates, appointed individuals and noteworthy visitors. If you could hold your applause till the end of each section it will speed thing up a bit.

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DELEGATE	Robb W.
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Mel C.
SECRETARY	Kim S.
REGISTRAR	Tony A.
TREASURER	Jim A.
IMMEDIATE PAST DELEGATE for Panel 59	Sandy S.
CHAIRPERSON	Joyce S.

## Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information	Rob McA.
Cooperation with the Professional Community	Herb W.
Correctional Facilities	Deirdre B.
Treatment Facilities (acting in chair capacity)	Mel C.
Grapevine	Leo McK. (not present)
Self Support	Ruth F.
Archives	Peter N.
Service Information Day Committee	Heather M

This is your elected Area executive and committees for the 2011 and 2012 term.

I'd like to now introduce Past Delegates, people with appointed Area Service Positions and "noteworthy visitors".

Panel 43 Delegate Don Swallow

Panel 57 Delegate Dot Dykstra

We have with us serving in Appointed Positions:

Area Archivist – David T.

Area Webmaster – Todd S.

Area Alternate Webmaster – Jim R.

We have with us today a noteworthy visitor,

Jeryl T, Panel 62 Delegate from Area 9, California

## HOUSEKEEPING

### Registration

- ◆ Please ensure that you have signed in to the folders at the Registration area in the Atrium. These will be available only until lunch time and are vitally important to our Registrar Tony A.

### SMOKING AREA

THE ONLY SMOKING AREA is outside, please use the butt containers provided by the hotel. It's unfair for us to have the hotel staff, clean up after us. If you leave this room for any reason, please do so quietly, and please do not congregate just outside the doors. The noise can be distracting to those giving their reports.

### NAMETAG HOLDERS

When you leave for home at the end of the assembly, please leave your name tag holders in the boxes provided near the doors. We recycle them to keep our costs down.

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## FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

This is the last assembly for the term 2011-2012. However, the Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, District Committee Member's and Past Delegate's will be meeting in Quinte West this December 1<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting the incoming Sub-Committee Chairs will be elected for the term 2013-2014.

Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## SEVENTH TRADITION

I know that it seems as if the coffee and drinks provided this weekend may be free, but the hotel charges us a flat rate of \$8.50 per person for the weekend. Rather than have honour buckets beside the coffee urns, we have chosen to use the Seventh Tradition to cover these costs. We had a Seventh Tradition Friday night, again at the speaker meeting last night and we will have another one today. Please keep these costs in mind when the 7<sup>th</sup> is being passed around.

## WHO VOTES?

Only members of the Assembly may vote.

These are:

All Area Officers, including the Immediate Past Delegate, but not the Chair.

All Area sub-committee Chairs

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

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

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

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

- ◆ When we have a vote, unless the voting is unanimous, or if the vote was to cover items such as acceptance of minutes, I will ask if anyone would like to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority (defeated side) on the motion. This next part may be unique to A.A. If, after the minority (winning side) has spoken, if one member of the Assembly who had voted for the majority on the issue stands at a microphone, and says, "I wish to change my vote", he or she may make a motion to reconsider. If this is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the *original* motion.
- ◆ The pace at which A.A. makes decisions may seem slow, but in truth it is measured. The goal is always to achieve a substantial unanimity, and the process is in place to prevent hasty, emotional decisions.

## 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 ASSEMBLY?

- ◆ **Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. This is important for two reasons:**
  - ✓ It keeps the focus on the fact that the Assembly is the business meeting of the Area – Assembly members are carrying and presenting their Groups' wishes, rather than their own.
  - ✓ And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups' opinions and needs.
- ◆ All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time. I would ask for your cooperation on this. If you don't have a vote, as I just described, please keep your input for sharing time, which is scheduled for later this afternoon. At that time everyone is welcome to participate and their opinions will be listened to.

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- ◆ On the topic of sharing time, please, if you can, stay until the end of the Assembly. I realize that many of us drive a long way to get home, and that Monday morning comes early, but the Assembly truly isn't over until it's over. We have asked our guests and visitors to have their say during sharing time, and as hosts, it's polite to stay and hear their views. It's also quite possible that something important will be said.
- ◆ To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak, please use one of the microphones dotted around the room, and identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.
- ◆ **IF you are making a floor motion for the Assembly to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary Kim before standing at the microphone.**

### How do we vote?

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

### MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO OPERATE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY?

Moved: Dave P - GSR -District 28  
Seconded: Charles W - GSR -District 18  
Motion: Carried

## 2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

### OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

### NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

### Motion to accept the agenda

Moved: Bert J. - GSR – District 22  
Seconded: Milner G.- DCM – District 42  
Motion: Carried

**Breaks and Lunch** are not shown as Agenda Items. With your permission, I will call for these as necessary.

## 3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF THE SPRING ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012.

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

### Motion to accept minutes as submitted

Moved: Maire O. - GSR District 12  
Seconded: Carl - GSR-District 28  
Motion: Carried

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AT THE JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> AREA COMMITTEE A MOTION WAS VOTED ON THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS DO NOT GIVE VERBAL REPORTS AT THIS ELECTION ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, ALL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE OUR SECRETARY KIM A WRITTEN REPORT WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE END OF THE MINUTES FROM THIS ASSEMBLY

### **4.COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

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

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

**Rob M.**

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28 and my name is Rob M. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information chair.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Public Information workshop yesterday, and a special thanks to those who were up early this morning for the 7AM combined PI/CPC meeting. There was a good turnout for both and lots of great discussion. The District Public Information committees in Area 83 are very enthusiastic, and doing a great job of carrying the message by taking literature, giving presentations, and speaking at schools, senior centers, libraries, and police stations. Several Newspapers and Radio Stations in Area 83 have started airing our Public Service Announcements this term thanks to the efforts of our local PI Committees.

The 2011 Membership Survey pamphlet is now available. Something I find encouraging is that newcomers are still being introduced to our program through another AA Member more than any other method. One Alcoholic carrying the message to another. Membership Survey pamphlets are available at the PI display in the atrium and a table top version of the pamphlet can be viewed at the display.

Our General Service Office has received several requests to change the wording of Tradition Eleven to include current media such as the Internet and Social Media. The Trustees' Public Information Committee concluded that the spirit and principle of anonymity at the public level is conveyed adequately in the long form of Tradition Eleven but is asking for Fellowship sharing regarding the effectiveness of the language of the short form of Tradition Eleven in addressing the needs of the Fellowship today. The District PI Chairs have received this request and I have copies available for anyone who would like to send their opinions to the Trustees' Public Information Committee.

Also from GSO the Trustees' Public Information Committee has considered favorably that AA establishes a presence on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about AA to the public. This presence would serve as an informational resource only with no interpersonal communication capabilities. Before proceeding, however, the committee requested that the General Service Board explore all aspects of the social media page and, if feasible within our Traditions provide the 2013 Conference Committee on Public Information an implementation plan that addresses the implications of such a page, including sample content and estimates for implementation costs and maintenance.

Daily Reflections is now available on GSO's Web site [aa.org](http://aa.org). This page updates daily so visitors can view the reading for that calendar day. The page can be reached by clicking the "Daily Reflections" link on the upper left corner of the home page. All five of the AA Videos for Young People can also now be viewed on GSO's Web site. Lots of exciting information coming from our General Service Office.

It's a pleasure to be of service to Area 83. 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 M  
Area 83 PI Chairperson



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## b) Cooperation With The Professional Community

**Herb W.**

Hello everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Redwood Group in Trenton in District 30. I have the privilege to serve as your Area 83 C.P.C. chairperson for the 2011-2012 term.

It's hard to believe this is my last area assembly report. It seems I am just starting to get to know my position and the term is over! I leave this position knowing that CPC is doing well in Area 83 and you all have been such an inspiration to my sobriety and to my service journey in the past two years.

As with any position there have been and still are, for some of you, challenges and difficulties working others, and I just want to encourage you, as I have been encouraged by my service sponsor, to try to get to understand the history behind the situation that you are approaching, and to always look at people as "they are trying to help" That has had a huge impact on my attitude towards people and situations!

I would like to thank Miles and District 30 for allowing me to facilitate their elections at their last District Meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> and would like to congratulate the new Committee and wish you all well in your journey.

I would especially like to thank the team of Heather H. District 28 Lakeshore East CPC chair and Jo Ann P., incoming CPC chair for their outstanding job on the presentation they gave at the CPC workshop yesterday!

Keep sending me your minutes and feel free to email or call me if you have any questions about CPC, I would be privileged to help you any way I can.

I wish all the best in the elections today and want to encourage you all to "Let Go and Let God" Let your name stand. Thank you for my sobriety and for the opportunity to serve Area 83 as your Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson for the last two years. It will be with me the rest of my life!

May God Bless you as we trudge the road to happy destiny!

In service with love,  
Herb W

## c) Corrections Report

**Deirdre B.**

Good morning my name is Deirdre B, I'm a member of the Rexdale United Group, in District 2, and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chair. Thank you to all who attended the Corrections Workshop yesterday our hope is that you enjoyed our resident Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chairs' District 82-Cathy McQ, District 28-Vic McC, and District 2-Robert B., share their experiences during their term. Their talks were well received and they shared with enthusiasm, passion, and love of a position they enjoyed doing. Our hope is this will encourage people to volunteer for correctional work in their districts.

Thank you to the District 36 Kingston Young Peoples Group, District 2, District 14, and District 18 for purchasing tickets to the banquet for 4 Correctional Clients from Pittsburgh Institution and thank you to Ann K for escorting them here. Thank you to District 50 Century Group for the \$40 contribution towards corrections literature. Thank you to District 14 Get a Grip group for contributing and distributing 60 soft cover pocket sized big books at the Corrections Workshop.

Our Saturday time slot for the Corrections Sub-Committee meeting was well received. We all shared for almost 1 ½ hours. The turnout was the best we had for the term 2011/2012. There were quite a few people who came to hear about the requirements for volunteering in Corrections. Our hope is that these new people become active in Corrections.

This from and email I received from Tacey O GSO Corrections Desk – "GSO Corrections desk has advised that the Corrections Correspondence Service, setup for inmates to contact "outside" A.A. members here in the United States or, on occasion, in Canada accepts "outside" volunteers from the U.S. for U.S. inmates, primarily because the prison population is so impoverished that even securing domestic stamps can be a problem. Also, most facilities will not allow inmates to receive stamps or self-addressed, stamped envelopes. GSO receives a Canadian request once every 6 months versus 600 requests received from U.S. Future requests received from Canadians wishing to volunteer for Correctional Correspondence will be held until a Canadian inmate makes a request." We are in the early stages of discovering what the needs are in Canada. At our Sub-Committee Corrections Workshop the

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ask for the Corrections Chairs of the district was to go back to the Correctional facilities in their districts and find out if they are interested in their residence receiving correspondence from A.A. with pre-stamped, self-addressed envelopes, or if they are even interested in the program.

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. District 54 Corrections Chair Darlene K brought in over 90 tapes. These were given to Janet C BTG contact for the 5 districts in and around Ottawa and District 36 DCM Roxane T.

Since taking on the Correctional Chair position there have been a total of 54 Bridging The Gap requests. 19 were for 2011 and 35 were for 2012.

### Summary of Bridging The Gap Requests

General Service Office Correction's Desk	<u>1</u>
Area 86 - District 25 - Vanier	16
Area 86 - District 25 - Maplehurst	<u>1</u>
	<u>17</u>
<b><u>Area 83</u></b>	
District 86 - Central East Correctional Center	13
District 2 - Ontario Correctional Institute	10
District 36 - Pittsburgh Institution	7
District 36 - Collins Bay Institution	3
District 54 - Ottawa Carleton Detention Center	1
District 66 - St. Lawrence Corrections & Treatment Center	1
Unknown District	<u>1</u>
	<u>36</u>
<b>Total Bridging The Gap Requests</b>	<u><u>54</u></u>

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

Please include this e-mail which was received from GSO

----- Original Message -----  
Subject: Prerelease Contact Stories Needed for Grapevine BTG Issue  
From: "Corrections" <corrections@aa.org>  
Date: Mon, October 22, 2012 12:11 pm  
To: "Corrections" <corrections@aa.org>  
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Greetings Corrections, H&I, and Bridging the Gap Chairs,

Warm regards from your General Service Office. As your Corrections Coordinator, I'm passing along a message from the editors at the AA Grapevine.

The Grapevine magazine seeks stories about our A.A. Twelfth Step service called "Bridging the Gap" or the "Prerelease Contact Program" (or some local variation of the name) for an April 2013-Bridging the Gap issue.

The editors are looking for 300-1,500 words describing your experience with the service that helps connect alcoholics on the inside of any institution including both treatment centers and correctional facilities with local A.A. meetings and members in their home communities. The Grapevine wants you to share how this service helped you - regardless if you were on the inside or the outside, and regardless of the local name for the service.

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Deadline for submission is November 15, 2012 and guidelines can be found below and at the following link:  
<http://www.aagrapevine.org/guidelines-contributing-grapevine>. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact [gveditorial@aagrapevine.org](mailto:gveditorial@aagrapevine.org) or [gveditorial@aagrapevine.org](mailto:gveditorial@aagrapevine.org).

All here join me in sending much gratitude for your service in helping carry the A.A. message to alcoholics behind walls.

Yours in fellowship,  
[cid:image001.jpg@01CDB04C.7D8BF620]  
M. Tracey O  
Corrections Coordinator  
General Service Staff  
212-870-3085 / [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org)

Guidelines For Contributing to Grapevine

Grapevine is published both as a monthly, print magazine and frequently updated website.

## WRITING ARTICLES

Before writing, you might want to leaf through a few issues to see what kinds of articles are published. Most are first-person accounts of the writer's experience with alcoholism and Alcoholics Anonymous. Grapevine publishes stories for special departments such as Emotional Sobriety, Sponsorship, Newcomers, Youth Enjoying Sobriety, Old-Timers and Home Group, as well as articles about the Steps and Traditions, jokes for "At Wit's End" and letters for "Dear Grapevine." But you are not confined to these topics. The editors are always looking for innovative material, as long as it relates to AA experience and reflects an awareness of AA's singleness of purpose. Articles are reviewed by the editorial staff and selected by consensus. You will be notified if your story or photo is selected for publication.

## WHAT THE GRAPEVINE DOES NOT PUBLISH

Poems, prayers, song lyrics, tributes to individuals, plays, previously published material or anything unrelated to AA or that violates the principles of AA.

## LENGTH AND FORMAT

The magazine publishes work of different lengths, from snappy one-liners and one-paragraph anecdotes to five- or six-page articles. Suggested manuscript length is 300 to 1,500 words or three to five double-spaced typed pages. Handwritten manuscripts should be written clearly on one side of the paper.

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 Panel 61 Alternate Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International; good to be here, good to be sober!

Since July 11, 2012, I have also served as your Treatment Facilities Chair as a fill-in for Rodney S. who vacated the position because of his transfer to Vancouver, BC. I have been mostly trying to hold the fort and I think all is well so far.

My first job was to determine who was involved in Treatment in our Area and in short order I had a rough 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. If I didn't contact you and you should have been, I would be happy to include you going forward, please just forward me your contact details.

I immediately got involved in the efforts Rodney held exclusively around the Bridging the Gap programme and in the first three weeks I participated in 13 BTG events.

Between these duties and my regular Alternate Delegate duties very quickly I got swamped. I reached out for help at the next Area Committee meeting in September where a number of people raised their hands who were quite willing to help. It was

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heartwarming. I would like to make special mention of Elaine H., currently Alternate and incoming DCM for District 6 Mississauga. She took all the Bridging the Gap cases open and coming from an especially large and hugely active institution in Belleville and that was more of a help than she'll ever know! Thank you so much Elaine!

Our Area Sub-committee elections will of course be held at our December Area committee meeting, so at that time, I will have much to sit down and talk about with the incoming TF Chair - who is quite possibly 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. As always, thank you for your trust.

YiL&S,  
Mel C.  
P61 Alternate Delegate  
P61 acting Treatment Facilities Chair

### e) **Grapevine Report** (not present – read by Kim S, Secretary)

**Leo M.**

I am an alcoholic and my name is Leo M. My home group is the Little Oak Group in District 82 Victoria Haliburton and it has been a privilege for me to be your Grapevine Chair for Area 83.

This will be my last report to this Assembly and want to thank you all for the privilege and experience I have had being part of the Grapevine for Area 83.

The Pocket Planners and Calendars were equal to last year sales and thank you for supporting the Grapevine and helping to carry the message of recovery.

This is Election Day so I will be brief, due to sickness in my home, I could not be here but I know the Grapevine is in good hands with Ruth and Jim and thank them both.

The Grapevine is a great way of carrying the message to those who are looking for sobriety and for those who have sobriety. The magazine, the books and the web site at 'aagrapevine.org', so why not use all the tools.

Again, thank you for the opportunity of serving you. May your dry date never change.

Yours in Friendship and Service  
Grapevine Chair Area 83  
Leo M.

### 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 all to support Alcoholics Anonymous. Districts, groups and members have been carrying the message of self support, with their talent, time and treasure. We are showing our gratitude to the members who are giving their time. I have enjoyed some amazing talent- plays, humour, and messages of experience, strength and hope. As for treasure... once we share the facts, the trends and the need with members, they immediately start asking how we can fill that need. I was concerned that members might not want to talk about financial matters... but that concern turned out to be unfounded. AA members LOVE to talk about money! We just have to continue to get the information out there. AA will continue to carry the message; all we have to do is OUR PART.

I want to thank the Districts who invited me to participate at their service days. I can't tell you what an amazing experience it is to talk to grateful members about the program we love. Everywhere I went, people wanted to know about how AA works. Members were excited to talk about Self Support. I attended Info AA Day in Toronto on May 26. Next, June 9<sup>th</sup> saw me sharing with districts 70, 74 and 78. Then on June 23 it was off to Cornwall. Ottawa showed their understanding of self support by holding their service information day the following day on June 24<sup>th</sup>. I enjoyed the Eastern Canada Regional Forum at the beginning of July. Self Support is the hot topic these days! The beginning of August, the display and I met with David and spent the day at the

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40<sup>th</sup> annual Lakeshore Conference. September 8<sup>th</sup> it was off to the Area Committee meeting. On September 22, I was invited to participate in the Service day in District 22. I am so encouraged by the love we have for Alcoholics Anonymous! And the enthusiasm I am seeing for the continued health and growth of AA... I love it.

The Self Support Resource Binder now has an index, to make requesting resources even easier. I will attach the index to my report, for the minutes. As soon as all original content is scanned, it will be available electronically, as well.

The comparison sheet has been updated, and is now available. 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 great conversation starter. Thank you to the Self Support Committee members who helped put this fun... and thoughtful tool together. If you don't have one yet, come find me. In the binder, there is also a sheet showing the pricing of the Big Book over the years. Very interesting!

The General Service Office has not contacted me yet... but I am expecting an email any day. Why? To let us know that Area 83 has run them off their feet processing Birthday Plan contributions, of course. For those of you, who have yet to submit / send yours in, thank you in advance. Please remind members on their AA birthday about the plan. It is a great way for us to show our gratitude.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.  
Sober sure is better!  
Ruth

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### **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.

Since I last reported to you, here are some of the some of the activities which in David T., our Archivist and I have been involved on your behalf. Thank for all the invitations and the hard work that goes into making these events a success.

April 21, I attended the Archives Workshop Day in Ottawa at the Bronson Centre.

May 5, I attended a meeting at GTA Archives with Eddy G. GTA Archivist, Katrina (a member with professional expertise in this Area), David T. and Marrey from District 6, regarding standardizing the new Archives Database. We have already received a sample of what is being used in District 82 Kawartha from Gary C. and are looking to implement a system that will eventually standardize our work and allow remote access from across the Area.

May 6, I attended the East Toronto Archives Breakfast. Congratulations to Districts 18 and 22.

May 12, I attended the District 30 Quinte West Service Roundup in Brighton. As a result of attending the Roundup, I fell into a discussion with Pierre B., Alt DCM and Les C. who take a meeting into the Warkworth Institution.

A.A. has been sponsoring a meeting in Warkworth for many years. Pierre and Les were looking to do a history of A.A.'s presence in the institution. To that end, I sent a generic Short and Long Group History form to them.

This led to a new initiative where we contacted all the District Archives Chairs and DCMs with an idea and an opportunity. Due to changes in the federal and provincial prison systems, many old institutions such as the Cornwall, Brockville and Don Jails, and the Kingston Pen have closed or are closing. We need to record the local history of A.A. service work before it is lost forever. Thanks to Murray O. for his connections to the Volunteer Service Coordinators in Ontario and David T. for his contacts with Corrections Canada. They have been instrumental.

We were also able to arrange this weekend for Eddy G. and David to do an Oral History of the Kingston Correctional Conference, which ran for 25 years, with Keith F., the former Chair of the Committee.

June 2 and September 8 I attended the Area Committee meeting in Belleville.

June 23 I presented a workshop at the Tri-District Service/Information Day in Cornwall hosted by Districts 42, 48 and 50.

July 6-8, Kim and I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in St. Catharines. I posed the question to the GSO Board Chair Ward Ewing 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.

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I attended the Archives Workshop in French on the Saturday night and listened to what the 4 Quebec Delegate Areas are doing with Archives. This led to a discussion 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. In addition, I was approached by Russ, a DCM from Area 82 Nova Scotia/Newfoundland/Labrador and they are just starting out. They have a box full of material. I have been in regular contact with Pierre V., who is the Archivist for Area 87 in Quebec, about presenting a joint workshop at CERAASA.

Our workshop yesterday, was the first step in creating a Power Point Presentation for CERAASA. We are looking to create an uniform data base, and system, which could be used for any and all District and Area archives committees, no matter where they are in the process whether manual or digital. GTA Intergroup purchased a laptop, software and a printer/scanner to digitize information. Katrina E., a professional, alcoholic as well as programmer, is writing software that will enable us to standardize input. When ready, any District Archivist in the Area could communicate with a central database. There is already a physical Repository in Toronto where we rent storage space. If we can work in conjunction with all 10 Delegate Areas in Eastern Canada, and the 4 in Western Canada, we could create a Canadian system. That would be fantastic.

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

October 10 I participated in the District 12 Elections and on October 15 I participated in the District 14 Elections. In both cases, despite some missteps on my part, with much help from the members present, the elections were a great success.

From the General Service Conference, under Additional Considerations to the 2012 Conference Advisory Actions, "the Committee requested that the trustees' Archives Committee develop that the Archives Workbook on digitizing archival collections intended to provide guidance to local archivists and archives committees responsible for maintaining Area or District archival collections". As reported above we are already working on this. The theme of the Conference was "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age."

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

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.

We continue to look for stories for our Area Newsletter, The Eighty-Three.

Finally, David and I met in February, 2011 and created a 13 point Agenda of what we hoped to accomplish in that year. The list expanded to 17 items, most of which were achieved. In 2012 our list Agenda started with 8 items, and grew.

I am happy to report that we completed almost all of what we set out to do, and yet there is more and more to do. This is a hugely exciting time for Archives. As we continue this work, we carry on the legacy that was passed down to us not only by the early members of A.A. in Canada, but by Bill Wilson, who in the 1950's foresaw Archives as way to accurately carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous in the present, through our past experience.

### **Up Coming Events**

November 4      Toronto Archives Breakfast  
                      The Oasis Convention Centre  
                      1036 Lakeshore Road East  
                      Mississauga ON

Yours in Love & Service, Peter N.

Please send your monthly minutes to [archives@area83aa.org](mailto:archives@area83aa.org), and [archivist@area83aa.org](mailto:archivist@area83aa.org).

The Eighty-Three is available at [area83aa.org](http://area83aa.org) or [area83archivist.blogspot.com](http://area83archivist.blogspot.com)

The GSO Newsletter 'Markings' is available at [archives@aa.org](mailto:archives@aa.org)



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## h) Service Information Day

**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. Thank you for your inspiration and by your attitudes and actions reminding me that not everything has to be difficult.

Thank you to the many of you who have gone before who've assisted me and guided me in this position, reminding me that no one stands alone in AA. Thank you to the DCM's who did the Traditions workshop, our guest Jeryl for his participation, to Don for his election workshop, to Dot and Sandy for their continued willingness to be of service in doing the DCM and GSR workshops, along with all of the workshop presenters.

Please remember to turn in your completed surveys. You may also send your comments by going to the Area83 website [www.area83aa.org](http://www.area83aa.org), and following the link to Service Information Day in the area contacts list, or email directly to [serviceinfoday@area83aa.org](mailto:serviceinfoday@area83aa.org). We value your comments and suggestions. Please put forth any suggestions of workshops you'd like to see in the future or other ways the day could be improved.

If you are an incoming DCM for the 2013-2014 term, please let your name stand at the January Area Committee meeting to be part of the Service Information Day Committee and then to be chair of the committee. It is a lot of work but I assure you it is fun and rewarding. It has been a great pleasure to serve in this position.

Heather M.  
DCM Toronto Southwest District 12  
Service Information Day C

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

**JIM A.**

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

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

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to Help this weekend. Those on the bucket brigade who helped collect the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, and count it, and those who helped sell banquet tickets. Thank you to those who attended the Treasurer/Self-Support workshop yesterday. I hope the information was enlightening and useful. I can't believe two years has gone by so fast. And thanks also to my fellow officers and chairs, it has been a pleasure working with and getting to know all of you.

And now for the financial news. The last installment of Jimmy show me the money!

Our financials as of October 15, 2012 are as follows:

Note: 2011 figures in (brackets).

Our reserve account has a balance of \$20,000.00. This is currently in the form of a GIC which matures Sept. 16, 2014. Interest is payable at maturity at the rate of 1.85% and is estimated at \$937.50.

Income for the period from, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition is \$2,843.77 (\$2,694.64 in 2011), cost recoveries from the sale of service manuals, a Pi kit and Grapevine \$424.63 (\$121.28), Group & District Contributions \$36,236.75 (\$31,459.73); GSO Flow Through from five groups \$76.00 (\$40.00) with an equivalent expense amount. Interest of \$148.77 (\$300) earned from the Reserve account GIC has been deposited to the Operating account. Also included is your order for 2013 Grapevine planners 674 and calendars 211, as invoiced at \$4,117.65US. There is a corresponding entry on the expense side. This check cleared on Monday at \$4215.89 CAD, a difference of \$98.24

Total inflows to the operating account come for the period ending October 15, 2012 is \$43,837.57 (\$39,026.96 in 2011). This is an increase of \$4,810.61 and is almost entirely from increased contributions. The total expenses for the period ending October



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15, 2012 were \$51,965.43 (\$47,294.89). This is an increase of \$4,670.54, which is entirely two items that did not occur last year, namely our \$4,000 contribution to GSO and the \$600 +HST charge to convert this room from banquet to conference seating.

Looking forward: Currently the PSG has \$11,228.00 remaining. The only remaining expenses for 2012 are the travel expenses for this assembly and the Dec. Area committee meeting. I estimate these to be \$7500 to \$8000. Total expenses for 2012 should be about \$55,000.00, so I estimate the total spending for 2012 to be \$55,000. This is a terrific statement about how prudent your trust servants have been this term.

To date, our expenses are \$8,127.63 (\$8,267.93 in 2011) higher than our income. Group and district contributions are up \$4,777.02 over 2011 (2011 was down \$5,947.73 compared to 2010). Net result is an improvement of \$140.07.

The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2011 was \$ 34,977.40. Total income of \$43, 837.57 (39,026.96 in 2011) less expenses of \$51,965.43 (\$47,294.89) leaves an Operating account balance of \$26, 849.54 (30,857.04 as at October 15, 2011). The **combined balance** of accounts is **\$46,849.54 (\$44,630)** or about 10 months of proposed spending.

This is the detailed expense report, showing expenses by activity for each trusted servant in the top section, and for specific onetime events in the lower section.

The two biggest items are the cost for our two Assemblies. The Ambassador has released the 2013 Spring, and as usual the banquet and the room rate have been increased by \$1 each. And the coffee tab also rises.

When anyone anywhere in the Atrium reaches for a beverage this weekend, I want them to remember that we ought to be self supporting and for that we are all responsible.

Line items that are bolded have concluded for the year and can be considered as savings.

The box at the lower left is the summary of the income items I have just spoken of. Top section of the previous page.

The small box in the middle summarizes income, expenses, and contributions for the past two years.

Contributions have come from 131 groups and 17 districts including D04 Humber (136 groups and 12 districts in 2011). This represents the participation level of 22% as compared to 23.65% last year and 24.69% in 2010.

For all of 2010, 28.13%/161 of groups financially supported this Area, 27.95%/164 in 2011. I would like to issue a friendly challenge, to exceed, not just meet 30%. If every group that made a contribution to Area last year, did so again this year our participation would be 33%. The amount that gets put in the mail is not as important as the fact that it IS in the mail. Big or small, I will cash them all.

Both of these figures are well below the number of groups that contribute to GSO. The recent GSC Report indicated that 46% of groups and districts in 83 made a contribution. And as June 30<sup>th</sup> Delegates report 28% of Area 83 group have directly contributed to GSO.

The bank reconciliation has been done to Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and the balance in the operating account is accurate. All invoices have been paid. Receipts have been issued for all contributions up until Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, and some have been given to the respective DCM's to deliver. Thanks.

The third page shows what came from groups and districts by district

**THIS WEEKEND'S SEVENTH TRADITION - TOTAL = \$2,402.77**  
**FRIDAY \$363.14      SATURDAY \$1048.89      SUNDAY \$990.77**  
**BANQUET TICKETS SOLD 262      (259 in 2011)**

Thank you all for allowing me to have this wonderful opportunity to be of service. It has been a life changing experience, one I will remember forever.

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

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## 6. 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:

- Service Information Day and Area Assembly Meeting Agendas
- District Roster (DCMs)
- District Committee Member (DCM) list
- Alternate District Committee (ADCM) list
- Area Committee List
- Area Committee Minutes – September 8, 2012

There are 2 copies of everything so that the Alternate DCM has the same information. Please pass these on to them. 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 or send to my email.

Since the last Assembly, I have sent to all DCMs a memo and application for a GSO position that will be coming available 2013. Deadline for resumes is October 31, 2012. Also the AAWS Highlights have been sent out, call letters for the PI Non-trustee position and the Corrections Non-trustee position and a letter was forwarded from the Public Information Chair at the General Service Board in India.

If any GSRs or anyone wish any of this correspondence you may contact me at [secretary@area83aa.org](mailto:secretary@area83aa.org).

Also, since the last Assembly, I was very fortunate to facilitate and chair the group inventory for the Westmoreland Group on April 14, the District 12 Inventory on Wed Sept 12 and the Erin Mills Group Inventory on Saturday October 20. I also participated in the District 22 Service Day on Saturday Sept 15 and the District 42 Service Day on Sept 29. It is always a privilege to be of service and to see the AA traditions in action.

Thank you to everyone that attended the Secretary/Registrar workshop yesterday. The questions were great and both Tony and I appreciated your feedback. .

The winner of getting their report to me first was Patrick F., DCM District 18. If you have not sent me a report, please send me your reports asap. Although the DCM reports have not been given today they will be included in the minutes. Everyone was so fantastic in sending me their reports quickly after the Area Committee Meeting in September; it would be great if everyone sent them to me as quickly.

Again 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. Thank you for placing your trust in me 2 years ago. It has been a real pleasure being your trusted servant. Also, thank you for the growth that I have experienced since being your secretary. I have appreciated your patience through email and computer breakdowns.

When I was six months sober and a member of the Long Branch Group, I was elected and acclaimed secretary because I could not go to the front of the room and read. As the group secretary I had to be at the front of the room to read the group announcements. Who would know that 22 years later I would be here standing in front of you? Thank you.

Yours in loving service

Kim S  
Area 83 Secretary

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## 7. ROLL CALL AND REGISTRAR'S REPORT (DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER LUNCH)

TONY A.

[See Appendix B - Fall Assembly Tally.]

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 International and my name is Tony A. I am delighted to be here with you all and it is great to be of service to you and this wonderful fellowship and I mean this sincerely.

As the area registrar, I am responsible for compiling and updating group registrations and records; distributing lists to District Committee Members or DCMs at least once a year and forward group information to the General Service Office. I also prepare the roll call forms for Assemblies and area committee meetings and call the roll call. The registrar is responsible for the group information and the area secretary is responsible for the districts and area committee information in Area 83.

Thank you to those of you that came out to the secretary/registrar presentation yesterday. It was great to see the presence of so many interested in learning about the process and your questions. I personally believe this is a very important function as the registrar is the main link between the groups and the GSO. The 2012-2013 regional directories are now available to the membership. There is a Canadian AA directory, a western US AA directory and an eastern US AA directory and these can be ordered from your local intergroups or from the GSO.

District 04 Humber has disbanded as a district earlier this year and currently there are active groups associated with this district. The district will stay in the GSO database and will not be eliminated much the same as groups that become inactive. However the groups that currently reside within D04 should consider moving to another district. If your group has decided to move to another district, please fill out the group change form and submit it to the area registrar for processing and updating. In an effort to clean up the GSO records database for Area 83, I have been concentrating on getting our records that contain an unknown group status updated. Several weeks ago, I sent out to the district a spreadsheet and group information sheets that contain these records only. I ask that you discuss these at your district meetings and provide me with a contact to associate with these groups. This will change the group status to an active status. I thank those districts that have been already quick to respond and have provided me with the necessary information.

**Currently, Area 83 has 963 registered groups in the GSO database. The breakdown for these groups are: 515 groups listed as active groups; 90 groups listed with an unknown status (605 active groups); 337 groups listed as inactive groups and 21 groups are listed as merged.**

All group change forms submitted have been processed including some changes received yesterday. If there are any issues regarding your not receiving your kits, please let me know and I will follow up for you promptly. GSR kits should be received within a 30 day time of my system entry and these kits are given to incoming GSRs only.

Many districts will be in the midst of elections for their upcoming rotation terms. Some districts have already begun to send me your changes and this is terrific. I am not sure if I can make these changes yet and will keep the change forms on file in the event that I am unable to make the changes at this time. Please continue to send them to me as you receive the changes regardless.

When submitting changes for group records, especially when updating contact info, I request to please include the full mailing address for these records. The GSO database will not accept incomplete addressing information. New groups registered with GSO will sit on a pending status for 30 days prior to being listed as an active group. Also, groups that are registered through your local intergroup does not necessarily mean it makes it to the GSO. To ensure the group becomes a registered group with GSO, kindly submit a New Group form to the area registrar.

To submit new/group change forms, have any queries relating to GSR kits, or you have any further questions or comments regarding the registrar process including group status issues, send me an email to [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org). I will follow up for you as to not take up assembly time addressing these types of concerns. Group Change and New Group forms are easily downloadable from our Area 83 website under the District Resources tab. All changes submitted to the registrar or GSO must be submitted with these forms.

Before I give the roll call, I would like to give a brief explanation of the process of compiling the tally. When compiling the roll call, a lot of consideration is given to the vote, and ensuring that those who are entitled to vote have the right. For this reason, a lot of care is put into interpreting the sign-in sheets. The result being that the numbers will often not look at all like what was written on the sheets. For this tally, I have placed all members signed in as they have indicated in the sign in sheets. However, some

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committee members are actually signed in as GSRs as well but only given a delegation value of 1 even though you hold 2 or more positions. I have also listed all of the visitors in the tally but may have used a visitor for the GSR vote in the absence of a GSR or Alt GSR for their respective group. Also, if an Alternate DCM is the only person representing his or her group, I will count them as a GSR as well, since Alternate DCM's do not have voting rights, but Group Representatives do. Their role in the District may be that of Alternate DCM but their function, for the purposes of voting at the assembly, is really as their group's representative. It is very important if you sign in as a visitor that you also write the name of your group. You could be voting for your group but I do not that if you do not indicate this on the sign in sheet. I have assumed that the visitor will be voting on behalf of their group and are aware of the absence of their groups' GSR or Alt GSR. Finally, when you leave, please place your name badge holders in the box located on the table outside as you leave to recycle them.

In closing, I will make myself available to districts and groups to assist you with registrar related issues where I can and please remember that communication is essential. Thank you to the team from District 36 who has helped tirelessly throughout this weekend and for the trust that you have placed in me. Serving as the registrar has indeed been an incredible experience and has enriched my recovery and service journey in a profound way. I am deeply humbled and thankful for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. Last note - please place your badges in the long cardboard boxes outside for recycling upon your leaving the assembly today.

In loving service,

Tony A.  
registrar@area83aa.org  
Registrar-Area 83 International

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

**MEL C**

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

I've had a busy time going forward from our Spring Assembly, 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

On Intergroups - I've continued to be available for the Intergroups that I liaise to; Ottawa, Peterborough, Lakeshore & Toronto. They all seem to be getting along quite well. I have attended most of the regularly scheduled Toronto Intergroup-District Sharing Sessions and they have been fantastic, with great representation from the 9 Districts that comprise Toronto I/G. There seems to be a new co-operation between Toronto Intergroup and the Area and that is wonderful in my eyes. I hope we continue to bridge the gap between these two great service entities.

If anyone has an Intergroup issue that you think I can help with, please corner me anytime; It would be an honour to help if I can.

Remote Communities Conference Calls

Respecting the Remote Communities Workgroup I am tasked with: I continue to participate in the Remote Communities conference calls where all members of the Canadian (& Alaska) Work Group are invited to share. There are many and varied initiatives going on in the various Areas and much is learned by everyone when we share what's happening in each of our Areas. There has been a change of leadership in this Workgroup after Bob P. stepped down so everyone is adjusting to that. He was quite a force in that realm.

Bayview Group Inventory

On May 1st. I assisted the Bayview Group in facilitating their Group inventory. A nice night was had by all I think.

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## District 30 Roundup

On May 8, I participated in the D30 Service Information Day (SID) in Brighton, ON., speaking on my service journey. It was a full day of A.A. in a great venue. Miles and crew did an amazing job organizing that.

## District 06 Inventory

On May 16 I facilitated a District Inventory with D06 Mississauga. Scotty and Elaine did a bang up job organizing that and I couldn't believe the number of groups they get out for their meetings. A very healthy District indeed. On that note, if you are a Group or a District and feel you could benefit from holding an Inventory, please feel free to ask around this weekend about the resources available to you from your Area Officers, your Committee Chairs and others with long experience at these things. It can be a game changing exercise just to get stuff out on the table and into the light. Just like our sobriety!

## Rainbow Round-up, Manitoulin

May 18-20 I attended the Rainbow Round-up on Manitoulin Island. I did so at my own expense and mention it here only as I was speaking around my service journey and somewhat as the Alternate Delegate of Area 83. I had the opportunity to spend time with people like Gerry D. and Gail R., Delegate and Alternate Delegate of Area 85 and Gerry G., Delegate of Area 84, and it's always good to meet counterparts. If you've never been to this Conference, I highly recommend it as a road trip.

## Info A.A. Day, Toronto

I attended Info. A.A. Day in Toronto at its new location on May 26. The day was full and informative and it was my first chance to hear Robb's GSC report. A good day was had by all.

## D30, 82, 86 SID - Peterborough

On May 27 I was invited to and attended a Service Information Day in Peterborough for District's 30, 82 and 86. I heard Robb's talk for the second time and I am happy to report it was substantially the same as the first, which is good. No funny business going on. I again spoke around my particular service journey.

## ACM June 2

On June 2 I of course attended our Area Committee meeting in Belleville. For me, the feature to report was a discussion I brought forward on re-dedicating our Spring Assemblies toward being "Pre-conference Service Assemblies". We decided that we would add a little more focus to the SID next Spring around Panel 63 General Service Conference topics and also around larger issues of importance to A.A. and AA's, issues not necessarily just found just in our Area 83.

## 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 showcased. Everybody worked hard on their presentations and did a really great job. 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, in Area 86 on June 14. I mention it only as it is in Area 86 and I was perceived as the Alternate Delegate.

## Eastern Canada Regional 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. event. 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 told about a 10 Area meeting around CERASSA on the Sunday morning at 7 am which I attended.

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### Georgina Archives Breakfast

On Sept 15 I attended the first ever Archives Breakfast in Georgina, ON. When they couldn't get the room they wanted and had to change it up it turned into the first ever Archive Lunch in Georgina, ON! It's was a fantastic day and showed me how even a little sub-section of a District or Area can be deep and interesting and have history and stories we all can hold dear.

### Treatment Facilities Chair

As reported earlier, I have taken on the duties of Area Treatment Chair due to Rodney's leaving - from July 11 onward. I guess I covered that in that report. If the Panel 63 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.

### D02 Royal York Group Inventory

I facilitated a Group inventory for the Royal Group on Wed, Sept 5, 2012. It was well received and everyone seemed happy with how it went.

### Spoke at Dunnville Convention & Camp-out

I spoke again in AREA 86 at the 41st annual Dunnville Convention and Campout. Sometimes called the Romp in the Swamp if it rains, which it did! It started with a fish fry, so I knew it was going to be fun!

### Area Committee Meeting, Sept 8, 2012

I of course attended our September ACM in Belleville.

### D34 Inventory

On Sunday Sept. 9, 2012 I facilitated the District 34 District inventory the day after our Area Committee meeting, in the same church. It went well I think.

### Speak for Joe Downey

On Tues. Sept 11 I spoke for the venerable Joe Downey, non-trustee Director of A.A.W.S. at his 25 year celebration at The Frontenac Group in Kingston. Good Area representation there.

### District 14 Service Workshop

On Sat. Sept 29 I presented at a D14 Service Day in Newmarket, On. I was responsible for a Traditions Workshop and I think everybody enjoyed the day.

### Inventory - The Oakville Group

Last weekend (Oct. 20) I facilitated a group inventory for the Oakville Group. It was an interesting affair and I think those who attended received much to think about.

### Finally

I am facilitating a three District Concepts Workshop in Ottawa on Saturday Nov. 17. If you can make it, please do, lots of preparation is going into it by the three Ottawa Districts and they would love to see your support I am sure!

I am sorry for the length of this report. 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 N. won't threaten, I am impeached for being too much of a pain in the you-know-what.

I want to say one final thing before I step down and it's around today's elections. If you think you have the time to dedicate to any job that's up for filling today, LET YOUR NAME STAND AND LET GOD SORT OUT WHETHER YOU GET THE JOB OR NOT.

Thanks for your trust; I'm still having the time of my life as your Alternate Delegate. If I could do it all over again, I would!

YiL&S,

Mel C.  
Panel 61 Alternate Delegate



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## 9. DELEGATE'S REPORT

ROBB W.

Good morning friends. I'm an alcoholic, an active member of the Streetsville group in Mississauga and I have had the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous as the Panel 61 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International and my name is Robb W. I would like to thank you all for being here this weekend. It's your dedication to service in Alcoholics Anonymous that helps keep AA vital and strong in Area 83. I'm sure that you're all as excited as I am to get to the elections so I'll try and keep this short.

I'd like to begin by thanking Jeryl for that great talk last night. I know that you all enjoyed it and got as much out of it as I did. Thanks as well for taking the time to put on a workshop for us. I'm not sure that it's common knowledge that we put guests to work in Area 83 when we invite them here so for the sake of future Service Information days, I'd appreciate it if you'd keep that little tidbit of information close to your chest.

Since our Assembly last spring, I've had the honor of attending the 62nd General Service Conference and then traveling hundreds and hundreds of miles around our Area sharing the Conference experience. I have also had the opportunity to visit many Districts and attend their service days. It's been a great experience seeing Alcoholics Anonymous work around our Area.

When I came to my first assembly, 15 years ago, I found a bunch of people that I very much wanted to hang around with. I learned that A.A. doesn't just "work", people in General Service make it work. People like you who give selflessly of your time to keep his great fellowship running so that the baby born today who is heading for trouble with alcohol will have a place to go and recover just as I did. Thank you.

One last thing I'd like to share with you is some information I received from the Public Information Chair at the General Service Office in India. You may recall that Lucky D. was a guest at the 62nd General Service Conference. Lucky sent me an email explaining how there had been a TV star in India who devoted one episode of his show to social issues such as alcoholism. A member of A.A. in India was a guest on the show (anonymously, of course!). Just before the show aired, Lucky wrote a piece in their local A.A. newsletter about the Jack Alexander article that gave A.A. in North America such a boost. Could it happen there?

They prepared by getting an automated phone number that could direct callers to someone that could speak one of the eight official languages for help. Well, 5 minutes after the show aired, they had received their first call. Within the first few hours, they had received thousands of calls. About a month and a half after the show aired, they had received over 250,000 calls! Since that time, Lucky says that he has traveled with other members around a specific area of India where there had been no meetings in the past. There are now 8 meetings being held there. Some of them being supported and run by alcoholics who are only 2 or 3 days sober! What a great success story. I believe that there is someone in District 06 Mississauga who is taking Lucky up on his offer of hospitality at their conference next month.

So this afternoon, we will elect another panel of trusted servants. The service manual tells us that good leadership is vital to A.A.'s growth. When the ballots go around this afternoon, choose well, for these candidates will be tasked with keeping A.A. strong during the next two years. For those of you that are eligible, I encourage you to let your name stand. In this group here today are people who will one day represent Area 83 as Delegate. All you need is a willingness to serve. Allow the body of the Assembly and God decide if it's your time.

I'd like to leave you with the last part of Dr. Bob's last talk...

*"We know what A.A. has done in the past 77 years, but where do we go from here? Our membership at present is, I believe, conservatively estimated at 2,000,000. Will it increase from here on? Well, that will depend on every member of A.A. It is possible for us to grow or not to grow, as we elect. If we fight shy often tangling alliances, if we avoid getting messed up with controversial issues (religious or political or wet-dry), if we maintain unity through our central offices, if we preserve the simplicity of our program, if we remember that our job is to get sober and to stay sober and to help our less fortunate brother to do the same things, then we shall continue to grow and thrive and prosper."*

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the opportunity to server Alcoholics Anonymous in this manner. It has truly been the most fulfilling and gratifying era of my whole life.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Robb W.

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## 10. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic a member of the Twelve Steps Groups in Scarborough, District 22 and my name is Joyce. It has been my pleasure to serve Area 83 as Chair for this term 2011-2012.

It has been quite a challenge for me not to be able to have a voice or vote. However, it has allowed me to grow and has enhanced my sobriety. I have been witness to how considerate everyone has been, which has truly impressed me, especially during the voting process. I thank you for helping make the position as Chair a very enjoyable journey and for keeping me on my toes.

Area 83 is very much alive and well! We, as a team, have accomplished much starting in January 2011 with the appointment of David T. as Area 83 Archivist and Todd S. as Area 83, Webmaster. At the June Area Committee Meeting our Alternate Webmaster, Jim R. was appointed. Their dedication to the area is very much appreciated.

There were several changes to our Operating Procedures, some of which were housekeeping and some others which have changed the way Area 83 will operate going forward. These changes were very much required for the smooth operation of the area.

In June of 2011, as voted on by the assembly, our Alternate Delegate, Mel, attended the First Eastern Arctic Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Iqaluit, Nunavut. This was money well spent as Mel reported back on how successful the trip was. He also reported how much the convention meant to our fellow A.A.'s in Iqaluit. Not only that, he came back with fabulous pictures and humorous stories.

At the October 2011 assembly you voted on Area 83 supporting the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Day with a \$250.00 contribution to the start up fund. Later on today, you will be voting as to who you want from the Area to attend the first CERAASA in Montreal in February 2013.

In March of 2012 you voted to send a contribution to the General Service Board in the amount of \$4,000.00 Canadian. Financially the area is strong and I am hopeful that the groups and districts will continue to send in their contributions in order for Area 83 to carry the message.

It was such an honour for Area 83 when our Panel 51 Delegate, Joe D. was elected as a Non-Trustee Director of AA World Services. Joe sent in his resume and was chosen from about 7 candidates. Then, our Panel 55 Delegate, Barb K. was elected as Trustee At Large for Canada at the General Service Conference in 2011. Area 83 is very proud of these great achievements. Talk about being at the very bottom of the triangle, they both have gone a long way down from being a General Service Representative.

Our Sub-Committee Chairs were quite busy these last two years attending several Service Days and Round Ups. Our Area Officers have also done a terrific job in fulfilling their commitments as Trusted Servants.

On a personal note, this position as allowed me the opportunity to meet so many dedicated members of AA whom I may not have met if I was not in service. What an experience and I thank you for your confidence in me to fulfill my commitment to the area.

This position was handed over to me by Mel in such great condition that I hope I can in turn hand it over the same way to the incoming Chairperson. His help and encouragement, along with our Elder Statesmen, got me through some challenging situations, but as usual things worked out the way they were supposed to.

The only thing I will not miss as being Chair is having to decide which pair of comfortable shoes I could wear in order to stand here most of the day.

Thank you for allowing me this journey and I wish you all many more blessings as you continue your journey where ever it may take you.

Yours In Love and Service  
Joyce S.  
Area 83 Chairperson

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At this time, I would ask those with voting privileges to sit at the front, others at the back section. This will help with the counting. Thank you.

We now reach Item 10, Old Business. At this point, I recommend going to 2/3 majority – May I have a motion to that effect:

**Motion to go to 2/3 Majority**

**Motion by:** Richard S. Church St. Group - GSR, District 10

**Seconded By:** Peter P. New Anchor Group - GSR, District 22

**All in favour of the motion**

**All those opposed to the motion:** None

**Any abstentions:** None

**Result:** Carried

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

**12-a ) The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster is required to attend the Area Committee Meeting and the Area Assembly**

**Motion by:** Gary J. DCM District 14

**Seconded:** Mel C. Alternate Delegate

A friendly amendment by Mel C. to read **The Area Webmaster or Alternate Webmaster is suggested to attend the Area Committee Meeting and the Area Assembly.**

**Gary O. was not in the room so a sense of the room was taken and amendment was accepted.**

Many spoke on supporting the motion

Webmaster should be at Assemblies to answer any website questions that arise

Those that disagreed with motion – already in Operating Procedures that if needed they will asked to attend so why change it?

There were some questions about the Operating Procedures – Joyce S., Chair, read Section III, Responsibilities, Page 7 Area Webmaster and Alternate Webmaster, paragraph 4.

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

**For:** 181

**Against:** 16

**Abstentions:** 7

**Result:** Carried

**The Voice of the Minority:** 2 people spoke

- Already in Operating as suggested, so let's not change it?

- All appointed positions should be the same

2 people wished to change their vote

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In favour of going back to discussion:

**For:** 29

**Against:** 153

**Abstentions:** 4

**Result:** Motion Stands

**12-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

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

A friendly amendment by Wilf P to remove February 2013 from the motion. Robb did not accept the amendment by Wilf. He said let us see how the first one goes. Let us go slow.

- Some groups felt it was important to attend
- A few groups did not understand and said they did not receive the information on CERAASA in time to discuss with their groups
- it was stated that the CERAASA information was sent out Sept. 2011 and was up to DCMs to distribute and it has been sent out twice since then to all DCMs
- why send two people?
- some groups agree to send one person but not two
- why do we keep spending money?
- Treasurer, Jim was asked if we had the funds and what is the cost Yes we have the Funds cost approx would be \$1,700.00. for two people. This is not an actual cost, just an approximate

**Gilles M. GSR, Parkwood Hills Group, District 62 called the question  
Grant G GSR, Thornhill Group, District 14 seconded**

**For:** 194

**Against:** 9

**Abstentions:** 2

Discussion ended and we went straight to the vote for the motion

**For:** 180

**Against:** 24

**Abstentions:** 4

**Result:** Carried

**The Voice of the Minority:** 2 people spoke- do not want to spend money and want to send one person  
No one wished to change their vote  
Motion stands as carried

**12-c) Area 83 Election of Officers for 2013 & 2014 Term - Don. S., Panel 43 Delegate**

We now reach Agenda item 12-c - Election of our Area Officers for 2013 and 2014. At this time I would like to turn the floor over to our Panel 43 Delegate Don S. He will chair the Election Team. Don, can you please come to the front .....

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## ELECTION RESULTS

FOR THE POSITION OF DELEGATE

CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
TERRY C.	8					
MILNER G.	8					
PETER N.	5					
JOYCE S.	22					
MEL C.	177					
TOTAL VOTES CAST	220					
2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	147					
1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST						

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## ELECTION RESULTS

FOR THE POSITION OF ALTERNATE DELEGATE

CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
CLAUDE L.	5	0	XXXXXXXXX			
MILNER G.	13	7	XXXXXXXXX			
HEATHER M.	11	5	XXXXXXXXX			
PETER N.	19	8	XXXXXXXXX			
TONY A.	32	31	36			
JIM A.	13	5	XXXXXXXXX			
KIM S.	20	16	XXXXXXXXX			
JOYCE S	106	143	174			
TOTAL VOTES CAST	220	215	210			
2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	147	144	140			
1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST		43				

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## ELECTION RESULTS

FOR THE POSITION OF AREA CHAIRPERSON

CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
MILNER G.	10	4	XXXXXXXXXX			
ROXANE T.	9	3	XXXXXXXXXX			
WILF P.	4	1	XXXXXXXXXX			
HEATHER M.	8	3	XXXXXXXXXX			
SCOTT M.	20	24	XXXXXXXXXX			
DAN N.	10	4	XXXXXXXXXX			
PETER N.	13	9	XXXXXXXXXX			
HERB W.	18	10	XXXXXXXXXX			
ROB M.	17	15	XXXXXXXXXX			
TONY A.	39	42	74	56		
<b>KIM S.</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>124</b>		
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	204	199	196	180		
<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	136	133	131	120		
<b>1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		40				

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## ELECTION RESULTS

### FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY

CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
GARY C.	15	12	XXXXXXXXXX			
MILES C.	3	2	XXXXXXXXXX			
HEATHER M.	14	4	XXXXXXXXXX			
VINCE R.	5	3	XXXXXXXXXX			
SCOTT M.	17	8	XXXXXXXXXX			
DAN N.	4	2	XXXXXXXXXX			
DEIRDRE B.	36	47	55			
ROB M.	13	5	XXXXXXXXXX			
<b>TONY A.</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>119</b>			
JIM A.	21	14	XXXXXXXXXX			
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	184	178	174			
<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	123	120	116			
<b>1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		36				

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### ELECTION RESULTS

#### FOR THE POSITION OF TREASURER

CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
GARY C.	19	8	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
IAN B.	33	32	27	XXXXXXXXXX		
VINCE R.	11	5	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
SCOTT M.	38	53	69	88		
DAN N.	11	2	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
HERB W.	13	0	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		
ROB M.	38	57	63	67	HAT	
TOTAL VOTES CAST	163	157	159	155		
2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	109	105	106	104		
1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST		32				
1/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST			53			

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### ELECTION RESULTS

#### FOR THE POSITION OF REGISTRAR

CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
GARYC	12	6	XXXXXXXXXX			
IAN B.	13	5	XXXXXXXXXX			
MILES C.	2	2	XXXXXXXXXX			
HEATHER M.	7	3	XXXXXXXXXX			
VINCE R.	6	4	XXXXXXXXXX			
<b>SCOTT M.</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>115</b>		
DAN N.	5	1	XXXXXXXXXX			
RUTH F.	29	39	30			
HERB W.	7	1	XXXXXXXXXX			
JIM A.	31	42	33	30		
<b>TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	149	163	150	145		
<b>2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>	100	109	100	97		
<b>1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST</b>		33				

Don introduced the incoming Area Officers for the Term 2013 – 2014

Mel C.	Delegate
Joyce S.	Alternate Delegate
Kim S.	Area Chairperson
Tony A.	Area Secretary
Rob M.	Area Treasurer
Scott M..	Area Registrar

Don turned the meeting back over to Joyce S. – Area Chairperson

Joyce asked that a motion be made to destroy the ballots.

Motion by: Maire O. - GSR District 12

Second by: Milner G - DCM-District 42



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### **13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?**

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY PRINTED MATERIAL LYING AROUND. WE ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES USING THE HOTEL THIS WEEKEND. ALSO, IF YOU PUT OUT ANY FLYERS IN THE ATRIUM, PLEASE TAKE THEM HOME WITH YOU. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAVE THE AREAS THAT WE USE FREE OF ALL LITERATURE AND MATERIAL. THANK YOU

There were several birthday and group anniversary announcements.

### **14. DATE AND PLACE OF THE SPRING ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY**

As Chairperson I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

**MARCH 22-24 2013 here at the AMBASSADOR HOTEL in KINGSTON**

I would ask someone to make a motion that these dates be accepted for our Spring 2013 Assembly.

**Moved:** Michel D. GSR – District 58  
**Seconded:** Peter P. GSR – District 22  
**Motion:** Carried

**AS A REMINDER - Our next Area Committee Meeting is in QUINTE WEST at the Westminster Church on December 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

### **15. CLOSING**

I would like to thank everyone for staying. Have a safe drive home.

#### **Motion to close:**

**Moved:** Patrick F. DCM -District 18  
**Seconded:** Dave F. GSR -District 22  
**Motion:** Carried

**Meeting was closed at 8:20pm with the Responsibility Declaration...**

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

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## DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

### District 02 Malton

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group, the DCM for District 02, Malton and my name is Dan N. Our committee meets on the second Sunday of each month at St. Paul Apostle Church on 2182 Kipling Ave @ 7pm.

Our district meetings are being attended by approximately 70% of the groups represented. All Chair positions are full but alternate sub-committee PI, Accessibility, Literature and Archives chairs are vacant. Our Chairs have done an admirable job in their service work during this term and I commend them for their time and dedication.

Overall, our District is doing well and we are in a good financial position. We received a \$2,000 bequeath from the Estate of Michael H., who was our Alternate DCM at the start of 2011 and we are grateful for this contribution and for all the good this will do.

We held our first Service Day for District 02 September 29<sup>th</sup> and it was a great success. There was a lot of work required to get this going and special thanks to Robert B and his committee for the start of what will become an annual event.

In closing, this is my last DCM report to Area Assembly and I am grateful for the opportunity of serving for the last two years. It has been an extremely rewarding experience and I enjoyed being DCM and this service work immensely. I will continue to offer my time in whatever way I can as I continue to trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

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

### District 06 Mississauga

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

As we get closer to the end of our Panel 61 term, we continue to serve the fellowship in southern Etobicoke, Mississauga & eastern Oakville at the west end of Zone 1. Attendance, financial contributions, activity & communication continues to be healthy.

We continue to manage contacts for all our 33 groups for the Canadian directory & for sending monthly meeting minutes. This would also include visits to those groups not represented at our table with invitations to attend our assemblies and with the annual reports.

This term we've completed a revision to our Operating Procedures, we rolled out a new and improved website, including webmail, we've taken a District inventory and continue to be involved with our local Treatment Centres and shelter. We were able to get literature into the Peel Region Police Wellness Centre but not in the detachments as was hoped.

Our Panel 63 District officers are as follows: DCM – Elaine H. (Streetsville Group) acclaimed, Alternate DCM – Chris H. (Streetsville Group) first ballot exactly 2/3, Secretary / Treasurer – David B. (Lakeshore Group) acclaimed & Registrar / Webmaster – Marilyn L. (New Life Group) acclaimed. Congratulations to all.

The Mississauga Fall Round-Up held on October 13<sup>th</sup> was a success with more than 200 in attendance.

Sadly, this week Marijan M. (GSR and active member of the Fifth Wheel Group) lost his battle with cancer. He will definitely be missed by all at the District table and at his Friday night group meeting, especially his close friend Jim R.

It has been a treat to work with the members that attend our district meetings as they've continued to carry the message back to their groups and to those still suffering. It seems our work is never done. As well, we've been able to see our voting process work as motions have been defeated that have had intentions of changing the way we do business.

We're also planning on having a pizza night and open house in December to encourage interested members to come and see what we do as some of us rotate out and say good-bye.

I look forward to serving, Yours, with love, Scott M. [dcm@aamississauga.org](mailto:dcm@aamississauga.org)

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## **District 10 Toronto South Central**

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

As this term comes to a close, I'd like to express my appreciation to my fellow members of AA and of the program itself. I've had some experiences during this term that, by sharing with you have strengthened my faith and sobriety.

District 10 is financially healthy and we are able to keep about 95% of the groups informed about district and area business. It has been a challenge to get some of the smaller, struggling groups to send a GSR so we are using an email contact to keep the information flow going. We are continuing to encourage greater participation at the Assemblies by funding accommodations for a GSR from a struggling group.

If you should ever wish to visit us, we meet at 519 Church Street on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. If you wish to contact any District 10 committee chairperson, you can visit our website at [www.district10toronto.org](http://www.district10toronto.org) and go to the contacts page.

District 10 is hosting our first (hopefully) annual Central Toronto Roundup on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 519 Church St. I hope to see you all there. Details can be found on our website.

In Love and Service, Vince R.

## **District 12 Toronto South West**

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

Our district finances are stable and sufficient to meet our current service needs. Our numerous treatment meetings continue. We have a new committee-run treatment meeting at St. Joe's Detox on Saturdays that seems to be well attended.

We have had elections and have filled the DCM, Alt DCM Secretary/Registrar and Treasurer positions. The new District 12 table will have elections for all other positions in January 2013.

Thank you to Peter N and Kim S for chairing our elections and inventory. Our December district meeting will be an open house, welcoming incoming GSR's and saying good-bye to old ones. The district has asked that I ask a couple of guests to come and speak about their service journey in hopes of inspiring others to continue on theirs' and maybe to inspire some new journeys to begin.

It's been a great pleasure to be DCM on Toronto Southwest District 12. I'm grateful to the GSR's and chairs at the district table for allowing me to serve. I look forward to the next leg of my service journey.

Yours in Service, Heather M. DCM District 12

## **District 14 Toronto North Central**

Good Morning, My name is Gary O., District #14 Committee Member and member of the living Sober Group in Newmarket, Ontario. It is great to see all of you here; all is well in our district. We are having an approximate 60 % turn out at our district table. Currently, all committees are filled except for C.P.C. All our bills are paid and we will be making a donation to Area and New York in November.

On Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 we had our District 14 service day which was chaired by Gord M., the Alternate District Committee Member. It was a good day for all who attended. Our members would like to thank Mel C. for presenting the Traditions workshop; he did a great job explaining how the traditions work in our district and groups. We would also like to thank Joyce S. for attending.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> 2012, our District elections took place. Peter N., Archives chair for Area 83, mediated our election process. We would like to thank Peter for coming to the district to host the elections for the 2013/2014 term. I am happy to inform the area that for the upcoming term, we were able to fill all our Committee and Sub-committee positions with two alternate chair positions in place as well which this was great to see. District 14 is in good hands- thanks again.

## **Alcoholics Anonymous — Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

Now comes the time to say goodbye to the area as a D.C.M.; these past two years have presented a wonderful opportunity to work with all of you. My job with the Area as a Service information Day committee member was very rewarding to me and a great experience in serving alongside all the various D.C.M.s - you all know who you are and I thank you.

Yours in Service, Gary O., DCM District #14

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

Good morning everyone my name is Cesar H and I am an alcoholic. I am also proud member of group UNIDAD and DCM for DISTRITO Hispano Canadiense # 16. Our district is based and seven groups and the GREATER TORONTO AREA. Our district is doing well. We are getting a low attendance and support for the GSRs. but a stable financial situation and we keep a prudent reserve.

District # 16 only have two committees working La Vina and Archives. Until now we continue to receive La Vina orders on time and the distributions are good. The groups keep asking for more we are trying to increase the order from 30 to 50. The Archives committee is keeping good information of the past and present members of district 16.

We hope in the future to be able to fulfill the rest of the committees. The group Amistad held a public meeting on September the second and well attended over 100 people non-alcoholic and alcoholic as well.

We continue to support Area 83. That's all I have to inform at this assembly. I want to thank Distrito Hispano Canadiense # 16 for allowed me to serve as a DCM. I look forward to our next meeting and continue to carry the AA message.

Yours and love and service

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### **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.

I wanna thank the groups and its members for their financial support to the district table, Area and General Service Office in New York.

The district has 4 service commitments that are put on by the groups at the table. All of our Sub Chairs are full. We need to fill alternate chairs.

The district also had the Election for the District officers; Secretary is Donna Z, Registrar is Clarisse G. Treasurer is Victoria B. Alternate DCM is Katrina E and the DCM is Murray O. Thank you everyone that stood in the Election and I wanna thank Joyce S for helping us with the election.

The district is looking at are Procedures and Guidelines. I wanna thank Murry O. for all his hard work for putting them in a Reformat Draft Copy so the district can go over them and accept them.

Hope everyone enjoyed the workshops yesterday and the banquette speaker. We had a few big Anniversaries with the East York with 35 years and The Danforth Group with 65 years.

Thanks for my sobriety. / District 18 is in great shape

Yours In Loving Service. Patrick F. Service Rocks

### **District 22 Scarborough**

I am an alcoholic, Carolina C., member of the Bellamy Group and DCM for District 22. Our district will be holding elections for Committee Chairs and Alternate chairs this month. Our meetings are well attended and we are financially okay.

Our Service Day was a success, with positive comments. The dance was enjoyable and fun. The Service Day Committee is looking at not holding a dance in conjunction next year because of the increased rental costs.

There have been a good number of medallions ranging from 1 year to several 20, 30 and 35 years and all were well attended.

Yours in service, Carolina C.

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### District 26 Lakeshore West

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

At our October 21 2012 District 26 meeting, the DCM, Secretary and Treasurer gave their verbal reports and a motion to suspend discussion of Sub-Committee reports plus New and Old Business until November 2012 District meeting to allow time for our District elections to proceed. This motion was proposed, seconded, and carried Sub Committee reports were still submitted following Area 83 example.

Our District still has the revision of the Operating Procedure to address.

Dot D., Panel 57 Past Delegate and Tim D. were gracious enough to accept our invitation to come and facilitate our elections. The results are as follows:

DCM--- Kim M.  
Alt. DCM--- Amy L.  
Chairperson--- Alex O.  
Alt. Chair--- Ian C.  
Secretary--- Karen B.  
Treasurer--- Pat M.  
PIC--- OPEN  
CPC--- Deborah M.  
Corrections--- Tom C.  
Treatment--- OPEN  
Grapevine--- Rod S.  
Self-support--- OPEN  
Archives--- John St.  
Conference Chair---Bill H.

Motion was made following elections that all ballots be destroyed—Vote was unanimous and carried.

For the month of November, District 26 reports 104 years of sobriety with groups doing well. Even though the end of our 2 year term is quickly approaching, all Sub-committee Chairs are still reporting lots of activity.

In closing I would like to thank Dot and Tim for taking the time and effort to come and run a smooth election.

THANK – YOU FOR MY SOBRIETY AND ALLOWING ME TO SERVE!  
Diane M. —DCM District 26 Lakeshore West

### 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 District 28.

As the term continues, general service continues to be strong in District 28. Our PIC and CPC sub committees have settled in well, their attendance continues to be strong and they are actively carrying the message of recovery beyond our meeting room walls to the greater community about us.

Our Treatment and Corrections committee continues to help facilitate meetings at Pinewood Detox Centre, Brookside Youth Centre, Lindsay Correctional Institution and the Sullivan House in Brooklin.

We have held our District elections for the next term, with only our Grapevine chairperson as the last vacancy to be filled. And lastly, our District financial condition is “back in the black” including our prudent reserve.

Yours in Love, Service and the Fellowship of the Spirit, Garth, DCM, District 28

### District 30 Quinte West

. No report submitted

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## **District 34 Quinte East**

No report submitted

## **District 36 Kingston & the Islands**

It seems to be a time for reflection for this DCM. On the one hand the District continues to run as normal. On the other hand it was close to appalling how few people attended our Fall Assembly from the Kingston area. How can such a caring District show such disregard for one of our 3 legacies (unity, recovery and SERVICE). Why does it appear that the same people are doing the same job year after year?

Something seems to be missing. One of the things I have noticed is the tremendous amount of money we donate to Area 83; it seems most disproportionate to what other districts give. Could it be that we are not supporting each other enough, and this, somehow, has a negative trickledown effect to people who otherwise would want to step up and try service? What if groups gave their GSR's a little more financial compensation to attend the assemblies? Perhaps they might be given a per diem compensation for attending Service Information Day (SID) and subsequently the business events that each Sunday holds. All GSRs have voting privileges to indicate the direction Area 83 ought to be taking. Similarly, all District Reps have a vote to also give AA direction of where we wish to go. Perhaps, the District ought to financially support these people, just as groups support their GSRs.

So, what will the outcome be? Will more people now attend the Assemblies? Will they become more involved? So, the groups give a little less to the District and the District give a little less to Area and GSO. We are supposed to be self supporting before passing on funds. And judging by the District numbers we would be able to support those in service and still have a little extra to pass on to Area and GSO.

For those who attended SID and/or Sunday and to those who helped with the putting on of SID you know of its importance, you know of its value it is like preaching to the converted when talking to you. It was great seeing you there! Now to get some of the others to attend. The suggestion mentioned above is practiced in most of our other Districts; it might be worth a shot here too. On a separate note, but one that must not go unmentioned, this District wants to acknowledge the passing of one of our gentle giants, Jane H., someone partaking in service either as GSR, DCM, or as sponsor to tonnes (and I think if you put them all on a weigh scale at once they might all cumulatively weigh a tonne) ;someone who lived life to its fullest!

Yours in Service, Roxane T. (District 36 Kingston and the Islands)

## **District 38 Thousand Islands**

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, NY. I am privileged to serve as District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International.

We held our first round of elections last Sunday. Unfilled positions will be put back in the hopper for our November district meeting. Here are the results so far:

- DCM – Allan C.
- Alt DCM – Louise T.
- Treasurer – Mary H.
- Registrar – Kenny B.
- Public Information – Tania M. (who will now chair the combined PI/CPC committee)

We are pleased to see Allan, Mary, and Kenny step in to serve in these positions. They are of the upcoming generation of A.A. members who will carry on when we elder statesmen (bleeding deacons?) have gone to the big meeting in the sky. And Louise, one of our previous DCMs, has stepped up to help Allan learn his new position.

On September 29 we held our District Day of Sharing in Potsdam. Attendance was 60-65 people. Peter N. and Kim S. joined us to share their experience in service at the Area 83 level. Our other panels were on service at the Group and District level and on carrying the message into jails and treatment centers. And "Miss Mary" directed a hilarious traditions skit starring characters from Charlie Brown.

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Thus far in this panel, of the thirty groups and meetings in our district, eighteen have been represented at our District table at least once. Typically, about 1/4 attend each month's meeting. We look to build on that participation, both in absolute numbers and in frequency of attendance.

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

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

No Report Submitted

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

No Report Submitted

### **District 50 Cornwall**

My name is Willie P. and I am from Cornwall, Ontario. I belong to the Serenity and Sunshine Group(s). I am just an average man trying to do service for my District and for the alcoholic that still suffers. I have a very helpful and loving wife, Donna, who assists me in the work I have to do. She too is in recovery and is also battling a serious illness.

I would like to take this time to thank our 2 previous DCM's over the past two and half years, Elaine M and Linda C.

Our district has been out of sync the past year due to lack of information being distributed and in house disagreements.

Our Information Day was a bit of a disappointment, due in large part to lack of attendance. Despite the hard work of a large and enthusiastic committee, we ended the day in the red. The District would like to thank the people who attended from Area.

Our Phone committee chair Joanne L is doing a superb job. Any previous reports of problems with telephone were exaggerated and I'm pleased to say Joanne is on the job 24/7.

Our Treatment chairperson, John A, is doing a tremendous job second to none. Our district is lucky to have him. He is always there making sure people are at detox, always helping the alcoholic who still suffers.

Our Literature chairperson Lynn L plugs away at her job and never seems to let anything bother her. She is a true fit for this committee and is doing a wonderful job.

Our District Website is a pleasant surprise. It is a much needed vehicle for our district, the A.A. program and the still suffering alcoholic. Although still in its infancy, it shows great promise in no small part to the committee consisting of Francys H, Gerry W and John A.

Catherine M who serves as District 50 Secretary is in her last term of service. Earlier in the year, she also served as a GSR. I want to say what a great job she has done and that she will be so very missed.

I on behalf of our District would like to give a great deal of credit to our Treasurer, Dianne V, for countless hours of devotion to her position. Dianne battled many obstacles this year and still came out on top. Thanks to Dianne for her service.

Gerry W inherited the job of Archives chair approximately a year and half ago. Gerry is putting the finishing touches on a much needed inventory. He also helps out with the Website and is Alt. GSR for his Wednesday night Sunshine group. Even through ill health, Gerry has done a bang up job. The district thanks Gerry for his hard work and wishes him good health in the future.

This year is our 65<sup>th</sup> District 50 Conference which will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

Our conference chairperson is Sue B. Her committee is doing a wonderful job organizing the conference this year. The theme of this year's conference is "Remember When". It's a great theme, and it reminds us of the service people did in A.A. years ago, and the trials and tribulations they had to endure back then! There will be a Buffet dinner and the guest speaker will be Patrick M from Ottawa. On behalf of District 50, we would like to thank the committee for their dedication and enthusiasm and very hard work.



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Mike L doubles as the Bridging the Gap chairperson as well as the Noonday GSR. A big man with a soft voice and an even bigger heart. Mike does what he can for our district and we would like to sincerely thank him.

Our Grapevine chairperson is David S. David is proficient beyond compare in our Traditions. He is a valuable asset to the District, and you would be hard pressed to find a more A.A. minded, and polite individual.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the GSR's of our District, for their patience, time and reporting to District. In my humble opinion the GSR is the backbone of A.A. I would like to put in record their names:

- John A - Sunshine Group
- William D - Sunday Morning Group
- Sue B - St. Columban's Group
- Don S - Seaway International Group
- James B - Big Book Group
- Steve H - Centre City Group
- Mitch L - New Hope Group
- Richard K - Just for Today Group
- Willie P - Serenity Group
- Mike L - Noon Meeting Group
- Dave S - Beginner's Group

On behalf of the District we would like to say Kudos to these GSR's.

In the upcoming months, I will endeavor to bring more information to our groups of District 50. We need to work on our Conference guidelines which were hastily passed last January, and now we are seeing the cracks. We will seal those cracks and work on any problems.

Our operating procedures need some fine tuning and updates. Hopefully this will be done in the upcoming months. For the betterment of our District, a few of our committees should be grouped or amalgamated so that we can better serve our community. Our District has been showing lower than average attendance at Group meetings. It seems to be an uphill battle to find people to do service work in our District.

In closing we need to work harder in our District to fulfill our Service to the still suffering alcoholic.

Thank you for this opportunity, and I remain, always  
Yours in Service, Willie P., DCM – District 50

### District 54 Ottawa Rideau

I am pleased to report the District 54 is alive and doing well. There was some concern as to our future when I polled the table at the Oct meeting to get a feel for who was standing for positions at the Nov meeting. The service information day in Kingston, I believe, provided the information and encouragement required to entice our members to stand for positions.

We had our elections on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and all but 2 positions at the table were filled. As my term as DCM comes to an end I am pleased to see that District 54 will be left in very capable hands.

After final reports on our Fall Conference were reviewed it was decided some drastic changes are in order for next year. The committee chair has started to recruit help for 2013.

The Alkathon committee is well under way with plans for the Christmas/New Year's event. The committee is working hard to avoid the issues from last year of not enough volunteer help. GSR's have been asked to actively recruit help from each group and the response is good.

Finances at the table are good so our new committee is starting on solid ground.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity afforded me to have been in service. I have learned plenty and made many new friends. Gratitude is my attitude today.

Yours in Service, Greg C., District Committee Member, District 54



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## **District 58 Ottawa Bytown**

No report submitted

## **District 62 Ottawa West**

Good morning; I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Barrhaven Tuesday Night group currently serving as the Ottawa West District 62 DCM; and my name is Ian B.

Since the last Area 83 meeting on September 08, 2012 nothing major of note has occurred; Ottawa West District 62 just continues to spread the AA message in our area.

The next Archives Longtimers Luncheon will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and Alkathon meetings are underway in preparation for Christmas and New Years.

We are having our District elections on November 12, 2012 and hope to once again have all our positions filled in order to continue doing good AA work for the 2013-14 term.

Yours in love and service, Ian B. DCM, Ottawa West District 62

## **District 66 Golden Triangle**

Hello everyone my name is Gary and I am an alcoholic. I am a grateful member of the Seaway Group in Brockville. I also have the pleasure and privilege of being District Committee Member for District 66 of the Golden Triangle.

District 66 held elections for all new positions at our last meeting and we had a great turn out. Jim S conducted the elections and everything turned out to be very successful. I am so pleased to announce that all of our positions were filled. Rod D is the District's new D.C.M and Elaine S. is our new alternate D.C.M.

I have had such a wonderful experience serving as District Committee Member for District 66 and would like to thank everyone who attended all of our meetings each month for getting me through these past two years. I wish everyone who filled all of the positions to have a wonderful and as great of a time as I have had. I am so very proud of everyone in this district.

Hope to see a great turn out from all the districts and groups at the assembly for the Area 83 elections.

Yours in love and service, Gary C

## **District 70 Renfrew Pontiac**

Good morning, everyone, my name is Terry C. and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be a member of Arnprior Steps and Traditions Group since my first day in the Fellowship and I am honoured to be the District Committee Member for Renfrew-Pontiac.

District 70 has had a very productive three months. We had a District inventory conducted by Past Delegate Sandy S. and she concluded that we were doing a good job for our District.

District 70 presented our annual Fall Round-up at Renfrew on October fifth and it was a great success with nearly two hundred in attendance and great speakers. It was a great example of the Fellowship in teamwork.

Last week we held our elections for the new table for 2013. I am proud to report that we had an excellent response. G.S.R.s stepped forward to fill all but one of the main chairs at the first request.

So our term is nearly done. We are looking back with gratitude and not a little amazement. Service in the District Committee has enabled us to grow in sobriety and trust.

Yours in love and service, Terry C., DCM, District 70

## **District 74 Pembroke**

Hi, my name is Jack and I'm an alcoholic. I'm the DCM for district 74 Pembroke and area. This report has been read and approved by our district GSR's and officers.

Not much has changed since my last report here. Nice to see old familiar faces here and new ones. Looking forward to workshops and chatting with old friends. Not looking forward to the lack of anonymity here or the poorly designed databases.

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Due to the 3 minutes allowance, you can read about Pembroke district 74 in the next report...

Most positions are filled at district for the moment. Our website gets about 4,500 hits monthly. Weekly newcomers or visitors tell us how easy it was to find a meeting. We are improving it by making sure no hyperlinks leads to dead hyperlinks.

Our help line does connect the drunk, newcomer or whomever to AA but it is not perfect. Sometimes the operator or caller are long winded thus a higher monthly bill. We do not have the manpower or resources to have our own place.

Many new faces at district table as new people try out GSR and some old faces as no-one volunteered to replace them. Most people have the impression that you need to be qualified. If they only knew that it isn't so. The journey is in the learning. That's where the AA growth is.

The registry shows X number of groups but we only have 12 groups. Most groups have 6-16 members. Most groups have 1-2 meeting per week. There's at least one meeting per night in Pembroke area. Monday night, four. We have open speaker, closed discussion and 12 & 12 meetings. Endless job to try to keep the registry up to date.

There is very little interest in the tri-district (Renfrew, Madawaska and Pembroke) to have the annual Service information day. It seems to only attract people already in service and none of the vacant position ever gets filled thereafter. We may combine it with our yearly round up this year.

Overall, all is normal in the valley. If you wish to know more about us please see [www.pembrokeaa.org](http://www.pembrokeaa.org) for a meeting and/or use the meeting list that your DCM received in Kingston.

Yours in service, Jack B DCM, Pembroke and area

### **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 everything 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. We will be holding our elections at district next month in time for the Assembly.

Financially we are doing well 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.

YIS, Claude L.

### **District 82 Victoria Haliburton**

Hi, I am an alcoholic, District Committee Member for District 82, Victoria Haliburton and my name is Greg M. Our district recently revised our Operating Procedures, adding 3 new positions to our district committee, female Corrections chair, alternate female Corrections and an Archives chairperson.

Finances are good with most groups contributing on a regular basis. Our meetings at the Central East Correction Facility are going very well.

## **Alcoholics Anonymous — Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

On October 14, we had nominations at our last District meeting. Hopefully all of the positions at our District will be filled. The past few years have been difficult at our district meetings. Thank God for the spirit of rotation in service work for Alcoholics Anonymous.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my past two years in serving district 82 as the DCM and Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for being part of my journey in service and this wonderful fellowship.

District Committee Member for District 82, Greg M.

### **District 86 Kawartha**

Hello everyone, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough and my name is Gary C.

At our District Committee we have filled most positions for the next term. We still need to fill the Treatment, Grapevine and Conference position. Congratulations to Sandra B. of the Friendly Friday as our incoming DCM and to Amanda M. of the Stonewall Group as our incoming Alt. DCM. We continue to have very strong attendance at our District GSR meetings with an average about 90%.

Let Gratitude be your Attitude, Gary C.

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## Appendix A – Financial Reports

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International  
Details of Expenditures  
As at: Oct 15, 2012

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	244.35	76.41	1,635.85	48.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 2,004.61	2,900.00	895.39	69.12%
Alt. Delegate	277.96	522.85	683.90	-	-	34.22	69.18	-	-	\$ 1,588.13	1,900.00	311.87	83.59%
Immediate past Delegate	-	73.57	830.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 904.27	1,325.00	420.73	68.25%
Chairperson	150.00	100.57	600.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 851.17	1,025.00	173.83	83.04%
Secretary	-	106.55	493.50	-	98.65	1,241.99	-	192.00	300.00	\$ 2,432.69	3,750.00	1,317.31	64.87%
Treasurer	-	111.39	314.50	-	299.56	115.29	-	29.83	300.00	\$ 1,170.57	1,550.00	379.43	75.52%
Registrar	-	187.95	249.50	-	-	-	-	309.46	-	\$ 746.92	1,200.00	453.08	62.24%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	108.48	50.42	661.50	-	-	-	-	-	98.39	\$ 918.79	1,250.00	331.21	73.50%
Archives	283.22	242.87	1,166.15	-	-	-	-	-	77.41	\$ 1,769.65	2,425.00	655.35	72.98%
Archivist	348.15	113.74	75.00	-	-	72.87	-	-	60.00	\$ 559.78	1,750.00	1,080.24	36.27%
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	55.00	418.70	-	-	8.48	-	-	67.80	\$ 549.98	1,250.00	700.02	44.00%
Corrections Facilities	-	-	458.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 458.50	1,100.00	641.50	41.68%
Grapevine	105.77	323.10	954.10	-	-	59.88	-	15.79	-	\$ 1,458.84	1,425.00	-33.64	102.35%
Public Information	-	90.00	439.60	-	-	-	278.66	8.24	-	\$ 814.50	1,350.00	535.50	60.33%
Self Support	124.38	112.21	956.24	-	20.19	64.74	35.55	133.38	-	\$ 1,456.69	1,150.00	-306.69	126.67%
Treatment Facilities	109.89	144.89	754.79	-	-	7.50	125.49	-	-	\$ 1,042.56	1,450.00	307.44	78.80%
Service Info Day Cmte	718.68	351.47	465.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,523.54	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	2,278.08	3,399.49	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,022.43	\$ 6,700.00	7,200.00	500.00	93.06%
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 7,027.06</b>	<b>\$ 9,461.98</b>	<b>\$ 11,168.13</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 418.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,604.97</b>	<b>\$ 506.88</b>	<b>\$ 777.09</b>	<b>\$ 2,487.50</b>	<b>\$ 33,500.01</b>	<b>\$ 43,725.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,224.99</b>	<b>76.62%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ -	100.00	100.00	0.00%
Area Committee	450.00	252.64	-	-	-	-	-	-	80.00	\$ 782.64	900.00	107.36	86.07%
Area GSO Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.76	\$ 7.76	135.67	127.91	5.72%
Forums	874.08	-	133.50	-	-	-	-	-	250.00	\$ 1,257.58	1,750.00	492.42	71.85%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,117.65	\$ 4,117.65	4,117.65	0.00	100.00%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,424.46	\$ 6,424.46	6,600.00	175.54	97.34%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76.00	\$ 76.00	76.00	0.00	100.00%
Ontario Delegates Conf.	563.43	253.90	959.57	-	-	12.43	-	-	-	\$ 1,789.33	1,789.33	0.00	100.00%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,887.51</b>	<b>\$ 516.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,093.07</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 12.43</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 14,965.87</b>	<b>\$ 19,465.42</b>	<b>\$ 19,465.42</b>	<b>\$ 1,003.23</b>	<b>94.85%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 8,914.57</b>	<b>\$ 9,978.52</b>	<b>\$ 12,261.20</b>	<b>\$ 48.00</b>	<b>\$ 418.40</b>	<b>\$ 1,617.40</b>	<b>\$ 506.88</b>	<b>\$ 777.09</b>	<b>\$ 17,443.37</b>	<b>\$ 51,965.43</b>	<b>\$ 63,193.65</b>	<b>\$ 11,228.22</b>	<b>82.23%</b>

to Oct 15th	YTD 2012	YTD 2011	Change
INFLOWS	43,837.57	39,026.96	4,810.61
OUTFLOWS	51,995.43	47,294.89	- 4,670.54
	<u>-38,127.86</u>	<u>-8,267.93</u>	<u>\$140.07</u>
Contributions	\$36,236.75	\$31,459.73	\$ 4,777.02
Contributing Groups	131	136	-5
Contributing Districts	17	12	5

Income Summary	
7th Tradition	2,843.77
Bank Interest	148.77
GSO Flow through	76.00
Contributions	36,236.75
Cost recoveries	414.63
Grapevine Seasonal	4,117.55
	<u>\$ 43,837.57</u>

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EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83			
AS AT: October 15th, 2012			
	Actual	Guideline	+/-
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>			
TD GIC 1.85% maturing 9/16/14	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -
Interest received in 2012	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	\$ 2,843.77	\$ 6,200.00	-\$3,356.23
Cost Recoveries	414.63	525.00	-110.37
Flow Through to GSO	76.00	76.00	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	4,117.65	4,117.65	0.00
Group & District Contributions	36,236.75	52,000.00	-15,763.25
Interest Accrual			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 43,688.80</b>	<b>\$ 62,918.65</b>	<b>-\$19,229.85</b>
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	148.77	275.00	-126.23
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>\$ 43,837.57</b>	<b>\$ 63,193.65</b>	<b>-\$19,356.08</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Accommodations	7,027.06	7,990.00	-962.94
Meals	9,461.98	11,660.00	-2,198.02
Travel	11,168.13	15,075.00	-3,906.87
Long Distance	48.00	100.00	-52.00
Postage	418.40	550.00	-131.60
Printing	1,604.97	3,900.00	-2,295.03
Literature	506.88	1,150.00	-643.12
Stationery	777.09	1,000.00	-222.91
Miscellaneous	2,389.11	2,201.61	187.50
Area Web Site	98.39	98.39	0.00
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 33,500.01</b>	<b>\$ 43,725.00</b>	<b>-\$10,224.99</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	792.64	900.00	-107.36
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,424.46	6,600.00	-175.54
Bank Service Charges	7.76	135.67	-127.91
Forums	1,257.58	1,750.00	-492.42
Grapevine Seasonal	4,117.65	4,117.65	0.00
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>\$ 18,465.42</b>	<b>\$ 19,468.65</b>	<b>-\$1,003.23</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 51,965.43</b>	<b>\$ 63,193.65</b>	<b>-\$11,228.22</b>
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>			
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2012	\$ 34,977.40	\$ 34,977.40	
Total Income & Transfers	+ 43,837.57	69% 63,193.65	-19,356.08
Total Expenses	- 51,965.43	82% -63,193.65	11,228.22
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 26,849.54</b>	<b>\$ 34,977.40</b>	<b>-\$8,127.86</b>

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<b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL</b> <b>2012 YEAR TO DATE</b> <b>AS AT OCT 15TH, 2012</b>
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			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	00	Unspecified	\$ 0.00
District	02	Malton	1,797.28
District	04	Humber	309.18
District	06	Mississauga	2,784.17
District	10	Toronto South Central	5,285.08
District	12	Toronto South West	781.08
District	14	Toronto North Central	2,612.18
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	0.00
District	18	Toronto City East	3,576.17
District	22	Scarborough	2,109.17
District	26	Lakeshore West	1,276.60
District	28	Lakeshore East	349.54
District	30	Quinte West	350.00
District	34	Quinte East	463.18
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	2,500.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	44.59
District	42	St. Lawrence International	302.01
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	1,470.00
District	50	Cornwall	343.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	550.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	142.41
District	62	Ottawa West	1,265.11
District	66	Golden Triangle	2,640.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	920.00
District	74	Pembroke	975.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	530.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	1,850.00
District	86	Kawartha	1,011.00
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>\$ 36,236.75</u>
Total from Groups			27,483.88
Total from Districts			8,259.46
Service events			493.41
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>\$ 36,236.75</u>



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## Appendix B – Fall 2012 Assembly Tally

District	DCM	Alt-DCM	Comm	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Delegation	Total Groups Attending	Total Votes	Total Groups in District
02	1	1	1	5	4	4	16	8	9	21
06	1	1	5	13	7	9	30	17	18	35
10	1	1	3	7	3	0	15	9	10	21
12	1	1	2	10	5	3	22	11	12	17
14	1	0	4	14	3	2	24	15	16	34
16	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	9
18	1	1	4	4	5	2	14	8	9	21
22	1	1	4	11	0	6	21	14	15	21
26	1	1	2	10	2	5	21	11	12	23
28	1	1	4	10	3	13	32	11	12	24
30	1	1	2	6	1	3	13	8	9	16
34	1	1	3	7	2	5	19	10	11	36
36	1	1	4	10	3	21	40	15	16	19
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
42	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	2	30
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
48	1	0	2	5	0	1	8	5	6	17
50	1	0	2	6	3	2	14	6	7	14
54	1	0	1	8	0	3	13	8	9	24
58	0	1	0	3	0	0	5	3	4	34
62	1	1	4	19	6	4	34	24	25	47
66	1	1	2	11	7	9	31	15	16	27
70	1	1	0	8	2	1	13	8	9	18
74	1	0	0	2	1	2	6	5	6	19
78	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	6
82	1	1	2	5	0	1	8	5	6	20
86	1	1	4	10	6	8	28	15	16	22
CF	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3	3	13
ALL	24	18	55	188	63	107	438	237	262	599
Area Committee										
Appointed Positions/Past Delegates/Visitors							11	0	10	
Total	24	18	55	188	63	114	449	237	272	599
Previous	24	18	77	173	51	113	422	231	269	