

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Assembly Minutes**

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# **Alcoholics Anonymous**

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## Area Assembly – October 27, 2013

### 1. OPENING

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic and name is Kim S. I have the honor and privilege of serving you as the Area Chairperson for the term 2013 - 2014.

- Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions read by Susan K. – General Service Representative for Daily Reflections Group in District 06
- 12 Concepts (Short Form) read by – Allison B – General Service Representative for Streetsville Group in District 06

Welcome everybody! Did everyone enjoy the Service Day and banquet yesterday?

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

A thank you as well to Deb and Keith for their talk last night.

### Introduction

This is our second Assembly of four in this term. During the next 14 months, we will be working together to provide continued strength and direction to A.A. in Area 83. Our common goal during this term is to keep Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 vibrant and strong. Working together is the key for continued Unity in our Area. The A.A. Service manual defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." Just as your District table meets monthly to oversee the affairs of A.A. in your District, and your home Group meets, probably once a month, to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83. For people that are new to the Assembly, Area 83 stretches from Oakville in the West to Ottawa in the East, down to upper New York State and up to Algonquin Park and the Ottawa Valley. At last count, we were about 533 Active Groups.

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, it will be their first Assembly and from personal experience it can seem pretty overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? That's great

I would like to repeat what I said at the Spring Assembly. Being in service is a huge opportunity, not everyone is so fortunate. You will not be expected to learn or understand everything the first time or even second time. It takes time but it will make sense. As you were new to AA and didn't understand the readings or what was going on during the meetings, you eventually understood. Service is much the same way. So please keep coming back. Welcome to all that are new and to those returning and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

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 hope that you all return home to your 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. With a spirit of love and cooperation, we will be able to get things accomplished and have some fun while we're doing it. At the end of today, I hope that each of us returns home with a renewed belief that A.A. is alive and well in our Area and that our message of hope is being well carried to the still-suffering alcoholic. I like to think that all we do here at the Assembly and also at the Area Committee meetings is for the good of A.A. Let's have some fun!

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 Tony A.**, 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.

DELEGATE  
ALTERNATE DELEGATE  
SECRETARY  
REGISTRAR  
TREASURER  
IMMEDIATE PAST DELEGATE for Panel 61  
CHAIRPERSON

Mel C.  
Joyce S.  
Tony A.  
Scott M.  
Rob M.  
Robb W.  
Kim S.

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## Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chair	Herb W.
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair	Dan N.
Corrections Chair	Gary O.
Treatment Facilities Chair	Ruth F.
Grapevine Chair	Heather M.
Self Support Chair	Jim A.
Archives Chair	Gary C.
Service Information Day Committee Chair	Sue B.

This is your elected Area Committee Officers and Chairs for the 2013 and 2014 term.

Appointed positions are non voting members of the Area Committee. We have in our appointed positions:

Area Archivist – David T.

From our Area 83 Operating Procedures : Our Archivist, to be appointed (or re-appointed) for a three year term by the Area Committee, on a recommendation of the Area 83 Chairperson after consultation with the Area Archives Committee.

David was recommended and re-appointed at our last Area Committee meeting on September 7, 2013.

Area Webmaster – Todd S.

I'd like to now introduce Past Delegates, and long time Service visitors should be “noteworthy visitors”.

Today we have with us as Past Delegates:

Panel 43 Delegate Don S.

Panel 51 Delegate Joe D. - Currently serving the Fellowship as a Director of AA World Services

Panel 57 Delegate Dot D.

We have visiting Deb D., Immediate Past Delegate, Panel 60 from Area 48 – Hudson Mohawk Berkshire, Keith D., Delegate, Panel 62 from Area 48 – Hudson Mohawk Berkshire and Dale S. Area 86 Chairperson.

These are your Area officers, committees and visitors for this, our second Assembly of the term.

## HOUSEKEEPING

### Registration

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

### SMOKING AREA

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

### NAMETAG HOLDERS

When you leave for home this afternoon or evening, please leave your name tag holders in the boxes provided near the doors. We recycle them to keep our costs down.

### FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

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

The Assembly meets twice a year – the last full weekend in March and October. This afternoon we will decide on a date for the Spring Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, Committee Chairs and District Committee Member's, has met three times this year. We met in Quinte West in January, June and September. Our next meeting is January 4, 2014. A schedule of future meetings in 2014 is on the following page. Please note that anyone can attend the Area Committee meeting in Quinte West. We welcome all visitors.

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## Schedule of upcoming Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies

Year	Month	Date	What	Where
2014	January	January 04	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church Quinte West, Ontario
	March	March 28, 29, 30	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel Kingston, Ontario
(pending approval)	June	June 07	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church Quinte West, Ontario
(pending approval)	September	September 13	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church Quinte West, Ontario
(pending approval)	October	October 24, 25, 26	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel Kingston, Ontario
(pending approval)	December	December 06	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church Quinte West, Ontario

## 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 \$8.75 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 and these are:
  - All Area Officers, including the Immediate Past Delegate, but not the Chair
  - All Area Sub-Committee Chairs
  - All District Committee Member's of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member 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 at the back section. 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 on the motion. This next part may be unique to A.A. If, after the minority has spoken, 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" and they make a motion to reconsider, this motion must be seconded and I will ask for a show of hands (simple majority) on this question only: Should we go back to discussion?
- If a simple majority of the room says we should, the matter is back on the floor for discussion.

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.

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## 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.
- ◆ 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 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 Tony before standing at the microphone. I am sure Tony will appreciate it.**

## 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 which is 1 vote more than 50%. I will advise you when I believe we should move to a 2/3 majority. If, at any time, you think that we should move to a 2/3 majority before I indicate it, remember this is your meeting and 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.

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

Moved: Linda D., District Committee Member for District 34

Seconded: Maire O'B., General Service Representative for Sunday Northwestern Group in District 12

Motion: **Approved**

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## 2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

**OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED**  
NONE

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NONE

Amendments to agenda:

Item 12 D – Kim S. will be chairing the election for Eastern Canadian Regional Trustee nominee election; 2<sup>nd</sup> change needs to have Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Candidate Nominee

Item 14 – Acceptance and date and place for the Spring Assembly and Service Day – Should read March 28, 29 and 30, 2014 in Kingston, Ontario

**Motion to accept the agenda as amended**

**Moved:** Peter P., General Service Representative for New Anchor Group in District 22

**Seconded:** Helen M., General Service Representative for Anniversary Group in District 22

**Motion:** **Approved**

**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 24, 2013.

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

- None were noted

**Motion to accept minutes as submitted**

**Moved:** Jim S., Alternate District Committee Member for District 66

**Seconded:** Sandra B., District Committee Member for District 86

**Motion:** **Approved**

## 4. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

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

The District committee members' verbal reports are limited to 2 minutes. The 2-minute time will be controlled by the timer that was built by Denis D., a Past Delegate. It cycles between green, yellow, and red lights and ends with a buzz. Written reports, which are also requested, may be as long as needed, and will be included, in their entirety, in the minutes of this assembly if, a copy is given to Tony, our Secretary. To help keep things moving along, we have 5 chairs up here at the front and I would ask that as the district reports are given, the District Committee Members who are "on deck" come up and wait until it is your turn. Again I would request that all please respect the time allotted to them.

### District 02 - Malton

District 02 District Committee Member Robert B. of the Rexdale United Group. All Chair; positions filled except Self-Support and 3 Alternate Chairs.

Corrections; Chair Jim R. Toronto West Detention Centre is going well although it is scheduled to close. Ontario Correctional Institute has 3 AA meetings a week and a Big Book study, all going well. Alternate Correctional Facility Chair Bob E. is now covering the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

Treatment Chair Glenn - Meetings going very well at Brampton detox. Great support from Reaching Out, Care & Share, Brampton New Life, Bramalea Group, Spirit of the big book, Recovery Group. Gift of life noon meeting we share with other districts is going well, with the help of the K.F. Group and their General Service Representative Di who has joined our district.

Public Information - New Chair Ray R. has put AA literature in individual Police Stations (23 Division) and is looking into manageable commitments.



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Cooperation with Professional Community Chair Deirdre B, Districts 6 & 2 are hosting a Bring A Friend day on Monday November 11 at 8:00pm, St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, 1541 Oakhill Dr., Oakville, Ontario. Any AA member is welcomed if they bring a long a professional.

AccessAbility - Chair Bob E. says all is going well.

District 2 Service day; 2 Nov 900am to 300pm  
Emmanuel United Church 420 Balmoral Drive Brampton  
Free Admission, Joyce S. main speaker and the world's best Samosa's

Thank you Robert B., District Committee Member for District 02

### **District 06 - Mississauga**

Good Morning friends, I am a grateful alcoholic, a member of the Streetsville Group and my name is Elaine. And I have the honor and privilege of serving as District Committee Member for the best District - District 06 covering Mississauga, east Oakville and west Etobicoke.

District 06 is alive and thriving! Group attendance is running at about 60-65%. We are financially healthy, able to meet our commitments to Area and General Service Office and to fund all committee activities. All table officer and committee chair positions as well as all but 2 of our alternate chairs are filled. Chris, our Alternate District Committee Member and I are visiting groups not in attendance with copies of the General Service Conference report and to talk about the importance of being connected to AA as a whole.

A new group in our District area - the Mississauga Women's Meeting has become a group, increasing our numbers to 33.

Our Cooperation with Professional Community Committee, jointly with District 02, is sponsoring a Bring a Friend meeting on November 11 - professionals are being invited to hear what AA is and is not. If you are in our area, come and bring a professional friend. We continue to carry the message in Treatment weekly service meetings at the Cawthra shelter and the Jean Tweed Centre and we share a commitment with Districts 2 and 14 at the Gift of Life meeting. We have a new Public Information Chair and hope to reactivate the literature initiative with District 2 in the Peel police stations. Grapevine and Self Support are busy at group anniversaries. Our committee chairs are also active participants in the Greater Toronto Area Committees.

The Mississauga Fall Round on Saturday, October 5 was a great day of fellowship and speakers at a new venue – and we enjoyed the usual excellent lunch. Congratulations to the Committee on an excellent event.

Chris, our Alternate District Committee Member and I, are on the Info AA Day Committee - planning has started for the 2014 event.

And we are quite excited – Mississauga has submitted a bid to host CERAASA 2015 for Area 83 – we have to wait and see - God has a plan – more will be revealed.

Yours in love and grateful service, Elaine H., District Committee Member for District 06

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

Good morning . My name is James O'D. I am an alcoholic and a member of the Rainbow Group in District 10. I will attempt to keep this short without missing the good stuff!

Our Registrar, Joe, is working tirelessly with Tony to keep our records up to date. It is difficult as many of you know things tend to shift over time. Just when you think it is all in place it changes.

On that note our Cooperating with the Professional Community chair very recently had to step down due to personal commitments and this position is now open. Please forward all Cooperation with Professional Community communications to me and our District will take care of them.

Our Public Information chair, Valary, advised the table that a presentation was made to the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgendered peer to peer counselors at the University of Toronto.

At the Area Committee meeting I had the chance to speak with the Area Corrections chair. We have had communications problems in the past and he has been email copying me on all correspondence which seems to be filling in that information transfer gap. If anyone else is having a similar problem with D10 please just email copy me on emails and at least I will know what is going on and be able to offer possible solutions. Some things are less urgent but when we are dealing with a Bridging the Gap client timing is of the essence. Financially, we are self-supporting.

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Toronto South Central Roundup!!!! Taking place on Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 3:30pm is entitled WE DO RECOVER. I would like to take a moment to send out a special thanks to Marty for spearheading this second annual roundup. On a general note I am focusing on visiting all the groups in District 10 which is not just part of my assigned duties as DCM but a fantastic way to discover how each meeting offers a unique approach to fulfilling our PRIMARY PURPOSE – which of course is to reach out to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in Love & Service, James O., District Committee Member for District 10

### District 12 - Toronto South West

My name is Greg H. and I'm an alcoholic. I'm also a member of the Hill Group in Toronto and serve District 12 as DCM.

We are alive and well in Toronto south west. We have some very committed General Service Representatives and a very active table. With our districts primary responsibility being our 11 service meetings, our General Service Representatives come monthly ready to take a service meeting back to their group. For those unfamiliar with District 12 those 11 service meetings translate into between 36 & 40 AA meetings every month.

This does create a large literature need and our group donations and some help from Toronto Intergroup cover these costs. We are also meeting our other financial needs although there is little to spare recently. We trust that finances will improve in the near future.

Our subcommittee positions have had some challenges this summer. We are always working to get more members involved. District 12 has a new Treatment Chair working very hard to get things back into shape. We are so glad to welcome Kevin McA. into this very important position. I know he will do well.

Some days it feels like we're trudging, some days we're flying. We're just doing what we always do to keep the service meetings going, and staying sober ourselves one day and one meeting at a time.

Yours in Service, Greg H., District Committee Member for District 12

### District 14 - Toronto North Central

*Report read by Don M. Alternate District Committee Member in the absence of Gord M. who could not attend the Fall Assembly.*  
I'm an alcoholic member of the Aurora group serving as District 14's District Committee Member; my name is Gord M.

All Officer and most of our Sub Committee Chair positions are all filled. The Sub Committee Chairs are attending the meetings at GTA Intergroup, actively serving the district and fulfilling our service commitments. The York Regional Police literature program is running very well.

Finances are still strong with rent paid in advance until June 2014.

In June we sent \$750.00 to GSO, \$1,000.00 to A83 and should be making additional contributions in December.

District 14's summer attendance dropped to 65%± of our active groups.

Our September's Service Workshop chaired by our Alternate District Committee Member Don MacP. was a great success with presentations by General Service Representatives, Sub-Committee chairs, Area 83 chairs and the Immediate Past Delegate providing a full service spectrum.

District 14 donated 65 Big Books at this Assembly for distribution to various correctional and treatment facilities in this area...total of 130 this year. We also donated 14 Big Books to Vanier [women's facility] in District 25/Area 86.

The "More Of The Story in Ontario" AA History ad-hoc committee represented by Areas 83, 85 and 86 was formed and met in District 14. Locations across the Province will be encouraged to submit their history.

Don and I are attending the Information AA Day Committee meetings and will each be chairing a panel. Area 83's Alternate Delegate Joyce S. will facilitate our District Inventory on 11 November 2013.

In Service, Gord M. – District Committee Member for District 14

### District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto

Absent and no report submitted.

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

I am an alcoholic, and have the responsibility and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 18, Toronto City East, and my name is Murray O.

Our district is doing well financially and able to send monies along to Area and General Service Office while meeting our local commitments. We are still average just over 50% group representation at the table which is the historical norm for last several terms. Many of our district groups are small and have never or infrequently sent General Service Representatives. We do have contact for most groups and circulate District minutes and other related communications in hopes that they are getting to the members as required.

We have finally found a new Treasurer in Donna Z who has returned to service at the table and we must express our deep gratitude to John M for keeping our books going well past his term. We also have a new Public Information Chair in Barb B and she is a welcome addition to the table's service energy and we are grateful to James D who stepped up from Alternate to fill the Correction Facilities Chair. We still have a few chairs and alternates to fill and we may need to revisit some chairs which seem to have gone quiet.

The groups are still meeting our service meeting commitments for Corrections and Treatment Facility meetings. We also are thankful to a few groups from District 22 who have reached out for opportunities to be of service and are lending a hand or two in District 18.

And perhaps most exciting, we have a few new groups officially or coming in. Officially we have the "We Are Not Saints" group which meets Friday at 8 pm at the Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 79 Hiawatha Road, Toronto, ON M4L 2X7. This north off Gerrard and just west of Coxwell. The format is an "open" i.e. non alcoholics welcome, "open" topic discussion meaning open to any topic from the floor. They have sent a General Service Representative and Alternate General Service Representative already to the table so we welcomed Ed and Eric.

We hear also that there is a new group forming out of a service meeting in the Unionville/Markham area called the Thursday Noon meeting (who has already made a donation to District! Thank you!) We look forward to welcoming them as a group and hopefully with a General Service Representative at the table. And there is yet another group shaping up in the Markham Unionville area which we hope to hear more from official soon.

At the request of the table our registrar Frank has created a district specific meeting list pamphlet modeled on the District 14 format and we are in printing soon for 400 of those and almost all are already spoken for.

Finally, the table voted to form an ad hoc committee to complete the review of our guidelines and procedures and we are looking forward to hearing from the newly formed committee soon.

Yours in Love and Service, Murray O., District Committee Member for District 18

## **District 22 - Scarborough**

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Sunday Scarboro Group and my name is Bryan D. I have the privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 22.

District 22 is doing well, and we have an enthusiastic and eager team of Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs & Alternates, and General Service Representatives and Alternates. It is a pleasure to serve alongside these fine people.

Our District is financially secure and we are able to meet all our financial obligations. We have 20 groups in our District and attendance of Groups at the District Meetings is around 65 %. The only sub-committee chair position not filled is Public Information but this is expected to change soon.

District 22 was involved in two planned events this year. The first was the 8th East Toronto Archives Breakfast which was held in collaboration with District 18 on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and was quite successful. The Second event was our Annual Service Day followed by a dance which was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> and was also very successful. This is the second Service day in a row that had an increase in attendance, 80 people attended this year.

Our District Inventory for this term is scheduled for November 10, 2013 and our Delegate Mel, has kindly consented to facilitate the Inventory. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Loving Service, Bryan D., District Committee Member for District 22

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## **District 26 - Lakeshore West**

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group and my name is Kimberley. It is my privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 26, Lakeshore West.

All our subcommittee positions are filled and we have been meeting all our financial obligations. Our attendance at the table continues to be around 60 %. Last meeting we had a General Service Representative from a group that has not been represented at the table for quite some time so that was great to see.

Most of our groups continue to take turns putting on meetings on at Pinewood and the Renascent House in Brooklyn. Many groups also participate in Interchange, putting on meetings at other groups for the first open meeting of the month. Our monthly district meeting will now include a brief explanation of a concept each month.

Our Public Information Committee continues to distribute literature throughout the Pickering/Ajax/Whitby area. Our Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee has been actively inviting professionals to our Bring a Professional meeting which will be held at the CAW Hall in Oshawa on November 11. This is an 8pm meeting. This committee continues to share information about AA with students at Durham College with very positive results. Our other committee chairs also continue to work enthusiastically carrying the message.

In 2 months' time, we will have our Alkathon at the Alano club in Oshawa starting on Dec 24 at noon and running 24 hours of meetings back to back.

Yours in love and service, Kimberley M., District Committee Member for District 26

## **District 28 - Lakeshore East**

Hello friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Bowmanville Group and my name is Jack H. I have the honor and privilege of being your District Committee Member for District 28.

We are pleased to say that the turn-out at our District Table has been consistent at about 71%. Our members have been keeping our Self-Support Chair fairly busy and he has attended quite a few groups so far this term for a presentation on Self Support. We had a successful afternoon at our Service Day (held in conjunction with District 26) on June 23 of this year, held at the Alano Club in Oshawa. Our 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Lakeshore District Conference held August 9-11 at General Sikorski Hall in Oshawa was a tremendous success – with great work from both districts (26 and 28).

Most of our groups are doing well with the exception of one group having issues with a Treatment Centre whose clients continually bring up drug addictions in closed discussion meetings. We are working hard to solve this issue with our Treatment and Corrections Chair. On a brighter note, having looked over our finances, our District continues to remain "in the black", allowing us to meet all of our financial obligations, including our prudent reserve.

We have two events in the near future – one of which is The Newcastle Fall Round Up, held Saturday, November 9 at 9:00 a.m. at Newcastle Town Hall. This should be a great day, cost is \$15.00/person and includes a pot luck lunch. The other is the Professional Symposium, being held Monday, November 11 (Remembrance Day) at 8:00 p.m. at the CAW Local 222 Union Hall, 1425 Phillip Murray Avenue, Oshawa.

This is my report and I would like to thank all of you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love, Service, and the Fellowship of the Spirit, Jack H., District Committee Member for District 28

## **District 30 - Quinte West**

Good morning. I am an alcoholic and my name is Pierre B. It is my honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 30. I would like to thank all of the General Service Reps from my district who sent me here and all of the ones that are here today.

We have a strong showing of groups in our district usually 75 to 85 per cent come to our district meeting. We have our difficulties like all of them but things are getting ironed out, though. We had a time getting our website active and a new meeting list printed. Something interesting has happened with this, the lady who came from up north who was having a difficult time finding the meetings has turned up here as a General Service Representative and her first assembly. You never know what the creator has got going.

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Things are coming along and we have a few chair people missing at our district table. Things have been going somewhat backwards to times 30 to 40 years ago. The groups are jumping in to fill in these holes and I am really proud of them. I would like to thank you all for my sobriety.

Pierre B., District Committee Member for District 30

### **District 34 - Quinte East**

My name is Linda D. I am an Alcoholic and a member of the Triangle Unity Group. It is my pleasure to have been selected to represent District 34 - Quinte East, as their District Committee member.

Our district finances are good, due to regular contributions from the groups in our district. Our Grapevine rep is doing well in his position. Ian has attended a number of District 34 round ups and conferences. He has also been invited and attended a number of medallions in and outside of our District, assisting the districts that do not have a Grapevine display or rep. Ian reports to our table that sales during these events are always good and he is constantly replenishing his inventory.

Our Self-Support rep, Laurie, is still showing enthusiasm for her position. She is always looking for new ways to encourage Self Support in our District. District 34's Archives chair, Carol, is doing amazing. She has recently started to collect group history forms and other group information. Carol has a collection of old Grapevines as well as other District Archives information. She recently asked if she could get display cases for her collections so that when she attends functions everyone would be able to view our District history. One of our members (John B) was asked to create these displays and has done a beautiful job.

Our Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community rep, Odie, is making sure that the District has regularly updated meeting list, she has been distributing information to the public and the professionals in our District.

Les, our Treatment Rep has been doing an amazing job. He has ensured that our District has a committee of people who work to ensure that we have a meeting offered to people at the hospital in Belleville. He also works closely with our local Treatment centre to ensure that there is a weekly meeting held at the centre. Sue, our Corrections rep has been working diligently to increase the number of volunteers we have for the 3 facilities we work with have volunteers to go behind the walls. She constantly gets literature, Big Books and Grapevines to bring in so that the message is being passed along. She is still working on being granted access to Millhaven but is sure that this will come in time.

We have had a lot of good and sometimes passionate discussions at our monthly meetings and have proven on more than one occasion that the A.A is alive and working well in District 34. It is with great sadness that I report we have again lost some great members of our district since we last met. On a personal note my biggest loss will be to a dear friend and mentor Tim D. He will be missed by many people.

Yours in Service, Linda D., District Committee Member for District 34

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

Good morning, I am an alcoholic; a member of the Frontenac Group in Kingston, my name is Lynne H. It is an honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 36. Our District Table is enjoying healthy attendance by General Service Representatives and Committee Chairs.

Our Alternate District Committee Member Heather still sits as acting Corrections Chair. We do have a number of volunteers attending meetings, but members are spread thin. Kingston Penitentiary and the Regional Treatment Centre have closed. As a result we have lost two active meetings. However, where one door closes another opens. Volunteers are speaking with CSC officials about AA meetings in the Assessment Centre which has been moved to Joyceville Institution.

We have three Treatment Facilities meetings each week. Our Chair, Barry is successful in finding groups to make monthly commitments to Chair meetings. Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Committee has a new Chair Donna and the committee are pursuing speaking engagements at the college and university. They are also reviewing literature provisions in community agencies and medical offices.

Our Telephone Link Committee (TLC) Chair Carrie continues to organize phone and twelve step volunteers. We are reviewing the number and types of calls the answering service receives and may revamp our outgoing message accordingly. You will have seen our Grapevine Chair Ann here selling books this weekend. Many groups have taken advantage of her offer to bring the display and sales to birthdays and events around the district.

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You all will have met Monique our Secretary when you registered this weekend - thank you Monique and all the volunteers. Our Treasurer Wayne keeps us fiscally responsible when we are either too generous or too prudent in our financial obligations. Looking forward to the months to come. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

In service and in gratitude, Lynne H., District Committee Member for District 36

### **District 38 - Thousand Islands**

Absent and no report submitted.

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

*Report presented and read by Louise T. Alternate District Committee Member for District 42 in the absence of Allan C. who could not attend the assembly.*

Hi. My name is Allan and I am an alcoholic. On September 28<sup>th</sup> we had our annual "Day of Sharing" for District 42. We take this opportunity each year to ask folks to come out learn all about the service structure of AA and to encourage broader participation among groups at the district level. There was a decent crowd in attendance and it was with great pleasure that I finally got a chance to meet Mel. It's reassuring to know that our Area is being represented by someone of his caliber. In addition to generalized introductions, we got a chance to talk about the proposed district relocation.

I had initially been in favor of moving our district into the states. Now I've had a change of heart. Although it's true that the border crossing makes it a challenge for many of us to participate in Area activities, I'm not so sure that is a significant enough issue to justify district relocation. We will continue to accept feedback from the fellowship on this issue and it will go up for vote if there is a general consensus that a vote is warranted. I for one, however, will not be in support of such a move anytime in the near future. I believe that our association with Area 83 has a historical significance that takes precedence over the border issue. In addition, the travel time to Area Assemblies would actually increase if we were to move to another district. I also believe that being a part of a multinational Area serves to highlight the concept of worldwide unity. My primary motivation for encouraging the move was the belief that it would solicit increased participation at the district level. I no longer hold that belief. I doubt it would have any long term impact at all and may even decrease participation due to increased drive time.

We still have some open service positions at the district level and are hoping to fill those in the coming months. Milner has been very gracious to act as our "Temporary Secretary" for almost a year now. Hopefully we can get those shoes filled soon so that Milner can get a reprieve. We are also going to begin doing bulk literature orders for any groups in the district that wish to participate. In addition, we have decided to maintain a modest district literature surplus. This will help us meet the demands of the correctional institutions in a prompt manner.

It is with some frustration that I must continue to address the area through letter instead of in person. I am, however, comforted in the knowledge that Louise is in my place. Like Milner, her commitment to service over the years serves as a great example to us all. Thanks and may God be with each and every one of you.

Allan C., District Committee Member for District 42

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

There have been changes in District 48 such as two new meeting, one in Morrisburg on Monday nights a Big Book Study Group and the other one in Kemptville at 8:30 Sunday morning at the Kemptville District Hospital. We also had three groups change locations including the district table. The Kemptville Sunday Morning Study Group which meets at 10:00 am has moved from the Kemptville District Hospital to the Masonic Lodge on Van Bruen St. The Tuesday Winchester Group has moved from the Winchester United Church to the Wesleyan Church in Winchester. As the District table also met at the Winchester United Church we too have moved to the Wesleyan Church on Highway 43.

On Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> District 48 hosted this year's Tri-District Service Day with District 42 St. Lawrence International and District 50 Cornwall at the Lakeshore United Church in Morrisburg. Following on a suggestion by Brian M. and consultations with the other districts it was decided to have the service day start at 3:00 pm rather than the traditional 10:00 am. Our Area Delegate Mel C gave us his unique and informative report on the Annual General Service Conference.

Our Alternate Area 83 Delegate Joyce S. was our service speaker and shared her experience strength and hope with us including her journey in service and how service has enhanced her life both in and outside of Alcoholics Anonymous. We then had a BBQ on the banks of the St. Lawrence River where over 50 members and their families enjoyed a fine feast of burgers, hotdogs, sausages, chicken and a variety of salads followed by even tastier deserts. About 30 member and family stayed to

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hear our Self-Support Chair Jim A. share with us his experience strength and hope at our outdoor Open Speaker Meeting. Overall everyone who attended seemed to agree that the day was a success from just about every AA point of view.

While District 48 continues to meet both our service and financial commitments we are still short four service chairs. At our September district meeting our Alternate District Committee Member Rick M. step down to be more active in his other fellowship, At the same time the district got a new webmaster Pat H. who has been busy updating our website [www.seawayvalleynorthdistrict48aa.org](http://www.seawayvalleynorthdistrict48aa.org). The district would also like to thank Mark W. from District 62 who for the last year as acted as our temporary webmaster.

At our meeting earlier this month our Grapevine Chair Greg D. stepped forward and was acclaimed as the districts new Alternate District Committee Member. Unfortunately we now need a new Grapevine Chair. Greg will also be co-chairing our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Round-Up this coming Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 at the Matilda Hall in Dixon Corners. Where we will be celebrating the Freedom To Choose with Fellowship, AA and AI-Anon panels, speakers and of course lots of food and coffee. Hope to see you all on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:30 am.

God Bless, Michael C., District Committee Member for District 48

### **District 50 - Cornwall**

Good morning friends. Dave S, alcoholic, active member of the Beginners Group and currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 50 Cornwall.

Things are well in District 50. Our upcoming 66<sup>th</sup> Fall Conference is next weekend the dates are Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. If anyone here would like to visit us we would love to have you. If anyone is interested in Saturday Banquet tickets please raise your hand and I will meet you outside in the hall momentarily. I would like to thank everyone in attendance for their service to Alcoholics Anonymous. Please drive safely on the way home.

Yours in Service, Dave S., District Committee Member for District 50

### **District 54 - Ottawa Rideau**

Good morning, my name is Bob B., serving as the District Committee Member for District 54, a member of the Beacon Hill Group, and I am an alcoholic.

Our monthly district meetings are well attended by our General Service Representatives and District Committee Members. Our Grapevine Chair and our Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair remain vacant even though our General Service Representatives are actively mentioning it at their home group meetings. We are meeting our financial obligations and service commitments.

A new committee, Ottawa Outaouais Young People in AA (OOYPAA), came to our District meeting to outline their purpose and goals. They are basically working to organize activities for young people in AA to do together. They also participated at the Ottawa AA Fall Conference last weekend, organizing games and putting on panels.

Correctional Facilities and Treatment Facilities committee has been asked to put on a new meeting at the Inuit Treatment Centre in Ottawa. This committee is also seeking volunteers for chair and treasurer.

Finally, the Ottawa AA Fall Conference held on October 18, 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> at the National Arts Centre was well attended including the banquet on Saturday evening.

Yours in Love & Service, Bob B., District Committee Member for District 54

### **District 58 - Ottawa Bytown**

Good morning. I am an alcoholic and my name is John V. I am currently serving as District Committee Member for District 58 Ottawa Bytown. I am a member of the Laurier/Sandy Hill Group. I am pleased to be joined here today by our Alternate District Committee Member Frank K. and a new General Service Representative for the Fireside Group, Jason.

As we stand right now, District 58 is firing on all cylinders and we have met all financial commitments for the year thus far. We have a topped up prudent reserve and in November will make additional contributions to the Ottawa Archives and the Alkathon.

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We have prepaid our rent for the 2015 year which is pretty amazing for us. All of our service commitments are being met and one of our General Service Representatives Mike S. from the New Life New Hope Group has recently taken over as coordinator of the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre and will now sit at the CFT table with Craig of our district.

On the side, I will continue to work to bring CERAASA in 2015 to the Ottawa area and look forward working with other committee members to make this happen.

Yours in Loving Service, John V., District Committee Member for District 58

### **District 62 - Ottawa West**

Good morning; I am an alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills group, and currently serving as Ottawa West District 62's District Committee Member. My name is Sue B. I'm happy to be here today and pleased to give this update on our District.

District 62 now represents 54 groups in the Ottawa Region with 37 groups having a designated representative for our meeting. We average 85% attendance. Between our Alternate Delegate, Rod D, giving Self-Support presentations at the Group Level, and our General Service Representatives reiterating his message to their groups, our finances have improved immensely. We are once again able to send contributions to General Service Office, and Area 83. This past September saw group contributions at their highest in a couple of years.

On May 13, 2013, our Past Delegate, Sandy S. facilitated our District Inventory. It became apparent with some of the questions being asked, that sometimes we forget that the new General Service Representatives do not know all that we do. We ended up having the Service Committee Liaisons give a brief history of their Committee's accomplishments in the past, items they are currently working on, and plans for the future.

As of our September district meeting, we now meet one hour early on district meeting nights. We are currently providing a workshop on the Service Manual, and when this has finished, we will carry onto something else the General Service Representatives would like to learn about. Both District's 54 and 58 have been invited to attend, as were all members. I am rather impressed, as the workshop is well attended, and there are always great questions and observations being made. Thanks to this, I am learning quite a lot!

Due to personal reasons, our Secretary, and Public Information Liaison has very recently had to step down. As these are such fun positions, I am sure they shall be filled in no time!!!

In summary, District 62 is doing well. The meetings are informative and fun. All in attendance have a great sense of humor and are relentless in their Service. Their love for Alcoholics Anonymous shines through. It is a pleasure to be their District Committee Member.

Yours in love and service, Sue B. - District Committee Member for District 62

### **District 66 - Golden Triangle**

Good morning friends, I am a member of the Sharbot Lake Land O Lakes Group and have the honour and privilege of serving the Golden Triangle District 66 as District Committee Member. My name is Rod D. and I am a grateful alcoholic.

District 66 is in good shape financially and enjoys a full complement of filled service positions. We have been able to provide financial support to both Area 83 and the General Service Office while maintaining a prudent reserve fund. Our treasurer advises me that we are currently at twice our prudent reserve and excess monies should be distributed as the next district table sees appropriate.

Corrections are doing great with good attendance at their meetings averaging 75 members in attendance over the period of a month. Cliff advises me that the institutions are holding a dinner next Tuesday in appreciation of the service provided by so many volunteers.

Public information / Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair Tim E informs me that there has been such a demand for literature as a result of the hard work by this sub-committee that they are having difficulty keeping up. They have just ordered a new information kit for distribution.

Our district's Self-Support chair has been very active in the district. Many groups have requested his attendance and presentation at their meeting to help reinforce the importance of self-support in order to provide both financial and volunteer help, which is needed to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic.



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A large number of members in new service positions has been refreshing, bringing in a renewed enthusiasm and passion to the district table. Even with all the rules, procedures and other tasks which are required for the conducting of AA life we are able to pass some of these fresh new ideas on to the new General Service Representatives. These General Service Representatives are the workhorses of the district table. They carry the message back to their groups. Common problems such as insurance, rental costs, disbursement of excess funds and any other issue which may arise are discussed with what can only be described as love and passion for AA. Our meeting time has been extended in order to permit adequate discussion of meeting agenda items.

The great jobs done by all members at the district table are too numerous to list in the two minutes allotted. I just wish to thank them for letting me be part of their lives. They perform on a daily basis the miracle of AA as they carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic both newcomer and regular members.

In closing I wish to thank God, District 66 and Alcoholics Anonymous for what has been this great gift which has become a part of my life. And lastly from our home to yours we wish you all a merry, safe and sober Christmas and happy New Year

Yours in love and service, Rod D. – District Committee Member for District 66

### **District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac**

Good morning friends. My name is Dave P. and I am an alcoholic and a member of the Sunday Night Serenity Group in Renfrew. I have been given the honour of serving District 70 Renfrew-Pontiac as District Committee Member.

All goes well for District 70 and we recently had our Fall Round-Up on October 12, 2013. Numbers were down, but a good time was had by all who attended.

Our finances are stable at this time, but are a little low. This is already being rectified. Our district table is full and our General Service Representatives work very hard. We are happy to report that attendance is steady at all our groups. I am looking forward to seeing you again in January at the Area Committee Meeting. I have nothing more to report.

Yours in service, Dave P. – District Committee Member for District 70

### **District 74 - Pembroke**

*Report read by Skip R. General Service Representative for the Petawawa Triangle Group in absence of Pat E. who could not attend the Fall Assembly.*

Good morning everyone! I'm an alcoholic and my name is Pat E. I am a member of the Windsor-New Freedom Group and I have the privilege of serving as Interim District Committee Member for District 74 Pembroke and Area.

Unfortunately I cannot be with you today, as I was only elected into this position last weekend. Our District Committee Member resigned quite suddenly and District was kind enough to elect me into this position once again for the interim.

Our District elections will take place next month and there are a lot of positions to be filled at the moment. Quite a few members have let their names stand for various positions and I am quite confident we will fill most of these vacancies. I will strongly encourage each Chair position to have a Committee in place to work alongside them. Hopefully, we will have new faces around the table who will bring new ideas with them.

We have 12 active groups in our District and each group has 1 – 2 meetings per week. We have a meeting every night of the week and also a few at lunch time and also a breakfast meeting.

Our website gets over 4,700 hits monthly. New comers and visitors continue to tell us how easy it is to find a meeting in our District. Hats off to our Webmaster!!

Our Help Line continues to serve its purpose, although it is costly and most of our funds are used to maintain this service. I am always amazed at some of the calls we receive!!

Overall AA is alive and well in the Ottawa Valley. Looking forward to seeing old and new faces in January when I attend the Area Meeting.

Yours in service, Patricia E. - District Committee Member for District 74

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### **District 78 - Madawaska Valley**

My name is Lois, I am the District Committee Member for District 78.

Our district is well attended and doing well financially with all positions filled. The Festival of Colours enjoyed nice weather and was well attended with the travelers enjoying the changing fall colours. Barry's Bay AA/Al-Anon Anniversary will be held on November 15, 2013 at 8 pm at St. Hedwigs Church.

Yours in love and service, Lois C. – District Committee Member for District 78

### **District 82 – Victoria-Haliburton**

Good morning. My name is Kim M., currently serving as the District Committee Member for District 82 Victoria-Haliburton. My home group is the Sunday Nighters and I am an alcoholic.

Our district meetings are scheduled to convene on the second Sunday of the month. At the district level, over 50% of our Generals Service Representatives attend. Financially, we are stable and our bills are being paid. The Committee Chair Members are all well enthused at their positions.

I regret to inform you that our District Committee Member Trevor C. resigned due to his business rebuilding and we all wish him great success. The vacancies we have at the district are Alternate District Committee Member and Archives Chair. These positions are being canvassed throughout the groups in the district.

The Kawartha Group in our district will have a group anniversary. The longest continuous Kawartha group will be celebrating 65 years of service January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 on Monday night at 8 pm in Lindsay.

As I set up as District Committee Member in District 82, Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and trudging the road of service within our groups and District

Yours in service, Kim M., District Committee Member for District 82

### **District 86 - Kawartha**

Thank you Kim, Panel 63, Area 83 and everyone here today. Good day, I am an alcoholic, member of Friendly Friday in Peterborough and District Committee Member for District 86 Kawartha, my name is Sandra.

Peterborough continues to be vibrant, involved and active. We have 21 groups registered. That number was up with new groups forming and then down from 23 with our Havelock Open Mind group closing and another group is now a service meeting.

Attendance is excellent at the district table with about 85 percent turn-out. All sub-committee chairs are filled. District 86 is financially sound fulfilling our responsibilities. We are really very blessed with volunteers getting into Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay.

Our 52<sup>nd</sup> annual two-day conference was June 29 and 30. The theme was Acceptance is the Key and it was a great success. On May 11, 2013, we had a joint Service Information Day with Lakeshore East, Quinte and Victoria-Haliburton. The theme was Loving Service is Gratitude in Action. Thanks again to our Delegate Mel's wonderful update and our alternate delegate Joyce's great talk.

It is an honour to serve as District Committee Member for our district, in this area, and to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in love and service, Sandra B. – District Committee Member for District 86

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## 5. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee member's reports are not time-limited. Rather, we rely on the member's humility and compassion to keep their reports as brief as possible while still giving the Assembly 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

**Herb W.**

Hello everyone and especially those of you who are new or here for the first time! I have the Blessing of serving as your Area 83 Eastern Ontario (International) Public Information Chairperson and am a member of the Redwood Group in Trenton.

My name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. Since the last Assembly I have been to the Quinte West Community Fair in Trenton, District 30 Roundup April 27<sup>th</sup>, District 26 Lakeshore West to their P.I. Committee to put on a presentation on May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Ottawa Gratitude Day June 8<sup>th</sup>, Service Information Day in Oshawa on July 13<sup>th</sup>, Matawaska, Renfrew, and Pembroke Service Day in Barrys Bay on July 13<sup>th</sup>. I graciously wish to thank again all who invited me to your events. Personally, more recently I was at the Lakeshore District Conference and was invited to share at the Renfrew Roundup October 12<sup>th</sup>.

I have got a reply back from Indigo Book Stores concerning the issue with the Book Alcoholics Anonymous, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, Living Sober, Came to Believe having Hazelden as the listed authorship. The letter I sent is being passed on to a company named Perseus who is Indigo's supplier of Hazelden literature and it is Perseus who supplies Indigo with the literature and the information on the website.

As of last night the web site has not been corrected. I will keep tabs on the issue. The Spanish public service announcement, "Tengo Esperanza", was suspended and is now active again and I have been sent information on how to access it. November 26<sup>th</sup> I will be in Cobourg at the Mental Health Fair to help District 30 Public Information.

On the final note, I have submitted a report on behalf of our Area on Public Information to the Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community News Exchange published twice yearly. I can pass on a copy to anyone who wants one.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve such an enthusiastic Area!

Gratefully in service, Herb W. – Panel 63 Public Information Chairperson, Area 83 International

Questions and comments from the floor:

Murray O – Should Alcoholics Anonymous look at the wholesale-resale of our material?

Herb W – I can answer with a bit of confidence...I spoke with Joe D and asked what percentage of literature is sold within fellowship and outside the fellowship. Joe indicated 20% outside sales and 80% are inside sales. Joe also said that AAWS is the publisher and cannot refuse to sell to anybody wishes to purchase.

### b) Cooperation with the Professional Community

**Dan N.**

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group in District 2 and my name is Dan. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair.

I'm happy to report that there is a lot happening in our Area. If you were at the Joint Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information session yesterday, you heard first-hand what 3 Districts are doing and how they are able to make things happen. Thank you Don M. District 14, Sandy D. District 22 and Deborah M. District 26 for your sharing. They have been working hard with medical students at the University of Toronto, the Addiction and Counselling students and Nurses at Durham College and Students at St. Augustine's seminary. Also in our Area, there were several Roundup and Service Days over the last few months with Cooperation with the Professional Community being represented. Some Districts continued their plan for sending out AA information - for example, sending out letters to lawyers and business cards and pamphlets to police stations.

On July 27<sup>th</sup>- July 31<sup>st</sup>, the 8 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairs in Toronto volunteered to be part of the AA booth at the National Medical Association held at the Toronto Convention Centre. The National Medical Association represents the African American physicians in the U.S. and there were several thousand that attended this event. It became obvious early on that there were considerable questions regarding Al-Anon and Peter D., our Chair for District 14, was able to get Al-Anon literature (special thanks to the Toronto Public Information Chair Joe C.) for the four days. All feedback has been very positive and the Districts should be pleased that their hard work was well received.

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I regularly attend the Toronto Intergroup Cooperation with the Professional Community meetings held monthly and their considerable energy is infectious.

There are 2 noteworthy Cooperation with the Professional Community events being worked on next month- one in Mississauga, the other in Oshawa. District 2 and 6 are co-hosting a 'Bring a Friend' professional evening on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> with 3 speakers - an AA member, an Al-Anon member and a non-alcoholic professional. The main purpose is to introduce the professional community to AA. In Oshawa, also on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, District 26 is hosting a "Bring a Professional" with an AA and Al-Anon-speaker; and District 28 is involved inviting local members of the clergy to this meeting. If you're interested in learning more, I can connect you with the appropriate chairs for these events.

In closing, I would like to offer my assistance with any Cooperation with the Professional Community initiative that your District may be planning and to help out wherever I can. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of any help.

Yours in love and service, Dan N – Panel 63 Cooperation with Professional Community Chairperson, Area 83 International

### c) Corrections Report

**Gary O.**

Good morning Area 83 Officers, Past and Present Delegates, District Committee members and guests. It is fantastic to be here and my name is Gary O. I am a member of the Living Sober Group in Newmarket and the best group in District 14.

First off, I would like to thank Sue B. and her team for the invitation to attend their Service Day in June held in Ottawa, Ontario. This was a great day of displays and workshops and reports - thank you Ottawa and Districts.

I would like to thank Bryan D. and his team for the invitation to set up our display and a workshop on Bridging the Gap and the importance of putting meetings on in the institutions.

On a sad note, I attended Phil G's visitation. Phil passed away before he could finish his term as the Corrections Chair for Toronto Intergroup. He was a great supporter of attending and putting meetings on in the Toronto jails. He will be sadly missed.

Our Bridging the Gap program has kept me very busy. In the past 10 months, we as an area have made 2 Area 86 contact, 1 Area 84 contact and 3 at the Lindsay jail. The institution that has kept us on our toes was the Milton Jail. We to this date have made 79 contacts to this women's institution and it has been a challenge for our District Correction Chair they have done what they set out to do when they took their commitment to the District - fantastic job and thank you.

I would like to thank all the district volunteers that put on our meetings in our federal institutions for their commitment to making sure that there are meetings put on in the institutions for our clients on the inside. Thank you all.

I hope that everyone had a good time at our workshop on Saturday. My guest speaker was a member and client of the federal institution in the Kingston area. Greg was in Alcoholics Anonymous before he entered into the federal institution. Greg shared what happened through his journey in trying to get to meetings. One of the problems he found was that they had a lot of lock downs where the institution would shut down the meeting due to their own reason. Greg's message was very clear that we need to attract more members to enter into being a volunteer to help keep meetings going on. Again, I would like to thank Greg and his federal parole officer for allowing him to be a part of our workshop.

I attended the corrections meeting this morning at 7:30 am in the London Room. It was great to see a lot of the faces that I have worked with in the past. A lot of sharing and concerns were touched on and there is a lot of work being done by their full commitment to their committees.

Again, I would like to thank Will H. from District 14 and the Get a Grip Group from Newmarket, Ontario for their donation of Big Books to all of the federal institutions, hospitals and treatment centres. Thank you.

In closing, I ask all the district committee members to please email me your minutes as I look forward to reading them and keeping up to date with the events taking place in all our districts. I am available, with notice to attend your district service days, round-ups or address any corrections concerns. Please send them to [cf@area83aa.org](mailto:cf@area83aa.org) and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in service, Gary O. – Panel 63 Corrections Chairperson, Area 83 International

Questions and comments from the floor:

Maire O. (GSR) – Can you make clear your mention about the work being done for Vanier

Gary O. (Corrections Chair) – Part of my job is to Bridge the Gap for clients that are coming from Area 86 into Area 83. The corrections chair's in our districts in Area 83 look after these concerns.

Chris – there are many more women than men for bridging the gap requests, what is the reason for this?

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Gary – the primary responsibility to the corrections chair from that facility is to get the information to Gary and not all institutions work like Vanier. Vanier has a fantastic lady that looks after these requests. Most of our bridging the gap requests for men are coming from Area 86.

### **d) Treatment Report**

**Ruth F.**

Good morning, my name is Ruth and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Agincourt Acorn group in District 22, Scarborough. I am excited to currently be serving as your Area 83 Treatment Chair.

The Treatment workshop was very short this Assembly, so questions were deferred to the Ask It Basket, or to the Sunday morning Treatment meeting. It was exciting to be able to give Phil a couple of minutes during the workshop to share. Phil went through the Bridging the Gap process. He filled out a request, was contacted by an AA member, was introduced at meetings. Phil is here this Assembly, looking to get into service! Bridging the Gap works!

The Sunday morning meeting at 7am was almost full. We had a good time discussing Bridging the Gap and Treatment Centre meetings in the Districts. District Treatment Chairs shared information, experience and encouragement with each other. I am so glad to be a part of this awesome program!

I was to thank the members in Ottawa for putting together a wonderful and informative day on June 8<sup>th</sup>! I sat with people and answered questions, exchanged experiences and learned lots too! June 26<sup>th</sup> I was off to District 26/28. There was much enthusiasm and passion for AA in that room that day! Awesome. Thank you to District 26/28 for being self-supporting and paying my gas. September 14<sup>th</sup> I enjoyed participating at the District 22 service day. I have also been to the Greater Toronto Area Treatment meeting at Toronto Intergroup, where I found that Treatment is alive, well, and active in the Greater Toronto Area!! I take the Area display and literature with me everywhere I go, it is so great to talk with other members in service, and those asking about service! To find Treatment literature, or information, go to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). There is amazing information located there.

There have been a few concerns/requests about difficulties in compiling contact lists for Bridging the Gap contacts. In sharing with others, one suggestion is to use the group General Service Representatives as your contact list. The District can provide you a list of General Service Representative contacts to use for this purpose. This way you have someone to contact. The General Service Representative you contact can handle the Bridging the Gap request themselves, or they can pass it on to a group member. A couple Districts have tried this approach, and it seems to be working well.

Congratulations to District 10 for coordinating a meeting in Covenant House. This is a youth facility, and as such has unique needs and requirements. Please continue to send me your District minutes. I enjoy reading about what is happening in your Districts. I can be contacted at [www.area83aa.org](http://www.area83aa.org).

Thank you for allowing me to serve! Sober sure is better!! Ruth F. – Panel 73 Treatment Chairperson, Area 83 International

### **e) Grapevine Report**

**Heather M.**

I'm an alcoholic, member of Prince Edward, currently serving as Area83 Grapevine chair, my name is Heather M.

I placed the pocket planner and wall calendar order in September after waiting for responses from all districts. On Monday October 21, I emailed Grapevine because the treasurer had not gotten a bill and I had not gotten the order. The order had not been shipped – they were awaiting payment. Jeff at Grapevine released our order. It would not be delivered on time so I drove to Oakville to pick it up Friday morning. It saved \$30 shipping. Our treasurer got the invoice to pay.

The invoice from Grapevine came to less than what we had collected from the districts. We calculated the amount based on a less favourable exchange rate, and based on the application of Harmonized Sales Tax. Only New York tax was applied to our invoice. A past Grapevine chair indicated that Grapevine has forgotten to charge us applicable Canadian taxes in the past and may amend our bill later when they discover the error. I will speak to Jeff this coming week and clarify if the invoice received is correct or if it needs amending. There could be a refund available for districts depending on what is discovered. You will need to clarify with your districts whether or not your district would like their refund cheque or not. Some districts in the past when this has happened chose to consider the overage as 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contribution to area. Some have chosen to take their refund cheques. Once we know our treasurer will work out the math and advise us of the amount. It could be up to 50cents per pocket planner and per wall calendar.

For districts chairs that have picked up their Grapevine orders yesterday, please check the count of pocket planners. One district is short one. If you have an extra please mail it to me so that I can give it to District 2.

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There is another new book that has come out "No Matter What – Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety". This is the second new book this year. There has been a Grapevine Newsletter sent to me every month via email which I have forwarded to district Grapevine chairs or their District Committee Member if there is no Grapevine Chair. I hope you are sharing its contents with your districts.

I was invited and presented at District 22's service day in September. Looking forward, I've been invited again to the February round-up in District 48 (invited last year). If your district has an event upcoming, especially if it will involve travel for me (I'm in west Toronto), please let me know well in advance so that I can allot the time to you. My calendar fills up quickly.

I'll be looking into a lighter display over the next several months as the one we have right now weighs a significant amount and I have trouble managing it. Other Grapevine chairs from the past have mentioned the same thing.

Yours in service, Heather M. – Panel 63 Grapevine Chairperson, Area 83 International

Questions and comments from the floor:

Sandy – How much do I sell the pocket planners for?

Heather – What you have collected.

Kim – Will there be a refund of 50 cents per? Why do you think these are not in good sales any longer?

Heather - This is what it is looking like right now and there will be a refund issued. I do know that with Grapevine material has been a trend that has been happening over time. Not sure if this is due to the fellowship not spreading the word, possibly.

Glen – I heard there is a really nice package made available, can you give further details?

Heather – there are several different categories of Grapevine available for purchase – online digital subscriptions which includes the archive. The website [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) will explain which option includes what.

### f) Self-Support Report

**Jim A.**

Good morning everyone, it's nice to see you all again. I am an alcoholic a grateful member of the East York group. It is an honor and privilege of serving you as the Area 83 Self-Support Chair, and my name is Jim A.

Literature:

I have brought some items that may be of interest: Birthday envelopes for individuals, and envelopes for Groups to make voluntary contributions to General Service Office, some Self-Support kits (obviously one per group), and some copies of the items that make up these kits. It may be indicative of the times we live in. When I ordered kits in March they came assembled. Not this time. It makes me appreciate how much work goes into providing services to the groups. I have also printed a few copies of recent General Service Office financial highlights. They are also on [aa.org](http://aa.org)

General comments

Is Area 83 Self-Supporting? Yes, no, and maybe - depending on the context. At our election here last October, or the subcommittee Chair election last December in Belleville, you would have seen a large number of members letting their name stand. Service rocks and those of us here today are proof.

With respect to Area 83's support of General Service Office, the per capita contribution in 2012 to General Service Office was \$6.29, and the cost of General Service Office services was \$6.43 per member. Missed it by that much, \$0.14 the sales tax on medium double-double I had this morning. Encouraging yes, but it came from 42.3% of our groups and districts down slightly from 42.7% in 2011. The average of all groups in North America is 42.4% I thought this was worth a look so I dug up the past four General Service Conference reports. We have more groups every year about 15,000 members, but fewer groups are supporting General Service Office. I have a chart that will be posted to the Area website soon.

Participation by the groups and districts can change. And it may have done so already. The number of groups contributing to Area 83 is higher by 39 so far this year. Awesome! That is a 35% change. And since groups usually support General Service Office more strongly than Area I would guess that this increase in support would exist there too. If your group is worried that the amount is too small, stop worrying and buy a stamp. I have envelopes for that purpose. If your members are feeling grateful because they have had another sober birthday, help them by giving them a birthday envelope. I started the weekend with 500, about half have been picked. Let's hope some/most of them make it back to General Service Office along with a cheque. These are but two examples of the goods and services General Service Office provides on behalf of the membership. Free to membership but with production cost covered by literature profits and/or member contributions. But is not about the Money!

At this point, I would like to thank Greg K. the speaker at the corrections workshop for putting everything in the purest simplest perspective. Your story about life on the inside of a prison was the most profound and compelling story. Thank you for informing all of us of the importance of CF meetings, of the hope that is generated by those of us on the outside when we give of our time



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by putting on meetings in correction institutions and for asking on behalf of all alcoholics inside, for more help and for more volunteers. That is what it's ALL about.

Sunday morning General comments:

Activities since last Assembly:

June 8 Tri District Service Day in Ottawa

July Service Day in Morrisburg with D42, 48, and 50

District 22 Service day Sept 14<sup>th</sup>

Committee:

Thank you to the Self-Support chairs that gathered this morning at 7:30. Your comments ideas and enthusiasm is most inspiring. This report could not been written without you. The following is a summary of our meeting:

The District Chairs are participating in their respective service days and make the occasional presentation 2 on average. The most so far (9) out of 21 group have been done by District 28 SS chair Carl C. Carl has the distinction of being the first ever Chair from that district. And he uses the most interesting props a \$1 and a 2 dollar bill.

Rod of District 62 has seven presentations scheduled. District 66 has the largest committee, a grand total of two members. The number one question experienced by all chairs is "How much should I put in the 7<sup>th</sup>? As per the green card "Until it feels good". Glen G. reported that the Self-Support can program is slowly gaining ground in D18. The next question is "where does the money go". Groups are unaware of activities/needs of others levels of service.

Interesting comments:

- Suggest with enthusiasm" rather than Promote service.
- A birthday envelope is quiet way to commemorate an anniversary
- The 7<sup>th</sup> in the basket is not paying, but rather paying back.
- While we think we are preaching to the choir, it's the active members of a group that attend biz meetings, the ones that hear the SS presentation. And they have sponsees. That our sponsees need to hear about how AA works as a whole, not just the steps.
- Importance of the groups is emphasized with respect to of AA as a whole.
- No one reported hearing announcements being made about Service Position vacancies. That is where General Service Representatives can get active; please make known what service positions are available.

The answer to a lot of these questions may lie in educating our groups of all the ways that General Service Office and all levels of the service structure help make 12 step work possible, and as we go up and down the inverted service triangle, how each level of service connects compliments and supports the one above and below it, finally arriving at the groups who support the individual member.

Conclusion:

If one of the aspects of Self-Support is informing our membership of how AA works as per the Service manual, which is often referred to as the secret service manual, you might consider the district chairs as secret agents. You are now members of SPIES, sober people implementing and encouraging service. And no, District 86's Self-Support chair is not named Maxwell S, but would you believe Paul S. And there is no District 99. But unlike real spies, the District Chairs are suppose to reveal information, unlock the joy of service, and dispel myths and legends. Tradition 12 prevents me from blowing their cover. They are out there, and are waiting to come in from the cold.

Seriously, though, so if you want to find out more about Self-Support, stop by the display in the atrium and grab a self support kit, some birthday envelopes. Leave your ideas and comments. Or better yet, talk to your General Service Representative to arrange for a visit by your District's Self-Support Chair at your group's next business meeting. They all have a short presentation that explains what it's all about, the big picture of AA as a whole. Also you can always refer to the area website. Thanks again to Area Webmaster Todd for creating a page for Self-Support, and posting some great information and General Service Office items. This wealth of info was compiled by the previous chair, and I have digitized most of it. If there is anything you would like, contact me through the website.

Self-Support is not about fundraising. Take out the "d" and it becomes two words "fun-raising". The fun that comes from doing service work, meeting new people, and new challenges. And growing as a person as result of helping others recover from our common disease. And raising not raisins, our members up with our collective experience of strength and hope.

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It is a pleasure and a privilege to serve you. I have had fun this weekend writing this and doing this. And I hope that your experience here this weekend has been fun and has raised your awareness about our greatest strength. The members of Area 83 and its people. Some of us may not have it all together, but together we have it all.

Yours in love with service, Jim A. – Panel 63 Self-Support Chairperson, Area 83 International

### g) Archives Report

**Gary C.**

Hi, Everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Gary C. I'm a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough. I am pleased to serve as your Area 83 Archives Committee Chair. The Archives Chair "shall be responsible for the coordination of archival activities and archival communication within the Area." This will be possible with the very able assistance of David T., your Area 83 Archivist. In that light, I did attend the 17<sup>th</sup> National A.A. Archives Workshop in Springfield, Ill. in Sept. It was a great and informative Archives weekend!

The Area 83 Annual Archives Workshop is scheduled for Peterborough next year, typically held in April. So, stay tuned for further details. We had our Area Committee meeting last night at 9:30 PM. There were 15 in attendance and I appreciate everyone's update on their archives experience. It was informative for all. I truly appreciate all the displays in our Archives Room yesterday. They certainly generated a lot of traffic and positive comments. So, a big 'Thank You' to all those who supplied displays and took turns manning the Frontenac Room. I must express my Gratitude to Maire O'B. and Don S. for their presentations at the SID Archives Workshop yesterday. I received many favorable comments on the Workshop. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or suggestions. I am also available to attend your local service events.

The following was a report supplied by the Area Archivist, David T. I wish to include this in my report:  
*Report on 17<sup>th</sup> National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop*

*On 9 September, I had the good fortune to depart Ottawa for Springfield, Illinois, to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual A.A. Archives Workshop. Springfield was chosen due to its close proximity to a local museum (Abraham Lincoln). The Conference was from 12 to 15 September and had many workshops dealing with Archival subjects.*

*En route to Springfield, Gary C., Stephen L. and myself stopped in Akron, Ohio, to visit the Akron Intergroup where we viewed their Archives Display in the Akron Intergroup and also visited Dr. Bob's home, where everything started. The archives display truly showed how AA started in Akron and left this member with several lumps in his throat.*

*After arriving at the Conference in Springfield, the first thing we were treated to was a presentation by one Abraham L on his talk to the Washingtonian Society on temperance. The following day the real conference got started with AA meetings, Presentations and Workshops on Preservation and Conservation; Archives, Where do we Begin; Archives Workbook; GSO Archives; Digital Archives; the Oxford Group and AA; Copyright Laws; Archival Software; Archive Retrieval and the History of the Big Book.*

*Of particular importance was the discussion of placing Archival Information on the Internet Cloud. Issues still remain regarding the protection of Anonymity and the security of storage sites. Discussions with the GSO Archivist support the need to solve these issues. We need to ensure the protection of all AA member and control who may view this archival information.*

*David T., Area 83 Archivist*

Let Gratitude be Your Attitude, Gary C. – Panel 63 Archives Chairperson, Area 83 International

### h) Service Information Day

**Sue B.**

Good morning; I am an alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills group, currently serving as Ottawa West District 62's District Committee Member, and serving as Chairperson on the Service Information Day Committee. My name is Sue B.

I would like to introduce to you once again your Service Information Day Committee: Robert B., District Committee Member, District 02 – Malton, Elaine H., District Committee Member, District 06 - Mississauga, Murray O., District Committee Member, District 18 – Toronto City East, Kimberley M., District Committee Member, District 26 – Lakeshore West, and Linda D., District Committee Member, District 34 – Quinte East.

I would like to take this moment to thank the Committee for a job well done. It is a great Committee and I thoroughly enjoy working with each and every one of them. We are also very fortunate for having Elaine as our Secretary. I don't know where she finds the time to get everything done. Thanks so much, Elaine.

The Committee was quiet most of the summer. We started to get busy again around the middle of August, and the excitement started to hum again. Emails flowed amongst each other, and by the time the Area Meeting took place in September, we were moving right along. If Elaine's and my computers could talk, I'm sure they would tell us to give them a break.



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Once again we combined many workshops to fit in the three broad streams; District, Area and General Service / Outside Area 83. It is a pleasure to provide an Agenda for first timers, those with new positions, and the member who has attended so many Service Information Days that they could present the workshops on the old topics themselves! Many of you expressed yesterday how you love the new topics, and that they will keep your interest up in coming back.

The Committee truly hopes that you have enjoyed yesterday's Service Information Day. I would like to thank the three District Committee Members who participated in the Traditions workshop: Greg H, District 12, Dave S, District 50, and David P, District 70.

We look forward to reading the suggestions and comments from your completed Survey Forms so that we may continue to provide you with an informative, and interesting, Service Information Day. As of yet, we have not received many completed forms. There is still plenty of time to get yours in. Please place your completed forms in the box outside the ballroom doors.

If you did not book your rooms yesterday for the spring 2014 Service Information Day, and Area , I hope you will remember to do so when you are checking out of the Hotel. Please encourage others, perhaps your Sponsor or Sponsee, to come along with you. All members are more than welcome to attend.

Yours in love and service, Sue B. – Panel 63 Service Information Day Committee Chairperson, Area 83 International

### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

**ROB M.**

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28, and my name is Rob M.. It's an honor and a privilege to serve Area 83 as your Treasurer.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Treasurer/Self-Support workshop yesterday and a special thanks to Steve A, the GTA Intergroup treasurer for his amazing presentation at our workshop. I hope you found the information helpful. Thanks also to those who helped sell banquet tickets, total tickets sold was 234. I hope that you have all enjoyed the dinner.

In the District Committee Members mail folders I placed two Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District Treasurer for future contributions. Several of the envelopes are available on the side table, please help yourselves. Also in the DCM mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders I placed copies of the financial statements for the period ending October 23, 2013. Copies of these are available on the side table and I would like to go through the numbers now.

Page 1 is a financial summary. It shows our reserve account, which is set aside for unforeseen circumstances, has a balance of \$20,000 and is in the form of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) paying 1.5% interest maturing September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Total income for the period is \$47,487.80 and total expenses for the period are \$43,676.33. To date income is \$3,811.47 higher than expenses. Thank you to the 151 groups and 14 districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83. As of October 23, 2013 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2013 was \$33,114.26. Total income of \$47,487.80 less expenses of \$43,676.33 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$36,925.73 as of October 23, 2013. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

Page 2 shows details of expenses. Here we see an itemized breakdown of expenses for the period for each Area Committee Member, as well as all other expenses to date. At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing this year to the same period of 2012.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District.

This weekend's 7th Tradition was; Friday \$343.70, Saturday \$880.10, and Sunday \$812.80 for a total of **\$2,036.60** collected over the weekend. Thank for your generous contributions, and thanks to everyone who helped collect and count the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

Yours in Love and Service, Rob M. – Panel 63 Treasurer, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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

Questions and comments from the floor:

Glenn: Do you require a motion from the floor to put through a motion of \$2250.00 to General Service Office?

Rob: If anybody wants to put this motion forward, the chairperson will entertain this under new business

Glenn: What do we usually do if there is a surplus at the end of our fiscal period?

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Rob: There really isn't a budget per say and are guidelines and would not be looked as a shortfall or increase; monies would be dealt with via a motion at that time

### 7. SECRETARY REPORT

**TONY A.**

Good day members of the 83 Assembly, Past Delegates, friends and guests. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements Group in District 10 and currently serve as your Panel 63 Secretary for Area 83 International and my name is Tony A. I truly am delighted to be here with you for our second assembly of our term.

As the area secretary, I am responsible for recording the minutes of the area committee meetings and assemblies, compiling and updating rosters of committee members and the information on all districts in the area; for forwarding all area assembly, area and district committee information to the General Service Office; holding and maintaining all records of assemblies; and, other duties that may arise from time to time.

Thank you to those of you who came out to the presentation on the Secretary/Registrar during our Service Day yesterday. If you have not already done so, I would urge you to come out next time as there is a lot of valuable information that is shared on this really important function that is done by us. The secretary and registrar are the "information hubs" of the area and in order to do our work effectively, we really depend on receiving your timely information.

For the districts that have sent in your district changes to me, all information is up to date and current. For the districts that have not yet sent your updated district information, please do so as soon as you can. Check over your rosters to ensure accuracy of the information.

I have placed a copy of each district roster into their respective district folders for you to see what I have. If there is anything that needs editing, advise me as soon as possible by sending an updated district change form or an email. I would also like to give a gentle reminder that a complete mailing address is needed in order to have this information inputted into the GSO database. The Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database will not accept incomplete information. It is also very helpful to include an email address and phone number.

One of the most important uses of this updated information that you provide me is used to compile and disseminate rosters used for the various sub-committee work that is done in Area 83. These sub-committee chairs really depend on the most current information so they can be effective in their work - i.e. Bridging the Gap requests for Treatment and Corrections.

In order to try to decrease the amount of printed paper copies of much of the information that is already sent through email, I had suggested to the districts that I will send paper copies only to the districts that are currently requesting these. You will probably note that your file bins this weekend was considerably a lot less paper as a result of this. I will continue to exercise this practice if you believe this process is working well for your districts. Should you require a change in this, simply send me an email and I will be happy to oblige.

District change forms can be obtained by visiting our area website and is located under the district resources tab and is a downloadable Word document. There are also some of these blank change forms sitting on the table beside the district bins in the atrium. It is best to send your information and changes to me through email and Word documents whenever possible. I also kindly ask that if you are re-sending district changes with edits to me that you highlight or bold the changes to draw them to my attention.

I look forward to receiving your emailed report for this Fall Assembly if you have not already submitted one. And, before you leave today, please check your district mail folders in the atrium and take with you information has been received this weekend. I will be taking the bins back with me at the end of our assembly business today.

I will make myself available to you should you need me for any service related functions and please continue to send me your district's minutes and changes through email to [secretary@area83aa.org](mailto:secretary@area83aa.org). Thank you for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

In loving service, Tony A. – Panel 63 Secretary, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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

**JOYCE S.**

Hello everyone. I am an alcoholic a member of the Hill Group in Toronto, District 12 - Toronto Southwest. It is an honor and privilege to serve our fellowship as Alternate Delegate for Area 83 and my name is Joyce. I am glad you are all here.

The following are events that I have participated in since the Spring Assembly:

- 1) Facilitated a group inventory on April 19<sup>th</sup> for the Unionville Group in District 18
- 2) Spoke on service at the District 30 Round up in Brighton on April 27<sup>th</sup>
- 3) Spoke on service at the District 86, Peterborough service day on May 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 4) Participated on the Remote Communities conference call on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The call was cut short because of a medical emergency at the moderators' home. The next call was scheduled for September 16, however, the moderator was unable to make the call. The next call is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>. I will give an update at a later date.
- 5) Gave a presentation on our General Service Structure at the Information AA Day in Toronto on May 25<sup>th</sup>
- 6) Spoke on my service journey at the Districts 42, 48 & 50 Service Day in Morrisburg on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I shared the travel expenses with our Delegate, Mel
- 7) Attended the District 78, Madawaska Valley Service Day with our Delegate Mel on July 13 and gave a talk on Remote Communities. It's nice to have a chauffer. I thank Mel for driving.

All of these events were well attended and very organized. I thank you all for being of service.

Upcoming invitations are as follows:

- An invitation from District 02, Malton, to participate in their service day next Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Asked to facilitate the District 14 inventory on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, facilitating a group inventory for the Silverbirch group, District 22.

I welcome all invitations allowing me to be of service and busy. It truly is a delight to see AA in action in Area 83.

Also, I would like to thank those who attended the Concepts and Remote Communities workshops yesterday. Your comments and feedback are most welcomed.

Please send me your minutes to [alt.delegate@area83aa.org](mailto:alt.delegate@area83aa.org). I enjoy receiving them and reading about what is happening in your Districts. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love and Service, Joyce S. - Panel 63 Alternate Delegate, Area 83 Eastern International

### **9. DELEGATE'S REPORT**

**MEL C.**

Hello everyone, my name is Mel. I am an alcoholic, a member of The Hill Group in District 12, Toronto Southwest and I currently serve the fellowship as Delegate for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International. Good to be here, good to be sober!

Recent Activities:

June 8 - Ottawa D54, D58, D62 SID Delegate's Report  
June 23 - Peterborough D26, D28 SID Delegate's Report  
July 6 - Morrisburg D42, D48, D50 SID Delegate's Report  
July 13 - Barry's Bay D78 SID Delegate's Report  
Aug. 10 - Lakeshore Conference - Spoke, Participated as Delegate  
Sept. 7 - Area Committee Meeting in Belleville  
Sept. 28 - Service Day in Potsdam, NY

Up-coming Activities:

Nov 10 - Facilitating D22 Inventory  
Nov 11 - Speaking at a Symposium with a focus on CPC  
Nov 23 - Speaking at a D10 Round-up on Steps 10-12  
Dec 25 - Been asked to speak at the Toronto Winter Season Open House

Elections: Director AAWS: We experienced a call-out for a Non-Trustee Director of A.A.W.S. during the summer. The deadline for submission of resumes was July 15, 2013. I advertised this fact to all Area Committee members and any others I could think of that might have an interest. I am not aware of anyone responding.

Director Grapevine: We experienced a call-out for a Non-Trustee Director of The Grapevine during the summer. The deadline for submission of resumes was September 9, 2013. I advertised this fact to all Area Committee members and any others I could think of that might have an interest. I am not aware yet of anyone responding.

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Non-Trustee Appointed Committee Member for Trustees Public Information Committee: I distributed widely the call for a person to fill this role about three weeks ago. Trustee Committees often utilize appointed committee members to help out with the great amount of work they need to plow through. Committee members are often subject matter experts in the field of the committee or bring other qualities to bear that the committee can use. If you would like more information please see me at anytime. The deadline to submit a resume for this position is January 2, 2014

Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Vacancy: We will be holding an election today to choose Area 83's candidate for Eastern Canada Regional Trustee. Donald C., our current Trustee will of course will be rotating in at the end of the next Conference in April, 2014. Again, I distributed broadly the material around the requirements of the position and hope we have an exciting slate of Area 83 members who let their names stand. All 10 Areas of Eastern Canada will hopefully produce their candidate and at the Conference in 2014, we will choose who the next Eastern Canada Regional Trustee will be. It is all very exciting - especially the election process.

ODC - Ontario Delegate's Meeting:

It is our honour to host the Ontario Delegates Meeting next year (2014). It will be held in Toronto in February. Joyce and I are working hard to organize an interesting weekend that will be informative and fun. For those not completely familiar with this event, the Delegate and Alternate Delegate of the four Ontario Areas (83, 84, 85 and 86) and certain others meet just prior to the GSC to discuss issues of mutual concern, to practice presenting various topics we have to present in front of the Conference and to generally be instructed by those that have gone before on proper etiquette and procedure.

Of note: at last year's Conference, an agenda item (for the Report and Charter committee) was to change Area 84, Northeastern Ontario from an Odd numbered Panel to an Even numbered panel and it was approved by the Conference. As such, we will now have 2 Delegate's with one's years experience under their belt to help guide the newbies :).

Anyway - the ODC rotates between Areas and 2014 is our turn, All are welcome and encouraged to come and observe. We're trying to make that as convenient as possible and hope to see a nice crowd. We will keep you all posted. Please watch the Delegate's Newsletter for more details as well.

CERAASA:

- We are now a committee of 29 with the overall Chair and two Officer positions chosen to date - the Secretary and Treasurer.
- I polled all DCM's asking for their opinion on whether the city they were closest to would be a good city to hold CERAASA in and whether they would like to recommend it and participate - three replied. All have now been given the opportunity.
- We will pick a host city soon and the rest of the committee chairs will fill out. We had a meeting toward that end yesterday.

Delegate Discussions:

There have been a number of "Delegate Discussions" on various topics over the summer and as such I have accumulated a wealth of information on various thinking and methods other Areas use to make A.A. work for them. This is usually where one Delegate shouts out for shared experience on a topic and other Delegate's reply with their Area's experience. I would be happy to share any of that information with anyone who is interested. Some of the topics included:

- Spanish translation of A.A. material - how do other Area's handle?
- What kind of privileges are given former (Past) Delegates?
- How are "Special Needs / Accessibility" committees handled in our Area?
- What and how much financial information are put on our websites?

Newsletter out Sept. 16, 2013:

The last Delegate's Newsletter went out the first week of October. If you are not on the list and want to be, send me an email!: [delegate@area83aa.org](mailto:delegate@area83aa.org)

Final Conference Reports:

Handed out at September Area Committee Meeting. See your District Committee Member if you don't have one. As always, thank you for this opportunity to serve, are there any questions?

In service, Mel C. - Panel 63 Delegate, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

## 10. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

**SCOTT M.**

Good afternoon friends! I'm alcoholic; a member of the Bloordale Group in west end Toronto, part of District 06, Mississauga & my name is Scott M. Hi! I have the honour & privilege to serve as your Panel 63 Registrar for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International & grateful to do so.

If this is your first Area assembled business meeting, we welcome you. If you are a new General Service Representative this term and you have yet to receive your General Service Representative kit, that's the bad news. The good news is, while you are waiting for your kit to arrive in the mail, you can simply go online to your General Service Office website, that's [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) and choose the heading "For Groups & Members", then by choosing the tab "Getting involved in General Service" there are 12 publications (including the ever popular A.A. Service Manual combined with the 12 Concepts for World Service) all listed here. There are actually 24 items that make up the kit. If you feel it's been too long since your change form was passed along to your District Registrar, have them send me an email & I'll check our database or with General Service Office. Alternates do not receive a kit. If your General Service Representative steps down, where possible, ask for their kit and send in a Group information change form indicating no kit is required. This will help keep the costs down.

As the Area Registrar, I am responsible for compiling and updating group registrations & records; distributing lists to your District Committee Members at least once a year and forwarding group information to the General Service Office. I also prepare sign in sheets for you, by District, to enable me to collect the data required to tally & provide the roll call or display here, at the four Assemblies and seven Area Committee Meetings this term. The way I am able to access your Group records is through the General Service Office's database, call Fellowship New Vision or FNV for short.

Most of the Registrars' know this, but they've been rotating as well, and I'll share that this terms' Group Information Change form and the New Group form have been updated with my mailing address so you can send me group changes. I'd like these sent to me where possible by email in a Word formatted document for easier transcription. Instructions on that are on the bottom of the forms. These are easily downloadable from our Area 83 website: [www.area83aa.org](http://www.area83aa.org) under the "Resources" Heading & the "District Resources" tab or I can send you one if requested. It is essential that all information possible is filled out. If there is no postal code for example, a profile cannot be completed and that individual cannot represent their group in the directory.

I can, so I found out recently, still make a profile for someone with only their last initial. Highlighting any changes make it a whole lot easier on me. If you, as the General Service Representative, are making changes on a form, ask your District Registrar if they want a copy, as most keep accurate District records and are used to pass along your information. That way, they are fully aware of your changes. Moving? Change phone numbers? Please send in a form. There have been forms out in the atrium all weekend & will be at all the assemblies, if you wish to update your Group member counts. This way, we'll get a more accurate count for our Area as a whole & the next AA membership census.

It is the responsibility of the Area Registrars to ensure our Regional Directories are up to date. Like I mentioned in my report in March, your General Service Office will be cutting costs & tentatively not publishing a Canadian Directory this year. I'll keep you informed if I hear when the next deadline for submissions will be. The current Canadian Directory is the 2012-2013 version. If anyone wants to see it, it's here. I believe it is also part of the DCM kit.

To the DCM's & District Registrars: if you wish, at any time to know what information I have for each of your Groups in your District, just fire me off an email & I'll be happy to get you your information. I have had communication with quite a few of you over the last month & have updated many, many records. If I thought, that after the initial rush at the beginning of the term that I'd be coasting, I'd have been mistaken. It seems a Registrars' work is never done.

One of my/our objectives should be to reduce our Unknown groups to zero. In March, we had 95 Unknown Groups. Today, we have ... 105. These Unknown groups will become either Active or Inactive groups.

Active - group has a General Service Representative or primary mail contact on the record along with current meeting information

Unknown - group is still active but record does not have a General Service Representative or primary mail contact attached to it, indicating no one is available to receive mail from your General Service Office.

Inactive – The General Service Office records department has received information that group has disbanded or is not currently meeting

To submit New Group forms, Group Information Change forms, have 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 your time here addressing these types of concerns. I kindly request that District Committee Members and District Secretary/Registrars (as some of you have double duty) to please use this email to forward your District minutes. Thank you to those that send minutes & please add me to your distribution list if you are not.

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Thank you to those that attended the Secretary/Registrar workshop yesterday. It continues to be learning and sharing. We all win. I would get a failing grade here today if I did not give a HUGE Thank You once again to the team from District 36, who was most generous with their time and assistance with manning the Registration table, Greeting and others who aided with this process this weekend. Clap...

Before I give the roll call/display, 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 that 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 sign in sheets.

For example, a District might have five people signed in as visitors, but when I announce the roll, I might see that there was only one. The reason is that I check each visitor against his or her group, and if the group does not have a General Service Representative that has signed in, I assume that the visitor will be voting on behalf of their group. They are, therefore, not counted as a visitor, but as their Groups' General Service Representative.

Also, if an Alternate District Committee Member is the only person representing his or her group, I will count them as a General Service Representative as well, since Alternate District Committee Members do not have voting rights, but Group Representatives do. Their role in the District may be that of Alternate District Committee Member 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 if you fail to indicate your group name on the sign in sheet, you may not be eligible to vote. Please keep in mind that as you see the tally on the screen and/or hear the results, this is not a true reflection of who will be voting necessarily. For example, there are people who may have registered, but were only here yesterday and are not here with us now. So, the true reflection of who is voting is done by who is in the front of the room as a vote is cast and counted, if necessary.

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 most important. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve you, the folks at the top of the inverted triangle, on behalf of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Continuing to trudge the road of registrar destiny,

Yours, in love & service, Scott M. - Panel 63 Registrar, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Questions and comments from the floor:

Sheila B – are the unknown groups calculated in the total groups in the district? It seems that many of the groups do not send a General Service Representative

**[See Appendix B – Fall 2013 Assembly Tally]**

We now reach Item 11, Old Business. At this point, I recommend going to a 2/3 majority. May I have a motion to that effect?

Moved by: Michelle, General Service Representative of Uptown Group in District 58  
Seconded: Michael C., District Committee Member - District 48  
Vote: **Approved**



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## 11. OLD BUSINESS

We do not have any old business carried over from the Spring 2013 Assembly

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

### 12-a) Motion

Joyce S., Alternate Delegate

**Recommended by the Area Committee; to add the following to the Area 83 Procedures, Page 4, Item 6, Immediate Past Delegate “and is to be reimbursed for attending the Area Assemblies, Area Committee Meetings and the first Ontario Delegate’s Committee Meeting of their term.”**

Motion Seconded: Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34

#### Discussion:

Dave (GSR): asked what the rational was for having an item for reimbursement for that part of the operating procedures when none of the other positions that are listed in that section of the procedures discuss reimbursements?

Joyce: That is a good question. There hasn’t been any question as to what our committee chairs or area officers have been reimbursed for because they have spending guidelines. It has not been clear in the operating procedures what the spending guideline is for the Immediate Past Delegate. As far back as Joyce can recall, every treasurer at the first of the term tries to figure out what the Immediate Past Delegate gets reimbursed for. This will make this part of the operating procedures more defined so there is no question later on.

Ruth F. asked for clarification if expenses were already being covered and Joyce indicated yes they were.

**Vote:** In Favor – 158, Opposed – 2, Abstained – 4

**Motion:** **Approved**

### 12-b) Motion

Scott M., Area Registrar

**Recommended by the Area Committee; to change the current Area 83 Operating Procedures, Page 5, Item 9, simply changing the “calls” to read “displays” in the last sentence of the job description.**

Motion Seconded: Peter P. General Service Representative of New Anchor Group in District 22

#### Discussion:

Don S. (Bayview Group): It would seem appropriate to read “call or display” as opposed to the writing of the motion

Michael C. (DCM - District 48): Speaks against the motion due to the fact in the past the displays were difficult to read. Perhaps operating procedures should read calls and displays

Frank (Unionville Group): Suggest that hard copies are distributed

Scott (Area Registrar): Indicated that the vote is actually skewed because it is not a true reflection of accuracy for voting purposes

John (DCM - District 58): We have visually impaired members sometimes and having both covers all of our bases

Herb W. (PI Chair): Speaks in favour of the motion in order to simplify and utilize the extra time used for reading for other things

Keith R. (Gerrard Road Group): Speaks in favour of motion and suggested that the roll is posted on the website in a timely manner

Steve Acting General Service Representative in District 86 called the question

Seconded by: Dave S. District Committee Member of District 86

**Vote:** In Favor - 153, Opposed - 8, Abstained - 1

**Motion:** Carried - Question was called and moved directly to vote

**Vote:** In Favour – 125, Opposed – 42, Abstained - 7

**Motion:** **Approved** (112 needed to pass)

Minority had an opportunity to speak:

John V (DCM District 58): Transparency is very important to democracy and without an accurate number does not speak well to our program. Calling and displaying is good for people that are not able bodied.

Ron spoke that he is visually impaired and hearing the roll is very beneficial

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Jim S. (Alt DCM of District 66) changed his vote

Motion to Reconsider Vote: Ruth F. Area Treatment Chair

Seconded by: Jim S., Alternate District Committee Member of District 66

Simple Majority was achieved and discussion opened again on original motion

Kim M. District Committee Member requested a friendly amendment to original motion to read “calls and displays” the roll call.

Scott M. accepted the friendly amendment and motion now reads:

**Recommended by the Area Committee; to change the current Area 83 Operating Procedures, Page 5, Item 9, simply changing the “calls” to read “calls and displays” in the last sentence of the job description.**

**Vote:** In Favour – 156, Opposed – 0, Abstained - 8

**Motion:** **Approved (as amended)**

### 12-c) Motion

Tony A., Area Secretary

**Recommended by the Area Committee; to remove the lines which reads, “DCM District 04 Humber and DCM District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack” from Appendix B, Page 38, List of Eligible Candidates from the Area 83 Operating Procedures.**

Motion Seconded: James O., District Committee Member for District 10

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** In Favor – 164, Opposed – 0, Abstained - 2

**Motion:** **Approved**

### 12-d) Election of our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Candidate

Dot D. was elected as nominee

**[See Appendix C – Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Election Results – Ballot Number 3]**

Motion to destroy ballots by Francine of District 06 and seconded by Barb B of District 86. Approved

### New Business Added From the Floor

Moved, “**That Area 83 make a contribution of \$2,250.00 to the General Service Office as per our current proposed spending guidelines, as soon as possible.**” by Glenn G., General Service Representative for East York Group

Motion Seconded: Michael O., General Service Representative for Richmond Hill Group

#### **Discussion:**

Area Treasurer Rob M. spoke in favour of this motion as it is within our spending guidelines and the Area finances are in good shape; Mary GSR of Fall Island Big Book Study Group suggested that even though we have the additional money we let the groups decide how they should disburse their monies – power of the purse and that the money should stay within the area

Michael O. General Service Representative called the question

Seconded by: Linda D., District Committee Member for District 34

Vote for calling the question: In Favor – 84; Opposed - 28; Abstained – 7 (76 votes needed to call the question)

Question was called and we moved directly to the vote

**Vote:** In Favor - 97, Opposed – 15, Abstained - 3

**Motion:** **Approved**



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

Peter announced the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Archives Breakfast which is being held at the Oasis Convention Centre on Sunday November 3, 2013; Bert thanked the Area Committee for the meeting and those who set up and said it was very enjoyable; Helen announced Sue will be celebrating her 1 year medallion at the Keep It Simple Group on Nov 3; Marilyn L. will be celebrating 30 years on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> at the New Life Group; Annual Long-timers lunch in Ottawa is next Saturday and David T has tickets; 10<sup>th</sup> Annual York Regional Roundup on Nov 23 in Richmond Hill.

### **14. NEXT AREA ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY**

As Chairperson I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

March 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ambassador Hotel, Kingston, Ontario

**Moved:** Murray O, District Committee Member of District 18  
**Seconded:** Suzie D., General Service Representative in District 74  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
**Motion:** **Approved**

### **15. CLOSING**

I would like to thank everyone for staying and for your participation and patience throughout the day.

**AS A REMINDER** - Our next Area Committee Meeting is in **QUINTE WEST at Westminster Church on January 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** Everybody is welcomed.

Have a safe drive home and I look forward to seeing you all again.

### **Chair called for a motion to close:**

**Moved:** Kim M., District Committee Member for District 82  
**Seconded:** Sandra B., District Committee Member for District 86  
**Discussion:** None  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
**Motion:** **Approved**

**Meeting was closed at 4:25 pm with the Responsibility Declaration...**

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

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## Appendix A – Financial Reports

### **EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83**

**AS AT: October 23, 2013**

<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>		Actual
January 1, 2013 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		0.00
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		<b>20,000.00</b>

<b>INCOME</b>		
7th Tradition		3,134.30
Cost Recoveries		294.70
Flow Through to GSO		1,807.00
Grapevine Seasonals		4,377.03
Group & District Contributions		37,874.77
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>47,487.80</b>
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b>		<b>47,487.80</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accommodations		3,943.24
Meals		5,940.19
Travel		11,716.26
Long Distance		8.86
Postage		284.33
Printing		1,482.86
Literature		1,159.13
Stationery		380.67
Miscellaneous		1,937.47
Area Web Site		98.39
	<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>26,951.40</b>
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		902.50
General Service Conf. Assessment		6,949.13
Bank Service Charges		115.40
Forums/CERAASA		1,696.95
Grapevine Seasonal		3,745.49
GSO Flow Through		1,807.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference		1,508.46
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>16,724.93</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>43,676.33</b>

<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2013		33,114.26
Total Income & Transfers		47,487.80
Total Expenses		(43,676.33)
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>		<b>36,925.73</b>

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Details of Expenditures  
As at 10/23/2013

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	431.67	425.26	1,926.11	-	13.33	30.51	-	-	65.44	2,892.32	2,920.00	27.68	99.05%
Alt. Delegate	89.27	171.13	996.80	-	-	-	100.85	58.75	-	1,416.80	2,310.00	893.20	61.33%
Immediate past Delegate	-	-	490.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	490.00	1,130.00	640.00	43.36%
Chairperson	-	112.82	594.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	707.12	1,420.00	712.88	49.80%
Secretary	-	157.45	229.60	-	95.72	868.63	-	178.63	19.20	1,549.23	3,660.00	2,110.77	42.33%
Treasurer	-	90.00	439.60	-	144.92	224.98	-	18.80	4.52	922.82	1,800.00	877.18	51.27%
Registrar	-	120.60	578.90	-	-	161.03	-	91.50	-	952.03	1,530.00	577.97	62.22%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	219.22	125.00	661.50	-	-	-	-	-	98.39	1,104.11	1,250.00	145.89	88.33%
Archives	-	59.63	1,031.80	-	-	-	-	-	446.40	1,537.83	1,870.00	332.17	82.24%
Archivist	219.22	115.85	752.15	-	-	103.40	-	-	-	1,190.62	1,670.00	479.38	71.29%
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	103.53	373.85	-	-	-	-	16.47	-	607.69	1,370.00	762.31	44.36%
Corrections Facilities	134.00	179.14	1,050.50	8.86	-	-	-	-	-	1,398.97	1,230.00	-168.97	113.74%
Grapevine	-	100.80	227.50	-	-	-	-	16.52	-	328.30	1,270.00	941.70	25.85%
Public Information	-	77.50	745.48	-	28.36	-	530.59	-	-	1,398.45	1,370.00	-28.45	102.08%
Self Support	-	100.90	1,025.82	-	2.00	-	86.23	-	-	1,214.95	1,270.00	55.05	95.67%
Treatment Facilities	-	74.11	582.35	-	-	27.24	207.12	-	6.00	896.82	1,270.00	373.18	70.62%
Service Info Day Cmte	438.44	428.84	-	-	-	67.07	234.34	-	-	1,168.69	4,500.00	3,331.31	25.97%
Spring Assembly	2,411.42	3,497.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,265.60	7,174.65	7,200.00	25.35	99.65%
Fall Assembly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,200.00	7,200.00	0.00%
<b>COMMITTEE EXP.</b>	<b>\$ 3,943.24</b>	<b>\$ 5,940.19</b>	<b>\$ 11,716.26</b>	<b>\$ 8.86</b>	<b>\$ 284.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,482.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,159.13</b>	<b>\$ 380.67</b>	<b>\$ 2,035.86</b>	<b>\$ 26,951.40</b>	<b>\$ 46,240.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,288.60</b>	<b>58.29%</b>
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700.00	-202.50	128.93%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	902.50	902.50	150.00	34.60	76.93%
Forums/CERAASA	755.74	140.52	775.69	-	-	-	-	-	115.40	1,154.40	1,680.00	-16.95	101.01%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00	1,696.95	4,000.00	254.51	93.64%
GSO Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,745.49	6,950.00	0.87	99.99%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,949.13	300.00	-1,507.00	602.33%
Ont Delegates Conf.	519.80	181.03	807.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,807.00	1,500.00	-8.46	100.56%
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,275.54</b>	<b>\$ 321.55</b>	<b>\$ 1,583.32</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,042.90</b>	<b>\$ 16,724.93</b>	<b>\$ 17,580.00</b>	<b>\$ 855.07</b>	<b>95.14%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 5,218.78</b>	<b>\$ 6,261.74</b>	<b>\$ 13,299.58</b>	<b>\$ 8.86</b>	<b>\$ 284.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,482.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,159.13</b>	<b>\$ 380.67</b>	<b>\$ 3,078.76</b>	<b>\$ 43,676.33</b>	<b>\$ 63,820.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,143.67</b>	<b>68.44%</b>

Oct. 23, 2013			
	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Change
Income To Date	47,487.80	44,481.10	3,006.70
Expenses To Date	43,676.33	51,965.43	(8,289.10)
Net Change To Operating Account	<b>\$ 3,811.47</b>	<b>\$ 7,484.33</b>	<b>\$ 11,295.80</b>
Contributions	\$37,874.77	\$31,108.93	\$6,765.84
Contributing Groups	151	112	39
Contributing Districts	14	16	-2

Income Summary	
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7th Tradition	-
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Contributions	294.70
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Grapevine Seasonal	-
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## GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL

AS AT October 23 , 2013

			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	00	Unknown	-
District	02	Malton	1,231.68
District	06	Mississauga	2,920.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	5,117.32
District	12	Toronto South West	888.20
District	14	Toronto North Central	2,461.00
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	204.31
District	18	Toronto City East	4,296.00
District	22	Scarborough	1,360.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	1,273.75
District	28	Lakeshore East	1,352.48
District	30	Quinte West	775.00
District	34	Quinte East	840.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	1,080.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	15.03
District	42	St. Lawrence International	208.25
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	-
District	48	Seaway Valley North	650.00
District	50	Cornwall	442.50
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	2,550.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	190.00
District	62	Ottawa West	945.85
District	66	Golden Triangle	3,380.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	400.00
District	74	Pembroke	510.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	600.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	2,050.00
District	86	Kawartha	2,133.40

Total Contributions YTD: 37,874.77

151 Groups Contributing	Total from Groups	26,240.92
14 Districts Contributing	Total from Districts	11,633.85



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## Appendix B – Fall 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	8	0	1	13	9	10	23
06	1	1	3	13	5	7	28	16	17	36
10	1	0	2	8	0	3	14	8	9	22
12	1	1	2	11	3	1	21	11	12	19
14	0	1	0	12	0	7	20	12	13	35
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
18	1	0	4	5	1	2	11	5	6	23
22	1	1	6	12	1	5	27	12	13	21
26	1	1	2	10	2	3	21	11	12	23
28	1	1	5	10	1	2	22	10	11	24
30	1	1	5	9	2	2	21	9	10	16
34	1	1	3	9	2	2	16	10	11	35
36	1	1	4	10	1	26	43	16	17	20
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
42	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	2	30
48	1	1	3	2	0	1	6	3	4	17
50	1	0	0	6	0	1	8	6	7	13
54	1	0	0	5	0	0	7	5	5	23
58	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	3	4	33
62	1	1	2	17	4	6	31	20	21	50
66	1	1	3	10	4	7	26	11	12	29
70	1	0	1	5	2	0	9	6	7	20
74	0	0	0	3	1	2	5	5	5	18
78	1	1	1	2	1	3	10	3	4	6
82	1	0	1	4	3	0	9	6	7	21
86	1	1	4	11	4	4	22	13	14	23
CF	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	13
ALL	21	16	52	187	38	85	398	212	234	608
Area Committee							13		12	
Appointed Positions/Past Delegates/Visitors						9		0		
Total	21	16	52	187	38	94	411	212	246	608
Previous	21	15	75	163	45	111	411	204	239	

Alternate GSR without a GSR registered under the same group is counted as the GSR

Committee Column is for Committee Chairs only

District Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Conference Chair or Accessibility Chairs are not counted under Committee Column.

They are included under the total delegation column.

Those positions should also include their home group.

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## Appendix C – Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Results

### Ballot Number 3

AREA 83 – EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL  
ELECTION RESULTS

BALLOT NUMBER 3 FOR THE POSITION OF ECRT

	CANDIDATE	COUNT #1	COUNT #2	COUNT #3	COUNT #4	COUNT #5	COUNT #6	COUNT #7	COUNT #8	TOTAL	
1	Robb W	42	33	33							
2	Dot D	80	102	124							
3	Maire O	38	25								
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
9											
TOTAL VOTES CAST		160	160	157							
										2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	105
										1/5 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	32
										1/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	54