

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Assembly Minutes

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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 M., Secretary/Registrar for District 12
- 12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By – Patrick, Archives Chair for District 62

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 Dave for his talk last night.

Introduction

This is our third Assembly of four in this term. During the next 9 months, we will continue 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.

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 say at every 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. 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, will be transcribed in full in the minutes for all in Area 83 to share.

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

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DELEGATE	Mel C.
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Joyce S.
SECRETARY	Tony A.
REGISTRAR	Scott M.
TREASURER	Rob M.
IMMEDIATE PAST DELEGATE for Panel 61	Robb W.
CHAIRPERSON	Kim S.

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

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

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

I'd like to now introduce Past Delegates and today we have:

Panel 59 Delegate - Sandy S.

Panel 53 Delegate - Roy R.

Panel 51 Delegate - Joe D. (Currently serving the Fellowship as a Non-Trustee Director of AAWS)

We have with us serving in Appointed Positions:

Area Archivist – David T.

Area Webmaster – Todd S.

Alternate Webmaster – Jim R.

We have with us today as noteworthy visitors:

Dave A., Delegate – Panel 64 from Area 81 New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island visiting.

Freddie M., Alternate Delegate from Area 86 also visiting.

Janice F., This years' Ontario Regional Conference Chair and the Area 86 Remote Communities and AccessAbilities Chairperson

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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 M.

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 cleans up after us. If you leave this room for a smoke (or any other reason) please do so quietly, and please do not congregate just outside the doors.

NAMETAG HOLDERS

When you leave for home this afternoon or evening, please leave your name tag holders in the boxes provided near the doors. We 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 Fall Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, Committee Chairs and District Committee Member's, has met once this year. We met in Quinte West in January. Our next meeting is June 7, 2014. A schedule of future meetings in 2014 will be included in the minutes. Please note that anyone can attend the Area Committee meeting in Quinte West. We welcome all visitors.

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

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 \$9.00 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 7th is being passed around.

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WHO VOTES?

Only members of the Assembly may vote. These are:

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

All Area Sub-committee Chairs

All District Committee Members of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate District Committee Member may vote.

All General Service Representatives of groups in Area 83; in their absence, the group's Alternate General Service Representative has the vote. 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.

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
- it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their group's 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

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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 – 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. 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, your position group and district number.

MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO OPERATE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY?

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

Seconded: Maire O., General Service Representative for Sunday Northwestern Group

Motion: Carried

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

Item 12 a) 2014 Financial Guidelines

That would change the motions to:

12 b) For Area 83 to recognize "AccessAbility" as a standing committee at the Area level.

12 c) For Area 83 to consider the special needs of its members at the Area Assembly when it comes to hearing, sight, and seating. To have designated seating for those who have visual and hearing impediments and an area designated for those who have mobility restrictions.

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Motion to accept the agenda as amended

Moved: Barb B., General Service Representative for Coffee Club Group
Seconded: Marilyn L., Registrar for District 06
Motion: **Carried**
1 opposed and 1 abstained

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 FALL ASSEMBLY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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: Gary O., Area 83 Corrections Chair
Seconded: Peter K., General Service Representative for New Anchor Group
Motion: **Carried**
2 abstained

4. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

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 of the Rexdale United Group. All Chair; positions filled except Grapevine. Corrections; Toronto West Detention Centre is going well although it was scheduled to close in February but it continues to meet. Ontario Correctional Institute 3 AA meetings a week and a Big Book study, all going well. New Corrections Chair Bob E.

Treatment; Chair Glenn says that meetings are going very well at Brampton detox. Great support from Reaching Out, Care and 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, Special thanks to Alternate Treatment chair De, Ra and Stefan.

Public Information Chair Ray R. has put AA literature in individual Police Stations and a Community drop in Centre in Malton as well locking at some doctor offices for holders and folders. Cooperation with Professional Community Chair Deirdre B. is distributing holders and folders with other information to doctors' offices and other professionals. AccessAbility Chair Bob E. indicates all going well.

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.

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District 06 is alive and thriving! Group attendance is averaging 60-65% - with attendance from about 80% of our 34 groups during recent months. We are financially healthy, able to meet our commitments to Area and GSO and to fund all committee activities. All table officer and committee chair positions as well as all but 1 of our alternate chair positions are filled. Our newest group, Sisters in Sobriety, is active at the table and we welcome their Alternate GSR to this Assembly. And I am delighted to see a great attendance from our District here this weekend.

All our Committees are active in the District and participate in GREATER TORONTO AREA Committees and their activities including most recently at the ONTARIO REGIONAL CONFERENCE in Toronto. 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 and recently were asked to establish a service meeting at a Peel youth facility. Grapevine is active at group and member anniversaries. Our CPC Committee is planning its second annual Bring A Friend meeting for next fall – and we are delighted to see that similar meetings are planned in other GREATER TORONTO AREA districts. District 6 is also planning a Sponsorship workshop jointly with District 10 for later this spring – following a very successful workshop held by our Daily Reflections group.

Chris, our Alternate DCM and I are on the Info AA Day Committee – this year's event will be held at the Thornhill Community Centre on May 24th. It's a great day of service – Clay R from GSO is attending and our delegate Mel will be giving one of his reports from the General Service Conference.

And obviously we are excited with the decision that Mississauga will host CERAASA 2015 for Area 83 – interest and enthusiasm are building.

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

District 10 - Toronto South Central

My name is James and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 10 – Toronto South Central for the 2013-14 term.

I would like to start by thanking all District 10 members who have come to the Assembly this weekend. Our district is located in downtown Toronto with boundaries as follows: North – Eglinton Ave, South – Lake Ontario, East – Don Valley Parkway and West – Spadina Ave.

Our service commitments are near and dear to us in District 10. We put on 7 meetings at the following locations: Harbor Light, Women's Own, CAMH (2 meetings), Covenant House, Grant House and we just assumed responsibility for Seaton House in January. So we seem to be covering the gambit – men's, women's and young people. All active groups who come every month are very generous with their people – the enthusiasm is amazing!

Sub committee chairs open at the moment are Cooperation with Professional Community, Corrections and Self-Support.

On a personal note, I was invited to do a group inventory. There seems to be two reasons why an inventory happens: 1) the group finds that members are generally unhappy or 2) a healthy group does a group house cleaning on a regular basis. The one I facilitated was the latter and was amazed to see how healthy a group can be. The elders respected and encouraged the new comers to voice their opinion and the new comers felt really a part of.

Another group invited me to their business meeting and this was also a very enlightening experience – frustrating at times as I was an invited guest and did not have a voice (now I know how Kim feels!). It looks like they will be booking a group inventory in the next couple of months.

District 10 is in the hands of a great group of dedicated AAs who put their love into everything they do to reach out to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in love and service, James O. - District Committee Member for District 10

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District 12 - Toronto South West

My name is Greg and I'm an alcoholic, and proud to be serving District 12 as District Committee Member for District 12, Toronto Southwest.

District 12 is doing very well and is meeting all of its service commitments due to the support of the active groups at the table. Our finances are modest but stable and meeting our needs.

Now for some bad news – we lost a service meeting. The staff at Evangel Hall asked us to stop the service meeting as it was becoming too costly to staff the hall for the meeting. The meeting was often not well attended. This meeting has been on the ropes for some time so this did not come as a surprise.

And now for some good news – we have a new service meeting. St. Joes detox now has a Saturday meeting at 7 pm to compliment the Sunday meeting that the Sunnyside group does and Wednesday meeting that Welcome Group does.

The Queen Street mental health meeting had to change rooms across the hall so we are moving in District 12 and has a change of stewardship as the Friendly Group has taken this group on as its service and is hoped that its consistency of management by one group will benefit this meeting. This meeting thrived at one time but has suffered from the construction of the new development of buildings.

I have had discussions with a community centre that has expressed an interest to host an English AA meeting to compliment the Spanish speaking meeting that is already there in that facility. We are just waiting for someone with a resentment and coffee pot!

Our treatment chair is in discussion with District 10 to share a meeting that is on our mutual border and I believe this will be good for our smaller groups that cannot take a full month of service commitments.

Admittedly, we are not as strong in other sub-committee positions as we would like to be but with the people we have are doing yeoman's work with meetings we have.

Thank you, Greg H. - District Committee Member for District 12

District 14 - Toronto North Central

Report read by Don M., Alternate District Committee Member for District 14

I'm an alcoholic member of the Aurora group serving as District 14's District Committee Member; my name is Gord.

All Officer and sub-committee chair positions are all filled; the sub-committee chairs are attending the meetings at Greater Toronto Area Intergroup and are actively serving the district. The York Regional Police literature program is running very well and we are fulfilling our other service commitments. We recently added an elected TOYPAA Liaison and are presently reviewing the new position's job protocols.

Our finances are growing strong again after December's donations to General Service Office and Area 83. We will soon be paying our rent in advance for the June 2014-June 2015 year. District 14's recent attendance: Jan. 83%, Feb. 75% and Mar. 58%...with a quarterly average of 72% of our active groups. District 14 donated 65 Big Books at this assembly for distribution to various correctional/treatment facilities for the immediate area and 20 Big Books to Vanier [women's facility] in Milton.

Don and I are attending the Information AA Day Committee meetings at Toronto Intergroup...and we both are chairing panels. We have made our cash contribution, usually donate a meat platter and should have a large attendance of District 14 members.

Moving forward we will soon be voting in the 2015/16 District Committee Member and Alternate District Committee Member, reviewing the August Forum in Laval and planning the District 14 Service Workshop.

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

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District 16 - Distrito Hispano de Toronto

Good morning and my name is Victor and I am alcoholic. My home group is the Grupo Amistad and I am the District Committee Member of the Spanish District Distrito Hispano de Toronto 16.

I am very excited for CERAASA coming. Info AA Day in May 24th the Spanish distinct will be holding a meeting with our Spanish Intergroup. We will be serving Tamales during lunch.

Public Information is putting on a meeting every Tuesday in the Davenport/Perth Community Centre. They are ensuring that people are getting the AA number. The Hispanic channel in Toronto that have covertures all over Canada are still running Public Information tape in the Hispanic language, plus a couple of ads in the newspapers of our Hispanic community.

La Vina, the Spanish Grapevine is ordered (30 editions) every 2 months for our members by the La Vina chair. The Spanish district is a very small district but we are alive and we hope to still serve the alcoholic who still suffers.

Yours in love and service, Victor M. – District Committee Member for District 16

District 18 - Toronto City East

Good day friends. 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.

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 all our subcommittee chairs filled save and except Accessibility which is being covered by our Alternate District Committee Member Katrina and Grapevine which is being covered by our past Chair John M. Thank you both of you.

The groups are still meeting our service meeting commitments for Corrections and Treatment 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. We have officially taken the East Toronto Withdrawal Management Centre into our service meeting rotation and again thank those members of District 22 groups who have previously services the meeting and continue to be of assistance.

Our district's committee and group members are looking forward to Info AA Day and we are supporting the event both financially and with supplies and service as usual. The East York Group's annual round up is April 12 and the theme is The Traditions. We are also looking forward to the East Toronto Archives Breakfast.

At our upcoming April meeting our table will be discussing and voting on a motion to request the Area support the removal of the "grey pages" or "Alcoholism at Large" from the Grapevine on the grounds that it is in conflict with our traditions, and the magazine's mission statement, and blanket Conference Approval.

Perhaps the most anticipated development is that our ad-hoc committee for the review of our Guidelines and Procedures has presented their first full draft for comment and we anticipate the final document in the next 2 months. Thank you to the committee members for their very focused and expedient work on the assignment.

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. I have the privilege to serve as District Committee Member for District 22.

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District 22 is doing well but we do have some challenges. 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 to 75 %.

The Sub-Committee Chair positions have all been filled but we are missing a few alternates. Our District Inventory for this term was held on November 10, 2013 and our Delegate Mel, did a fine job facilitating the Inventory. There was a good turnout and active participation.

Planning is in progress for two of our Annual events. The first is the 9th Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast which is held in collaboration with District 18 on Sunday May 4th. tickets are \$20.00 per person. The second event is our Annual Service Day followed by a dance which will be held in September, the exact date has not been set. Our District is also involved in the planning of Information AA Day with Toronto Intergroup and other Toronto Area Districts. This event will be held on Saturday, May 24th, tickets are \$5:00 per person and includes a potluck lunch. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

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

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 sub-committee positions are filled. Our Grapevine Chairperson stepped down and the position was quickly filled. We have been meeting all our financial obligations. Our attendance at the table continues to be around 60%.

Our Bring-A-Friend meeting in November was one of the most successful in the events history. The Communication with the Professional Community committee worked diligently for months to organize this evening. The hard work paid off because over 130 people were in attendance!

In the fall, the Communication with the Professional Community committee have spoken before more than 300 students in the Faculty of Health and Community Services.

After making a presentation to students becoming nurses at Durham College, the nursing professor has asked them to become an ongoing part of the curriculum, appearing before different groups of students every 7 weeks. Our Public Information Committee continues to make sure literature is available in various locations within District 26.

Coming up in summer will be the 42th Annual Lakeshore Districts Conference. It will be held at the Polish Hall in Oshawa on August 15th, 16th and 17th.

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

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District 28 - Lakeshore East

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

The turnout at our district table continues to remain high. All of our Sub-Committees are very active in our area, especially our Cooperation with Professional Community, Public Information, and Grapevine as they remain hard at work.

The Spring Roundup was held on March 1, at the General Sikorski Hall, in Oshawa. It was a great success (even given the inclement weather!), rounding off with a dance with a live band!

Again, as in previous years, we are holding our 42nd Annual Lakeshore Conference. The theme this year is "Recovery in Motion". This will be held August 15-17, 2014 at the General Sikorski Hall in Oshawa. There should be flyers in the Atrium.

Our finances remain stable, bills are getting paid including to the Area and we remain in the black.

The Newcastle Round Up was held on November 9, 2013. We were pleasantly surprised when this one turned out to be a sell-out success! Also in November, on Monday, the 11th, District 26 sponsored a Professional Symposium at the CAW Local 222 Union Hall in Oshawa. This was well presented and informative with our Delegate to New York being one of the speakers. District 28 will be sponsoring this as well as the Service Day in June this year.

All groups seem to be doing well, continuing to hold meetings. Group activity in Treatment and Corrections is ongoing with strong group support. 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

Verbal report was given by District Committee Member Pierre B.

My name is Pierre and I am an alcoholic and currently serve as District Committee Member for District 30. I would first like to thank my district for sending me down here.

Our district is doing quite well and our chair positions are almost full. Our finances are in good order. We have a roundup coming up on Saturday May 18th and the theme is "Service Equals Contented Sobriety." The roundup will be 7th tradition with a potluck lunch starting at 10:00 am and is held in Brighton. There will be flyers coming out.

Unfortunately, very recently the Alternate District Committee Member Edna had to give up this position. We have had a lot of new people coming into the district meeting and filling in for some of the alternate positions as well.

We have a strong showing of groups at our district and we average at least 80% attendance. There are a few new General Service Representatives at this Assembly for their first time. All in all things are going very well at our district. Thank you very much for my sobriety.

Pierre B. – District Committee Member for District 30

District 34 - Quinte East

Good morning, my name is Linda. I am an alcoholic, a member to the Tweed group and have the privilege of being the District Committee Member for District 34 Quinte East.

We have recently had an interim election because our Alternate District Committee Member Dan D. had to step down for personal reasons. I am pleased to say that our new Alternate District Committee Member is Les M. from the Foxboro Friendship group. Les will also continue to be our Treatment chair until the end of this term.

Financially, District 34 is doing well. We have been meeting all of our financial obligations and maintain a prudent reserve.

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Odie our Public Information/Cooperation with Professional Community chair is doing well; we have change the format of our meeting lists and had to have 2 printings done due to the overwhelming success of the change. Our representative is doing a lot of community work and presentations in our district. Les, the Treatment Chair, continues to maintain a group of people who put on meetings at the local men's treatment facility and local hospital. He ensures that there is updated information in many venues.

Sue, from Corrections, is doing an amazing job. Although we still struggle with a low number of volunteers to carry the message into the jails/prisons in our district, Sue has kept the message going in. She has also managed to have the meeting at Milhaven started. Although it is only once a month it is a great start. If anyone has soft Big Books or Grapevines that they would like to donate please contact us.

Our Grapevine representative, Ian, is doing amazing. He promotes the Grapevine at many of our district events as well as helping out in other districts in our area when he is asked to attend. Laurie, from Self-Support is full of new ideas and has recently started a District 34 news letter. It was going to be quarterly but with the great reaction from the district members she is going to do it monthly.

Dave, our webmaster, has made some positive changes to our website, making it easier to use. Our Archives Chair, Carol, has created a great display and the district had display cases made for it so that she can insure the integrity of our history in the district.

At our March district meeting Wilf P., our past District Committee Member, attended with a presentation about offering Accessibility to the members in our district who are unable to attend our regular meetings because of illness. Wilf will now be heading up a committee in our district to insure that we are reaching out to all of the members in our district to bring them meetings when and where ever we can.

Our District table meetings are well attended and I would just like to thank all of the attendees of the table for their continued passion at the meeting.

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

District 36 - Kingston & the Islands

Report read by Heather E., Alternate District Committee Member for District 36.

Good morning, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Frontenac Group in Kingston, my name is Lynne. 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 is introducing our new Corrections Chair Lori M to the Federal Institutional meetings. We do have a number of volunteers attending meetings, but members are spread thin amongst five weekly meetings.

Our Treatment Facilities Chair, Barry is successful in finding groups to make monthly commitments to Chair three weekly meetings. Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Committee Chair Donna and the committee are committed to speaking engagements at the college and with the Sydenham school board.

Our Telephone Link Committee (TLC) Chair Carrie continues to organize phone and twelve step volunteers. We have decreased our "turn around time" to better serve live callers. You will have seen our Grapevine Chair Ann here selling books this weekend. She has visited many groups to display and sell books at birthdays and events around the district.

You all will have met Monique our Secretary when you registered this weekend. Thank you to all the greeters and registration volunteers. Our Treasurer Wayne continues to keep us fiscally responsible. Looking forward to the months to come.

Our first Annual "Founders' Day Round Up" will be held on June 7th at St Andrew's Church. All are welcome and is potluck. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Wishing you a lifetime of sobriety.

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

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District 38 - Thousand Islands

Absent and no report submitted.

District 42 - St. Lawrence International

Report read by Milner G., Archives Chair for District 42

My name is Milner and I am an alcoholic. I serve District 42 as Archives Chair. I also serve the Fall Island Big Book Group as Alternate General Service Representative.

I am pinch-hitting for Louise T, our Alternate District Committee Member, who informed me that this morning we have about a foot of snow at home (so far!). I think it is a fair trade that she offered to work on clearing my driveway in Potsdam and I can deliver the report in Kingston. Here it goes...

1. All committees are staying active along with our new secretary, Jenny M., and archives chair Milner G!
2. We've set the date of May 31st for our next day of sharing and delegate's report. The location is the United Methodist Church, 627 Caroline Street in Ogdensburg. We coordinate on this day with Districts 48 and 50 to minimize Mel's travel schedule. This year it is the rotation to meet on the U.S. side. I will post the flyer on our District 42 website as soon as it is ready - www.aa-stlawrenceny.org
3. Our treasurer recently resigned so we'll be looking for a new treasurer.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

Milner G. for Louise T, Alternate District Committee Member

District 48 - Seaway Valley North

Good morning my name is Michael, I am an alcoholic and a member of the Kemptville Gratitude Group. I also have the honour and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 48 Seaway Valley North.

On Saturday February 1st we held our 20th annual District 48 Round-Up at Matilda Hall in Dixon Corners. It was a great day of AA and Al-Anon speakers, panels, food and fellowship. While the number of members from both fellowships were down from last year due to winter storm warnings the contributions from the 7th tradition and the sale of pop and water insured that this year's roundup was in the black.

I would like to thank those Area 83 service chairs; Heather M., Dan N., Herb W. and David T. who came to the roundup with their service displays and shared with us what their duties and responsibility are in helping to carry AA's message of recovery and hope to the still suffering Alcoholic. Also, a big thank you to our Immediate Past Area 83 Delegate Rob W. for an excellent AA message as our key-note speaker.

Financially District 48 is in good shape and we continue to meet all of our financial obligations at this time we are also meeting all of our service commitments though we are still looking along with our neighbours in District 42 St. Lawrence International for one or two more members to help carry the message of AA into the Ogdensburg Correctional Facility.

Unfortunately we still have three service positions vacant Secretary/Registrar, Self-Support and Archives. I would like to thank Margaret S. Of the Morrisburg Gratitude Group for all of her help in taking the minutes at our district meetings which makes my life a little easier.

On a final note this coming Tuesday after almost a year the Tuesday Night Winchester Group will be moving back to their old home in the Winchester United Church and so will the district 48 service meeting.

Yours in love and service, Michael C. - District Committee Member for District 48

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District 50 - Cornwall

Good morning friends, alcoholic named Dave. I am an active member of the Beginners Group which meets in Cornwall on Saturday mornings and I currently have the pleasure of serving as the District Committee Member for District 50.

I am happy to report that financially the district seems to be doing well. This is primarily due to the efforts of the many volunteers who have been organizing different events at both the group and district level. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud everyone's efforts. The result of all this hard work is that after reviewing and addressing the needs within the district there was still enough money left to send support to both Area and General Service Office.

The March district business meeting had 80% attendance by General Service Representatives and 5 guests. This maybe a normal occurrence in some places but I can assure you that first I was thrilled then I thought there must be something going on that I didn't know about and then I hoped it wasn't a hanging. Thank you for your service and have a safe trip home.

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

District 54 - Ottawa Rideau

Report read by Darlene K., Alternate District Committee Member for District 54

Good morning, my name is Bob, 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 continue to be well attended by our General Service Representatives and District Committee Members. Our Grapevine chair remains vacant even though our General Service Representatives are mentioning it at their home group meetings. Our Alternate District Committee Member has been attending the monthly Ottawa Cooperation with the Professional Community on behalf of the district.

We are meeting our financial obligations and service commitments. The 35th Annual Eastern Ontario Spring Conference is scheduled for April 26-27th, at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel. All are welcome!

We would like to thank District 62 for hosting a General Service Representative Workshop. We also have a Concept meeting on the 1st Monday of each month. Finally, the Ottawa 2014 Service in Recovery Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th and our Delegate will be in attendance.

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

District 58 - Ottawa Bytown

Hello everyone... my name is John and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic. I am currently serving District 58 Ottawa Bytown as District Committee Member and I am a member of the Laurier Sandy Hill group.

Our district is in excellent financial shape with a topped up prudent reserve. We have met all requests for funding and have a 100% service commitment attendance thanks to our CFT Liaison, Craig K. another member of our district, Mike S., has now taken over as coordinator for AA at the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre. Our new treasurer Rick H. is settling in over the next while as Gabriel P. steps aside to focus on his upcoming wedding. On another happy note, our Alternate District Committee Member, Frank K. could not attend this weekend as his second grandchild was born earlier this week.

After our January Area meeting and vote on CERAASA, I returned to my district table and announced the disappointing results with a heavy heart for the members that had put in the effort to gather nearly 200 names of service volunteers. I asked my General Service Representatives to return to their groups and let the members know that some of them may be needed for service in Mississauga and that information would be forthcoming.

Ottawa's Annual Spring Conference is happening the last weekend of April and I encourage everyone to attend this consistently well run and organized event. The featured speakers are Clancy I. and Tom K. from Boston.

Yours in service, John V. - District Committee Member for District 58

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District 62 - Ottawa West

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in Ottawa, and am currently serving District 62, Ottawa West, as their District Committee Member. My name is Sue.

Our finances in District 62 continue to remain healthy. Groups have stepped up to the plate and are sending in their contributions.

In early March, the Public Information Committee delivered the new Grapevine book, "Young and Sober", to all the Student Services Departments in Secondary Schools, and at the same time, replenished books required in the Libraries. Grapevine literature is still available for sale at the HOPE Group, which is the home group of our Grapevine Liaison.

We are still meeting for an hour before our regular district meeting to read over the Service Manual. Members are still attending, and are finding this workshop helpful in deepening our knowledge in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Rod and I continue to be busy with Group Inventories. It is a pleasure to visit each Group and to meet the members. District's 54, 58 and 62 are in the process of arranging "Service In Recovery Day". This will be held on June 14, 2014, and Mel has already confirmed his attendance. Flyers will be sent out electronically as soon as they are available.

I want to thank all members of District 62 who were able to make it to Kingston this weekend. Your presence is gratefully appreciated.

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

District 66 - Golden Triangle

Good morning friends, my name is Rod and I am a grateful alcoholic, a member of the Sharbot Lake Group and have the honour and privilege of serving District 66 as District Committee Member.

It has been an honour to participate in one of the workshops this weekend on the traditions and thank you Murray for asking me.

It has always been a treat to attend the Ontario Regional Conference at the Royal York and there was quite a few members from District 66 that came to this. I am looking forward to attending the Ottawa Assembly and this is going to be another party.

District 66 will be holding their annual roundup on April 12 at the Lombardi Fair Grounds. There is going to be a really great speaker there and it is a surprise.

Our district is currently in a financial crunch and are operating below our prudent reserve and our groups have been donating well. Public information in our district is very active and going into schools and really carrying the message out into the community.

We have a sub-committee that was struck up to review our district guidelines. I am looking forward to working with you in the next nine months.

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

District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac

Good morning I'm an alcoholic my name is Dave. I have the honour of serving District 70 - Renfrew/Pontiac as District Committee Member.

All goes well here in District 70 we recently held our spring roundup on March 15. We had a great turn out, there were many friends and a good time was had by all. Thank to those who attended.

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I'm sorry to report our district's secretary position on our district table is vacant. I'm hopeful this will be filled soon. We are happy to report our finances are in better shape and we continue to be financially sound. I thank for my sobriety and wish you all well. Have a good day!!

Thank you, Dave P. - District Committee Member for District 70

District 74 - Pembroke

Report read by Skip R., General Service Representative for Petawawa Triangle Group.

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

I am happy to report that all of our positions at District 70 are filled and attendance at our monthly meetings is averaging around 85% attendance. It's nice to see many new faces working so hard to keep our district running smoothly. I hope this continues over the remainder of my term as District Committee Member.

We have updated our District Operating and Election Procedures over the last few months. It is a task that needed to be done and our committee worked hard to ensure that these procedures are easily understood and agreed to by all members.

Our Help Line continues to serve its purpose although quite costly to maintain. Our website went on line in February and we are grateful to our webmaster who keeps the site up-to-date and easily navigated. Anyone from outside our district can easily find our meeting times and locations. He also posts any out of district events as requested.

We continue to keep an active list of AA members who are willing to visit patients in the Hospital as we do not have a Treatment Facility in our district, although we do get a few bridging the gap requests from various other districts. I feel that our members are reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic.

Our Mother's Day Roundup is set for May 10th in Pembroke. Our Event Chair, Wayne C. is working hard with a committee to ensure that the day will go smoothly. I know that he has been promoting this event over the weekend so please feel free to come and spend the day with us in District 74.

Overall AA is alive and well in the Ottawa Valley. If you happen to be travelling to our district, please come and visit us at any of our well attended AA meetings. We are always happy to see visitors from outside our area.

Yours in service, Pat E. – District Committee Member for District 74

District 78 - Madawaska Valley

Absent and no report submitted.

District 82 – Victoria-Haliburton

Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic, my home group is Sunday Nighters and my name is Kim. I'm grateful for Alcoholics Anonymous for the love of service from our district to the Area.

What's new in District 82?? The 35th Annual District 82 Victoria-Haliburton Conference is on Saturday May 3rd at Victoria Park Armory located at 210 Kent Street West in Lindsay. "No Longer Alone" is the theme for this year. There are conference flyers in the District Committee Member mail boxes as well as for pick up this weekend in the atrium area. Thanks to Jim S., there are tickets available with us this weekend.

Our Cooperation with the Professional Community is organizing an AA Bring a Professional and friend night. Our chairperson Cathy M. will have time and dates and more information coming.

Our district continues to grow with the starting of a new group in Coboconk on Sunday morning at 9 am in the Civitan Hall.

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Our district table is well attended from the group General Service Representatives and Committee Members and District Committee Members. We are financially in the black and contributing to the Area and to General Service Office in New York.

Women's Correctional Volunteers hosted a retirement party for Grace K. who was a long time coordinator for AA volunteers in the Central East Corrections Centre in Lindsay. Grace would always put her love of service to the AA program first. Grace was persistent in keeping the doors of the jail open to us. The Volunteer's Banquet meeting she hosted was a chance to express her gratitude.

Since I have been District Committee Member, I have been giving monthly reports. My most important concern for our district is not only unity, but for someone to come forward to be Alternate District Committee Member. My reports have expressed the importance of this position. Do I need to put promotion in front of attraction?

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

District 86 - Kawartha

Thank you Kim, Panel 63 Area 83 Eastern Ontario International and everyone here today. Greetings from Peterborough, I am an alcoholic, member of Friendly Friday and District Committee Member for District 86, my name is Sandra.

Peterborough continues to be vibrant, strong and active. Attendance is excellent at the district table with usually an 85 percent turnout. All sub-committee chairs are very active.

We are going to be planning a Service Information Day. We just don't have a date yet. Back to Basics has been and is an integral part of Peterborough offering workshops on a regular basis at our Peterborough Intergroup office.

The Corrections Chair noted that entrance into the jail is remarkably successful. We are very grateful to our volunteers for putting on meetings at the Central East Correctional Centre in Lindsay.

Public Information /Cooperation with Professional Community has a strong committee attending various events and planning a Professional Day to be held sometime in the fall. Our district will be hosting the Area 83 Archives Workshop coming up on Saturday, April 12th at the Intergroup. It is on our website.

The Peterborough conference, Let Gratitude Be Your Attitude, is going to be the weekend of June 20th and 21st. We have flyers here and it is on our website.

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

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.

Good morning everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Redwood Group in District 30 Quinte West and I have been given the privilege to serve as your Public Information Chairperson for Area 83 Eastern Ontario (International).

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I have some progress to report to you on the outstanding issue with Indigo Book stores kiosks and online listing Hazelden as the publisher of the books Alcoholics Anonymous, Living Sober, Twelve Traditions and Came to Believe. The Publishing issue has been resolved online. There is still an issue in that the web page states Alcoholics Anonymous is a contributor for Hazelden and after speaking to the Public Information coordinator in New York was recommended to pass the issue to the Intellectual Properties Department for review.

I have been spending time searching the websites for correct posting of AA literature and would like to pass a recommendation to any member who thinks there is an issue with incorrect posting of General Conference Approved literature. Please pass the info on to me or any one on the Area 83 committee.

We have a new request from GUSTO television for a video public service announcement which I responded to and recommended that they review our Public Service Announcements (PSAs) online at aa.org. I have had a request for Force of Nature, living in Chaos, and We Know what it's Like. I took the time to introduce myself by phone and find that it is more personable than just by email. I found the email I received interesting in that I was asked how much time we wanted them to play our PSAs. GUSTO is currently airing on Bell, Eastlink, Telus, and are asking for Rogers. The telecaster numbers are renewed and Bell Media has them so that our PSAs can be presented for this year again.

Dot D. and I attended the Delegates Meeting in Toronto and I had a chance to spend time interacting with the newly elected Cooperation with Professional Community chair Jean C. and I past some of my past experience and we are staying in touch by email. I was asked to pass on the new anonymity letter called Anonymity Online and will be sending it out.

I had a lengthy conversation with Jim M. the Public Information coordinator in New York about anonymity online and since the problem is so hard to keep control it was recommended to me that if a member sees some breaking anonymity online to use our resources to help and try to make clear AAs view on anonymity online. Please feel free to ask me to attend your events, and keep sending your minutes. Thank you all for your love, and the opportunity to serve in such an enthusiastic Area!

Herb W. – Panel 63 Public Information Chairperson, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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 very pleased to report that there has been a lot of very good activity in Cooperation with the Professional Community since the Fall Area Assembly with a number of Roundups, Service Days and major events. I'd like to share with you some highlights:

District 2 held their Service Day November 2nd and there was good representation with Cooperation with the Professional Community including presentation, literature and the Area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community display.

There were two major 'Bring a Professional' evenings on November 11th. In Mississauga, District 2 and 6 co-hosted a 'Bring a Friend' professional evening with 60- 70 attendees. The main purpose was to introduce the professional community to AA. The speakers were a husband a wife AA and Al-Anon team and also a speaker from the Homewood Treatment facility who made presentations. And in Oshawa, District 26 hosted an AA Professional evening with more than 130 people from Durham's professional community as well as Al-Anon and AA members making it one of the most successful in the event's history.

District 10 held their Service Day Nov. 23rd and there were about 200 attendees for the day highlighting different AA steps.

District 26 continued their excellent work presenting AA as part of the curriculum at Durham College. They have done over a dozen presentations in various professional streams including Addiction and Counselling students and Nursing classes.

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I had the privilege of being invited to District 48 Service Day in February and to give an overview of our Cooperation with the Professional Community.

And the Cooperation with the Professional Community was well represented at the Ontario Regional Conference held this month in Toronto.

I'm also pleased to share with you some of the excellent work being done at Toronto Intergroup:

- In February, District 14, 18 and 22 Cooperation with the Professional Community chairs participated along with Public Information in presenting AA to the University of Toronto medical students and I want to thank Joe C. for coordinating this activity again this year.
- Plans are underway for presenting to the Toronto Metro Police senior management in Toronto and we're working to confirm a date.
- Toronto Intergroup is also organizing for the Primary Care Medical Convention to be held May 7- 10 at the Metro Convention Centre.
- They are also working with GSO to the People in Motion Conference taking place in Toronto June 6th and 7th. This is Canada's largest exhibition for disabilities and we hope to coordinate support at the booth with Toronto District Accessibility AA teams and possibly Public Information during this weekend.

Toronto Intergroup Cooperation with Professional Community chairs meet monthly and they continue to surprise me with their energy and dedication- they are showing that service can be a lot of fun in action.

At yesterday's Service Information Day, the Cooperation with the Professional Community in District 2, Toronto Intergroup and District 26 gave us an excellent overview in representing AA professionally. There is a difference in how you present in AA meetings versus how you represent AA at professional functions. I have a presentation on "How to Speak to Non AA's in the Professional Community" that I've given to District 26 and 28 members and I shared this again yesterday. For anyone who would like a copy, please email me at cpc@area83aa.org and I will be happy to send you one.

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

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

c) Corrections Report

Gary O.

Good Morning Area 83 Officers, past and present Delegates, District Committee Members and guest. It is fantastic to be here and my name is Gary. I am a member of the Living Sober group in Newmarket Ontario the best group in District 14.

Well a year has passed by since I took on this service position with the Area. Due to my work load I have not been able to attend the Districts and Intergroup meeting in the G.T.A. but it's not all about me but the dedication from the entire corrections chair in the Districts.

I attended the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup meeting and was asked to facilitate a election for a new chair I am happy to inform you that the new chair is Will H. of the Mt Albert Group in District 14. Will has been involved in Corrections since he attended his first District meeting and continues to carry the message behind the walls.

All Bridging the Gap requests have been met to date with the balk of them coming from the Milton area and Peterborough area. We are still having some problems with getting the right information on the documentation coming from the clients it is getting better.

All meetings in the intuitions that can be put on are being put on. It has not been an easy task by our Corrections Chair but they get the job done. A request to send 12 Big Books to the Belleville area was completed.

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For everyone who attended our workshop yesterday this workshop's focus was on one person journey in service in another area, and as you are aware this was a pre-conference assembly, the conference is requesting information and feedback for our Delegate to take back to New York.

I attended the corrections meeting this morning at 7.30 am in the London room. I submitted a Correction Chair Questionnaire to be taken back to their committees. I received this request from General Service Office asking for our shared experience. A lot of sharing and concerns were touched on 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 Meeting from Newmarket Ontario for their donation of big books to all the federal institutions hospitals treatment centers. 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 correction concerns. Please send them to 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 Eastern Ontario International

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 currently serving as your Area 83 Treatment Chairperson.

There are many opportunities for service in treatment facilities. In addition to the "treatment centre", there are hospitals, halfway houses, outpatient programs, just to name a few. There are meetings to be set up and run. There are clients to be "bridged". If there is no meeting in a treatment facility in your district, maybe you would like to get involved and get the ball rolling. Everything you need to know is contained in the Treatment Workbook, provided by the General Service Office, in New York. Even if you do not have a treatment facility in your District (though I bet you do), it is still important to have people that are willing and ready to be a temporary contact for someone coming home from treatment, to your District. Talk to your District Treatment Chair today!

We discussed the Conference Agenda items in the Treatment Workshop, and I will forward the thoughts and opinions to Mel. I attended the Area 86 Assembly last weekend. It was great to meet the new Area 86 Treatment Chairperson, and the Bridging the Gap Chairperson. They do things a bit differently in Area 86, but service is alive and well there, as it is here in Area 83.

Bridging the Gap continues to function well in Area 83. If you are interested in being a temporary contact for bridging the Gap in your District, contact your District Treatment Chairperson, Committee or your District Committee Member. If I can be of any help, feel free to email me.

Thank you to the few districts that have sent me the geographical boundaries of your district. It makes it much easier when finding a Bridging the Gap contact. I would like to make a map of district boundaries for my use, and for those after me. It would be a great resource and help. If you have not sent it to me, will you? If you are not sure if you sent your district boundaries, please send it again. I'd rather have it twice rather than not at all. If you know your boundaries off the top of your head, you could jot them down and give them to me today. I know I have asked before... but I don't have everyone yet. Thanks so much.

To find Treatment literature, or information, go to www.aa.org. There is amazing information located there. 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.

Thank you for allowing me to serve! Sober sure is better!! Ruth F. – Panel 63 Treatment Chairperson, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

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e) Grapevine Report

Heather M.

Hi I'm an alcoholic, member of Prince Edward and currently serving as Area Grapevine Chair my name is Heather.

Thank you to all of the active Grapevine chairs in the districts that continue to carry the Grapevine message. Your dedication ensures Grapevine stays alive in Area 83. Grapevine Representatives this morning tales about many ideas to carry the message of hope held in the Grapevine out to others.

I receive monthly newsletters from the Grapevine office that I pass on to the list of Grapevine chairs. In districts where there is no Grapevine Chairs the District Committee Member gets them. If you at your groups are not receiving news of Grapevine, please speak to your District Committee Member or perhaps you're interested in a service position?

Wall calendars and pocket planners order forms will be going out at the June Area Committee Meeting. Districts through their District Committee Members need to have one cheque from their district to the area for their districts' total Grapevine order by the fall Area Committee Meeting. I will place the order on the Tuesday after the Area Committee Meeting and orders will be ready at the Fall Assembly. I will be discounting the price posted by AA Grapevine.org by about 40 cents per item to compensate for the overage paid last year. I should know the price in May.

Conference agenda items were covered yesterday in my workshop. Thank you attendees for your input. There is an item on the General Service Conference agenda to remove the "Grey Pages" from the magazine. Of voting attendees 17 to 3 voted in favor of removing the pages from the magazine. Or results will be shared with our delegate via the report taken in our workshop by Susan of District 12.

I will send an email to the director of the Grapevine board regarding the removal of the events section in the Grapevine. Several people mentioned that they would like them back.

I went to Iroquois ON for the District 48 Roundup and Service Day in February. In April I've been asked to come to Ottawa to come set up the display only at their conference. Also discussed was the service Day in June but no formal plans have been finalized.

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

Comments: There was a question about the events listed on the Grapevine and it clarified that not all Grapevine issues carry this information. There was a comment mentioned that a decision had been already been made at our last Area Committee meeting to have overage (if any) to go back to the Area Treasurer. There was a sense of the room to have Heather determine and allocate the overage back to the Area Treasurer.

f) Self-Support Report

Jim A.

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic, member of the East York Group in District 18, and have the very special privilege of serving as the Panel 63 Self-Support chair for Area 83 and my name is Jim.

I just love the energy and enthusiasm of these Assemblies. There a little something extra in all of us after one of these weekends. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service. Another thank you to all those I have encountered this weekend. Your comments, suggestions, requests and ideas have been a great help in writing this report.

It has been a pleasure to meet so many of the Self-Support chairs at this morning brief but lively meeting. There are now 15 chairs, which might be the highest number in many years.

In Bill W's "November 1957 Grapevine article called "Respecting money" he states: Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility, one that every member ought too understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our Groups, our Area's and AA as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and our bills paid. That is one answer to the eternal question "What is Self Support?"

Self-Support is still about time and money, in that order. It's about other things like effective communication on what we do, how we do and why we do it. Volunteering for service and financial contributions come from a grateful heart

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and an informed mind. Tell someone why it's important and how they can be a part of, rather than being apart from it. Being informed of the services AA provides, and the value in real people terms, usually gets "wow I did not know that" or sounds like something I would like to do"

This weekend is a Pre-Conference Assembly. That means we discuss issues and topics that will be discussed at this year's General Service Assembly. In yesterday's workshop we discussed three items. The following is a brief recap of the background and the comments generated by the attendees:

- 1) Delegates Fee Review. This is the Assessment you see on our financials. It represents the minimum contribution by an Area to cover costs for the annual General Service Conference. In 2012 the amount was raised to \$1,600.00. Since 2007 Area 83 has been fully funding this expense as per the voice of this floor. We can be grateful that our Area has the ability to do this, some areas can't. And that happy circumstance can be traced right back to the groups and their districts. Impact of review to Area 83, none. Comments: None.
- 2) The green card F-42 (f = free) is up for reprint. There is a proposal to add the following sentence: "Gratitude expressed through contributions reaches the still suffering alcoholic". Comments: none. Impact to Area 83, none.
- 3) Consideration of request to modify Article III of the current conference charter. Long story made short: If you want to change the steps or traditions it has to be ratified by 75% of the registered groups worldwide. This is intended to achieve substantial unanimity. Pretend there are 100,000 groups. So what if only 100 groups responded in the allotted time frame and 76 said yes to a change. As per Article III in its current form would allow the change to be made. But 75 out of 100,000 groups is clearly not substantial unanimity. The Principles Before Personalities Group of District 4 Area 30, proposes to change article III from "no change to Article XII of the charter or the 12 Traditions or 12 steps can be made without the written consent of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the AA groups" to "no change can be made without the written consent of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the AA groups who have been notified". Comments: I asked our workshop attendees a few questions. If approved is this too restrictive, would anything ever get changed? Too legalistic? Is it even necessary, a solution looking for a problem? Is there a better way? What came back were more questions about this. How would this be administered? Is it enforceable? Sorry Mel but there is no clear message for you to carry here. The situation that prompted this motion was clearly understood, but again a solution looking for a problem.

From the ask-it-basket questions I was given, it is apparent that there is still a lot of work that needs to be done on all aspects of service, the why what who and how our services are performed and financed. In other Self-Support news, as discussed in this morning's committee meeting in the comfy chairs:

General:

Five chairs attended, three visitors including a newcomer to both recovery and service. Most chairs are infrequently active, and all are waiting for an invitation to make a short presentation. A number of chairs remarked about their personal transformations as a direct result of being the Self-Support Chair. Comment from a chair, "A lot of members care enough to complain about what's wrong, but not enough to get involved in the solution".

Specific:

District 34 chair Laurie J. has developed an AA board game called "The Friends of Bill and Bob". A player moves their sobriety chips around the board by answering questions from the Big Book, the 12& 12, Box 459 and the Grapevine. A finished prototype will be used at the next assembly. We have tentatively set aside Friday night as game night. Laurie has also created a quarterly self-support newsletter. One chair mentioned he is putting focus on increasing his districts attendance and participation at this Assembly in an effort to demonstrate that time is as important as money.

Other items:

I have gone thru about 50 Self-Support kits this weekend. Shows there is interest. Birthday envelopes: there may be a few left at the display in the atrium. These envelopes only need a cheque and a stamp, in order to support General Service Office. If you have round-ups, service days and would like Self-Support at your event, contact your local District Self-Support Chair or District Committee Member (or lastly myself at the Area 83 website). I welcome your comments questions and ideas. Please contact me at selfsupport@area83aa.org anytime. When was the last time

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you have heard an announcement about a vacant service position? Please promote the attraction of service. I would like to thank you all for your time and commitment to AA by being here this weekend. I wish you all a safe trip home.

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

g) Archives Report

Gary C.

Hi, Everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Gary. I'm a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough. I am pleased to serve as your Area 83 Archives Committee Chair.

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 guarding the Frontenac Room.

The Area 83 Annual Archives Workshop is scheduled for Peterborough this year and will be held on April 12, 2014 at the Kawartha District Intergroup Office in Peterborough. Flyers are available.

We had our Area Committee meeting last night at 9:30 pm. There were 17 in attendance and I appreciate everyone's update on their archives experience. It was informative for all. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or suggestions. I am also available to attend your local service events.

Let gratitude be your attitude, Gary C. – Panel 63 Archives Chairperson, Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

h) Service Information Day

Sue B.

I am a Grateful Alcoholic, my name is Sue, and it is an honour to serve as your Service Information Day Chairperson.

I'd like to introduce the 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.

This Spring's Service Information Day was a great success. I hope you not only enjoyed the workshops, but perhaps heard something new that you can take away with you.

It is always interesting to hear someone speak who we have not heard before, and I would like to thank Dave once more for a great talk. Your workshop with Gary was also very interesting and informative.

For the Fall, please inform your district's that we are planning an interesting day for all of you. As it will be an election Assembly, on the Saturday, we will be having a Third Legacy (voting) workshop chaired by Robb W. There will also be both District Committee Member (DCM) and General Service Representative (GSR) workshops, amongst others. Whatever the workshop will be, we believe you will find the day informative, interesting and fun.

Please remind everyone in your District and Groups to book their rooms for Kingston soon, if they have not already done so.

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

6. TREASURER REPORT

Rob M.

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28, and my name is Rob. 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. I hope you found the information helpful. Thanks also to those who helped sell banquet tickets, total tickets sold was 208.

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

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yourselves. As you may know the price of stamps recently increased from .68c to \$1.00. Mailing contribution receipts along with the thank-you letter requires a stamp, an envelope, a mailing label, and a sheet of paper. To save on stamps as well as paper and ink I'm asking Groups and Districts to provide an email address where I can send the receipt and thank-you letter instead of mailing it. If it doesn't fit on the envelope you can add a note inside asking to have your receipt emailed.

Also in the District Committee Member mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders I placed copies of the financial statements for the period ending March 23, 2014. 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 16th, 2014.

Total income for the period is \$10,139.27 and total expenses for the period are \$14,330.00. To date expense are \$4,190.73 higher than income. Thank you to the 49 groups and 8 districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83. As of March 23, 2014 all cheques received were deposited and receipts along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2014 was \$30,433.87. Total income of \$10,139.27 less expenses of \$14,330.00 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$26,243.14 as of March 23, 2014. 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 2013.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District. Over the years income and expenses have increased, in the last 2 years however expenses have been over \$4500 higher than income. I'm not suggesting that Area 83 is going broke but if this trend continues it could become a problem down the road. I'm confident that if all of you inform your groups and Districts that the Area could use more financial support it will come.

This weekend's 7th Tradition was; Friday \$332.65, Saturday \$789.70, and Sunday \$962.50 for a total of \$2,084.85 collected over the weekend. Thank for your generous contributions, and thanks to everyone who helped collect and count the 7th Tradition.

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

Comments: A question was raised on the estimated cost of each assembly and it was clarified from our treasurer is about \$7,200.00 and this one may be a bit higher as the cost of the rooms increased. It was asked if over the last 10 years if we have ever needed to use our prudent reserve and the treasurer suggest that we discuss this during new business. It was also asked if there will be any extraordinary expenses forthcoming in the next few months and it was suggested by the treasurer that there may be especially in August for the Eastern Canadian Regional Forum as the Delegate and Alternate Delegate usually have their expenses covered for this.

[See Appendix A - Treasurer's Financial Reports]

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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 – Toronto South Central and currently serve as your Panel 63 Secretary for Area 83 International and my name is Tony.

I am delighted to be here with you for our third assembly of our term. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those of you who may be at this assembly for your first time. I sincerely hope this is a beginning of a truly remarkable experience for you as it has certainly been for me.

As the area secretary, I am primarily 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 and holding and maintaining all records of our assemblies.

Thank you to those of you who came out to the presentation on the Secretary/Registrar during our Service Day yesterday. As mentioned previously, 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. Whenever there is a change in the composition of the district table officers, the area secretary needs to be updated of this so the General Service Office has the most recent and up to date 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 General Service Office Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database. The FNV database will not accept incomplete information. It is also very helpful to include an email address and phone number when submitting these changes.

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 – for example bridging the gap requests for the Treatment and Corrections sub-committees.

I recently attended the Ontario Delegates Committee earlier in March and heard some wonderful information. I always find it so interesting to hear AA and how it works in other areas. I was also invited to share my experience on service sponsorship in relation to my AA service journey at the Sponsorship Workshop held on January 11 hosted by Toronto Intergroup.

As a reminder, 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 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 that has been received during 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. Thank you for your attention today and for the trust and confidence that you have placed in me and the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

8. REGISTRAR REPORT

SCOTT M.

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

As people come and go, if this is your first Area assembled business meeting, we welcome you. If you are a new General Service Representative in this second half of our two year term and you have yet to receive your General Service Representative kit, that's 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 and choose the heading "For Groups & Members", then by choosing the tab "Getting involved in General Service" there are 12 publications all listed here (including the ever popular A.A. Service Manual combined with the 12 Concepts for World Service). 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 and I'll check our database or with GSO. 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 a kit is not required. This will help keep the costs down.

As the Area Registrar, I am responsible for compiling and updating group registrations and 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 the sign-in sheets for you, by District, to enable me to collect the data required to tally and provide the roll call and display here, at the two remaining Assemblies and three remaining Area Committee Meetings this term. The way I am able to access your Group records is through the General Service Office's database, called 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. These are better than PDF documents as they are more easily edited. Instructions on that are on the bottom of the forms. These are easily downloadable from our Area 83 website: www.area83aa.org under the "Resources" Heading and 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 still make a profile for someone with only their last initial. Highlighting any changes make it a whole lot easier on me to locate the change on the form. Sometimes it can be an email that was mistakenly copied as .ca rather than .com. As the General Service Representative, if you are making changes on a form, please send it through your District Registrar to me. This will keep their records accurate as well. Have you moved? Send a change form. If your mail is returned to GSO after being undelivered, I get an email asking if I have any updates. Change phone numbers? Change email? Please send in a form. There have been blank forms out in the atrium all weekend and will be at all the assemblies, if you wish to update any Group Information including the not so popular member counts. It seems this fill-in for membership counts and whether you want to be listed in the directory or whether to list your full last name or last initial is the most often information missing on the forms. Please do your best to provide this information. If you all send me accurate member counts for your groups, we'll get a more accurate count for our Area as a whole and the next AA membership census.

It is the responsibility of the Area Registrars to ensure our Regional Directories are up to date. The current Canadian Directory is the 2012-2013 version. If anyone wants to see it, it's here. Like I mentioned at our last Assembly in October, your General Service Office saved thousands of dollars by not publishing the three Directories last year. (made up of one Canadian Directory & two in the U.S. – divided by Eastern & Western States) As I said, I would keep you informed, the Directories will be printed this year and our deadline for submissions will be Friday, May 9, 2014. Although, it has been said that the directories are already out of date when they are delivered to you, let's aim to be fully updated prior to our directory deadline. In order to make any corrections to the Group Information Sheets I have recently sent out to every District Registrar, those that double as the District Secretaries and the District Committee Members. I'd ask those Registrars and District Committee Members to stay in touch and if you require a revised list sent or want to check information on a particular Group to please let me know. I'll be happy to get you your information.

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One of my/our objectives should be to reduce our Unknown groups to zero. In March, we had 95 Unknown Groups. In October we had 105. Today, we have ... 89. These Unknown groups will become either Active or Inactive groups. Explanations of the different status types for Groups were inserted in each of the District Committee Members mailboxes and given out at the Secretary/Registrar Workshop yesterday. The type of Group is listed as either Regular or Correctional Facility.

To submit New Group forms, Group Information Change forms, have queries relating to General Service Representative 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. 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 that double duty) to please use this email to forward your District minutes. Thank you to those that send minutes and please add me to your distribution list if you are not. I'll mention that I attended the recent Ontario Delegates Committee meeting and last weekend at the Area 86 Area Assembly. Thank you to those that attended the Secretary/Registrar workshop yesterday. It continues to be learning & sharing. We all win.

As usual, 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 and 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 &/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. Again, I will offer the results to Todd to be placed on the Area website as an Un-approved attendance tally replacing the October 2013 results.

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

[See Appendix C - Spring 2013 Assembly Tally]

The chair requested that the members at the assembly not to take pictures of the displayed roll call tally as this might show faces of members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The tally will be made available on the Area 83 website.

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9. ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

Joyce S.

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

I would like to thank those who attended the Concepts workshop - only three more to go, which will be presented at the Fall Assembly.

The following is a list of my invitations and activities since our last assembly:

- 1) Spoke at the District 02 – Malton service day on November 2, 2013, which was very well attended and organized.
- 2) Attended the Inter-Group Joint Sharing session on November 5th where all but one district was in attendance. It's great to see the District Committee Members working together with the chairs at Toronto Inter-Group.
- 3) On November 11th it was a pleasure to facilitate the inventory for District 14.
- 4) Facilitated a group inventory for the Silverbirch Group on November 17th.
- 5) I was invited to attend the Toronto Spanish Intergroup's Christmas party on December 7th where I gave a brief talk on Area 83. Being Intergroup Liaison Officer for Area 83 is part of the position description for the Alternate Delegate. I really enjoyed myself and I was welcomed by everyone. Victor the District Committee Member for District 16 was my interpreter and dance partner. It was so much fun! Angie R. from the Toronto Spanish Inter-Group office is here today.
- 6) Was invited to facilitate the District 18 Inventory on December 10th.
- 7) On January 25th, I facilitated the group inventory at the Liverpool Group in District 26.
- 8) The weekend of February 28 to March 2nd, Area 83 hosted the Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting which was held at the OSIE Building in downtown Toronto. It was a great weekend with lots of participation. My topic to present on was – Recovery, Unit & Service – Our Responsibility, which was an easy one to do. At this time, I would like to thank Mel, our Delegate, for the hard work and effort he put into finding the facility and preparing the agenda. By doing so the weekend went by without a hitch. Also, a huge thank you to Amy L., Alternate DCM for District 26, who stepped up to help when the previous Secretary had to step down due to health concerns. I have had the opportunity to review the minutes and what a job Amy has done! The theme of the whole weekend was captured to the last detail. For those of you who were there and gave your email address for the minutes, if you have not already received them, I am sure you will get them shortly. I have spoken to Todd, our Web Master and have requested that the minutes be posted on our website. Personally, I would like to thank everyone who was there to share in the weekend. I am sure Mel will report further.
- 9) The Remote Communities conference calls seem to be back on track after the last 3 did not take place. We now have a Secretary, Laura, who resides in Anchor Point, Alaska. I have mailed material for meetings including Slogans, Steps & Traditions, Promises and the AA Preamble to the chairs in Area 02 Alaska, Area 79 Yukon, Area 80 Manitoba and Area 82 Labrador. All expressed appreciation for receiving it. As far as the initiative in Area 85 Northwest Ontario, which some of you volunteered for, I have been told that it is still moving slowly. Unfortunately, I cannot give you any further information. However, I do thank those of you who did volunteer. Whenever I am on the conference calls, I always let it be known that Area 83 is willing and able to help any area who requests it.

The following are upcoming invitations received to date:

- April 12th invited to take part at the District 18, East York Group roundup.
- Invited to May 10th District 86 Kawartha Service Information Day.
- District 06 has invited me to facilitate their district inventory on May 21st.

I would like to thank everyone for these invitations. I find being at these events to be so rewarding. Please continue send me your minutes to alt.delegate@area83aa.org. I enjoy receiving them and reading about is happening in your districts. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and present.

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

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10. DELEGATE 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! The following are some of the activities I have been involved in since our last Assembly:

Nov 2 - Area 86 Election Assembly

I attended the Area 86 Election Assembly as a guest

Nov 10 - D22 District Inventory

I participated in / facilitated the District 22 Inventory

Nov 11 - D26 Professional Symposium

I was one of the three speakers at this very successful event

Nov 23 - D10 Round-up - I close Steps 10-12

I was one of the four speakers at this well attended and informative event

February 27-March 1 - Ontario Delegates Committee Meeting

As one of the organizers, I participated in making this event a very helpful and enjoyable weekend for all those involved.

Eastern Canada Regional Trustee election

I report that there are now 7 candidates that are letting their name stand for this position.

CERAASA

The committee is formed, the hotel secured and we are making good progress,

General Service Conference

I am ready and excited for the conference.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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

Motion to move to a 2/3 majority at this time

Moved: Greg H., District Committee Member for District 12

Seconded: David F., General Service Representative for Rouge Valley Group

Motion: Carried – all were in favour with 1 abstention

11. OLD BUSINESS

There wasn't any old business to be brought forward.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12-a) Financial Guidelines

Rob M., Area 83 Treasurer

OUR OPERATING PROCEDURES STATE:

"The Treasurer shall prepare annual financial guidelines for Area 83, in such detail that is acceptable to the Area Committee and the Assembly"

Typically, the proposed guideline has been forecasted using the average expenses of the past 4 years. I found when going over the expenses of the last two terms that the expenditures of the various chairs were quite different from term to term. In some cases this is due to the location of the chairs and the distances they travel in order to fulfill their commitments. Because this is the second year of the term I found it more accurate to use the 4 year average as a starting point and make adjustments based on last year's actual amounts. Using this information I adjusted the

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proposed spending guidelines to reflect the amounts which I have prepared. I would like to mention that these are forecasted income and expenses only and the amounts may vary this year. It is merely to give an overview of the estimated amount of money required to effectively carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic throughout Area 83.

The amount of the GSO Assessment is the actual amount. As voted on by the Area Assembly in the spring of 2007 that we become fully self-supporting in sending our Delegate to the General Service Conference, I remitted on behalf of Area 83 the amount of \$5,750.00 US which at the time came to \$6,558.48 CDN. The cost of \$4,779.83 for Ontario Delegates Conference, hosted this year by Area 83 is the actual amount. The attendees of the ODC submitted their expenses to me before I finalized the guidelines.

Motion to accept the 2014 Financial Guidelines:

Moved by: Maire O., General Service Representative for Sunday Northwestern Group

Seconded by: Jim S., General Service Representative for A New Beginning Group

Discussion: There was a question regarding expenditures for CERAASA and Rob noted there was a prudent reserve in place for CERAASA and there is no guideline in place for this assembly in the proposed guidelines. Rob left the GSO contribution at "0" as Rob thought our expenses are higher than income so he does not think it makes sense to GSO at this time. There was a question about the total amount of contributions from our groups and whether it was thought these amounts will go up and Rob hopes this will be the case. There was a question asking the Treasurer if we might have a problem meeting our income objection for this year and is this why the GSO contribution spot was left blank? Rob has no fear about our financial situation and it is quite possible that our expenses may be higher than income as they have for the past couple of years, it would be many years before we would be real concern. However, we should keep in mind that we continue to spend more than we are receiving.

Vote: In Favor – 165, Opposed – 0, Abstained - 1

Motion: Carried

[See Appendix B – Proposed Spending Guidelines]

12-b) "For Area 83 to recognize "AccessAbility" as a standing committee at the Area level."

Robert B., District Committee Member for District 02

Motion seconded by Francine T., Alternate General Service Representative for Streetsville St. Andrews Group

Discussion: AccessAbility is often something that is overlooked and should be area wide and to make available to all districts what is available in terms of resources where special needs are required. It was noted at the conference level there is a special desk for Special Needs at the GSO. There are no special members in AA but there are members with special needs. There are several districts that recognize AccessAbility as their own standing committee in Area 83. It might be a good idea to table this motion to our next assembly for further discussion at the group level as this motion will produce a significant change. It might be a good idea for us to research what the cost of this would be to Area 83.

Moved to be tabled to the Area Committee for further review and brought forward to the next Assembly by Jim S., General Service Representative and Seconded by Greg H., District Committee Member.

Simple majority was achieved and motion is tabled to our June 7, 2014 Area Committee meeting.

12-c) "For Area 83 to consider the special needs of its members at the Area Assembly when it comes to hearing, sight and seating. To have designated seating for those who have visual and hearing impediments and an area designated for those who have mobility restrictions. "

Robert B., District Committee Member for District 02

Motion seconded by Pierre B., District Committee Member for District 30

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Discussion: There are so many details that need to be worked out with a motion like this so this needs careful consideration on how we go about to address this. Some members feel uncomfortable with the idea of there being a special section for people with disabilities as this will single them out. We will always accommodate people with special needs when they ask and it was noted by members who have a special needs issue that they have never had a problem at our assembly.

Kim M., District Committee Member of District 82 called the question and seconded by Linda D., District Committee Member of District 34.

Vote: In Favour – 223, Opposed – 5, Abstained - 3 for calling the question and we moved directly to the motion.

Vote: In Favor – 89, Opposed – 58, Abstained – 10
104 votes needed to pass

Motion: Defeated

The chair indicated that the chairperson can make accommodations to the hotel to ensure the aisles are made wider during room set-up and there is better access to the microphones to assist with this issue.

12-d) Move “that Area 83 reduce the prudent reserve from the current level of \$20, 000 to \$15, 000 and transfer the \$5, 000 to the Operating Account”

Glenn G., General Service Representative for East York Group

Motion seconded by Jim P., General Service Representative in District 62

Discussion: The general accepted practice is to carry 9 months reserve and this is the practice of GSO. The Area Treasurer that our current prudent reserve of \$20, 000 represents only 3 months of reserve. To the treasurer’s knowledge, the last time we needed to touch the prudent reserve was back in 2001-2002.

Jim M., General Service Representative of Bellamy Group called the question and Gary O., seconded the motion.

Vote: In Favour – 115, Opposed – 1, Abstained -1 for calling the question and we moved directly to the motion.

Vote: The majority voted against the motion with 1 abstained and a vote count was not required.

Motion: Defeated

12-e) Move “that Area 83 send \$2, 000 to the General Service Office within the next 30 days.”

Glenn G., General Service Representative for East York Group

Motion seconded by David T., General Service Representative of Namaste Group

Discussion: The area gets donations by the groups for the area to do its work. The groups contribute directly to GSO. The area already does a good job at supporting the GSO and we are fully self-supporting. It might be a good idea to wait until January to look at the possibility of sending money to GSO. The area treasurer had reported that we are on a decline with regards to increased expenses so it would be prudent for us to wait until our finances are increasing.

Mark M., General Service Representative for the South End Group called the question and seconded by Jim S., General Service Representative for A New Beginning Group.

Vote: The majority voted for calling the question and a vote count was not required; we moved directly to the motion.

Vote: In Favour – 7, Opposed – 136, Abstained – 2

Motion: Defeated

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New Business Added from the Floor

12-f) Move, "That the 2013 Pocket Planners and Calendar surplus of money from sales and this money is to be forwarded to Area 83."

Kim M., District Committee Member for District 82

Seconded by Shane H., General Service Representative for Spirit of the Big Book Group

Discussion: Most of the membership agreed that the money should stay within the area and it was not necessary for the area treasurer to return the monies back to the districts.

Peter, General Service Representative of Primary Purpose Group called the question and seconded by Greg H., District Committee Member of District 12.

Vote: The majority were in favour of calling with question with 3 members opposed and a vote count was not required; we moved directly to the motion

Vote: In Favour – 107, Opposed – 9, Abstained – 24
93 votes needed to pass

Motion: Carried

Note from the Area Chair:

The term of the Webmaster will become vacant at the end of this year. Our current Webmaster Todd's term has been renewed once and cannot be renewed again. In the near future I will be sending out a call letter to all Area Committee members for resumes. Your DCM will receive this letter. I bring this to your attention in order to capture the largest number of eligible and interested people. If you might be interested –stay tuned. I would also suggest you look at the Webmaster in the Operating Procedures to see what the job is about.

13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Janet C. will be celebrating 19 years on Tuesday April 8 at the Freedom Group. May 10 on Mother's Day there will be conference at District 74 and we would love to see you all there. The Ottawa Spring Conference will be held on the last weekend of April at the Marriott Hotel – cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Mike P. of New Life New Hope Group is celebrating 31 years and his sponsee Mike S. will be celebrating 10 years. Info AA Day will be held in Toronto on Saturday May 24th at the Thornhill Community Centre. Postman John will be receiving a 30 year medallion on May 17 at St. Andrews Group. Rexdale United Group is having a blitz with a Bar-B-Q on April 26th. Mark your calendars for the upcoming CERAASA on February 20 – website is almost ready- www.ceraasa.org. There will be a sponsor/sponsee brunch hosted by TOYPAA on April 26th.

14. NEXT AREA ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY

As Chairperson I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

October 24, 25 & 26, 2014 at the Ambassador Hotel, Kingston, Ontario

Moved: Tony G., General Service Representative for West End Group
Seconded: Laura, Acting General Service Representative for the Freedom Group
Discussion: None
Vote: All in favour
Motion: Carried

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15. CLOSING

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

AS A REMINDER - Our next Area Committee Meeting is in **QUINTE WEST** at **Westminster Church** on **June 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**

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

Chair called for a motion to close:

Moved:	Tony G., General Service Representative for West End Group
Seconded:	Maire O., General Service Representative for Sunday Northwestern Group
Discussion:	None
Vote:	All in favour
Motion:	Carried

Meeting was closed at 3:50 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

Appendix A – Financial Reports

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83

AS AT: March 23, 2014

RESERVE ACCOUNT	Actual
January 1, 2014 Opening Balance	20,000.00
Interest	0.00
Transfer to Operating Account	0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	20,000.00

INCOME	
7th Tradition	231.45
Cost Recoveries	0.00
Flow Through to GSO	445.00
Grapevine Seasonals	0.00
Group & District Contributions	9,462.82
TOTAL INCOME	10,139.27
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	10,139.27

EXPENSES	
Accommodations	67.06
Meals	104.83
Travel	1,345.30
Long Distance	0.00
Postage	77.29
Printing	392.64
Literature	0.00
Stationery	9.82
Miscellaneous	0.00
Area Web Site	98.39
Total Committee Expenses	2,095.33
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	318.64
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,558.48
Bank Service Charges	132.62
Forums	0.00
CERAASA	0.00
Grapevine Seasonal	0.00
GSO Flow Through	445.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	4,779.93
Total Other Expenses	12,234.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,330.00

OPERATING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2014	30,433.87
Total Income & Transfers	10,139.27
Total Expenses	-14,330.00
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	26,243.14

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Details of Expenditures
as at March 23, 2014

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total
Delegate	0.00	0.00	140.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.70
Alt. Delegate	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	0.00	185.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.50
Chairperson	0.00	0.00	132.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	132.30
Secretary	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	340.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	345.13
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	96.60	0.00	77.29	52.51	0.00	9.82	0.00	236.22
Registrar	0.00	5.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Area Web Site/Webmaster	0.00	0.00	156.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.39	255.19
Archives	0.00	0.00	77.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.00
Archivist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cooperation with the P.C.	67.06	79.83	70.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.29
Corrections Facilities	0.00	5.00	142.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	147.80
Grapevine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Information	0.00	5.00	172.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	177.20
Self Support	0.00	5.00	72.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.50
Treatment Facilities	0.00	0.00	78.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.50
Service Info Day Cmte	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 67.06	\$ 104.83	\$ 1,345.30	\$ -	\$ 77.29	\$ 392.64	\$ -	\$ 9.82	\$ 98.39	\$ 2,095.33
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	318.64	318.64
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	132.62
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CERAASA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ont Delegates Conf.	2,303.59	858.24	964.21	-	-	20.00	-	88.57	545.32	6,558.48
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 2,303.59	\$ 858.24	\$ 964.21	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ -	\$ 88.57	\$ 863.96	\$ 12,234.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,370.65	\$ 963.07	\$ 2,309.51	\$ -	\$ 77.29	\$ 412.64	\$ -	\$ 98.39	\$ 962.35	\$ 14,330.00

Income Summary			
March 23, 2014			
7th Tradition	231.45		
Bank Interest	-		
GSO Flow through	445.00		
Contributions	9,462.82		
Cost recoveries	-		
Grapevine Seasonals	-		
Total Income	\$ 10,139.27		

March 23, 2014			
Income To Date			
Expenses To Date	10,139.27	YTD 2013	8,138.96
Net Change To Operating Account	14,330.00	YTD 2013	13,269.43
	\$ 4,190.73	\$ 5,130.47	\$ 939.74
Contributions			
Contributing Groups	\$9,462.82	\$7,888.96	\$1,573.86
Contributing Districts	49	38	11
	8	6	2

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL

AS AT MARCH 23 , 2014

			<u>TOTAL</u>		
District	00	Unknown	\$0.00		
District	02	Malton	\$1,050.00		
District	06	Mississauga	\$850.00		
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$1,807.50		
District	12	Toronto South West	\$195.66		
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,100.00		
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$145.00		
District	18	Toronto City East	\$555.00		
District	22	Scarborough	\$590.00		
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$662.26		
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$454.28		
District	30	Quinte West	\$150.00		
District	34	Quinte East	\$50.00		
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$300.00		
District	38	Thousand Islands	\$16.22		
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$43.68		
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$100.00		
District	50	Cornwall	\$150.00		
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$100.00		
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$0.00		
District	62	Ottawa West	\$223.22		
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$250.00		
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$0.00		
District	74	Pembroke	\$260.00		
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$60.00		
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$300.00		
District	86	Kawartha	\$50.00		
Total Contributions YTD:			<u>\$9,462.82</u>		
Total from Groups			\$6,704.33	49	Groups Contributing
Total from Districts			\$2,758.49	8	Districts Contributing

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Appendix B – Proposed Spending Guidelines

Eastern Ontario International Area 83 2014 Proposed Spending Guidelines Summary

Income		2014 PSG	2013 Actual
7th Tradition		5,480.72	5,174.72
Bank Interest		936.13	0.00
Cost Recoveries		500.00	483.70
Grapevine Seasonals		4,000.00	4,377.03
Contributions From Groups And Districts		51,176.56	47,674.50
GSO Flow Through		1,500.00	2,457.00
Total Income		\$ 63,593.41	\$ 60,166.95
Expenses		2014 PSG	2013 Actual
Accommodation		8,090.00	7,998.50
Meals		12,270.00	11,551.05
Travel		16,000.00	14,944.82
Long Distance		40.00	8.86
Postage		400.00	363.01
Printing		2,100.00	2,039.63
Literature		1,320.00	1,297.28
Stationery		360.00	687.00
Miscellaneous		3,170.00	3,432.34
Total Committee Expenses		\$ 43,750.00	\$ 42,322.49
Adhoc Committees		15.00	0.00
Area Committee		900.00	902.50
GSO Contribution		-	2,250.00
Bank Charges		250.00	135.06
Forums/CERAASA		1,840.00	1,696.95
GSO Assessment		6,558.48	6,949.13
GSO Flow Through		1,500.00	2,457.00
Ontario Delegates Conference		4,779.93	2,093.80
Grapevine Seasonals		4,000.00	4,040.41
Total Other Expenses		\$ 19,843.41	\$ 20,524.85
Total Expenses		\$ 63,593.41	\$ 62,847.34
Net Change To Operating Account		\$0.00	\$ (2,680.39)

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2014 Proposed Spending Guidelines - Detail

Position	Hotel	Meals	Travel	ing Distan	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationary	Miscellaneous	Total
Delegate	500.00	600.00	2,300.00			30.00	100.00	30.00	30.00	3,590.00
Alt. Delegate	250.00	350.00	1,250.00	40.00		30.00	100.00	30.00	30.00	2,080.00
Immediate Past Delegate		220.00	750.00							970.00
Chairperson		220.00	850.00							1,070.00
Secretary		220.00	350.00		100.00	1,200.00		200.00	20.00	2,090.00
Treasurer		220.00	700.00		300.00	300.00			20.00	1,540.00
Registrar		220.00	900.00			150.00		100.00	20.00	1,390.00
Area Web Site/We	440.00	220.00	950.00						100.00	1,710.00
Archives		220.00	1,250.00			20.00	50.00		100.00	1,640.00
Archivist	600.00	220.00	950.00			220.00	50.00		20.00	2,060.00
Co-operation With The P.C.		220.00	950.00			20.00	100.00		20.00	1,310.00
Corrections Facilities		220.00	1,150.00			20.00	120.00		20.00	1,530.00
Grapevine		220.00	700.00			20.00	50.00		20.00	1,010.00
Public Information		220.00	850.00			20.00	250.00		20.00	1,360.00
Self Support		220.00	950.00			20.00	100.00		20.00	1,310.00
Service Info Day C.	1,600.00	1,000.00	350.00			30.00	200.00		50.00	3,230.00
Treatment Facilities		220.00	800.00			20.00	200.00		20.00	1,260.00
Spring Assembly	2,350.00	3,620.00								7,300.00
Fall Assembly	2,350.00	3,620.00							1,330.00	7,300.00
TOTAL COMMITTI	\$ 8,090.00	\$ 12,270.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 43,750.00
Adhoc Committees						15.00				15.00
Area Committee								900.00		900.00
Area GSO Contributions										-
Bank Charges								250.00		250.00
CERAASA										
Forums	620.00	380.00	770.00						70.00	1,840.00
Grapevine Seasonal									4,000.00	4,000.00
GSO Assessment									6,558.48	6,558.48
GSO Flow Through									1,500.00	1,500.00
Ont Delegates Con	2,303.59	858.24	964.21			20.00		88.57	545.32	4,779.93
TOTAL OTHER EX	\$ 2,923.59	\$ 1,238.24	\$ 1,734.21	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 88.57	\$ 13,823.80	\$ 19,843.41
TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$ 11,013.59	\$ 13,508.24	\$ 17,734.21	\$ 40.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,135.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 448.57	\$ 16,993.80	\$ 63,593.41

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Appendix C – Spring 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	4	6	1	0	10	6	7	22
06	1	1	5	20	3	8	34	22	23	35
10	1	1	1	9	0	1	12	9	10	22
12	1	1	3	4	2	1	12	6	7	20
14	0	1	1	12	2	3	19	14	15	32
16	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	2	9
18	1	1	5	5	2	3	14	6	7	24
22	1	1	5	11	5	4	23	12	13	20
26	1	1	2	8	1	0	13	8	9	23
28	1	1	5	6	2	0	15	8	9	24
30	1	0	3	8	2	0	15	8	9	16
34	1	1	3	9	2	4	18	10	11	35
36	0	1	3	12	3	16	35	13	14	18
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
42	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	30
48	1	1	2	5	0	0	8	6	7	17
50	1	0	1	2	2	3	8	4	5	13
54	0	1	0	3	2	1	7	4	5	22
58	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	2	3	33
62	1	1	4	20	7	11	44	25	26	50
66	1	1	1	8	4	9	23	10	11	30
70	1	0	3	5	3	2	11	5	6	19
74	0	0	1	4	1	2	8	5	5	17
78	0	0	1	2	0	1	3	2	2	6
82	1	0	1	4	1	2	8	4	5	21
86	1	1	4	12	3	8	27	13	14	24
CF				3	1	0	4	3	3	13
ALL	19	16	59	181	50	80	378	207	229	600
Area Committee							15		14	
Appointed Positions/Past						3	8		1	
Total	19	16	59	181	50	83	401	207	244	600
Oct. 2013	21	16	52	187	38	94	411	212	246	608
Mar. 2013	21	15	75	163	45	111	411	204	239	600
Oct. 2012	24	18	55	188	63	114	449	237	272	599
Mar. 2012	24	18	77	173	51	113	422	231	269	

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.