

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Assembly Minutes

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1. OPENING

Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of The Kedron Group in District 28, and my name is Rob M. I have the honor and privilege of serving as Area 83 Chairperson for the term 2015 - 2016.

Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer

12 Traditions read by: Kirk - District 62

12 Concepts – Short Form read by: Susan – District 06

Welcome everybody to the spring Assembly.
Did everyone enjoy the Service Information Day yesterday?
And how about the banquet last night?

Perhaps we can give a hand for the Service Information Day Committee and for the catering staff.

And thank you Andrew for your wonderful talk last night.

Introduction

This is our third Assembly of four in this term. During the remainder of the 2 year term, we will be working together to provide continued strength and direction to A.A. in Area 83. Our common goal during this term is to keep Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 vibrant and strong. Working together is the key for continued Unity in our Area. The A.A. Service manual defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." Just as most District tables meet monthly to oversee the affairs of A.A. in the District, and home Groups usually have regular business meetings, to handle matters that require a group conscience decision, the Assembly is the business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 83 Eastern Ontario International. Area 83 stretches from Oakville in the West to Ottawa in the East, down to upper New York State and up to Algonquin Park and the Ottawa Valley.

At last count, we have 534 Active Groups.

Some of us have been here before as 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 overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? That's great.

Being in service is a great way to give back to AA. 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. So please keep coming back.

Welcome and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

Over this 2 year term 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 will return 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 that you have had a strong voice in Area 83. With a spirit of love and cooperation, we will be able to get things accomplished and have some fun while we're doing it. At the end of today, I hope that

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each of us returns home with a renewed belief that A.A. is alive and well in our Area and that our message of hope is being well carried to the still-suffering alcoholic.

I 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 James O'D 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 Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, Immediate and Past Delegates, appointed individuals and other 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 | Joyce S. |
| ALTERNATE DELEGATE | Kim S. |
| SECRETARY | James O'D |
| REGISTRAR | Sue B. |
| TREASURER | Kimberley M. |
| IMMEDIATE PAST DELEGATE | Mel C. |
| CHAIRPERSON | Rob M. |

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons (if you could stand where you are and wave)

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| Public Information | Elaine H. |
| Cooperation with the Professional Community | Gary C. |
| Correctional Facilities | Robert B. |
| Treatment/Accessibility | Herb W. |
| Grapevine | Jim A. |
| Self-Support | Dave L. |
| Archives | Linda D. |
| Service Information Day Committee | Ray R. |

This is your elected Area Committee Officers and Chairs for the 2015 and 2016 term.

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

Today we have with us as Past Delegates:

- (x) Panel 51 Delegate Joe D. - currently serving as a Class B Trustee of the General Service Board and Director of AA World Services
- (x) Panel 53 Delegate Roy R.
- (x) Panel 57 Delegate Dot D.
- (x) Panel 61 Delegate Robb W.

We have with us serving in Appointed Positions:

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- (x) Area Archivist – David T.
- (x) Area Webmaster – Jim R.

We have with us today Service visitors:

Andrew L. - Delegate Area 45 Southern New Jersey

This is your Area executive, committees and visitors for this, our third Assembly of the term.

HOUSEKEEPING

Registration

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

SMOKING AREA

THE ONLY SMOKING AREA is outside, please use the butt containers provided by the hotel. It's unfair to expect the hotel staff to clean up after us. If you leave this room to smoke or any other reason please do so quietly, and please do not congregate just outside the doors. The Ambassador does not allow e-cigarettes to be used in the hotel. Please be considerate of those with perfume allergies when applying scents.

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 – Usually the last full weekend in March and October. This afternoon we will decide on a date for the next Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, and District Committee Member's, met three times last year and will meet four times this year in Quinte West. We met in January and are scheduled to meet in, June, September, and December.

SEVENTH TRADITION

I know it seems that the coffee and drinks provided this weekend are free, but the hotel charges us a flat rate of \$13.00 per person for the weekend which translates to about \$5200. At recent Assemblies the total 7th collected has been significantly less than the amount paid for refreshments. We have decided to try placing contribution cans beside the coffee urns. Contributions are absolutely voluntary. We had a Seventh Tradition Friday night, again at the banquet last night and we will have another one today. Please keep these costs in mind when the 7th is being passed around.

WHO VOTES?

- ◆ Only members of the Assembly may vote.

These are:

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

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All Area Sub-Committee Chairs

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

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

- ◆ There is one vote per person.
- ◆ After lunch, which is when we would expect to conduct Old & New Business, I would ask those with voting privileges to sit at the front, those without votes please sit 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, someone from the majority side of the vote wishes to change their vote, that person may make a motion to reconsider. If this is seconded and passes by a simple majority, we start discussion again on the original motion.
- ◆ The pace at which A.A. makes decisions may seem slow, but in truth it is measured. The goal is always to achieve a substantial unanimity, and the process is in place to prevent hasty, emotional decisions.

CALLING THE QUESTION

- ◆ During the discussion on a motion, a member, once recognized by the Chair, may move to "call the question". This is a motion to end discussion and move to the vote. This motion needs to be seconded, is not debatable, and requires a 2/3 majority to pass. If it passes, we go directly to the vote of the motion or amendment we were discussing. I would caution you not to use this privilege too often or too early – many good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

WHO MAY ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY?

- ◆ **Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. This is important for two reasons:**
 - ✓ It keeps the focus on the fact that the Assembly is the business meeting of the Area – Assembly members are carrying and presenting their Groups' wishes, rather than their own.
 - ✓ And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups' opinions and needs.
- ◆ All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time. I would ask for your cooperation on this. If you don't have a vote, as I just described, please keep your input for sharing time, which is scheduled for later this afternoon. At that time everyone is welcome to participate and their opinions will be listened to.
- ◆ On the topic of sharing time, please, if you can, stay until the end of the Assembly. I realize that many of us drive a long way to get home, and that Monday morning comes early, but the Assembly truly isn't over until it's over. We have

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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 James before standing at the microphone.

HOW DO WE VOTE?

- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority – 2/3 of the votes cast each time. As we cannot control who is in the room at the time of each vote, it is impractical to use the roll-call as the basis for the 2/3 calculation.
- ◆ I believe that the early part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority – 1 vote more than 50%. I will advise you when I believe we should move to 2/3. If, at any time, you think 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 please identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.

1a) MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO OPERATE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY?

MOVED: MARTY – DISTRICT 10

SECONDED: MARY – DISTRICT 62

VOTE in Favour - UNANIMOUS

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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DOES ANYONE HAVE REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA AS DISTRIBUTED WITH RESPECT TO OLD BUSINESS?

NO

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

WHERE FLOOR MOTIONS COME IN

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

I have 2 items to add. I must apologize; both items were errors on my part. Agenda item **12 (b)** should read;

To add to the operating Procedures on page 17, Section III – Expenses – point 5, the motion that was carried at the Assembly on March 25, 2007 which read:

“Provided it doesn’t affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 pay to GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference.”

Agenda item **12 (d)** will be the 2016 financial guidelines from our Treasurer Kimberley Mowatt.

Both items are correctly displayed on the screen and again I apologize for the errors.

Are there any other items to be added to the agenda? NO

MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED

MOVED: LAURA M. – DISTRICT 62

SECONDED: LINDA D. – AREA ARCHIVES CHAIR

VOTE in Favour - UNANIMOUS

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 25TH, 2015

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

Results of Fall Area Assembly Area Secretary results not complete on p.33.

May I Have a Motion to accept minutes as submitted (or amended)

MOVED: SEAN D. – DISTRICT 12

SECONDED: MAC – DISTRICT 36

VOTE in Favour - Majority

Opposed - 0

Abstaining - 1

1b) 4. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

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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. If you get the buzz you stop speaking. 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 James, our Secretary. To help keep things moving along, we have 5 chairs up here at the front to my left 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

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Grp, serving as the District Committee Member for Malton District 02, my name is Ray R.

Our district is doing fairly well, despite a few challenges, most of the chairs and alternate positions filled. We have about 70% of the groups that show up for district meetings.

Financially, we are fit, with groups making regular contributions, we're able to meet all our commitments, and we will be discussing a split in the near future.

Our district held an inventory in December, and with the help of Robb W., we were able to reveal what works, and the areas we could improve on. We are currently working on an action plan to tackle the weaker areas.

We continue to serve our treatment and correction facilities, by bringing in meetings, and put on regular big book studies. We've had some outreach from 2 local facilities wanting to know more about our program, and the possibilities of our district facilitating service meetings.

We have 2 new service meetings in our district, there's a big book study on Wednesday mornings, and an agnostic meeting that meets on Thursday evenings.

We do have a bridging the gap program, but just as with our corrections and treatment programs, we could always use more volunteers.

Public information, and Cooperation with the Professional Community are working with other districts to put on workshops and presentations. That is ongoing.

Grapevine, Self Support, Access-ability and Archives are all holding their own as usual.

We are looking forward to the Info AA day in May, our district will be contributing in our time, energy, and money.

Our district has been instrumental in kick starting a district chair grapevine meeting. They meet bi-monthly at our intergroup office, located at 234 Eglington ave east. There will also be a self support meeting starting up in April.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Yours in Love and Service Ray R.,

District 06 – Mississauga

Good Morning friends, member of the Streetsville Group, I am an alcoholic and my name is Chris H., serving District 6 Mississauga as its Panel 65 DCM.

I am grateful for the opportunity to give back to the fellowship through service.

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During this term, attendance at District meetings has returned to its historic levels of 60% or better. All district chair positions are filled and only 2 alternate chairs remain vacant. We continue to fulfill all of our treatment and PI commitments.

We are looking forward to our District inventory in May. It will be moderated by our Area chair Rob M. Thank you to Rob for agreeing to do this.

Mark your calendars for May 11th as the Kingsway Group celebrates 70 years of service. There will be a dinner followed by the regular open meeting. Details are posted on aamississauga.org.

For the future DCM's in attendance, please note the timer starts after you completed your introduction so plan accordingly.

Yours in love and service.

Chris H, DCM District 6

District 10 - Toronto South Central

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic, member of the Yorkville group and I am privileged to serve as committee member for District 10; my name is Marty.

I am pleased to announce that District 10 is growing again. Another group is now in the process of changing districts from one of our neighbours. I guess we must be doing something right, that's three groups in the last six months to move to District 10. I just say welcome, we're glad to have you.

We have added another service meeting to our monthly commitments. The Salvation Army Maxwell Meighen Men's Shelter at Queen St. & Sherbourne has reached out, and I'm happy to say; the hand of AA was there. We know have seven service meetings that we facilitate. I am extremely proud to be sitting at the table when we do our service commitments. It's like an auction, you have to be quick, or else your group won't get one.

We've had some faces change in the last few months as far as GSR's and Sub-Committee Chairs go, but all in all the District 10 table remains whole.

And by the way; diversity in D10 is who we are. We have groups with a large membership from the LGBTQ community and we have two agnostic groups who sit at our District table every month and they do a ton of service to help carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. They are every bit a part of AA. Just like all of the 23 groups in D10, I'm glad we are together with us on this journey, after all; it is all about inclusion.

I will say it again; I am honored and humbled to be a part of this fellowship and very grateful to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in Central Toronto.

Oh Yeah...Service Rocks

Yours in Love and Service,

Marty

District 12 - Toronto South West

Good Morning, I'm an alcoholic, member of The Prince Edward Group, District Committee Member for District 12, Toronto Southwest and my name is Sean K.

I'm pleased to mention that we have the Deer Park Group back at the District table with their General Service Representative who is with us this weekend as well as the new GSR for the Midtown Group. Also this weekend we have 2 Alternate General Service Representatives who are with the Friendly Group and Sunnyside Group. With regards to our sub-committees we have a vacancy in Public Information and are still awaiting a Grapevine Chair for the District. Our Finances are in good shape. We as well as the other 7 Districts in the Greater Toronto Area will be taking part in Information AA Day which is on Saturday May the 28th at the 519 Church Street Community Centre.

Thank you for my sobriety and have a safe drive home later this afternoon.

Sean K.

District Committee Member

District 12 Toronto Southwest

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District 14 - Toronto North Central

I am an alcoholic serving as District 14's District Committee Member; my name is Don.

As of our most recent District Meeting, all Officer and Sub-Committee Chair positions are filled for the remainder of the 2015/2016 term. Special thanks to Todd from Joy of Living and our Treatment Chair Michael O. for stepping up and taking on the duties of Grapevine Chair and Access Ability Chair respectively.

Our Sub-Committee chairs are attending the meetings at GTA Intergroup. The York Regional Police literature program continues to run well and we are fulfilling our other service commitments.

The latest attendance at our monthly District meeting was approximately two-thirds of our active groups.

District 14's weekly service meeting at the Southlake Hospital in Newmarket is well into its second year with 80% of the service commitments already signed up for the remainder of the year.

Our Bridging the Gap requests in both Corrections and Treatment are being fulfilled by District volunteers.

Public Information and C.P.C. chairs continue to carry the message at schools, health fairs, conferences and facilities.

Financially, District 14's Self Support balance continues to be healthy thanks to the contributions from the group's 12 Step cans and our District balance remains sufficient to meet our operating expenses.

District 14, via Self Support was able to donate 80 pocket-size big books to correction facilities in Area 83 at yesterday's Corrections workshop.

Our Archives Chair Rick O. is continuing to gather group histories within the District.

Our TOYPAA liaison Sandra M. has been busy helping young AA members in the G.T.A. to co-ordinate fellowship activities. As many young people on the committee have moved on in sobriety. TOYPAA needs financial and spiritual support to remain viable. Please consider attending their next event, an Open Mic night in downtown Toronto on Saturday, April 2nd.

Alternate District Committee Member Dave B. and myself have been attending the Info AA Day 2015-2016 meetings and have taken on volunteer positions for the event that will be taking place on May 28 at 519 Church Street in Toronto.

Since I last reported to the Assembly, our immediate past DCM, Gord M. passed away suddenly last November. His funeral was attended by family, friends and solid contingent from District 14 and Area 83. Gord was a mentor, friend and confidante to many of us at the District table and his sense of humour and commitment to this program will be dearly missed.

Yours in love and service,

Don MacP.
DCM District 14

District 16 - Distrito Hispánico de Toronto

Good morning everyone and happy new year to all attending area 83 March assembly. My name is Cesar I am an alcoholic. I am a proud member of group UNIDAD. As a DCM of district 16 Linguistic district (Spanish language)

Our district represent six Spanish speaking groups and greater Toronto area and One Group in Kitchener, most groups provide financial support to the district #16, area 83 and GSO.. Since our last meeting we continue to hold our business meeting and share the service experience with the groups. As far district 16 alt DCM have been attending the information day committee meeting and greater Toronto area district meeting. We district #16 will be for the next area information day. Are going to contribute to the potluck with some Spanish foods for those who enjoy the taste of the Latin dishes I won't mention the specialty food but we will change some. So I hope to see you there. We have a couple committees up and running la vina and archives,

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we continue to order 30 vinas every two months to distribute to the group's members at the cost of 3.50 per magazine thanks to the weak Canadian dollar we also have a number of member who held subscriptions. Archives committee is collecting information through recorded interviews with the founders of the first Spanish groups for archives. We are planning a service workshop for October before the area 83 assembly. We will invite some area 83 committee chairs and for the spring we will hold a lot groups anniversary don't forget to check our website distrito16hispanoaa.org for more information. I believe our district is healthy, working to pass the message to the still working alcoholic.

That's all I have to report and I wish everybody a safe return home

Love and service

DCM district # 16

Cesar H.

District 18 - Toronto City East

Hi, I'm Katrina and I'm an alcoholic, member of Joy in Sobriety group, and the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto East.

We get about our usual about 50% attendance at the district meetings, which is traditionally the level of attendance. We have all positions covered except for Self-Support and Archives. We're very glad that the Treasurer has stepped up to take on Grapevine as well, which fits with his mandate as there was quite a bit of inventory to be sold.

The District is actively involved in putting on the East Toronto Archives Breakfast coming up on Sunday June 5/16 and also in Information AA Day, to be held on May 28, at 519 Church street in downtown Toronto. All welcome at both events.

Finances are a little down at the moment but we are able to cover all our financial commitments, and that's all that counts. Services commitments are also being met for the 3 service meetings covered by the table. The Corrections chair is actively seeking people who are interested in going into the Toronto South jail as the bottleneck has finally opened up and lately they could be having more meetings if more people were available to go in.

We had Joyce our delegate come to the February meeting to conduct the District inventory, and Amy, DCM from District 26 took the minutes. We really appreciated their time and help with this. The discussion was quite lively at times and I think we got some useful information on how we can better carry the message in our district.

Yours in loving service, Katrina E. District Committee Member for District 18

District 22 - Scarborough

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. I AM AN ALCOHOLIC, A MEMBER OF THE BEACHES GROUP, THE DCM FOR DISTRICT 22 SCARBOROUGH AND MY NAME IS EDDY G.

We have 20 groups in our District.

Approx. 70 % (14 Of 20) of the groups attend the District meeting. The average attendance at the table is 25. We are financially sound and we are able to meet all our commitments. Recently we were able to send some money to the Area & GSO.

Our Alt. DCM Angus MacC. stepped down in February due to personal & business related reasons and our new Alt. DCM is Tom S. Tom was our Treasurer and this position is now open. Our Secretary- Ed H. (our Access Ability Chair has been filling in for Nina) & Registrar- Lynn E. continue to do a great job.

All our Sub-Committee Chairs are filled except Literature & Grapevine.

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Our Literature Chair Peter P. stepped down in March for health reasons.
Our Alt. GV Chair is looking after the GV position.

Grapevine (GV) - Alt. Chair Ruth F. has been invited to group business meetings to put on a 5-10 minute overview about GV and to set up the GV display at open meetings. She is adding a second GV display board which will serve as an information & education tool.

Public Information (PI) - there are three members- Bryan D., Tony C. & Austin R. who are checking & restocking literature display racks at 19 locations:
7-Community Recreation Centres, 6-Community Centres, 2-Libraries, 4- Churches.

Also our PI & CPC Chairs (Tracey C. & Derek L.) put together a literature package (10 items) & have asked the GSR's to ask their members who would like to give this package to their doctors.

Treatment Facilities (TF) – Jim M. TF Chair. The Tuesday meetings at the General Campus of Scarborough Hospital are doing well & are looked after on a monthly basis by the District 22 Groups.

Corrections (CF) – Gail R. CF Chair. The Wednesday & Sunday night meetings at the Toronto East Detention Centre (TEDC) are being looked after by the District 22 members & some members from outside the district. There have been some lock downs.

Archives – Joe A. Chair. The District 22 group histories & photographs are being updated for the District 22 Archives travelling display. We have all the group & meeting histories of District 22.

The 11th Annual East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB) will be held on Sunday June 5, 2016 at Qssis Banquet Hall, 3474 Kingston Rd. (just west of Markham Rd.).
Tickets are \$20.00 each. Flyers were placed in the atrium.
This is a joint venture between the District 18 & 22 Archives Committees.

The GTA Information AA Day will be held on Saturday May 28, 2016 at 519 Church St. This year's theme is "Spring Into Action". Tickets are \$5.00 includes lunch. Flyers & tickets have been distributed to the 8 GTA Districts & GTA Intergroup Representatives.

Mel W. who was a past District 22 DCM for the 1997-1998 term passed away on Tuesday February 9, 2016. He will be missed.

District 22 continues with the process of Carrying the Message to the Still Suffering Alcoholic at the Group, District, Area, GSO & GTA Intergroup levels.

Thank You, Yours in Service,
Eddy G.
DCM District 22 Scarborough

District 26 - Lakeshore West

Good morning friends, I'm an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Liverpool Group and my name is Amy. It is my honour and privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for District 26.

Our District is doing well, our finances are holding and attendance has been around 70%. We have had a couple of vacancies to manage, but fortunately one of those, our secretary was quickly filled by Allen M. As for our other vacancy, Corrections, we are going to try and take it up a notch and do a harder sell to get the position filled. Now that the labour disputes have been addressed, we hope our access to the Lindsay Jail to be more consistent.

Our "outreach" committees continue to go the extra mile. The PI committee has really done well to reach out to important institutions in our region from hospitals and addictions centres to libraries, recreation centres, schools, colleges, universities and retirement residences. They are leaving no stone unturned. Once a month PIC has also as arranged to have young people share their story in a youth Hostel (Joanne's house) in Ajax. Partnering with Al-Anon next week (March 26) the PI committee will

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be holding a 2-hour public forum in the Whitby Public Library and the event will be called "Get to Know Us". This will be a presentation to the general public what the programs of AA and Al-Anon are all about. This is a new event in our district, and we are hoping to reach the people who need and want what we have.

Our CPC committee has developed a great relationship with Durham College and UOIT. They have been offering a finely tuned presentation that has been well received by young professionals attending these campuses; this month they gave 3 presentations and have 2 scheduled for April. Despite being a fairly small committee, they continue to look for new contacts within these and other campuses. The committee is also turning their attention to other services or institutions who could benefit from a better understanding of alcoholism and AA.

Our treatment chair continues to schedule groups in our district for meetings in the Renescent House in Brooklin as well as being on call for Bridging the Gap needs in Durham Region.

In district 26 we have seen a number of GSRs come to the table who have not had the benefit of sitting for a term as the alternate GSR. As a result of our District Inventory, some members at the district have caucused over items that would be useful to incoming GSRs. Proposals for an orientation session have been considered and a dry run will take place in September. It is hoped that this will lessen the learning curve/frustration of not knowing what to do.

Our District is looking forward to attending the May Service Day in Peterborough and mark your calendars for August 12-14 for the Lakeshore Districts' Conference (see <http://lakeshoredistrictconference.com/> for tickets, flyers and details).

Grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Amy L.

DCM District 26

District 28 - Lakeshore East

Good Afternoon, I'm an alcoholic, happy to tell you my Home Group is the Courtice 12 & 12 and my name is Tom L. It's an honour and privilege to serve as D.C.M.

Last December at our District meeting Joyce S. ran our first District Inventory in TEN years. The Adhoc committee is working on the recommendations and suggestions. Thanks to everyone for their efforts and hard work.

Although attendance has declined at District meetings by roughly 10%, Groups continue to support Lakeshore Intergroup, District table, Area 83 and G.S.O. numbers also dipped at the annual Spring Round-up. Help on Sat. March 5 ,2016 in Oshawa. (How do we create interest??)

Thanks to the committee for the wonderful day of fellowship and lots of great food!

Groups and members continue to carry the message to Brookside Youth Centre, Renascent House and Lindsay jail.

With the help of Registrar Sue B. Group Change Forms has been cut in half, 5 done 5 to go.

Four Medallions at the District 28 Table are as follows:

Secretary -> Eileen – 10 yrs on January 21st. Gratitude group

T&C Chair-> Grant Mc – 15 yrs on Mar 8th. Kedron group

C.P.C. Chair-> Linda L. – 25 yrs on Mar 22nd. Kedron group

Treasurer -> Paul B. – 5 yrs on Mar 29th. Keep it Simple group

Congrats and thanks for your service.

Yours in Love and Service,

Tom L.

DCM District 28

District 30 - Quinte West

Good morning. My name is Miles C. I currently have the honor and privilege of serving District 30 as their District Committee Member – District 30 is alive and well – we have 14 groups registered. We recently update and amended our operating procedures. Our District is well represented at our monthly meeting and we have all but 3 committees with chairs.

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Our roundup this year will be on May 28/16 in Brighton with lots of displays and panels – it will be pot-luck and 7th tradition. Check our website for further details – quintewestaa.org. Our website has been updated and changed a bit. Take a look.

Yours in service Miles C.

District 34 - Quinte East

Good Day Folks.

I'm a alcoholic, sober today by the Grace of God through the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, belong to the Foxboro Group, and my name is Les MacD.

It is a privilege & honour to represent District 34, Quinte East as their District Committee Member.

District 34 is spiritually and financially sound and we are able to meet our financial obligations.

We are without a Self -Support Chair and our Archives Chair just quit, maybe at our next District meeting we'll have a new archives chair.

All our Sub-Committee Chairs and Officers are working hard to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic and fulfilling the needs of Our District, and I'm honour to be part of such a great service group. We still have great attendance at our District meetings

Our District will be having a 60th anniversary for Gloria G at the Read AA Group in Read on Monday March 21st, 2016.

ON a closing note, If no one told You today that they love You let Me be the First.

Yours in Love & Service & Hugs.....Les.

District 36 - Kingston & the Islands

Good morning friends I am alcoholic, a grateful member of the Get Well Group in Kingston, presently serving as the District Committee Member (DCM) of District 36 Kingston & the Islands, and my name is Mac.

I am really happy to tell you that District 36 is doing very well. All of our service positions are filled. And all members are faithful to our monthly District Committee Meeting. So what's happening in District 36?

Our Alt/DCM Tibrata along with others has started a new meeting to study the Big Book. Our Secretary Monique who also serves as Registrar, has organized the Greeters and those serving at the registrar tables. Our Treasurer Toney A. Keeps us solvent and are able to contribute to Area 83 and GSO on a regular basis. Roxanne T. Was elected last month's as the new Archives Chair Welcome Roxanne.

Our Corrections Chair, Martin is very busy organizing volunteers to chair AA meetings on the inside and get speakers in 4 Federal prisons. They also escort inmates to meetings on the outside. Jeff L. Is wearing 2 hats PI/CPC. Jeff has been very busy delivering AA literature TO schools, colleges, universities, and doctors' offices. He has started 2 new service meetings in the Kingston General Hospital. Our Grapevine Chair, Rocky P. Makes his presentations available at all birthdays or group anniversaries. Our Treatment chairman Ted S is kept busy organizing members to provide chairs and speakers for two treatment facilities.

Our hard working webmaster Bill H. is doing an outstanding job keeping our webs very informative and up-to-date. Our 3rd annual Founders Day Roundup will be at Crossroads on June 11. See the fliers for details.

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Finally we are happy to welcome the Ganaoque 1000 Islands Back to Basics group back to District 36

In conclusion may the Father of us all bring us the sunlight of the spirit.

Yours in love and service
Mac B
DCM District 36

District 42 - St. Lawrence International

My name is Milner G. and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Fall Island Big Book Study Group in Potsdam, New York. I am privileged to serve as District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International.

We have had only one meeting since the January Area Committee meeting. Our February meeting was cancelled due to the snow/sleet/ice/slush storm that day. We will meet again next Wednesday.

District Officers:

David D. (past DCM) has assumed the District Secretary position as of our January meeting. We are currently looking to fill our Treatment Chair position.

District Inventory:

David T., Area Archivist, has agreed to visit our April meeting to oversee our District inventory. This will be the first in ten years or so. Apparently we haven't wanted to be accused of being overly self-focused.

District Website:

Bob S., our new webmaster, has been linking various events on our District website.

Adirondack Inter-District Initiative:

Work is proceeding – very slowly – on establishing cooperation among the AA Districts in NY's Adirondack region – shared by three Areas – 83, 47, and 48.

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

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District 48 - Seaway Valley North

Good morning, I am an alcoholic and a member of the last chance group and am currently serving as district committee member for seaway valley north district 48 and my name is Bryan McL.

On February 6th we held our annual round up and in spite of the weather it was very well attended and everyone had a great day, thank you to those who attended and participated. Thank you to Franceys H from Cornwall for sharing as our main speaker. At our district table we have a new alt. DCM, Jim S has taken on the position. Our attendance at the district has been very good with lots of discussion. Our finances are in good standing and at our next meeting we will be distributing some of it. WE are starting to plan for the tri district service day and delegates report as we will be hosting it this year and that will be June 11th, everybody is welcome.

Yours in love and service – Bryan McL.

District 50 - Cornwall

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Hello, my name is Kelly and I am a grateful alcoholic. I am presently serving as your Alt. District Committee Member for district 50. My home group is Wednesday Sunshine Group. Wendy has asked me to read her report. She is a little under the weather. My name is Wendy and I am an Alcoholic presently serving as District Committee Member for District 50, Cornwall and my home group is, Monday night St. Columban's. We are running at 75% at the District table. We were at 11 groups but unfortunately The Just for Today group on Tuesday nights in Lancaster had to close its doors. We have a new Secretary at District, her name is Kimberly C. Our financials are healthy and we made a 500.00 contribution to Area. We continue to see new members join and thrive in the rooms.

YILS

Wendy E.

District 50

District 54 - Ottawa Rideau

Good morning everyone. I am currently serving as the District 54 Committee Member for Ottawa Rideau East, am a member of the Tuesday Night Beacon Hill Group. I am an alcoholic and my name is Darlene.

Our District table continues to remain in sound financial shape.

The monthly commitments are being met but it saddens us that one of facilities we attend, the Inuit Treatment center will be closing its doors at the end of this month, due to lack of funding.

We have been inviting members of the Correction and Treatment Facility Committee to take a few minutes before our meeting to explain the various programs in detail. E.g. Bridging the Gap, Guidelines and Protocol for the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Center etc.

All positions are now filled including that of Intergroup liaison and Grapevine Representative.

Our Self Support Chair will be busier in 2016 as the G.S.R.'s (General Service Representatives) are beginning to book him for presentations.

We participated in the survey sent out from our Delegate concerning some of the agenda items for the 66th General Service Conference.

There are 24 groups in our District with a 50% representation at the Table.

The District Committee Members and Alternates, the Intergroup Chairperson and the Alternate met for an informal meeting chaired by David T. It is the plan to regroup every 3 months in order to create a dialogue between the Districts and Intergroup and serve as a gateway for the sharing of information.

The Spring Conference is being held April 2nd. Please feel free to drop by if you happen to be in our part of town.

The Fall Conference will be held on the weekend of October 21-23rd.

Service day which is co-hosted by District 54, 58 and 62 is being held on June 12th.

A Canadathon is happening on July 1st, Canada Day. Please come on down and celebrate with us!

To all those celebrating next weekend, Happy Easter.

With Gratitude for Service,

Darlene K.

District 58 - Ottawa Bytown

Hi, my name is Frank K., and I am an alcoholic,

Things are going well at the district, the number of GSRs attending is growing each month. We are able to meet our financial needs and fulfill our service commitments to the Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre, NewGate 180 and the Inuit Centre. This bodes well for the future. District 58 boundary includes the English-speaking groups on the Québec side of the Ottawa River - much like Ottawa francophone groups belong to a Québec district, and we now have two GSRs attending regularly. Unfortunately, the growing number of groups at the district meeting has not translated into a more substantial presence at the Assembly. This is something that we need to work on. We are also working in conjunction with Sue B, the Area registrar, to bring update our group list.

We have just found out that funding has been restored to the Inuit centre - it was slated to be closed in May if new funding was not secured, so this is great news. We recently held a very successful fundraising event for the Ottawa Archives Committee where no less than 65 attended the LongTimers Luncheon. This year's Gratitude Day will take place on June 12 and our Area delegate to N.Y. Joyce S. will attend to present her report from the delegates' Conference in New York that she will attend in April. Finally,

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I wanted to mention that the three Ottawa districts met this week, together with the Intergroup Chair and Vice-Chair, to enhance communications between the three district and the Intergroup office with the goal of coordinating our efforts to better carry the A.A. message in the nation's capital. The meeting was moderated by the Area Archivists, David T, who is from Ottawa.

Yours in service,

Frank K., DCM - District 58 Ottawa Bytown

District 62 - Ottawa West

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Saturday Morning Westboro Group and am currently serving District 62 Ottawa West as their District Committee Member. My name is Patrick G.

Attendance is very well at our district meeting with over 50% of our 41 groups represented, as well as alternates and visitors.

District 62 is doing well financially meeting all budget items and we just approved paying the cost of sending our next term's DCM to the upcoming Forum in Thunder Bay. So at our next district meeting we will be holding the election for the District 62 DCM for the 2017-2018 term.

The corrections and treatment committee is doing well, filling most spots for the year at Newgate 180 as well as other facilities.

We finally have a new PIC/CPC rep and will now have representation at the committee meetings.

Our registrar has stepped down for personal reasons, so we have another spot to fill. We hope to have someone step forward at our next district meeting.

This year, District 62 has been hosting a traditions workshop meeting prior to our regular meeting. This has so far been very well received with an average of 20 members attending each month.

We are looking forward to helping out District 54 along with district 58 in putting on the annual Service in Recovery Day this coming June 12 in Ottawa. I know that many of the committee chairs as well as our delegate have agreed to come for a visit and share. Looking forward to another successful day.

The three Ottawa region districts, 62, 54, & 58, recently met along with the Ottawa Area Intergroup Chair as well as all the respective alternates, to discuss the state of AA in Ottawa. Many ideas and topics flowed making the meeting very beneficial. We plan to continue to have these meetings every three months. We'll keep you posted as to how they go.

I wish you all happy sobriety.

Yours in service,

Patrick G.

District 66 - Golden Triangle

Good Morning All. My name is Terry K. and I am an Alcoholic and I currently have the privilege of serving as the D.C.M. for the Golden Triangle, District 66. My home group is The New Hope Group which meets at 8:00 on Monday night in Smiths Falls.

Thanks to Ray and the Service Information Day Committee for another great sharing and learning opportunity.

Things are going well in District 66 even though attendance at our District Meeting seems to be dropping off a bit. Since the Area Meeting last January, we have had two Sub-Committee Chairs resign, but Thanks to Jenny C. our Alternate D.C.M. the Phone Line continues to get answered. Thanks again Jenny. Our Literature Chair also resigned and I have been filling in as the Interim Chair. Hopefully these two positions will get filled soon.

Last November the District Table voted to do a District Inventory and at our February Meeting Joe, Pat and Elsie facilitated an informative sharing session from which they will bring back suggestions for increasing our effectiveness as a District.

We continue to update the District's policies and guidelines. Debbie S. our C.P.C. sub-committee Chair has brought forward and approved Guidelines.

Jenny C. has been busy writing a job description for the phone lines sub-committee.

Sue S. our Treasurer has produced a set of guidelines for our Literature Committee and we continue to update our Financial Reporting procedures and on hand inventory.

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Debbie S. – C.P.C, Chrissy P. - C.F. and Ken S. – T.F. sub-committee chairs and their committees have been very active in District 66. As they continue to carry our message. It is great to see this enthusiasm and commitment of the Chairs and their committees.

Lastly, I hope to see all of you at our Annual District 66 Spring Round Up Saturday April 9th at the Lombardy Agricultural Hall. Please come and join us “It’s All in the Fellowship”, Doors open at 11:20 am with AA and AI-Non. panels all day and a potluck supper at 6:00. **See attached flyer.**

In closing I would like to thank all of you and especially District 66 for your continued patience and understanding as I trudge this road to Happy Destiny.

Yours In Service

Terry K

District Committee Member for District 66

District 70 - Renfrew Pontiac

Hi Everybody; I'm Mary Anne and I am an alcoholic and a member of the White Lake Group. I also have the privilege to serve as DCM for District 70 Renfrew-Pontiac.

We just held our St. Patrick's Day Round Up on March 12th and it was well attended. The speakers and the meal were excellent. Thanks to all the members in District 70 for working together to put forth another successful event.

Our District meetings are full and active. We have six members here this weekend. Several of our Service positions are still vacant but Committee members are pulling together to get this work done.

We are planning to create an Ad Hoc group to look at our Telephone Answering System. District 74 has been a great help in determining how we might address this.

All our Groups information has all been verified and updated and this information will finally make it in to the new Directories coming out in August.

Also, our District Table has finally been able to send some money to Area and GSO.

Happy to report we have had a new meeting start up in Griffith. This brings the number of meetings in District 70 to 23. The Griffith Group is not yet registered but will be in due time. The new mtg has 3 core members and members from other groups in the District have been making the trip to Griffith on Monday nights to support them.

I have been slowly but surely attending all the meetings in our District and hope to complete that before I step down from the DCM position. The spring weather will make these trips much more enjoyable.

The Douglas group will be holding a Traditions night in conjunction with their 37th Group Anniversary on April 15th. They have 4 speakers which will expand on 3 traditions each. There will be a lunch to follow

As mentioned at the previous assembly our Tri-District Service Day (Districts 70, 74 and 78) will be held on Saturday June 25 in Cobden. The morning will be a report from our Area Delegate; the Self Support Chair and the Treatment Chair. The afternoon we are hoping to have a panel on the role of GSRs and the role of the District Table. We feel this information will be timely since our elections will be coming up in October for the new table.

We have been approached by District 78 about holding a joint gratitude meeting and potluck. Details are still to be ironed out on that one.

We also have a group which will be coming up to its 60th anniversary. Unfortunately, all the historical notes have been lost and the members that started the group have passed away. It is like a needle in a hay stack to try and determine the origins of the groups. Goes to show the relevance of Archives and the importance of maintaining our histories.

So all in all things are going well in District 70.

Yours in love and service,

Mary Anne

District 74 – Pembroke

Good morning I am a member of the Alouette island group, and currently have the honor of serving as the DCM for district 74 Pembroke and area, my name is Brian and I am an alcoholic.

I would like to thank the area committee as well as the organizing committee for once again staging a great weekend of

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information and fellowship.

I am pleased to state that our district table is well attended every month .

All of our service positions are currently filled with the exception of our self support chair.

Earlier this year the table created an adhoc committee to review our current phone line and potential options for this service. After an extensive review and well documented presentation the table through group conscience and the agreement of all our groups made the decision to change our service to a cyber based one. The original concern with our phone service was the rising costs, as we are a small district and money is always an issue. By using this new method for our phone line we will be saving the district upwards of 3000.00 and providing prudent management of our 7th tradition monies.

The new system has been operational for a few months now and is working well all feedback to date has been positive.

Our phone line committee did a presentation of this service to district 70 Renfrew Pontiac and the feedback from that district towards making a change was also well received.

The district is experiencing a period of financial stability due in part to this change in the phone as well as continued support from our groups.

I announced last year the creation of a new women's group in our district which is called the Step Sisters I am pleased to announce that they are fast approaching their 1 year anniversary and have a number of lady members celebrating their own personal 1 year milestones. Obviously there was a need for this group and they are succeeding in carrying the message.

At our last district meeting the topic of accessibility was put to the table. Research into this requirement was requested and the table will look towards implementation of either a combined chair or a sole chair for this position.

Finally I would like to announce our upcoming Spring Conference on May 14 you would have all received a flyer in your district dockets. The theme of our conference is our primary purpose.

This is a one day event featuring various panels , fellowship a meal and a final guest speak.

If you find yourself up our way in the beautiful Ottawa valley drop in for a day of AA.

Your humble servant

Brian

District 78 - Madawaska Valley

I am Irwin W. and I am an alcoholic. Happy to be reporting as DCM for Madawaska Valley #78.

I must say that things are really looking up in our ditrict. I have been back in service for almost 6years and this is the first time we have had a full slate of chair people. We have added Anne V. as alt DCM, Peter S. as PI rep. Michelle C. as grapevine rep and most recently Barb S. has joined us in Archives.

We also have 5 of our 6 groups joining us every month at the district table. Our meetings are becoming much more lively and interesting.

Jerry C. has everything lined up and ready for our Annual Festival of Colors Roundup on Oct. 1, 2016.

I am so happy to report these new faces at our district tables.

Yours in service, Irwin W.

District 82 - Victoria Haliburton

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Good morning, I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Sunday Nighters' Group and a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous and my name is Jim S. I have the privilege of serving Alcoholics Anonymous and District 82 Victoria/Haliburton as DCM. Our District is averaging around 80% attendance at our District meetings. All sub-committee positions are filled. Financially we are able to look after our responsibilities.

Our PI Chair Julie L, has been working hard to put together her Committee. Julie is fairly new to service and has really been eager to learn. She has already got places to drop off literature throughout the District and has just updated our 12 Step Answering Service call list.

Elizabeth D, our Archive Chair is doing a wonderful job. She has gotten group histories from a lot of the groups in our District and has either interviewed or has appointments with some of our long timers to record their stories.

The saga of The Central East Correctional Centre continues. Both Linda P, our Female Corrections Chair, and Paul R, our Male Corrections Chair are doing the best they can to work with the facility and get meeting put on. We thought when the labour disputes was put to bed that things would improve, but sadly they seem to be getting worse.

The District 82 Conference is being held on May 7th in Lindsay. The theme is Gratitude in Action. There are flyers in the Atrium and I have tickets plus a couple of others from our District.

Yours in the Love and service of AA
Jim

District 86 – Kawartha

My name is Dave and I am an alcoholic the DCM for Kawartha District 86, member of the Liftlock Group, Peterborough.

We have 22 Groups all with GSRs and 36 group and service meetings a week. For the District there are 8 sub-committees and they all have chair persons.

At the new treatment centre in the District. AA is providing weekly meetings and the guests at the centre have been very receptive to the AA message. The Treatment chair should be congratulated for rising to this challenge.

We have been exploring how to best address accessibilities within the district. The Treatment Committee was asked to come up with recommendations on how to address this complex issue. We now have Accessibilities as part of the Treatment Committee and in the new term, starting 2017, Accessibilities will be a new separate committee within the District.

A successful Back to Basics finished in February, congratulations to the organizers for their leadership throughout the session. But most of all, congratulation to the four people who went through the entire four weeks and progressed down the road of recovery.

In the AA spirit of cooperation the Peterborough Intergroup has worked out an arrangement with District 82 Victoria Haliburton to handle their phone calls. Procedures are being set in place to direct the caller to the correct information and location.

Our Archives Committee will be hosting a workshop on Saturday April 23 at the Peterborough Intergroup. The Workshop topic will be the Oxford Group, from which our program derived a lot of its principles. The workshop will start at 3:30 pm and will be a pot luck event. All are welcome to come and learn more about the history of AA.

The District Service Information Day is scheduled for Sunday May 29 in Peterborough at Intergroup, 625 Cameron Street. We are jointly hosting this day with District 26 Lakeshore West and District 82 Victoria Haliburton and District 26 Lakeshore East are invited. The theme is "Pass It On" and Joyce S. the Area Delegate will be the key note speaker.

Our annual Kawartha District conference is scheduled for June 24 and 25 at the Evenrude Centre in Peterborough. The theme this year is You Are No Longer Alone. Everyone is welcome.

To finish, in District 86 all is AA okay.

Dave H., DCM, 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.

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a) Public Information Report

Elaine H.

Good morning, everyone. I am a grateful alcoholic, a member of the Streetsville Group in District 6 Mississauga and my name is Elaine H. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information chair for the Panel 65 term.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Public Information workshop yesterday – this is a pre-Conference Assembly and we presented the Public Information Agenda items to secure feedback and input for our Delegate Joyce to take with her for the Conference. There were two items of particular interest:

- The recommendation to develop a proposal for implementation of both a Google for Nonprofits account and a Twitter account as well as a LinkedIn account for CPC purpose and a Flickr account for Archives pictures, illustrations, etc
- A request to reconsider the policy on Actors Portraying AA Members in Videos.

It was a lively discussion with comments to pass on to Joyce.

Thanks to those who participated – we look forward to hearing the outcome from the Conference.

We were able to issue the second joint PI/CPC Area 83 News Exchange in January – its purpose is to exchange information about PI and CPC work in the Districts of Area 83. My thanks to all who contributed and to Gary C, our CPC chair who coordinated this second issue with me. We plan future issues and hope it will be sufficiently established this term to continue in the future.

I have been communicating with GSO on the distribution of the newest PSA “Doors” – it appears that centralized distribution from GSO may not reach all stations in our Area – so it is important that we reach those stations - I am working with the District Chairs to ensure we have a comprehensive list of stations within the Area and then visiting those stations – our goal is widespread distribution of this and other PSAs.

I thank the GTA PI Committee for the invitation to participate in their meetings – the members of the Committee and the GTA Districts are very active in their joint and District activities. I also was asked to participate in the first meeting supported by District 6 Public Information at the Peel Aboriginal Network. An added information note – Marrey P, District 6 PI Chair was in contact with GSO on literature available in Native American - First Nations Languages. GSO is currently reviewing the listed items for translation accuracy and availability and asked for input on priority items that would be most helpful to the work of P.I. I encourage you to be in touch with Marrey if you have input on this – this is how GSO knows the needs of the fellowship.. You can reach her through the aamississauga.org website.

I have been receiving minutes from some Districts – it is a great way to stay in touch with District activity – please keep them coming.

Thanks to all who turned out to the joint PI/CPC meeting last night. It is a good to catch up face to face – and it is obvious that you are all busy carrying the message to the public in Area 83. Please make sure you look for flyers on events throughout the Area.

For anyone seeking more information on Public Information, aa.org has a wealth of information and the Public Information Kit and Workbook are key resources (the Workbook is also available on the aa.org). The staff coordinator at the GSO, Clay R., is always available to answer questions and provide information.

I have PI Kits available (for sale) if anyone needs one.

Lastly, I am available at any time as a resource for your District chairs and District activities – it is my privilege to be of service to Area 83. It is important that we carry the message of our service committees to the Area and to generate enthusiasm for our PI activities. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. My email address is pi@area83aa.org and my phone number is 905 601-2801.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Elaine H, Area 83 Panel 65 PI Chair

b) Cooperation With The Professional Community

Gary C.

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CPC (Cooperation With The Professional Community) - Gary C.

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic, my name is Gary C. and am a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough in Kawartha District 86. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your CPC chairperson for the 2015-16 term.

I did manage to get to one monthly meeting this year of the Toronto Intergroup CPC Committee. Weather was a factor in my missing other meetings. Elaine and I managed to get a second joint PI-CPC News Exchange Newsletter issued. Copies were circulated to PI and CPC Chairs by email and hard copies are available this weekend.

We had a CPC Workshop at the SID yesterday and that went well. I'd like to thank Mark B., the GTA CPC Chair for his part in that. It was a pre-Conference workshop dealing with Conference Agenda CPC items. A summary will be presented to our Area Delegate in about a week's time.

We had our joint PIC/CPC Committee meeting last night. It was very informative and thanks to all who attended and shared your experiences. We had a good attendance of 17.

I am looking forward being a part of your District Service events when invited! I would also like to encourage and thank all Districts for sending me a copy of your minutes which I do read. My email is cpc@area83aa.org which you can find on the Area83 website.

In closing I say, Let Gratitude be your Attitude.

c) Corrections Report

Robert B.

Who will be your District Bridging the Gap (BTG) corrections contact person for 1 Jan 2017?

The New AA correctional video filming has been completed. Now 9 members of the Conference Committee on Corrections will view it. If they okay the video the General Service Conference will watch it during Conference week and will approve it or not. If approved some finishing work like French and Spanish sub-titled.

We (Ontario) where the last of the 5 locations to get clearance and then filmed. There was much resistance on the part of Ontario & Federal institutions in allowing us to film in their facility's. It was only because Neil W. District 34 CF Chair put forward an impressive package and maintained a very professional and patient effort that made it possible that we were able to film our portion inside Millhaven Institution.

GSO sent out a questionnaire to find out the need for a corrections workshop in North America. The majority of respondents expressed a desire for an annual workshop. Much like the Bridging the Gap Workshop or National AA Archives Workshop.

GSO Correctional Chair Jeff W. said "Many felt an annual event could connect and unify A.A. members participating in corrections work, help educate the Fellowship about corrections service, and attract more attract more members to corrections work."

Most AA meeting in correctional facilities are back to normal after the some frustrating labor talks this past winter. Although a few like Central East Correctional Centre (Lindsay) and Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre are still mostly locked out and AA volunteers who have a great desire to carry the message of recovery in to clients (inmates) that really need our meeting and cannot are very frustrated.

The most of the other correctional facilities common problem seems to be not an enough AA volunteers and need more literature.

Bridging The Gap (BTG) at this time is going Okay. Still updating CF Chair list with the corrections BTG contact for each District. Please let me know any updated info about BTG contacts for your Districts.

Reminder that the BTG program has no value if the inmates are unaware that the program exists.

GSO has appointed Rob Mac of St. Catharines ON to Appointed Committee Member (ACM) for the Corrections Trustees Committee (correctional correspondence in Canadian). At this time it appears there is no AA correspondence program in Canadian. We are hoping that discussion at the General Service Conference will bring more information. You can try to correspond with US inmate. To correspond with US inmate send your contact information to corrections@aa.org

Jim D. has been elected the new Toronto Intergroup CF Chair.
Sherry H. Toronto Intergroup AlterNet CF Chair

Thank Ann K., Gale R. and Neil W for their exhalent presentation in the corrections work shop.

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The 9:00pm corrections meeting was well attended by CF chairs GIR and other correctional volunteers. It was one of the most informing meeting I have ever attended, and Cleary and direct talk about problems of lock downs and shortage of volunteers was discussed.

Thanks Robert B. Area 83 CF Chair

d) Treatment/ Accessibility Report

Herb W.

Good morning everyone my name is Herb and I'm an alcoholic. I'm a member of the Redwood Sunday morning breakfast group in Trenton. I also have the privilege of serving as your Area 83 Treatment / Accessibility chairperson

I would like to take a moment to welcome all the new people here for the first time and those coming back. It's good to see you. The winter has been fairly quiet, Bridging the Gap has been steady, and recently there has been an increase in number of requests for Bridging the Gap. The district treatment chairs have been doing a fine job of finding contacts. There has been a few changes in treatment chairperson positions however transition is going smoothly and the past chairpersons are passing the new information on to me.

I've spoken with some of the area 86 treatment chairs concerning the fact that their chairpersons rotate in even years and their website contacts for Bridging the Gap is not current. They're going to make their webmaster aware of the situation and try to have that problem cleared up. I have also noticed that since the Toronto Intergroup website went down and the new website created is working however maps of the district which I used to use for Bridging the Gap requests to identify what district but the addresses were in is not being posted I've had to refer to an inferior map that was passed on to me from a previous year.

I am happy to report David T. and I have both found graphic designers who could create maps for us out-of-area 83.

In the combined treatment accessibilities Workshop yesterday we had speakers from treatment and accessibility. It was extremely well attended I would like to thank all those who participated and all those who attended.

At 9 p.m. last night we had our Treatment- Accessibility get together in the Windsor room. And I also have notes for those who were at another meeting and would like to hear what was discussed. Please send your request to treatment@area3aa.org and I will be pleased to send you a copy.

Please be reminded is that if you rotated chairpersons during the year to contact your District committee member with the information or contact our area secretary so that the information contact sheet remains current. I will be attending info today in Toronto on May 28th 2016 thank you for the invitation. If you would like to me to attend any of your events please let me know or email me I would be happy to attend.

Please keep sending your minutes and feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning treatment or accessibility. I would be happy to help.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in such a great area!

Gratefully, in service,

Herb W.

e) Grapevine Report

Jim A.

Hi friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the East York Group in District 18, my name is Jim. I have the honour and privilege of serving you as the /Area 83 Grapevine Chair.

Many thanks to district secretaries for their minutes; D36 Grapevine chair rocky P for setting up his display and selling lots of literature, and the district GV chairs. We had 11 dedicated diehards at the Sunday morning. Working with them is the best part of serving in this position. What a great bunch!

2016 General Service Conference Material from Delegate

This is a pre Conference assembly, the conference being the General Service Conference, there are three items requiring discussion in order to provide commentary and feedback, for our delegate to express the voice of Area 83.

A: Audio Strategy:

A 2011 Advisory action permitted Grapevine to utilize digital distribution channels and digital media to create new revenue streams. . Thus, the Audio Strategy was created. Starting January 2013, GV began collecting audio stories. These 7 minute talks on a variety of subjects [list was included in last year's conference pages. As of January 2016 GV now has 252 stories, most of which have come thru a specialized dial in telephone serve called simple voice Center. That is an increase of about 50 stories from last year.

I have a list of topics and how to use the service if anyone is interested in submitting their story

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So if you want to add your voice to the Grapevine you can send in a Cd or MP3 recording or use the phone service. Then your audio submission is reviewed by having three AA member listen to it, including some members of the GV Editorial Board. Nine free stories have been published on the website from audio strategy submissions.

Costs are \$32/month. Stories are priced between \$1.30 and \$1.75 each or \$9.99 for a compilation of a related theme.

B: New books

Based on the model of mutual Conference and Board involvement it asked that the GV Corporate Board offer to the GSC GV Committee on an ongoing basis, a general list of proposed special items at least two years in advance of possible production.

Suggestions for future (2017 and beyond) GV books:

1. Young and Sober II, a sequel to Young and Sober which came out in 2013.
2. Beginners II, again a continuation of a previous compilation
3. Steps 4 and 5 (working title); Helpful and hopeful stories about how members did the 4th and or 5th step and how it changed their lives.
4. Stories by Atheistic/Agnostic/Freethinking members.

In all four cases this is from previously published stories that have appeared in the GV magazine, or on AAGrapevine.org.

Economic details:

Book: Price is tentatively set at \$10.99US for a book, cost to produce \$2.50; initial production runs of 10,000.

Ebook: Price of \$9.99 US, cost to produce \$2000. They only need to sell 200 for break even.

C: Review of the GV Workbook

This is simply annual housekeeping, in an attempt to keep the GVR resource materials relevant and current. These materials are also online at aagrapevine.org.

In conclusion, no comments or questions were made regarding any of the three items.

Other bits and pieces:

Missouri won the 2015 Subscription challenge with 46% renewal/new subscription.

Grow Your Grapevine: This is the promotional activity for 2016. All the details are on the website. But simply stated, this program encourages teams (groups, groups of groups, districts area etc) to complete tasks on a seasonal basis. Area with most cards completed gets a special section of a 2017 GV magazine. This started March 1 and goes until Feb 28th 2017. The card is downloadable from the website. And you make submissions online too.

I have submitted a request to the GV controller that the pocket planners and calendars have a Canadian price. Let's see if that one flies.

Possible ideas for new books are always welcome. One came out of our committee meeting this morning "This day in AA History". Also, a request for more stories from members in the 2-5 yr range of sobriety for closer identification of newer members.

As always, please recycle your old Grapevine magazines by starting group or district collections for use as a lending library. **Or give them to your districts service committees, especially Corrections. Each magazine represents hope.** Or you could pass on some to me for an Area collection.

Go to website aagrapevine.org:

Try a seven day free trial? Read the daily quote, over 31,000 people are using this free subscription. Submit a caption for the monthly cartoon contest. Take the daily poll. Submit a story, joke or photo/art. Use the Archives function that has every story EVER published.

Looking forward

April 9th, District 66 round up in Lombardy.

May 28th, Info AA Day in Toronto

June 12th, Tri district Service Day in Ottawa.

July 1st Canadathon in Ottawa

As usual, please invite Grapevine to your service days/conferences/round ups. In the name of self support please ask locally first. I can always be reached at grapevine@area83aa.org.

2015 Conference Report:

In spite of what I have just mentioned, GV made \$325k last year, easily beating budget of \$98k. This was achieved thru expense control and better than expected sales.

GV made a \$240K deposit into the reserve fund. Second year in a row.

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25% of GV online subscribers also get the printed magazine. That is called the GV Complete package. Since we live one day at a time, an online subscription is 10 cents daily, and the printed version is only .08. Or about the same as the HST on a double double.

Toronto intergroup has re-introduced a GV committee, Shane H. ADCM 02 is interim chair. More on that as it develops. Committee was created to keep GV at the forefront, and for creating closer ties, and for other economic reasons like bulk orders to save on shipping.

Please recycle your old GV magazines. Either to the other committees in your districts, or even create a group or district library. I continue to collect old ones on behalf of area.

And lastly, some unfinished business left over from last October's workshop. To those who attended, and filled out a survey, I wish to thank you again. For the last assembly I created a survey of 11 questions. The comments/suggestions/ answers were compiled and are found in the assembly minutes. I have also printed a few copies here. If you wish to give me your email address I can send it to you that way as well.

One of the great comments, was an expectation that the workshop would be more about what a GV Chair or rep does, the duties commitments etc. A great comment! And it is particularly important right now.

I have asked for volunteers from the district chairs to talk about their adventures as GV chairs and i have been blessed with three. Thanks go out to Ruth F. D22 Alt GVC. Frank D10 GVC and Terry GVC D66. As the result of their passionate comment, we nkW have two new members inspired to serve.

The reason it's so important right now is that most districts will be having their elections before or near next October's Assembly. I want all of you keen GSR's to be armed with the facts so that you can step up, or be able to explain the job to those who inquire. The panel 65 Bunch of grapes will ripen soon, we need to plant the seeds now for the next crop. The GV is about people, writing their stories, but it is also about people carrying the message. Think about it, you could have a lot of fun doing service.

It's **Grape** to be sober! YILAS

Jim A. - Panel 65 Area 83 E Ont. Int'l GV Chair

f) Self-Support Report

Dave L.

My name is Dave L and I am an alcoholic and a member of the Liverpool Group in Lakeshore West District 26.

It is an honour and privilege to serve as the Area 83 Self Support Chairperson. Since being elected to this role in January of this year, I have been reviewing the available Self Support materials and initiatives in the Area.

I have had an opportunity to connect with several District Self Support Chairs and help them with their requests. The Toronto area District Chairs have started discussions about forming a Self Support Committee, to meet bi-monthly and I am pleased to offer my support to that initiative.

Thank you to all who attended the Self Support Workshop yesterday morning and the Meeting with the District Self Support Chairs last evening. There were some great Self Support suggestions put forward by those in attendance.

I have been invited to a number of service days and roundups over the next few months and look forward to participating.

There is so much great work in Area 83 putting Self Support into action. Self Support and service are great ways for us to demonstrate our gratitude for our program of recovery. Our members find many creative ways to give back in service.

I would love to hear from even more of you and anyone who would like to know more about Self Support.

You can email me at selfsupport@area83aa.org

Yours in Love & Service
Dave L
Area 83 Self Support Chair

g) Archives Report

Linda D.

Area Assembly March 20, 2016

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Good morning, my name is Linda D., I am a member of the Land O'Lakes group in Sharbot Lake and it is my privilege to be Area 83 Archives Chair for this term

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for bringing in their displays for the Archives rooms. It was great to see the usual ones from Toronto and Ottawa, it was really nice to see the new displays – like the one that Linda brought and has worked so hard on.

Also, thank you to all of those who attended last night's Archives meeting – your information and input is always appreciated.

I have had a few requests since our late meeting for assistance in gathering information from District Archives Chairs and have done my best to help them get what they are looking for.

There are a couple of upcoming events that I have looking forward to attending and participating in:

First is the Annual Area 83 Archives workshop and Post lunch which is being held at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at 1303 Leaside Ave., (just off of Merivale Rd.) in Ottawa, on April 16th, from 11am to 2:30pm and at 3pm a tour of the City of Ottawa Archives.

Then on May 28th I will be participating in the Info AA day in Toronto at 519 Church St.

I look forward to seeing you there.

What is Archives?

It is a simple but complicated question. Archives is a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution or group of people. It sounds very simple. In AA all of our literature is exactly that, our Big Book, the 12 and 12, all of the books we use. If our fore fathers did not write anything down (creating Archives) where would we be?

Although the basic content of our literature does not change some parts of it does, like the stories in the Big Book.

How many people know the passage that many of us say at our meetings had use in our personal lives about Acceptance. The passage was added to the stories in the Big Book for the 3rd addition printing although it was intended to go into the 2nd addition. Dr. Paul O, the author of this chapter in the Big Book actually refused to submit an article twice before he agreed to write it.

I am sure that when Dr. Paul O wrote his remarks on Acceptance, he did not think it would be one of the top 10 most used pieces of literature uses in meetings or did he realize the impact it would have on so many of us.

This is just one of the many examples of why we should have Archives, and why everyone should agree to tell their story. Something you share may help the members of AA now or in the future for those yet to come

We are now looking for stories or requests for information to be added to the next addition of THE 83 (Area Archives news letter) if you have anything you would like to submit or information you would like us to add please contact me at archives@area83aa.org and I will pass the information on to our Archivist.

Remember that if you would like me to attend an event just send me an email and I will do my best to attend.

Yours in Service

Linda D

h) Service Information Day

Ray R.

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the last chance Group, currently serving as chair of your Service Information Day Committee, my name is Ray R.

Once again, here is your Service Information Day Committee:

Amy L District 26- Lakeshore West
Jim S- District 82, Victoria Haliburton
Don Mac- District 14
Les Mac-District 34, Quinte East
Bryan Mc-District 48, Seaway Valley North

I would like to take this moment to thank the Committee for another job well done. It is a great Committee and again, I thoroughly enjoyed working with each and every one of them.

With three out of four assemblies behind us, the committee continues to learn and grow - and the experiences just keep getting better.

As always, trying to coordinate the presenters in an appropriate time slot, with the proper audio video equipment is always a challenge, but it seems to get easier with each passing assembly.

Again, we met the deadline for the agenda submission, and this being a pre-conference assembly, we kept to the recommended

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theme “Our Spiritual Way of life, Steps, Concepts and Traditions, while trying to fit topics that cover the three broad stream in AA, Districts, Area, and General Service.

We hope that you enjoyed the assembly, and you found a wealth of information that you could benefit from, and take back your district and groups. Share your excitement that will entice others to want to come, after all, this is about attraction, not promotion.

The committee would thank all those who took the time to fill out the surveys, as they provided helpful feed back that could help improve the next assembly.

A special thank you to the hotel staff, who in they're own way, participated in the success of yesterdays assembly, from the brew master to the kitchen staff, the check in clerks, and the cleaners...the list goes on. They did an awesome job.

On behalf of the Service Information Day Committee, I would like to thank everyone in this room for their continued support, and we look forward to putting on another exciting and informative assembly..

If you haven't already done so, when checking out of the hotel, please ensure you book your room for the next assembly, the next assembly will be an elections assembly, I'm sure and I'm sure you will want to add your input. Have a safe drive home, and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

Yours in Love and Service,
Ray R.
Service Information Day Chair

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

KIMBERLY M.

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26, and my name is Kimberley. 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. Thank you to those who helped sell banquet tickets! The total tickets sold were 159. (Spring 2015 189 tickets, Fall 2015 188 tickets)

In the District Committee Members mail folders you will find two Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District Treasurers for future contributions. Several of the envelopes are available on the side table if GSR's would like one for your group, please help yourselves. When your group or district sends in contributions, you will get back a thank-you letter and a receipt. As well as another contribution envelop. If your treasurer includes an email address then I can email the thank you letter and the receipt. It saves on stamps, ink, paper and envelopes. Please make cheques payable to "Eastern Ontario International Area 83". It is also very helpful if you include your group service number with your cheque. Contributions can also be made using paypal. Please be very sure to include your 6 digit Group Service Number with any contributions using paypal so that your group can get credit for the contribution. The place to enter your group number is the screen after entering credit card information. Paypay charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction.

\$81.03 has been contributed through paypal so far.

In the District Committee Members mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders there are copies of the financial statement for the period ending March 2, 2016. There are lots of copies available on the side table due to an error in printing, at no extra cost to the Area, I might add.

Let's go through the numbers together. 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 GIC paying 1.4% interest maturing September 11th, 2017. Income for the period: 7th tradition collected at the Area Committee Meeting totals \$237.05. Cost recoveries, from the sale of grapevine calendars, was \$70.00. Group and District Contributions so far this year total \$9 336.07. Thank you to the 49 groups and 7 districts for your generous contributions to Area 83. Total income for the period is \$9 643.12. Expenses for the period: Committee expenses total \$1 894.04. Area Committee Meeting totals \$487.85 for rent and refreshments. GSC Assessment sent so far is \$3569.50. Total Expenses for the period are \$5 951.39. To date income is \$3 691.73 higher than our expenses. As of March 2, 2016 all cheques received were deposited and receipts were sent out. The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2016 was \$23 640.83. Total income of \$9 643.12 less expenses of \$5 951.39 leaves a balance in the operating account of \$27 332.56 as of March 2, 2016. The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate. We therefore have approximately \$5508.18 more in our operating account this year compared to the same time last year. The GSC Assessment this year is estimated at \$7700 US. We have already sent \$2500 US. Once the Assembly expenses are paid, we should be able to send the additional \$5200 US (approximately \$7000 Canadian) without affecting the

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prudent reserve. There are 93 Areas that participate in the Conference. Our Area is one of the 14 that covered the Delegates full cost in 2015. The [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. Just to clarify some of the numbers that you see here: The amount shown on the Webmaster line under miscellaneous is the amount of website renewal for 2 years. Beside Area Committee Meetings, travel expenses were a previous delegate to facilitate the election for the new self-support chair at the January ACM. Miscellaneous in that same line is for the rent and refreshments at that meeting.

At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing year to date for 2016 and 2015. Here you can see that our income to date is up \$438.90 compared to last year at this time. Our expenses are down \$355.76. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$794.66. Contributions are up \$356.25 compared to last year at this time. 2 less groups contributed and 3 more districts have contributed so far this year compared to last year.

[Page 3](#) shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from the District, as well as Groups within the District.

The Treasurer from the General Service Office sent out a letter with the contributions statement giving the percentage of groups that have contributed to the General Service Office in 2015 compared to 2014. Last year 41.64% of groups in Area 83 had contributed to GSO compared to 38.96% of groups in 2014.

This weekend's 7th Tradition was; Friday \$589.90, Saturday \$1216.48 and Sunday \$986.8. From the coffee contribution cans \$406.60 was collected. Therefore the 7th together with the coffee contributions totals \$3199.88. This amount covers 61.5% of the cost of coffee. In 2013, the 7th traditions collected at the assemblies covered 65% of the cost. In 2014, 66% of the cost was covered. In 2015, 69% of the cost was covered. Thank for your generous contributions, and thanks to everyone who helped collect and count the 7th Tradition. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service to Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service, Kimberley M, Panel 65 Treasurer – Area 83

[See Appendix A - Treasurer's Financial Reports]

7. SECRETARY REPORT

JAMES O'D.

What a great year it has been so far for us in the Area Secretary department!

I would like to take this opportunity to suggest a method for DCMs to keep their District roster up to date with the greatest ease – please remember this, like our program of recovery, it is but suggestive only.

1. Go to Area website and under Resources/Secretary you will find the downloadable and writable District Change Form
2. Download said form onto your desktop so it will be readily available
3. Input current District members, save and close file
4. When an update needs to be made just open file, change the position or positions, highlight changes and send to me.

If nothing is highlighted, nothing will be updated as I will assume everything is the same. Please do not return the Master District List that was sent to you. If you wish to use this information please isolate your District and then return highlighted information. To keep it simple – one page with highlighted changes.

The Assembly Minutes from the previous Assembly (Fall 2015 in this case) and the Agenda for the Spring Assembly should have been emailed to you by your DCM. For those in love with technology please save these documents to your device of choice and use them for the Assembly weekend. On iPhones, for example, this data can be saved as a PDF to iBooks. Once we approve the Fall Assembly minutes you will no longer need this lengthy document which costs us (the fellowship) money and we can help save a forest.

This weekend I printed up 300 copies for the SID and we ran out on Friday! After more were printed it works out that there are about two copies per person being printed.

For all Area committee members, the deadline for getting your report in to me is Sunday March 22nd. Seeing as all the reports will be given today there is really no reason you can't send it today or tomorrow. The faster I get them in the faster I can put the minutes together and get them out to the fellowship.

A special thanks to Sue B. who co presented our workshop yesterday and to those who sat in. We hope you were able to find a gem or two to take back to your groups and districts. I would also like to thank everyone who has been so kind to me over this weekend with your smiles, hugs, words of encouragement and genuine heart felt sharing. For a long time I felt like an imposter

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and an outsider – but I kept coming back to these Assemblies and now I know that feeling of belonging and purpose which had eluded me for so long. So if anyone out there is not sure they belong here among us – I can assure you - you do and we need you.

Yours in Love & Service,
James O'D

8. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

KIM S.

Hi, my name is Kim, I am an alcoholic, a member of the St Clements Group and I am your Panel 65 Alternate Delegate.

Since the Fall Assembly I attended the following events.

I attended the Joint Sharing session at Toronto Intergroup on November 3rd, 2015, and on February 2nd, and gave a report on Area 83.

November 14 I attended the Newcastle Roundup

November 21 I attended and participated in the District 02 Service Day which was very well attended.

There have been 3 Remote Communities calls November 18, January 20 and March 16 and much is happening in Remote Communities in other areas. We do not have a remote Community in Area 83 but as always I do offer our help to any other Remote Areas. The next call is Wednesday May 18th.

I attended the Ontario Delegates Conference (ODC) in Sudbury with our Delegate, Joyce from March 4-6. I gave a presentation on Connecting With Each Other: Singleness of Purpose, Staying Pertinent in a Changing world, Informed Group Conscience the Key to Unity and Be Involved, Be Inspired, Be of Service. It was a fabulous weekend and I learned a lot.

I will be following Joyce as she gives her report following the General Service conference in New York. I will also attend the Eastern Canada Regional Forum July 8-10 in Thunder Bay. I am already registered.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Kim S.
Panel 65 Alternate Delegate

9. DELEGATE'S REPORT

JOYCE S.

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, member of St. Clements Group in Toronto, District 10. I also have the honour of serving the fellowship as Panel 65 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International and my name is Joyce.

Those of you who are here for your first assembly may not be familiar with how yesterday's Service Information Day will help me to take your viewpoints and opinions to the General Service Conference, which I will be attending in New York from April 17 to April 23th. In preparation for the conference, I emailed a survey with questions to all the District Committee Members, Officers, Sub-Chairs and Past Delegates. I value your input and will take the results of the survey to the conference with me. If you have not already filled out a survey there are still some on the table over there. The completed survey can be put in the green trays, one which is outside these doors and the other one is in the atrium. A huge thank you to those who have already emailed your completed survey. It is with gratitude to all the sub-chairs who incorporated the agenda items into their workshops and for all the responses you will be sharing with me. Actually, I am pretty overwhelmed about all of the responses I have received today. The members of Area 83 have really stepped up and I thank you for that.

Since our fall assembly I have participated in the following:

Facilitated inventories for District 22 on November 8th,
December 13th District 28 and District 18 on March 8th.

On March 4-6th I attended the Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting in Sudbury which was hosted by Area 84 North Eastern Ontario. This is where the four Ontario Delegates and Alternates prepare for the upcoming Conference in New York. In attendance was our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, Richard. Also, two Delegates and an Alternate from Quebec came to

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observe. Apparently, in Quebec the four areas do not hold such a meeting and they are interested in setting up something similar. They mentioned to me they were immensely impressed at what they saw. After much discussion and debating for the last 4 years, the four Ontario Delegates and Alternates voted unanimously that in the year of a Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (CERAASA) there will not be an Ontario Delegate's Committee Meeting. The next scheduled ODC will be held in Thunder Bay in 2018. From what I understand something similar to the ODC will be included on the agenda at CERAASA, however, all 10 Eastern Canada Area's will be included. The next CERAASA will be held in Moncton, N.B. in late February, 2017. Further updates will be provided by Area 81, the host city and they could use our support. Area 83 hosted CERAASA in 2015 and it was a huge undertaking. We were happy we met our quota of attendees.

For upcoming events I will be presenting my report from the General Service Conference at the following:

1. May 28th at Information AA Day in Toronto to Districts 02, 06, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 & 22
2. May 29th in Peterborough for Districts 26, 28, 82 & 86. This year District 86 is hosting.
3. June 11th for Districts 42, 48 & 50 – location to be determined
4. The next day, June 12th, I will be in Ottawa for Districts 54, 58 & 62. Again, the location is to be determined. I am sure flyers will be distributed for all these events
5. District 70 is hosting their service day on June 25th in Cobden, along with Districts 74 & 78
6. The Regional Forum is being held in Thunder Bay from July 8 – 10th, which I will be attending. Please try to make it where you can meet our employees from our General Service Office. Information and registration, which is free, can be found at www.aa.org

I really appreciate these districts which have co-ordinated these service days so close together so that I am not traveling to the same areas more than once. This will cut down on the area travel expenses.

I am looking forward to sharing with the members of Area 83 what I learned at the conference. Most importantly, to let you know the outcome of any recommendations voted on.

I have not been contact by Districts – 30, 34, 36, 66. If you are planning a service day and would like me to attend, please contact me as soon as possible.

On a final note, please have your District Secretaries to continue sending me your district minutes. I enjoy reading what is happening in your districts. They can be sent to delegate@area83aa.org

Thank you for the opportunity to serve alcoholics anonymous and thank you for being here.

Yours In Love and Service, Joyce S.- Panel 65 Delegate
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10. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

SUE B.

I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in Ottawa – West, District 62. My name is Sue B.

As your Area Registrar, I am responsible for compiling and updating group registration and records; distributing lists to District Committee Members (DCM's) at least twice per year and forwarding group information to the General Service Office. I also prepare the roll call forms for Assemblies and Area Committee meetings. The Area Registrar is responsible for all Group information, and the Area Secretary is responsible for the Districts and Area Committee information. At last fall's Registrar/Secretary Workshop, I was dubbed the "Groupie" and they are still coming up with a name for James position of Secretary.

If this is your first Area Business Meeting, we welcome you. If you are a new General Service Representative in this second half of our two year term and have yet to receive your General Service Representative kit, while you are waiting for your kit to arrive in the mail, you can simply go online to your General Service Office website, which is 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

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that make up your kit. If you feel it's been too long since your change form was passed along to your District Registrar, and have still not received your kit, then please have them send me an email & I'll check our database or with GSO to see what is happening. Alternates do not receive a kit. If your General Service Representative steps down, where possible, ask for their kit. When you complete your Group Change form, you would then add under comments that a kit is not required. This will help keep the costs down.

All New Group and Group Change forms that I have received up to Friday morning have been completed and are up to date. Should your Group require any of these forms, you may pick some up here before you leave, obtain them from your District Secretary/Registrar, or they are also available on our Area 83 website, area83aa.org, under the District Resources tab and are easily downloadable. The email address to submit the forms to me is registrar@area83aa.org. **It would be greatly appreciated that if you are sending me hand written forms, that they are, in fact, readable.**

GSR kits are usually mailed out within 3 weeks of the GSO receiving the updated group information. These kits are delivered by courier. If the GSR is not at home, they will receive a mail pick up card to collect the kit from the post office listed on the card. If the GSR does not pick up the package within the allotted time on the card, it will be returned to the GSO as undeliverable. If GSO cannot make contact with the GSR by phone or email, then they will mark the group as unknown as they no longer have a contact person for the group.

We are starting to get a handle on the Unknown groups in the Area, with the total number being 53. We have one District which still has 15 Unknown Groups and once these are taken care of, there will be more Groups to put in the Directory so that those travelling and looking for a meeting, will find what they need. These unknown groups will either still be active and either require either a GSR, or a mail contact, or will have closed and are inactive. Some may even wish to become a meeting only, and in this case, the District Registrar would send me an email letting me know this, so I may then email the GSO to let them know to now mark the Group inactive.

As the new Directories should be coming out in August, I received notice that the GSO has a deadline of May 8, 2016 for all Area Registrar's to have all the changes entered into their system. Therefore, I will need any new group forms/change forms for your District in to me no later than Friday, April 8th. All DCM's, Alt/DCM's, Registrar's/Secretaries had been sent out a listing of Groups in their District for confirmation that the listed members names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are accurate. I ask you to please ensure that the meeting times and types (open, closed) have also been listed. What you see on the Group form is exactly what the GSO has listed for that Group in their database. If something is missing, please do your best to find out the missing information.

With the roll call, when the tally is complete, we will have a number of how many votes each District has present. Please note however, this is for information purposes only. We do not use this information for any voting done at the Assembly.

For District Officer's other than the DCM, or Alt/DCM, you do not have a vote or are reflected on the roll call under any column other than Total Delegation.

If you are a Committee member of your District, but will be voting for your home group, you will not be counted under the Committee column, but instead will be listed as a GSR. The same goes for visitors. If there is not a representative from your home group, you will be moved from the visitor column over to the GSR column. Please remember that there is only one vote per Group allowed. Therefore, only one visitor per unrepresented group is allowed.

For those with multiple positions within your District, please note: As voting for your home group is most important, should you be the GSR or Alt/GSR for a group listed in your district, then you will be counted in either the GSR or Alt/GSR column **only**. Should you not hold one of these positions, but have listed yourself as the representative for your home group because no one else could attend, then again, you will be listed in the GSR column **only**.

The "Total Delegation" column reflects the actual physical bodies present from your District **only**.

I wish to thank all Districts that send me their Minutes. As you all know, I love receiving them and to see what is going within your District.

In closing, I would like to thank District 36-Kingston and the Islands, for all their help this weekend with registration and greeting. It has been greatly appreciated!

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I thank you for your trust in me, and in the opportunity to serve Area 83.

I will now read the roll call. Please note that Correction Groups have not been included in the total number of Groups per District as there is a separate entry on the roll call for Corrections. I will forward the roll call to our Area Webmaster, Jim R, who will place it on our Area 83 website.

Yours in Love and Service,

Sue B.
Panel 65 Registrar
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[See Appendix B – Roll Call Spring 2016]

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

Motion by Patrick – D62

Seconded By Tiffany – D06

Any Discussion - None

Vote in Favour - Unanimous

11. OLD BUSINESS - IF ANY

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

12(a) Report from Ad-Hoc Committee on Area Inventory

Patrick G. DCM District 62

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Saturday Morning Westboro Group and am currently serving District 62 Ottawa West as their District Committee Member. My name is Patrick G.

Members of this Ad-Hoc committee are Katrina E., district 18, Jim S., district 82, and past delegate Sandy S.

The final number of inventory surveys handed in was 163. 26 from area tables, 50 from district tables, and 87 from group tables.

The multiple choice section results report is complete. I have placed hard copies in the DCM folders in the Atrium. Electronic copies will be sent out with the Assembly minutes along with this report. I urge all DCM's to pass along this information and gather any comments or suggestions for moving forward and bring them to the next Area meeting in June.

There is one typo on the hard copies to note, question 21d should read 7% for "not very satisfied", not 67%. This is corrected for the electronic copies.

The report is done by percentages but I have also included an excel spreadsheet showing the breakdown of all votes in three categories, area, district, group, for those who wish to have this information.

The final report on the comments section of the inventory will be presented at the June Area meeting. From there we recommend a committee be formed to deal with suggestions and recommendations to move forward.

The majority of the surveys handed in speak favourably of the job the area is doing, however, I do believe that we should think about how to get more people involved. Having a low number of members actually attempting to fill out the survey may be sign that "involvement" is something we need to work on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who took the roughly 9 minutes and 22 seconds to fill out the surveys.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this job and I thank you for the opportunity serve.

Service rocks!

Yours in love and service,

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Patrick

[See Appendix C – Area Inventory 2016]

Copies of the results were placed in the DCM folders. Please take these back to your Districts for discussion. At our June Area Committee Meeting results of the inventory will be discussed further. DCMs are asked to attend the meeting prepared to speak on behalf of their Districts.

Would someone like to make a motion to accept the Ad-Hoc Committee's report as presented?

Moved by Barb C. – D74

Seconded by Ian – D34

Discussion

Vote in Favour – Overwhelming majority

Opposed - 0

Abstained - 2

Motion was Carried

(Minority Opinion) – N/A

We now move to Agenda item

12(b)

To add to the operating Procedures on page 17, Section III – Expenses – point 5, the motion that was carried at the Assembly on March 25, 2007 which read:

“Provided it doesn't affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 pay to GSO the full (annual expense) **assessment** for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference.”

Kimberley M.
Area 83 Treasurer

Moved by – Kimberley M. – Area Treasurer

Seconded by – Linda D. – Area Archives Chair

Discussion

Mel C. had an issue with the words “prudent reserve” and “annual expense” as it may cause confusion in the future. He suggested we use the word “assessment” for clarity.

Friendly amendment by Joyce from “full annual expense” to “assessment”.

Joyce explained what the word “assessment” means as there was confusion.

Clarification: we are not voting on this item as it was already passed but to add this officially to the Operating Procedures. This is merely a housekeeping item.

Vote in Favour - 151

Opposed - 0

Abstained - 5

Motion was CARRIED

(Minority Opinion) – N/A

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12(c)

"To revise the Area 83 Eastern Ontario (International) Assembly and Area 83 Eastern Ontario (International) Committee operating procedures to reflect the motion carried at the Area Assembly Oct. 2014 to "add Accessibility role/functions" to the Treatment Facilities Chairpersons responsibilities.

The wording "Area Treatment Facilities Chairperson" be revised to "Area Treatment/Accessibility Chairperson" where applicable and in Section III Responsibilities #13 Area Treatment /Accessibility Chairperson the wording "To be elected by the Area Committee. The Treatment Facilities Chairperson shall be responsible for the implementation of Treatment Facilities policy within the Arm. The Chair shall liaise with the Districts' and Intergroups' Treatment Facilities Committees, and shall provide assistance, when requested, in accordance with the Workbook for Treatment Facilities." Be changed to-

"To be elected by the Area Committee. The Treatment /Accessibility Chairperson shall be responsible for the implementation of Treatment Facilities and Accessibility policy within the Area. The Chair shall liaise with the Districts' and Intergroups' Treatment Facilities and Accessibility Committees, and shall provide assistance, when requested, in accordance with the applicable workbooks from the General Service Office."

Herb W.

Area 83 Treatment/Accessibility Chair

Moved by – Herb W. – Area Treatment

Seconded by – Maria – D30

Vote in Favour – Overwhelming majority

Opposed - 1

Abstained - 1

Motion was - PASSED

(Minority Opinion) – N/A

12(d) 2016 Financial Guidelines

Kimberley M.

Area 83 Treasurer

Moved by – Kimberley M. – Area Treasurer

Seconded by – Mac – DCM D36

Vote in Favour – Unanimous

Opposed - 0

Abstained - 0

Motion was PASSED.

(Minority Opinion) – N/A

[See Appendix D – Proposed Spending Guidelines 2016]

IS THERE ANY OTHER/ NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR?

THE 3 YEAR TERM OF OUR AREA ARCHIVIST DAVID T. IS UP AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. A CALL LETTER HAS BEEN SENT OUT TO FILL THE APPOINTED POSITION OF AREA ARCHIVIST FOR THE NEXT 3 YEAR TERM. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SEE ME AFTER THE MEETING OR SEND ME AN EMAIL.

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13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND

IF YOU MUST LEAVE PLEASE DO SO QUIETLY

14. DATE AND PLACE OF THE FALL ASSEMBLY AND SERVICE DAY

As Chairperson, I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

October 28th, 29th, and 30th, 2016 here at the Ambassador hotel in Kingston

Would someone like to make a motion to accept these dates for our Fall Assembly?

Moved by Elaine H. – Area PI Chair

Seconded by Monique – D36

DISCUSSION - No

Vote in Favour - Unanimous

Opposed - 0

Abstained - 0

Motion was CARRIED

15. CLOSING

I would like to thank everyone for staying and especially to those who volunteered to help make this weekend amazing.

AS A REMINDER - Our next Area Committee Meeting is in **QUINTE WEST at Westminster United Church on June 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

Have a safe drive home and I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly.

MOTION to close: Ted – D10

SECONDED: Amy – D26

VOTE – YES UNANIMOUS

CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:

I AM RESPONSIBLE.....

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Appendix A – Financial Reports

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83

AS OF: March 2, 2016

| RESERVE ACCOUNT | | Actual |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|
| January 1, 2016 Opening Balance | | 20,000.00 |
| Interest | | |
| Transfer to Operating Account | | 0.00 |
| RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE | | 20,000.00 |

| INCOME | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 7th Tradition | | 237.05 |
| Cost Recoveries | | 70.00 |
| Flow Through to GSO | | 0.00 |
| Grapevine Seasonals | | 0.00 |
| Group & District Contributions | | 9,336.07 |
| | TOTAL INCOME | 9,643.12 |
| TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS | | 9,643.12 |

| EXPENSES | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accommodations | | 0.00 |
| Meals | | 139.91 |
| Travel | | 1,473.75 |
| Long Distance | | 0.00 |
| Postage | | 16.27 |
| Printing | | 138.01 |
| Literature | | 75.87 |
| Stationery | | 10.25 |
| Miscellaneous | | 39.98 |
| | Total Committee Expenses | 1,894.04 |
| Ad Hoc Committees | | 0.00 |
| Area Contribution to GSO | | 0.00 |
| Area Committee Meetings | | 487.85 |
| General Service Conf. Assessment | | 3,569.50 |
| Bank Service Charges | | 0.00 |
| Forums | | 0.00 |
| Grapevine Seasonal | | 0.00 |
| GSO Flow Through | | 0.00 |
| Ontario Delegate's Conference | | 0.00 |
| International Conferences | | 0.00 |
| | Total Other Expenses | 4,057.35 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | 5,951.39 |

| OPERATING ACCOUNT | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Opening Balance as of January 1, 2016 | | 23,640.83 |
| Total Income & Transfers | | 9,643.12 |
| Total Expenses | | -5,951.39 |
| OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE | | 27,332.56 |

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| Position | Accommodations | Meals | Travel | Long Distance | Postage | Printing | Literature | Stationery | Misc. | Total |
|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Delegate | 0.00 | 0.00 | 133.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 133.00 |
| Alt. Delegate | 0.00 | 0.00 | 133.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 133.70 |
| Immediate past Delegate | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Chairperson | 0.00 | 0.00 | 96.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 96.60 |
| Secretary | 0.00 | 0.00 | 130.90 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 112.02 | 0.00 | 10.25 | 0.00 | 253.17 |
| Treasurer | 0.00 | 0.00 | 65.70 | 0.00 | 16.27 | 25.99 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 107.96 |
| Registrar | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Area Web Site/Webmaster | 0.00 | 5.00 | 140.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 39.98 | 184.98 |
| Archives | 0.00 | 0.00 | 65.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 65.80 |
| Archivist | 0.00 | 0.00 | 197.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 197.75 |
| Cooperation with the P.C. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Corrections Facilities | 0.00 | 0.00 | 126.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 126.00 |
| Grapevine | 0.00 | 36.00 | 34.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 145.87 |
| Public Information | 0.00 | 93.91 | 204.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 297.91 |
| Self Support | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Treatment Facilities | 0.00 | 5.00 | 146.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 151.30 |
| 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. | \$ - | \$ 139.91 | \$ 1,473.75 | \$ - | \$ 16.27 | \$ 138.01 | \$ 75.87 | \$ 10.25 | \$ 39.98 | \$ 1,894.04 |
| Adhoc Committees | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Area Committee | - | - | 179.90 | - | - | - | - | - | 307.95 | 487.85 |
| Area GSO Contributions | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank Charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Forums | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Grapevine Seasonal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| GSC Assessment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,569.50 |
| GSO Flow Through | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ont Delegates Conf. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| International Conferences | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OTHER EXPENSES | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 179.90 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 307.95 | \$ 4,057.35 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ - | \$ 139.91 | \$ 1,653.65 | \$ - | \$ 16.27 | \$ 138.01 | \$ 75.87 | \$ 10.25 | \$ 347.93 | \$ 5,951.39 |

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Income Summary | |
| March 2, 2016 | |
| 7th Tradition | 237.05 |
| Bank Interest | - |
| GSO Flow through | - |
| Contributions | 9,336.07 |
| Cost recoveries | 70.00 |
| Grapevine Seasonals | - |
| Total Income | \$ 9,643.12 |

| March 2, 2016 | YTD 2016 | YTD 2015 | Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Income To Date | | | |
| | 9,643.12 | 9,204.22 | 438.90 |
| Expenses To Date | | | |
| | 5,951.39 | 6,307.15 | (355.76) |
| Net Change To Operating Account | | | |
| | \$ 3,691.73 | \$ 2,897.07 | \$ 794.66 |
| Contributions | | | |
| | \$9,336.07 | \$8,979.82 | \$356.25 |
| Contributing Groups | | | |
| | 47 | 49 | -2 |
| Contributing Districts | | | |
| | 7 | 4 | 3 |

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| GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF March 2, 2016 |
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| | | | |
|----------|----|----------------------------|------------|
| District | 00 | Unspecified | \$0.00 |
| District | 02 | Malton | \$250.00 |
| District | 06 | Mississauga | \$120.00 |
| District | 10 | Toronto South Central | \$928.49 |
| District | 12 | Toronto South West | \$514.67 |
| District | 14 | Toronto North Central | \$150.00 |
| District | 16 | Hispano De Toronto | \$150.00 |
| District | 18 | Toronto City East | \$0.00 |
| District | 22 | Scarborough | \$250.00 |
| District | 26 | Lakeshore West | \$814.72 |
| District | 28 | Lakeshore East | \$650.21 |
| District | 30 | Quinte West | \$400.00 |
| District | 34 | Quinte East | \$200.00 |
| District | 36 | Kingston And The Islands | \$575.00 |
| District | 42 | St. Lawrence International | \$28.83 |
| District | 48 | Seaway Valley North | \$550.00 |
| District | 50 | Cornwall | \$500.00 |
| District | 54 | Ottawa Rideau | \$110.00 |
| District | 58 | Ottawa Bytown | \$40.00 |
| District | 62 | Ottawa West | \$688.95 |
| District | 66 | Golden Triangle | \$240.00 |
| District | 70 | Renfrew Pontiac | \$0.00 |
| District | 74 | Pembroke | \$120.00 |
| District | 78 | Madawaska Valley | \$100.00 |
| District | 82 | Victoria Haliburton | \$925.20 |
| District | 86 | Kawartha | \$1,390.00 |

Total Contributions YTD: \$9,696.07

| | | | |
|----|------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 49 | Groups Contributing | Total from Groups | \$7,145.86 |
| 7 | Districts Contributing | Total from Districts | \$2,550.21 |

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Appendix B – Roll Call Spring 2016

| District | DCM | Alt-DCM | Comm | GSR | Alt-GSR | Visitors | Total Groups Attending | Total Delegation | Total Votes | Total Active Groups in District |
|----------|-----|---------|------|-----|---------|----------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 02 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 9 | 18 |
| 06 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 28 | 16 | 34 |
| 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 17 | 13 | 22 |
| 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 16 |
| 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 25 |
| 16-SP | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 7 |
| 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 25 |
| 22 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 19 | 11 | 21 |
| 26 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 20 |
| 28 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 14 | 9 | 21 |
| 30 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 19 | 11 | 16 |
| 34 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 7 | 35 |
| 36 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 3 | 40 | 14 | 61 | 15 | 22 |
| 42 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 29 |
| 48 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 18 |
| 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 10 |
| 54 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 12 | 10 | 22 |
| 58 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| 62 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 6 | 20 | 29 | 21 | 40 |
| 66 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 13 | 29 | 14 | 28 |
| 70 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 19 |
| 74 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 13 |
| 78 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| 82 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 20 |
| 86 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 22 | 11 | 22 |
| CF | | | | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 10 |

| | DCM | Alt-DCM | Comm Chair | GSR | Alt-GSR | Visitors | Total Groups | Total Delegation | Total Votes | Total Groups |
|-----|-----|---------|------------|-----|---------|----------|--------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| ALL | 24 | 12 | 39 | 176 | 43 | 88 | 199 | 384 | 224 | 539 |

| Area Committee Past Delegates/Visitors | 24 | 12 | 39 | 176 | 43 | 5 | 14 | 11 | |
|--|----|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Total | 24 | 12 | 39 | 176 | 43 | 93 | 199 | 403 | 539 |
| Oct-15 | 25 | 16 | 65 | 161 | 51 | 74 | 210 | 383 | 592 |
| Mar-15 | 22 | 15 | 48 | 167 | 41 | 81 | 210 | 394 | 602 |
| Oct-14 | 20 | 17 | 57 | 211 | 38 | 80 | 212 | 397 | 588 |
| Mar-14 | 19 | 16 | 59 | 181 | 50 | 83 | 207 | 401 | 600 |

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Appendix C – Area Survey Results

Multiple Choice Results:

Total number of surveys completed: 163

Completed by Member of: Area – 26 District – 50 Group – 87 *Results listed by percentage*

1. How well do you understand the purpose of the Area committee and how it fits into the AA structure?

17% Extremely well - 26% Very well - 26% Quite well - 25% Not very well - 6% Not at all - 0% blank

2. How well do you understand the Area service committee and their roles (PI, Corrections...)?

15% Extremely well - 26% Very well - 31% Quite well - 21% Not very well - 6% Not at all - 0% blank

3. Does the Area Committee communicate well with the membership it serves?

4% Extremely well - 23% Very well - 36% Quite well - 31% Not very well - 4% Not at all - 3% blank

4. Does the Area Committee do a good job of encouraging interest in general service?

6% Extremely well - 17% Very well - 40% Quite well - 29% Not very well - 5% Not at all - 4% blank

5. Are we, as an Area, fulfilling our primary purpose to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic?

7% Extremely well - 27% Very well - 42% Quite well - 17% Not very well - 3% Not at all - 4% blank

7. How well do Area Officers do the job of providing service support to the Area?

8% Extremely well - 25% Very well - 43% Quite well - 17% Not very well - 2% Not at all - 5% blank

8. How well does the Area Assembly (District table members, area committee members, Delegate and alternate), help the groups understand the three Legacies of recovery, unity and service?

6% Extremely well - 21% Very well - 40% Quite well - 27% Not very well - 6% Not at all - 1% blank

9. How effectively do you think your group conscience is being carried to the Area?

7% Extremely well - 29% Very well - 29% Quite well - 30% Not very well - 2% Not at all - 2% blank

10. Are all members given the opportunity to speak and participate in Area Committee meeting activities and to be the voice and effective conscience for our Area?

13% Extremely well - 28% Very well - 28% Quite well - 21% Not very well - 3% Not at all - 7% blank

11. Do you feel that members, groups, districts are able to effectively communicate their concerns to the Area committee?

6% Extremely well - 28% Very well - 34% Quite well - 25% Not very well - 5% Not at all - 2% blank

These questions ask how satisfied you are with Area operations...

12. Do all members get the opportunity to speak and participate in Area committees activities and to be the actual voice and effective conscience for our Area?

4% Extremely satisfied - 28% Very satisfied - 37% Quite satisfied - 19% Not very satisfied - 4% Not at all satisfied - 9% blank

13. Are you satisfied with the structure and effectiveness of the Area committees (PI, CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment/ Accessibility...)?

6% Extremely satisfied - 25% Very satisfied - 42% Quite satisfied - 18% Not very satisfied - 4% Not at all satisfied - 4% blank

14. Are you satisfied with the ease and comfort with which you can request assistance from the Area Committee?

9% Extremely satisfied - 26% Very satisfied - 39% Quite satisfied - 18% Not very satisfied - 2% Not at all satisfied - 6% blank

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15. Do you get enough information about issues involving important decisions to be made at the Area level- is the supporting material clear and easily understandable?

5% Extremely satisfied – 27% Very satisfied – 36% Quite satisfied – 21% Not very satisfied – 7% Not at all satisfied – 2% blank

16. Are you satisfied with the amount of time you have to review and discuss with your group the information you get from the Area about decisions to be made?

4% Extremely satisfied – 25% Very satisfied – 42% Quite satisfied – 17% Not very satisfied – 9% Not at all satisfied – 3% blank

17. Do you find the Area meetings & assemblies informative and enthusiastic?

12% Extremely satisfied - 36% Very satisfied – 33% Quite satisfied – 10% Not very satisfied – 2% Not at all satisfied – 7% blank

18. Do you think Area Officers make prudent use of Area finances?

9% Extremely satisfied – 31% Very satisfied – 35% Quite satisfied – 14% Not very satisfied – 3% Not at all satisfied – 9% blank

19. Does the Area Committee provide a clear understanding of the Area's financial needs and encourage groups and districts to voluntarily contribute to the Area financially?

9% Extremely satisfied – 30% Very satisfied – 33% Quite satisfied – 17% Not very satisfied – 8% Not at all satisfied – 3% blank

20. Are you satisfied with the level of participation of past delegates, who are non-moving, non-voting members of the Area Assembly, at in the Assembly and Area meetings?

8% Extremely satisfied – 22% Very satisfied – 36% Quite satisfied – 17% Not very satisfied – 5% Not at all satisfied – 12% blank

21. Area Assemblies are currently held at the same location, twice a year, in Kingston at the Ambassador Hotel. How do you feel about:

a) the location

25% Extremely satisfied – 26% Very satisfied – 29% Quite satisfied – 9% Not very satisfied – 2% Not at all satisfied - 8% blank

b) the Service Day agenda (Sat)

17% Extremely satisfied – 32% Very satisfied – 31% Quite satisfied – 9% Not very satisfied – 0% Not at all satisfied – 12% blank

c) the Assembly agenda (Sun)

10% Extremely satisfied – 29% Very satisfied – 34% Quite satisfied – 9% Not very satisfied – 2% Not at all satisfied – 17% blank

d) the comfort and set up of the main assembly room and workshop areas

12% Extremely satisfied – 34% Very satisfied – 27% Quite satisfied – 7% Not very satisfied – 1% Not at all satisfied - 19% blank

e) the convenience of the location of the sub-committee display area

12% Extremely satisfied – 37% Very satisfied – 28% Quite satisfied – 2% Not very satisfied – 1% Not at all satisfied – 19% blank

f) the hotel accommodations

20% Extremely satisfied – 32% Very satisfied – 21% Quite satisfied – 7% Not very satisfied – 3% Not at all satisfied – 17% blank

Any other comments/suggestions on the Assembly location: Common answer

- Rotating venues and areas (Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa)

22. Does your group financial support the Area? Yes 87% - No 12% - blank 2%

If not, why not?: Common answer

- Lack of funds

23. Does your group have a GSR? Yes 96% - No 1% - blank 3%

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24. Does your Group GSR attend the Assembly regularly? Yes 77% - No 13% - blank 10%

If not, why not?:

- Common answer – lack of funds for travel expenses

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Appendix D – Proposed Spending Guidelines

Eastern Ontario International Area 83
2016 Proposed Spending Guidelines Summary - revised March 20, 2016

| Income | 2016 PSG | 2015 Actual |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 7th Tradition | 6,800.00 | 6,780.90 |
| Bank Interest | - | - |
| Cost Recoveries | 220.00 | 842.60 |
| Grapevine Seasonals | 5,000.00 | 4,688.00 |
| Contributions To Match Expenses | 52,047.78 | 50,058.21 |
| Four Year Average of Contributions | 47,916.77 | 46,839.12 |
| GSO Flow Through | 400.00 | 370.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 64,467.78 | 62,739.71 |

| Expenses | 2016 PSG | 2015 Actual |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| Accommodation | 9,109.00 | 8,480.55 |
| Meals | 14,660.00 | 12,784.07 |
| Travel | 12,505.00 | 10,562.13 |
| Long Distance | - | - |
| Postage | 130.00 | 216.08 |
| Printing | 2,185.00 | 2,551.40 |
| Literature | 1,160.00 | 1,372.85 |
| Stationery | 160.00 | 116.24 |
| Miscellaneous | 3,036.78 | 4,243.41 |
| Total Committee Expenses | \$ 42,945.78 | \$ 40,326.73 |
| Adhoc Committees | 10.00 | 15.00 |
| Area Committee | 1,530.00 | 925.10 |
| GSO Contribution | - | - |
| Bank Charges | - | 152.88 |
| Forums | 1,670.00 | - |
| GSO Assessment | 11,242.00 | 10,320.05 |
| GSO Flow Through | 400.00 | 370.00 |
| Ontario Delegates Conference | 1,670.00 | 830.18 |
| Grapevine Seasonals | 5,000.00 | 4,923.71 |
| International Conferences | - | 162.54 |
| Total Other Expenses | \$ 21,522.00 | \$ 17,699.46 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 64,467.78 | \$ 58,026.19 |
| Net Change To Operating Account | \$ - | \$ 4,713.52 |

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2016 Proposed Spending Guidelines - Detail - Revised March 20, 2016

| Position | Accommodation | Meals | Travel | Long Distance | Postage | Printing | Literature | Stationary | Miscellaneous | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Delegate | 400.00 | 380.00 | 1,300.00 | - | - | 15.00 | - | - | - | 2,095.00 |
| Alt. Delegate | 300.00 | 220.00 | 1,100.00 | - | - | 10.00 | - | - | - | 1,630.00 |
| Immediate Past Delegate | - | 190.00 | 360.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 550.00 |
| Chairperson | - | 190.00 | 715.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 40.00 | 945.00 |
| Secretary | - | 190.00 | 930.00 | - | - | 1,000.00 | - | 50.00 | - | 2,170.00 |
| Treasurer | - | 190.00 | 630.00 | - | 130.00 | 400.00 | - | 10.00 | - | 1,360.00 |
| Registrar | - | 190.00 | 600.00 | - | - | 430.00 | - | 20.00 | - | 1,240.00 |
| Area Web Site/Webmaster | 460.00 | 190.00 | 865.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 326.78 | 1,841.78 |
| Archives | 120.00 | 190.00 | 590.00 | - | - | 30.00 | 80.00 | 5.00 | 300.00 | 1,315.00 |
| Archivist | 460.00 | 190.00 | 600.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,250.00 |
| Co-operation With The P.C. | 120.00 | 190.00 | 950.00 | - | - | 20.00 | 250.00 | 10.00 | - | 1,540.00 |
| Corrections Facilities | 120.00 | 190.00 | 950.00 | - | - | 15.00 | 150.00 | 20.00 | - | 1,445.00 |
| Grapevine | 120.00 | 190.00 | 785.00 | - | - | 10.00 | - | 5.00 | - | 1,110.00 |
| Public Information | 120.00 | 190.00 | 760.00 | - | - | 20.00 | 400.00 | 5.00 | - | 1,495.00 |
| Self Support | 120.00 | 190.00 | 630.00 | - | - | 20.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 | - | 1,020.00 |
| Treatment Facilities | 120.00 | 190.00 | 380.00 | - | - | 15.00 | 250.00 | 5.00 | - | 960.00 |
| Service Info Day Committee | 1,425.00 | 1,000.00 | 360.00 | - | - | 200.00 | - | - | - | 2,985.00 |
| Spring Assembly | 2,612.00 | 5,200.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,230.00 | 9,042.00 |
| Fall Assembly | 2,612.00 | 5,200.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,140.00 | 8,952.00 |
| TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP. | \$ 9,109.00 | \$ 14,660.00 | \$ 12,505.00 | \$ - | \$ 130.00 | \$ 2,185.00 | \$ 1,160.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ 3,036.78 | \$ 42,945.78 |
| Adhoc Committees | - | - | - | - | - | 10.00 | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| Area Committee | - | - | 300.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,230.00 | 1,530.00 |
| Area GSO Contributions | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank Charges | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Forums | 492.00 | 300.00 | 878.00 | - | - | - | - | - | 5,000.00 | 1,670.00 |
| Grapevine Seasonal | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| GSO Assessment | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 11,242.00 |
| GSO Flow Through | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Ont Delegates Conf. | 492.00 | 300.00 | 878.00 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,670.00 |
| International Conf. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| OTHER EXPENSES | \$ 984.00 | \$ 600.00 | \$ 2,056.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 10.00 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 6,630.00 | \$ 21,522.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 10,093.00 | \$ 15,260.00 | \$ 14,561.00 | \$ - | \$ 130.00 | \$ 2,195.00 | \$ 1,160.00 | \$ 160.00 | \$ 9,666.78 | \$ 64,467.78 |