

# **Area 83 Eastern Ontario International**

## **Area Assembly Minutes**

**October 29, 2017**

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**AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2017 - 9:00 A.M. - WEST BALLROOM**

- 1. Opening P. 4**
- 2. Review and Acceptance of Agenda P. 7**
- 3. Review and Acceptance of Minutes from the  
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| <b>District 82</b> | Victoria Haliburton          | Janice D          |
| <b>District 74</b> | Pembroke                     | Bill C            |
| <b>District 34</b> | Quinte East                  | Gord T            |
| <b>District 36</b> | Kingston & The Islands       | Martin St-L       |
| <b>District 66</b> | Golden Triangle              | Jenny C           |
| <b>District 70</b> | Renfrew Pontiac              | Seanna B          |
| <b>District 54</b> | Ottawa Rideau                | Bartosz W         |
| <b>District 42</b> | St. Lawrence International   | Pat M             |
| <b>District 10</b> | Toronto South Central        | Rob A             |
| <b>District 28</b> | Lakeshore East               | JoAnn P           |
| <b>District 30</b> | Quinte West                  | Ian W             |
| <b>District 06</b> | Mississauga                  | David B           |
| <b>District 18</b> | Toronto City East            | Michael A         |
| <b>District 22</b> | Scarborough                  | Tom S             |
| <b>District 50</b> | Cornwall                     | Kimberley C       |
| <b>District 26</b> | Lakeshore West               | Dave L            |
| <b>District 86</b> | Kawartha                     | Larry D           |
| <b>District 16</b> | Districto Hispano De Toronto | Angie R           |
| <b>District 58</b> | Ottawa Bytown                | Michel D          |
| <b>District 02</b> | Malton                       | Shane H           |
| <b>District 62</b> | Ottawa West                  | Mike B            |
| <b>District 48</b> | Seaway Valley North          | Winnie S          |
| <b>District 12</b> | Toronto South West           | Mark B            |
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### 11. OLD BUSINESS – None

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### 12. NEW BUSINESS

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a) Recommendation by the Area Committee: Accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Archives in Area 83 to Add to operating procedures Section III Responsibilities under Area Chairperson: "Meet with Area Archives Chairperson and Area Archivist at the beginning of each term/appointment to review responsibilities of each position." Mike B., DCM, District 62

b) Recommendation by the Area Committee: Accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Archives in Area 83 to Add to operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archives Chairperson: "The Area Archives Chairperson shall report the activities of the Archivist to the Area Committee and Assembly." Mike B., DCM, District 62

c) Recommendation by the Area Committee: Accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Archives in Area 83 to Remove from the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist: "The Archivist, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area Committee regularly, and the Assembly as necessary about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects (the report will be presented by the Archivist as a supplement to the Area Archives Chairpersons report)." And replace with "The Archivist, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area Committee and the Assembly about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects." (The report will be presented by the Archives Chairperson as a supplement to the Area Archives Chairpersons report)." Mike B., DCM, District 62

d) Recommendation by the Area Committee: Remove from the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist: "Attendance at Area Committee is voluntary, while attendance at Assembly is expected." And replace with "Attendance at the Area Committee is voluntary and expenses shall not be reimbursed. Attendance at the Assembly is expected and expenses shall be reimbursed." Michel D., DCM, District 58

e) Motion: We of Area 83 ask our delegate to relay our desire for the General Service trustees' Literature Committee to consider pamphlet #3267, "The 'God' Word: Agnostics and Atheists in AA" (approved by The AA General Service Conference in Great Britain), for use in the U.S.A./Canada. We ask the Conference Literature Committee to consider, in the 2018 General Service Conference agenda, a request for an advisory action that "The 'God' Word" be adopted/amended for the U.S.A./Canada. (Please see notes for precedents, need and background.) Furthermore, we ask that this advisory action, as is our custom, direct G.S.O. to licence, print and distribute "The 'God' Word" to groups and members in the U.S.A. and Canada in English, Spanish and French. Rob A., DCM, District 10

f) Election of Area 83 nominee for Eastern Canada Regional Trustee. Kimberley M., Chairperson

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**October 29, 2017 Fall Assembly**

**1. OPENING**

Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26, and my name is Kimberley M. I have the honor and privilege of serving as Area 83 Chairperson for the term 2017 - 2018.

Let's start this meeting with a Moment's Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions read by: Trevor

Position: D62

12 Concepts – Short Form read by: Mike H

Position: D34 – Alt GSR

Welcome everybody to the Fall 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 Robb for your wonderful talk last night.

**Introduction**

This is our second Assembly of four in this term. During the remainder of the two 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.

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 564 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. Many of us didn't understand what was going on at meetings at first, but in time, we started to understand. Service is much the same way. So please keep coming back – welcome and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

Over these two years, 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 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. Written reports, when 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  
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individuals and other visitors. If you could hold your applause till the end of each section it will speed things up a bit.

Introduce officers

On my immediate right, our Panel 67 Delegate

On Kim's right, our Alternate Delegate

On my immediate left is our Secretary

Beside James is our Treasurer

Beside Sue is our Registrar

Our Panel 65 Immediate Past Delegate

And I'm your Chairperson

Kim S

Rob M

James O'D

Sue B

Amy L

Joyce S

Kimberley M

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson

Correctional Facilities Chairperson

Treatment / Accessibilities Chairperson

Grapevine Chairperson

Self-Support Chairperson

Archives Chairperson

Service Information Day Chairperson

These are your Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs for 2017- 2018

Les MacD

Jim S

Mac B

Marty M

Robert B

Ray R

Eddy G

Shane H

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

Today we have with us :

Panel 53 Past Delegate Roy R

Panel 59 Past Delegate Sandy S

Panel 61 Past Delegate Robb W

And in Appointed positions we have

Area Archivist – Linda McQ

Area Webmaster – Jim R

### 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, Amy L.

#### Accessibility

Area 83 wants to make sure that everyone is able to participate equally.

If you need an accommodation to help with this, please see me at the break.

Please keep the aisles and along the walls free during the meeting and also on breaks to allow people to move easily about the room. The question came up at the Spring Assembly about having a ramp for the risers at the front of the room. I did inquire with the hotel. The Ambassador has a ramp that can be used with a self-propelled wheelchair at no cost. However for a powered wheelchair or scooter, we would need to rent a ramp from an outside source. The hotel got us a quote which is \$463 for the weekend.

#### 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. The Ambassador does not allow e-cigarettes or vaping to be used in the hotel. If you leave this room for a smoke or any other reason please do so quietly. Please do not congregate just outside the Ballroom doors since it becomes very distracting for

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those currently in the Ballroom. Also, 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. It would cost about \$300 to replace all the name tag holders for an Assembly. You can do your part to keep costs down by returning your name tag to the boxes at the doors before you leave today.

### 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 Spring Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, and District Committee Member's, will meet three times this year. We have already met in Quinte West in January, June and September. Our next Area Committee Meeting will be on January 6.

A schedule of tentative dates for meetings in 2018 will be included in the minutes. Please note that anyone can attend the Area Committee meeting in Quinte West. We welcome all visitors.

| Year | Date                              | What                   | Where                     |
|------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2018 | January 6 <u>approved</u>         | Area Committee Meeting | Westminster United Church |
| 2018 | March 23,24,25 <u>approved</u>    | Area Assembly          | Ambassador Hotel          |
| 2018 | June 2 <u>tentative</u>           | Area Committee Meeting | Westminster United Church |
| 2018 | September 8 <u>tentative</u>      | Area Committee Meeting | Westminster United Church |
| 2018 | October 26,27,28 <u>tentative</u> | Area Assembly          | Ambassador Hotel          |
| 2018 | December 1 <u>tentative</u>       | Area Committee Meeting | Westminster United Church |

On the website, you can find agendas for upcoming meetings, both for the Area Committee Meetings and for the Assemblies. The agenda will be posted approximately 6 weeks before the date of the meeting.

### 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 \$14.00 per person for the weekend which works out to \$5600. At recent Assemblies the total 7<sup>th</sup> collected improved but is still significantly less than the amount paid for refreshments. There are 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 7<sup>th</sup> is being passed around.

### WHO VOTES?

Only members of the Assembly may vote.

These are:

- All Area Officers, including the Immediate Past Delegate, but not the Chair.
- All Area Sub-Committee Chairs
- All 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, and 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 OPINION

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 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 motion 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,

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we go directly to the vote of the motion or amendment we were discussing. I would caution you not to use this privilege too often or too early – many good points and opinions will come out in any discussions, and if discussion is prematurely cut off, we will not get to hear them.

### WHO MAY ADDRESS THE ASSEMBLY?

- Only voting members of the Assembly have a voice. This is important for two reasons:
  - It keeps the focus on the fact that the Assembly is the business meeting of the Area – Assembly members are carrying and presenting their Groups' wishes, rather than their own.
  - And it maximizes the time available for those members to voice their Groups' opinions and needs.
- All who are attending may say their piece during sharing time. I would ask for your cooperation on this. If you don't have a vote, as I just described, please keep your input for sharing time, which is scheduled for later this afternoon. At that time everyone is welcome to participate and their opinions will be listened to.
- On the topic of sharing time, please, if you can, stay until the end of the Assembly. I realize that many of us drive a long way to get home, and that Monday morning comes early, but the Assembly truly isn't over until it's over. We have asked our guests and visitors to have their say during sharing time, and as hosts, it's polite to stay and hear their views. It's also quite possible that something important will be said.
- To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak, please use one of the microphones around the room, and identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.

If you are making a floor motion for the Assembly to consider today, it would be much appreciated if you would write your motion out and give it to our secretary, 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 which is 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.

May I have a motion to operate on simple majority?

MOVED: JIM S - CPC      SECONDED: MICHAEL A – DCM – D18

DISCUSSION?

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Motion was passed.

## 2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda emailed out 6 weeks ago needed 2 corrections. The agenda emailed out recently as well as the ones in the atrium and in your mail boxes are the corrected agendas.

Item 12c now contains the word "Archives" which was a typo and missing from the agenda 6 weeks ago.

Agenda item 12c was 2 motions 6 weeks ago but really should be combined as the one motion you see on your agenda today.

Does anyone have any revisions to the agenda as distributed with respect to Old Business?

### OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None.

Does anyone have revisions to the agenda as distributed with respect to New Business? Any Floor Motions?

### NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

None.

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MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA as amended

MOVED: DAVE B – DCM – D14      SECONDED: BILL C – DCM – D74

Any discussion? No.

All those in favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Motion was passed.

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES of the Spring ASSEMBLY, Sunday March 26, 2017

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

NO.

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

MOVED: MAC B – AREA CF CHAIR      SECONDED: SUSAN P – GSR – D54

Any discussion? No

All those in favour? All

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Motion was passed.

**4. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

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

The District committee members' verbal reports are limited to 2 minutes.

The 2 minute time will be controlled by the timer that was built by Denis D, a past Delegate. It cycles between green, yellow, and red lights and ends with a buzz. If you get the buzz please 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 14      Toronto North Central ..... Dave B**

Good evening,

My name is Dave B I'm an alcoholic and

I'm the district committee member for district 14.

Currently district 14 is financially stable and our treasurer has just done the split between gso and area.

Our subcommittee chairs are filled except for the accessibility.

And in conclusion, our district meetings are being well attended.

Yours in service,

Dave B

**District 82      Victoria Haliburton ..... Janice D**

Good morning everyone,

I am an alcoholic and member of Minden Centennial Group and serving as District Committee Member for District 82 and my name is Janice D.

Our district is averaging at least 90% attendance at our District meetings and our District is spiritually fit and able to meet our financial responsibilities.

Things have been relatively quiet in our District. Both men and women's corrections have been struggling to set up meetings in the prison because of lock downs. They continue to persevere.

Elisabeth D., our archives chair, has had to step down because of personal problems and will be missed. She poured a lot of time and commitment into our Archives and really got the ball rolling. We do have someone seriously considering taking this position and if he does, this will leave just our CPC (Cooperation with Professional Committee) empty.



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Our treasurer, Todd, is looking into changing our banking system. He is continually frustrated with waiting in lineups in the bank and wants to change over to an online banking system. The multiple signatures seem to be a difficulty to surmount and Todd was going to check with other Districts to see if they have been able to solve this problem.

Wishing everyone a safe trip home and hope everyone enjoyed the weekend as much as I did.

Yours in love and Service

Janice D

### **District 74      Pembroke..... Bill C**

Hi, I have the privilege of serving as DCM for District 74 – Pembroke and parts of the Ottawa Valley. My home group is the West End Group in Pembroke. My name is Bill C and I am an alcoholic.

District 74 continues to enjoy a great turnout of GSR's and Committee Chairs at our monthly meetings. We have elections for a number of service positions upcoming in November and will look forward to welcoming new chairs to the District table.

Our financial situation has stabilized.

Plans are well advanced for a Founders Day Celebration. This is a Tri-District event organized with Renfrew-Pontiac and Madawaska Valley Districts. The Founders Day Celebration will take place at Holy Name Church Annex in Pembroke on Saturday 13 January 2018 from 10am to 3pm. We can't promise anything on the weather. But, what we can promise is a great line-up of sessions and speakers as well as warm fellowship and a hearty Valley lunch! Posters are available for you to take to your group. Please see Dave L if you would like to purchase a ticket for the lunch.

In an effort to increase the number of opportunities for further fellowship, several of our Groups are organizing small events over the autumn. For example, in keeping with the Founding of AA in Ontario, the West End group is organizing a movie night which showcases the story Bill W and the founding of AA in a production called, "My name is Bill W".

I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love and Service - Bill C, District Committee Member for District 74.

### **District 34      Quinte East. .... Gord T**

Good morning friends. I am an alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group and my name is Gord. It is my privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for district 34 Quinte East.

Our District has 34 groups and 3 correction meetings, and attendance at our District table meeting runs anywhere from 16 - 21 Group Representatives a month. We currently have all our positions filled and we are able to meet all our financial obligations, contributing to GSO and Area.

As we all know, handling Bridging the Gap requests quickly and efficiently is of the utmost importance and I am pleased to report that our District has subcommittee Chairs that ensure this work is done.

Our Public Information Chair, Odie has had banners produced that will be displayed on our local buses and is currently having posters printed that will be distributed by her, our Treatments Chair Brian and the CooperationsWith the Professional Community Chair Elaine to schools, hospitals and doctors offices in our District.

We have changed our District Table meeting from 8pm on the last Thursday of the month to 7:30.

On September 24th. we had our District 34/36 Conference in Napanee. A big thank you goes out to all the people that took part, all the people that helped, and the groups in District 34 and 36 that supported our Conference financially.

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On November 18th. we will be having the Belleville and Area Roundup at the Thurlow Community Hall on Harmony Road. We are looking forward to another successful turnout.

Yours in loving service, Gord T. - District Committee Member

### **District 36      Kingston & The Islands ..... Martin St-L**

District 36 is alive and we are working together to facilitate our mandate that is deliver the message to the alcoholics who still suffer.

We are financially stable and the table as a great presentation of GSR that come monthly to report of the well being of the district.

The only committee that is not fulfilled at the moment is archive. And we try to get someone in ASAP.

In treatment we have 4 meeting per week and the committee is trying to implement a new scheduling sheet to make sure there is always a group responsible for every specific night.

In Correction we have a new meeting in maximum unit this group was very difficult to open. We just hope that it will stay in because we believe it is a needed for the inmate to stand a chance against this deadly disease.

I also want to point out that because of the hard work of the correction committee we had now more outside escort and member of the Joyceville institution has been to outside meeting and conferences. To have spoke with few of them my self there are very thankful for that outside contact.

I have been told that the district 34/36 conference was a great success again this years.

Also in district 36 we have a group call Design for Living / Mode de vie that is a discussion group and when they brake into small group they took a great initiative to make a french room this I heard is a great success.

I would of love to had this group when I was full frenchy in 2006.

All that being said to really grasp on how good is our district just come visit we are here all year long.

Yours in love and service

### **District 66      Golden Triangle..... Jenny C**

Hello I'm a member of the smiths falls Saturday night group currently serving as district Committee Member for golden triangle district 66 my name is Jenny I'm an alcoholic.

Lots has been happening since we met in the sprig.

We had our service information day combined with district 42, and 48.

A big shout out to our public information and corporation with the professional community. For the first time in a few years he hosted a bring a professional night. This was extremely well attended and at the end of the night we all felt like we helped at least one person which means we got the job done.

There is a new treatment centre in Mallory town with meetings being attended on a weekly basis.

Sadly We had our treasurer resign but have re elected a new one. We welcome Dave R to our team of trusted servants. Our financials are now where we need the to be and we hopefully will be sending out contributions at the end of next month.

Accessibility is the newest committee added to district 66 and we are excited to do what we can to make a difference.

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We have already started making plans for our district 66 round up. That will be held at the Lombardy fair grounds in April. We look forward to seeing you all soon, have a safe trip home.

Yours in love and service, Jenny C - DCM district 66

**District 70      Renfrew Pontiac..... Seanna B**

Verbal Report Given - No report submitted for inclusion in minutes.

**District 54      Ottawa Rideau ..... Bartosz W**

Good morning everyone, I am the District Committee Member for District 54 Ottawa Rideau, my home group is Search for Serenity on Wednesday nights on Old Tenth Line Road, I am an alcoholic and my name is Bartosz.

Our District is doing very well. All service positions at our Table are now filled and Group representation remains at approximately 50%. Based on an increase in demand for Hazelden literature at AA events we have amended our operating procedures to allow our Grapevine Representative to purchase Hazelden literature and sell it to groups that have a desire for it to be presented at their meetings. The amendment included a provision that the total amount of conference-approved as well as Hazelden literature in inventory should be in the range between \$1000 to \$1500. As to the amount of conference-approved versus Hazelden literature in this inventory, we voted to leave that up to the discretion of our Grapevine Representative. Following these changes Richard C. once more stepped up to the plate for service to fill this position and we are grateful to have his experience at our District.

As to Self-Support we are finding that many of our groups are not asking for presentations. To address this shortfall our Self-Support Representative Frank O. is developing a presentation for GSRs to provide to their groups so that the message can be passed on that way.

As to Corrections and Treatment we are now including a place on the service commitment sign-up sheet for GSRs to provide their contact information. This will then be shared with CFTF Coordinators so that they are able to provide reminders and so reduce the risk of commitments not being filled. Lastly we adopted changes to our operating procedures that now require a quorum of 3 GSRs for a simple majority and 4 GSRs for a 2/3 majority in voting on group conscious issues.

Yours in gratitude for service,  
Bartosz W.

**District 42      St. Lawrence International. .... Pat M**

My name is Pat M and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Potsdam NoonerGroup, Potsdam, NY. I currently serve as the District Committee Member for District 42 St. Lawrence International.

District 42 serves the St. Lawrence County communities with 21 groups, offering 32 meetings each week including a meeting each at Clarkson University and State University of NY at Canton. We are providing five meetings per week at the rehab in Potsdam one of which is a new Big Book Study, 12 meetings per month at the detox and two meetings per month at the State Hospital. One meeting per week at the women's and the men's County correctional facilities and 1 each at the 3 state correctional facilities. Sadly, the Old Timers' Group in Potsdam is off the schedule for now due to lack of attendance.

Our finances are in good shape having met all our commitments including the latest printing of the bi-district meeting schedule funded by both districts. A new expense is rent at the Remington Museum to house our archives for \$100 per year.

Our Corrections Chair, Heidi C has stepped down due to her move to a new town, new district and a new job. We will miss her and her service to our district. She made available applications with detailed instructions on a cover letter for both County jails and State

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prisons which simplified the process of becoming a volunteer thereby adding several new volunteers to our pool. We hope to fill her position soon. Otherwise all other positions at the table are filled with an average attendance at the monthly district meeting of 12.

Time is fast approaching for our next Inter-District Fellowship Day which will be in February, 2018. Our last two hosted in Canton and then Malone with District 19 were such a success that we want to continue that trend. Details will follow on our website.

Once again, a special note of gratitude to our Canadian members from District 48 - Seaway Valley North for volunteering to lead meetings at the Ogdensburg Correctional facility and from District 62 - Ottawa West volunteering at the NYS Riverview Correctional Facility.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve AA as it has served me for years.

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### **District 10 Toronto South Central..... Rob A**

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Twelfth Tradition Group and currently serve as the DCM for District 10 -Toronto South Central and my name is Rob A.

I am happy to report all is well in District 10. We have both new and experienced GSR's serving District 10 for the 2017-2018 term. Most of our service positions have been filled. Our district puts on a lot of service meetings and we have no problem getting volunteers from the groups to put on these meeting. We are also doing very well financially. Our District was able to offer financial assistance to a couple of groups in order to send their GSR's to this Assembly as we believe and support the importance of being able to attend and experience the Assemblies.

Other than that there is not much to report. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Yours In Love & Service, Rob A

### **District 28 Lakeshore East ..... JoAnn P**

Good morning Area 83. I am an alcoholic, member of Courtice 12 and 12 in District 28 Lakeshore East, serving as District Committee Member and my name is JoAnn. When I look back over the past few months since we have given our group highlights, I am humbled when I think about how the members in District 28 continue to suit up and show up.

At our September District Meeting, we welcomed Dan L from the Simplicity Group as our new Co-operation with the Professional Community chairperson. Dan is working closely with our Public Information Committee, chaired by Rose M from the Simplicity Group. In September, a delegation from Districts 28 and 26 attended Canadian Mental Health Association in Whitby and presented what Alcoholics Anonymous is, what it isn't and how we can help. The spirit of co-operation is alive and well in District 28. Grapevine, Archives, Treatment & Correction chairpersons are enthusiastic and working hard to carry our message.

When one position on the Operating Committee becomes vacant, it is election time again. October saw the election of a new Alternate District Committee Member. Eileen S from the Gratitude Group was nominated and acclaimed. Eileen was our Self Support Chairperson and that means we will have another election in November. Stay tuned...

I am pleased to report that our district finances are robust, with the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Lakeshore District Conference supplying a shared profit with District 26. We anticipate making contributions to Area 83, Lakeshore Intergroup and the General Service Office at the end of the calendar year.

Our group attendance at the District meeting hovers around 65-75 percent.

Upcoming events are the Fall Roundup – November 4<sup>th</sup> in Bowmanville, the Annual Bring a Professional Meeting November 9<sup>th</sup> in Oshawa and our Annual Lakeshore Districts Alcathon December 24-25<sup>th</sup>. If you should find yourself in the Lakeshore Districts Area at Christmas and would like to attend a meeting, we will be hosting meetings every hour starting at noon on Christmas Eve and concluding

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at noon on Christmas Day. The meetings are at the Alano Club – 200 Thornton Street North in Oshawa. We would love to see you there.

Yours in Love and Service,

JoAnn P - District Committee Member - Lakeshore District 28 East

### **District 30      Quinte West ..... Ian W**

I am an alcoholic, member of the Alderville Pioneer Group, currently serving as District Committee Member for District 30 Quinte West, and my name is Ian W. Morning everyone.

Our District business meetings have been going well, with most groups regularly sending representatives to the table. There are some members holding multiple positions, but the message is being well carried in District 30.

Over the last few months we have elected a new secretary, who has been getting our records and minutes organized. Working with the Area Registrar, we now have all our current contact information up to date with the Area and General Service Office. We have no unknown groups in the District.

The Area 83 Delegate Kim S. attended our District meeting September 17, and gave her report on the General Service Conference. The meeting was well received, and hopefully we can do the same next year.

We have decided on an earlier spring date, April 28, for our next District 30 Roundup. The same venue, Trinity St. Andrews Church in Brighton has been booked. Come out and see us, cost is 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, with lots of good speakers and fellowship, and a pot luck lunch. More information will be available at the next Assembly in March

We have a couple of note-able group anniversaries coming up in our District. The Hope Group in Port Hope is celebrating 68 years on November 17, and the Warkworth Astra Group, inside the Warkworth institution, is celebrating 50 years on November 22. The site opened in 1967, and I am told it is the longest running institutional group in Canada.

On behalf of District 30 thanks to the Service Information Day, and Area Committees for another great Area Assembly

Yours in Service Ian DCM District 30

### **District 06      Mississauga ..... David B**

Good morning everyone and welcome. It is my humble privilege to serve as the District Committee Member for Mississauga, Etobicoke and Oakville. I am a member of the lakeshore group, I am an alcoholic and my name is David B. I hope everyone had a great summer and an enjoyable day yesterday at our Service Information Day. Our committees are getting busy again with the arrival of fall. Accessibility is looking for groups to be up to date on their facilities information, Archives is working on recorded histories, C.P.C. is hoping for a future bring a professional evening, Corrections is active at the Toronto South Detention Centre, and things are improving functionally with fewer lock downs, Grapevine is busy with being present at group meetings with a good selection of literature, Public Information will be looking into the Toronto Library system to see if there is anything they require, Self Support is promoting the green card along with how money and spirituality mix and Treatment continues to support the Jean Tweed and Cawthra shelters along with the Peel Youth Village meetings and is bringing awareness to them on the Bridging the Gap program. Through the continuing support of our home groups we are able to take care of our commitments through all of our committees and have been able to forward splits to the Area and the General Service Office. We have acquired contacts for our two inactive groups so hopefully we the Area can get that number to zero and would that not be great as communication is probably one of our greatest assets. It is hard to believe that the term is almost half over but then time does seem to fly by on the road of being joyous, happy and free. If myself or anyone at our District can be of service please do not hesitate to contact us.

YLS David B - dcm@aamisissauga.org

### **District 18      Toronto City East ..... Michael A**

Good morning friends, My name is Michael A, I am an Alcoholic a member of the Danforth group in Toronto and I have the honour and privilege to Alcoholics Anonymous as the District Committee Member for District 18 Toronto City East.

We are doing just great in District 18. We have maintained 25 groups in District 18. 12-16 groups regularly attend the monthly district meetings which are held on the second Tuesday of the month. District 18 flirted briefly with having a full roster of committee chairs, however we now have one chair and two alternate vacancies. A shout out to Glenn G the Alternate District

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Committee Member and Christy F our registrar for making a concerted effort to bring groups to the table through speaking about General Service at business meetings.

We are very active with treatment meetings in our district. We put on one and a half hospital service meetings one at Toronto East General and the half is at Scarborough Grace. I say a half because the meeting is struggling to find support. We also have a detox centre and a parole board meeting we support.

Since we last met in the spring, D18 has been keeping busy in carrying the message. In outreach work we had our 18th Annual Archives Breakfast, which was very successful, participated in Information AA Day in Toronto and conducted a District inventory to help us better carry the message.

All in all AA is alive and well in District 1, Toronto City East.

Yours in love and service,

Michael A

**District 22      Scarborough ..... Tom S**

Hi Everybody; I'm an alcoholic, member of the Saturday Morning Discussion Group in Toronto, DCM, (District Committee Member) of Scarborough District 22. My name is Tom S.

We co-hosted the East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB) June 4<sup>th</sup> with Toronto City East District 18. We were expecting between 80-90 to attend and ended up with over 130 people. A great time was had by all. We were able to forward \$200 to each District's Archives Committee. We will be holding the next breakfast June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Scarborough District 22's Service Day, held September 16<sup>th</sup>, was a resounding success. We will be having our wrap-up meeting in November. Our guest speakers were Kim S. and Rob M. Area Delegate and Alternate respectively. Free lunch was included, and a dance was held in the evening.

Gerry M. is our new Grapevine Chair. We are grateful that he will now be setting up the District Grapevine display at medallions and other service events.

Joyce S. our Immediate Past Area Delegate, has kindly consented to facilitate our District Inventory November 12.

Scarborough District 22 voted to print glossy mini-booklets of meetings in our District, as we were able to get a great deal if we ordered in bulk. We were so enthusiastic that we even changed our Public Information Chair's job description to include updating and having it printed every 6 months.

Unfortunately, the logistics of compiling current group information, getting it checked and ready for the printer, and then finding that changes had occurred before we even printed them led us to reconsider the initiative. Yes, we could get a good deal, but we would end up with a back-log of out-of-date meeting booklets, while imposing a daunting task and time-line on our Public Information Chair. Upon further discussion, we decided to scrap the project, and remove it from the PI job description.

We're probably looking at considering simply printing a local meeting list on a legal size sheet, front and back, as needed.

This time it is Scarborough District 22's turn to host the Joint Sharing Session at Toronto Intergroup, November 7<sup>th</sup>. We meet to discuss how the GTA Districts and Toronto Intergroup can better coordinate carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. All local DCM's and their Alternates are encouraged to attend.

Our District is financially sound. Corrections and Treatment continue to put on regular service meetings.

All the best,

Tom S    DCM, D22

**District 50      Cornwall ..... Kimberley C (ABSENT)**

**ABSENT – NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

**District 26      Lakeshore West .....Dave L**

Good morning friends, I am an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Liverpool Group and my name is Dave. 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 65% at the table with all our Service Positions filled except for Grapevine.

Our committees are hard at work, the Co-operation with the Professional Committee will be holding the Annual "Bring a Professional Event" on November 9 at the Unifor Hall in Oshawa. CPC continues to spread the message of AA at Durham College

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and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology to the young professionals' classes, including presentations to Nursing, Dental and Addictions students.

The Public Information committee (PIC) continues to distribute literature to doctor's offices, shelters and high schools. Once a month, PIC arranges to have young AA Members share their story at a youth Hostel in our area. The Committee is also investigating the possibility of establishing a Youth focused A.A. Website.

Our Treatment Chair continues to schedule groups in our district for meetings at the Renascent House in Brooklin as well as handling Bridging the Gap treatment requests in Durham Region.

Our Archives Chair is very active and has prepared a history of the Groups in District 26, conducted an oral history and is Chairing the GTA Archives Breakfast on November 5.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in love and service, Dave L., District Committee Member for District 26

### **District 86      Kawartha..... Larry D**

I am the DCM for District 86 and I feel honoured to carry the message for our district. My name is Larry D. Our district is presently seeking a person to fill the position of chairperson of the treatment committee as well as a chair person for next years conference. Participation from all the groups at the district table meetings is running at about 90%. Our PI/ CPC chair Adam C. held a health fair at the hospital that was very well received and explained what AA is all about. Roger O'B our grapevine rep who is celebrating 17 yrs sober today, is doing a good job of promoting the grapevine as it is much needed to help get the message out. There are many members eager to dig in and help at any task that comes up or any of the ongoing works of AA. We have created an ad hoc committee chaired by Krista O. to look at the districts policy on funding the various district chairs and staff to attend the Area Assembly, spring and fall and then make recommendations if any. We also hold a service meeting at the Peterborough hospital for patients who cannot get out to meetings. Various group are responsible for running these meetings. Thanks to the many members, our district is running very well and as the old saying goes "leave well enough alone" and hopefully we stay on this course.

Thank you and God bless. - Larry D

### **District 16      Distrito Hispano De Toronto ..... Angie R**

Good morning, everyone. My name is Angie R. and I am a grateful alcoholic, member of Grupo Distinto Amanecer in Kitchener and DCM for District 16. District 16 is the Spanish-language district of area 83 and comprises 8 groups in Toronto, one in Hamilton, and another in Kitchener. Our district overlaps with other districts geographically, as well as area 86. Our District has filled the positions of DCM and alternate, treasurer, secretary, archives chair and grapevine chair. We are still looking to fill the other service positions. Our District participated in AA Information Day held in Toronto on May 27, offering a session in Spanish in the afternoon. We are currently working on creating written operating procedures, using those from District 10 as a guideline (thank you District 10!) I hope to have them completed by the next assembly in March. Our district was recently contacted by some members of Spanish districts in the U.S. who are lobbying for revisions to the translation of the chapter "The Doctor's Opinion". I will be inviting our members to review the proposed changes and to channel their feedback through me to the concerned members.

This past weekend I had the privilege of attending the AA Area 87 Convention in Montreal, where sessions were held in French, English and Spanish. Two members from our District participated in a panel, the topic of which was "dry drunks". Needless to say, it was very interesting and enlightening. The annual Christmas party organized by the Spanish Intergruop office of Toronto will be held this year on December 16<sup>th</sup> and further information can be found on our website at [www.distrito16hispanoaa.org](http://www.distrito16hispanoaa.org). Tickets will not be available at the door, so please contact me if you are looking for tickets. Finally, our District is looking to participate at the Ontario Regional Conference in March, possibly with a closed session held in Spanish. Thank you for your attention.

Yours in love and service,  
Angie R.

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### **District 58      Ottawa Bytown ..... Michel D**

Hi, my name is Michel D, I am an alcoholic and DCM for district 58. I am happy to report that all is well at the district. Attendance is steady at between 12 and 15 each month. Kim B. was elected ADCM earlier this year and she is here today. As ADCM last year, I attended all of the groups that had no contact information with GSO. All these groups' information has been updated but there are still quite a few of them, and others, who do not send representatives to the district table. We are in the downtown core of the city and some groups simply do not have enough support, both in terms of members and finances. Nevertheless, Kim and I plan to visit the groups that are not represented with the hope of having more of them attend the district meetings.

Another area we would like to improve is attendance at this Assembly. Thankfully, we are in the best financial position we have been in a long time and might be able to help to cover some of the expenses of groups that would like to send their representatives but who cannot presently due to lack of funds. We are optimistic that there will be more representation at the Spring Assembly.

Otherwise, we are able to meet all of our financial and service commitments. We also have liaisons with all of the service committees in Ottawa as well as Intergroup.

Ottawa is a hotbed of AA activities as always with the Spring Conference, Gratitude Day (called Founders Day this year), the Canadathon, the Fall Conference which took place last weekend and the Alkathon, which is host to a number of AA-related activities 24 hours at Christmas and again at New Year's that take place each and every year. AA is thus alive and well in Ottawa.

Wishing you the best of Holiday Seasons and I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring Assembly.  
Yours in service,

Michel D – DCM - District 58

### **District 02      Malton..... Shane H**

Hello friends I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane H, things in district 2 are going well as far as active strong members at the table but we are short staffed due to a large rotation last term, however help is trickling in and this DCM believes our District will be strong again.

We have a service day planned our committee has worked very hard and it will be held on November 4th in Brampton at Church of Christ 750 Clark Blvd 8:30 am, we hope to see everyone and could use the support.

Our operating procedures committee have been meeting a half hour early before every district meeting and we are making head way. This Alcoholic is truly grateful for the chance to serve, yours in love and service Shane H - DCM Malton district 02 panel 67

### **District 62      Ottawa West ..... Mike B**

Good morning, I am an alcoholic. A member of the West End Group in Ottawa and have the honour and privilege of serving as the District Committee Member for District 62 Ottawa West, my name is Mike B.

Things remain Spiritually well within District 62. Attendance at our District meeting continues to remain steady. Financially we are in good shape. All positions are filled except for our Grape Rep. In the interim our new Alternate District Committee Member, Chris M. from the Carp Group is filling in.

I have had the privilege of facilitating 4 Group inventories over the past 2 months and there are 3 other groups who have asked for Group inventories by year end. Also, a number of groups have requested that I attend their business meetings to explain to their members what a Group inventory is and what purpose it serves.



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We have a new Women's Group that started back in the summer. The Westboro Step Sisters meet on Friday nights in Westboro at 7:00 PM. They have already registered with the General Service Office and have elected a General Service Representative who is attending our District meeting. From what I have been told, they had to change rooms because only after 3 months the room they were in was too small, and that's a good problem to have.

Our District has taken on a monthly commitment at The Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre (Detox) and groups are stepping forward to fulfil that commitment.

As I last reported, Our Public Information Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee had been struggling, however that is no longer the case. With their presence at Ottawa Recovery day and the National Gay Pride events, they seem to be back on track. Members have stepped up and they are also planning an AA information session in the first quarter of the new year with Professionals in the community and students from Algonquin College with the backing of District 62 at our District hall.

Ottawa just held the 66th Annual Eastern Ontario Fall Conference last weekend and as usual the event was well attended with a sold out banquet.

Planning is underway for our annual Alkathon which is held over Christmas and New Years. If you happen to be in the Capital region please stop by and say hello.

Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well in Ottawa and as we wind down our first year of our 2 year term, I feel blessed and grateful to be a part of this.

Yours in Love & Service, Mike B. - District Committee Member - Ottawa West-District 62

### **District 48      Seaway Valley North..... Winnie S**

Good Morning All. My name is Winnie and I am an Alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege of serving this term as District Committee Member for District 48, Seaway Valley North. I am a grateful member of the Sunday Morning Study group held at 10 A.M. at the Masonic Lodge in Kemptville.

We didn't have a District meeting in July or August but have had good turnouts at our Sept and October meetings.

All our positions are still filled with the exception of Corrections and Treatment Facilities, with our Alternate DCM Wayne L. continuing to do an excellent job. All our committee chairs are enthusiastic and are willing to go the extra mile to help the still suffering alcoholic. I would be remiss if I didn't mention how proud I am that our very own Archives Chair Linda McQ. has been appointed the Area Archivist. We wish her well in this important position.

We had some lively discussions about the proposed pamphlet "The God Word", and the GSR's were taking it back to their groups. Our finances are a little low, but I'm certain the groups will rise to the occasion and fill the coffers once more.

There has been some discussion about hosting a "Bring a professional" service evening, and also looking for ways to stimulate interest for GSR's to attend our District meetings.

We will soon be starting preparations for our annual round-up in Feb. To sum it up all is well in District 48 I would like to wish everyone a safe drive home and a wonderful Christmas season.

Yours in Love and Service Winnie S.

### **District 12      Toronto South West..... Mark B**

Hi am an alcoholic grateful member of the Birds Of A Feathers Group pleased to serve District 12 Toronto South West as our District Committee Member my name is Mark B. Has been a good take off in the early going of our new term with happiness fun and enthusiasm being brought to our monthly table meetings. Held a orientation night opening in January and lo and behold we managed to fill all our committee chair seats along with about half of our alternate seats as well so yes there is a loving creator in District 12 and AA as a whole. Recently there has been some shuffling amongst the committee chairs though as quickly as a change has been made new or returning blood has stepped up. Our alternate district member Dionne is doing great work in getting out to the groups not yet at our table within our boundary encouraging them to come out to our table when they feel they are ready. Though we still consistently get 10 to 13 groups a month out of the 19 that come out and participate taking on monthly service meeting commitments and asking a lot of questions shows active interest we'd say. Currently we serve 9 service commitments with the recent addition of Ingles house

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Treatment centre for ladies 26 yrs n younger in which we have the Hill group getting this off the ground for us as they are a great vibrant group within our District with young sober female members. A new ladies meeting now has started on a Tuesday evening as well recently in our District which maybe soon if not already a registered group within our District 12 boundary which an invite has already been made to attend when ready our monthly district meeting table. We have a good coningent here this weekend of interested members able to make the trip here to continue their learning. Financially we sit in good shape all the way around as we put within reason expense costs out available funds come back in via our groups keep up the good work. Mind you we also encourage them not to forget about our Area and G S O one that can contribute do though always room for improvement. We all know alcoholics and money a very touchy and stingy subject huh as one member recently shared its not our money it has to be dispersed if too much is on hand. We wish you in Area 83 continued term success was a pleasure to work with District 6 and Area members recently in our first term service day. Looking forward to AA information day in Toronto come on out May 27th in the heart of Toronto not hard to find 519 Community Centre on Church Street just off of Wellesley St East \$ 5 dollars gets one a great day. Til we who are required and ones that wish too meet again in Belleville in June have a great spring .

Yours In Service, Mark B

### **District 78      Madawaska Valley..... Ann Marie VanDenH**

Good morning, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Bancroft Gratitude Group, I have the honor and privilege of currently serving as District Committee Member for District #78 Madawaska Valley, and my name is Anne V.

Our District is doing well. Our district meetings continue to be well attended, with all but one group represented, and no open positions. Since the last area meeting we we held our 38th Annual Festival of Colours One Day Round up, Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy and support us! The day was a great success, thanks again to our Round up Chair Brenda H and Co-chair Barb C!

We are now looking forward to being a part of A Tri-District Event to be held on Saturday January 13th 2018 At the Holy Name Church Annex in Pembroke Celebrating The 75th Anniversary of AA in Ontario.

The Barrys Bay AA and Alanon Groups will be Celebrating their groups anniversaries on November 17 2017 at St. Hedwigs Parish Hall in Barrys Bay, there will be AA and Alanon speakers, with refreshments to follow!

Yours in Love and Service  
Anne VanDenH

Call for any Districts not represented: D50.

Thank you to all District Committee Members for their reports. If you didn't already give your report to James, please send it to him this week, so he can include it in the minutes.

### **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 questions from the floor.

### **Public Information**

**Les MacD**

Good Day everyone, I'm a alcoholic, a member of the Foxboro Friendship Group in District 34, Quinte East, and with much gratitude I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information Chair. My name is Les MacD.

Special thanks to all of you that attended the Public Information Workshop yesterday and also many thanks for those of you who came to the PIC / CPC meeting last night.

As of now I have contact for 22 PIC sub committee Chairs out of 24 Districts, receive minutes from nearly all, these are a great resource as to see what goes on in different Districts. Since our last Assembly I was invited up to Barry's Bay District 78 to give a presentation on Public Information, what a great day.

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As for the PIC / CPC News Letter that Elaine H and Gary C started last term, Jim S our Area CPC Chair and I are trying to continue this, so far this has being a flop I sent info out to five Districts to both are DCM's and PIC Chairs and had no replies. So Jim S and I will send out info to all Districts to see if we can get any feedback, so we can continue this newsletter, by doing this the Districts can see what goes on in other Districts regarding PIC / CPC.

I had a request for information on a Public Service Announcement for District 82.

I have workbooks and PIC kits for sale .

You can reach me at: [picarea83@gmail.com](mailto:picarea83@gmail.com)

On a closing note, " If no one told you today that they love you let Me be the First".

Yours in Love , Service and Fellowship in A.A.

Les M

#### Cooperation with the Professional Community

Jim S

Hi friends, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Sunday Nighters group in District 82 Victoria/Haliburton, and my name is Jim S. I have the privilege of serving you as your Cooperation With the Professional Community Chair.

I would like to thank those who attended the CPC workshop yesterday and the combined PI/CPC meeting last night. The meeting was well attended and I feel productive. I do believe the sharing that takes place at these meetings only helps to make the District Committees stronger, and it certainly gives me an idea on what is happening in the Districts.

With the help of Districts 06, 12 and 26 we did fulfill our commitment to the General Service Office on their request we set up and populate a booth at the People in Motion Conference held at the Queen Elizabeth building in May. It was a conference that had everything to do with the handicapped and it really opened my eyes to the challenges they have. I did receive a thank you letter from GSO and even though it was addressed to me it really is for our Area and those Districts in particular that helped out.

On the matter of the combined PI/CPC newsletter that Les our PI Chair and myself are trying to get going I am not having much luck. I was told by a previous CPC Chair that they had a hard time keeping in going because of the lack of input from the District Committees. Unfortunately this has come to pass again. I had sent out requests twice to four Districts each time and had only one reply, and I thank that District for taking the time to reply. We are going to try once more and hopefully we can have a newsletter for the Assembly in March.

As far as invitations go I did receive a request to set up the Area Display at Toronto Gratitude Roundup on Thanksgiving weekend. That was our wedding anniversary and Lorraine and I were up North for four days. I was assured that the Toronto Intergroup CPC Committee would set up their display.

I want to thank those Districts who send me their minutes. I appreciate getting them and do read them.

As I have mentioned before, I would like to remind you that I have been elected as a resource to be used. If I can be of any help to a District please get in touch with me.

Yours in the Love and Service of AA.

#### Correctional Facilities

Mac B

Good afternoon friends. I'm an alcoholic, a grateful member of the Get Well Group in Kingston and I have the honour and privilege of serving as Correctional Facilities Chair for Area 83 and my name is Mac. I am happy to report that the 12th Step work of carrying the message of [A.A.to](#) AA members in various Correctional Facilities is continuing to flourish.. There are several ways to do 12th Step work in Provincial jails and Federal Prisons. You can get a police report (CIPIC) and go into the Correctional Facilities and help organize an AA meeting. You can also be an escort and bring the inmate to an AA meeting on the outside. In fact, we have a few "inside" AA members with us this weekend. Another way of carrying the message is through the program called Bridging the Gap. The "inside" AA member gives his/her info to the "outside" AA member visiting the Institution. This info includes NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, DATE OF RELEASE. This info is then given to the BTG contact person for the appropriate District. Then an "outside" AA member arranges to take the "inside" AA member to a meeting upon release. This is a very encouraging way of Bridging the Gap between the "inside" AA meeting and the "outside" AA community. Men work with men and women work with women.

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Another way of carrying the message is through the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS).. This is a special kind of AA Service. The "outside" AA member sends his/her info to GSO and they send the name and address of an "inside" AA member. The "outside" member begins the Correspondence. This is not a pen pal service. It is a sharing of experience, strength and hope between two alcoholics. This is a relatively new Service in Canada. We are in need of AA members on the "outside" to correspond with AA members in correctional facilities. If you would like to share your experience, strength and hope with AAs who are confined, please mail the tear-off form to GSO's Corrections Desk, or email the info on the form to [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org).. The name of an inmate will be sent to you from your General Service Office and you will make the initial contact through the mail. The KEY right now is to have Canadian AA members aware, ready and willing and on the Correspondence list at GSO. C.C.S. in Canada - We now have about 31 outside volunteers and have matched 26 inside AAs. Corrections Canada has given approval for C.C.S. in Federal Institutions. As of today, we have 40 male inside AAs on the waitlist, which has decreased from 97 in May.

I want to sincerely thank all AAs who are working with incarcerated alcoholics for their generous gift of time and service. And I also want to thank all the Districts for sending me your minutes. I read them all and am encouraged with the work being done throughout Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service

Mac B.

Panel 67 Correctional Facilities Chair - Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

#### **Treatment /Accessibility**

**Marty M**

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic, member of the Open Hands Group in District 6 Mississauga and privileged to serve as your panel 67 Treatment/Accessibilities chair for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International; my name is Marty.

Being the Area Treatment chair does not have a peak time or busy period, it seems to be steady throughout the year.

Since the last assembly in March I have received and sent out 37 Bridging the Gap requests; that's a total of 74 Bridging the Gaps this year. I think that's awesome.

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the District Treatment Chairs and DCMs who I send these requests to.

To represent treatment, I have given a couple of presentations this year; On May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Information AA Day, in District 10 Toronto, also at the Scarborough District 22 Service Day on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

If your District is having an event and would like me to share about Treatment, I would be more than happy to come.

For Accessibilities, I urge groups to list what exactly is accessible at your meeting place. I haven't been able to make it to the Toronto Area Accessibilities committee meetings, but I do receive the minutes and I do read them. I have been informed that the GTA Chair is stepping down at the end of this year. Unfortunately, the attendance at these meetings is very low. Usually only two Districts are represented, out of the 8 Districts in the GTA.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty

#### **Grapevine**

**Robert B**

Area 83 Grapevine Chair Robert B. of the Rexdale United Group.

Subscription for the Grapevine magazine \$35.00 (US) = I paid (47.53 CDN)

Subscription Online Grapevine magazine \$34.97 (US)

Subscription combines both the printed magazine and complete online access \$49.97 (US)

NEW BOOKS-Voces of Women in AA, 61 Stories of experience, strength and hope from Grapevine, the book begins with articles by or about women who contributed to AA early in its history, followed by stories by some of the program's earliest female members.

NEW SPANISH BOOK - Un Dia A La Vez

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Making Amends 55 stories from Grapevine magazine of member's experiences with Step Nine.

Area 83 bulk orders of pocket planners and wall calendars have been distributed to all DCMs.

FREE STUFF Your Experience, Strength, and Hope. Submit Your Photos, Art, and Jokes, Stories, 12 step changed my life (due Nov 5) Sober Travel (due Dec 5) Prison stories (due Jan 5)  
[gveditorial@agrapevine.org](mailto:gveditorial@agrapevine.org) Editorial Dept. 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115

Free on [agrapevine.org](http://agrapevine.org) I-Poll and Sobriety Calculator.

Attended District 06 Business meeting August very informative.

Self-Support Chair Zobia read from self-support pamphlet about donating money directly to Grapevine? Answer is NO. The best way to support Grapevine is buy there Literature.

Thank presenters at Grapevine work shop Karen Area 48GV, Cathy D82GV & Glenn D18GV

Glenn G. District 18 Grapevine chair set up his display and literature with the help of a few other Grapevine chairs at the 2017 Toronto Gratitude Roundup 6<sup>th</sup> 8 of October at the Toronto Courtyard Marriott. This is an AA event put on by LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer) FOR ALL AA MEMBERS. Toronto Intergroup gave Glenn on consignment 15 Sober and out Books. Good example we support intergroup & intergroup supports us.

We encourage every AA Group to buy at least one subscription of the Grapevine magazine for their library to display and sell or just give away to a newcomer.

The best way for the fellowship to know and understand Grapevine is to have it available at the group level.

Thanks Robert B. Area 83 Grapevine Chair [grapevine@area83aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area83aa.org)

### Self-Support

Ray R

I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Last Chance Group, and serving as your Self Support Chair, my name is Ray R.

Thank you to the service information day committee for organizing another awesome day..

Along with the regular work shops, I think there was a good variety of wildcard workshops as well..

The treasures/self support workshop fun, interactive, and very lively..there was everything power points to question and answers, and time just seemed to fly by..before o knew it, the chair Rob A was chasing me off the podium.., there was a lot of positive feedback, and I anxiously await the results of the surveys, to see what can be improved for next time..

So, what's going on in the world of self support? Well I recently received an updated roster of the district chairs in our area, and of all the districts in the area, only 9 districts are without self support chairs..which is a huge improvement from our last assembly..

I've had fun getting to know the new chairs, and sending literature to get them more familiar with their position..

Not much in the way of presentations at service days and roundup, but I remain in good spirits knowing the districts have quality people to put on those presentation..

I continue to meet with the GTA self Support chairs at 234 Eglinton, and it always very informative and full of enthusiasm..

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The self support meeting held last night, although we were small in numbers, was big in spirit..we spoke on various topics from what attracted you to be a self support chair to what does sacrifice mean to you..we discussed different strategies on how to move with self support and again, I was amazed with all the ideas..thank you Zobie for taking the minutes of the meeting, I plan to formalize them, and share it with all the chairs in the area..

Please continue to send me your minutes as I enjoy reading them, and feel free to contact me for anything, even just to say hello..I can be reached at [selfsupport@area83aa.org](mailto:selfsupport@area83aa.org)

Your in Love and Service, Area 83, panel 67 - Self Support Chair  
Ray R

### Archives

Eddy G

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Beaches Group & serve as your Area 83 Archives Chairperson and my name is Eddy G.

GTA Archives Committee meetings- I have been attending these monthly meetings held at the GTA Intergroup Office Boardroom the second Friday of each month. Nine districts attend-02, 06, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 22 & 26. It is great to hear the districts archival activities. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual GTA Archives Breakfast will be held on Sunday November 5, 2017 at Oasis Convention Centre (1036 Lakeshore Rd. E., Mississauga). Tickets are \$25.00. Flyers are at the back table. The speaker will be Don S. from the Bayview Group who has 47 years of sobriety. Don is a great story teller & one his stories he shares attended a meeting in Akron & the speaker was one of Dr. Bob's sponsees. Don shares some of the gems he heard from this speaker.

The 75 Years of AA in Ontario Commemorative Booklet- The 2018 Ontario Regional Conference (ORC) Committee has asked the GTA Archives Committee to put together a small booklet (approx. 16 pages) to help celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of AA in Ontario. The committee is looking for city histories of how AA started in Pembroke, Haliburton, Renfrew, Port Hope, Colbourg & Cornwall.

District Minutes- Thank you to all the districts for sending me your district minutes.

### Fall Assembly (October) Service Information Day (Saturday)

#### The Archives Workshop - "Experience an Oral History Interview"

The workshop was attended by 50 people. Linda McQ. (Incoming Area 83 Archivist) did an introduction on oral histories, Milner G. (Past Area 83 Archives Chair) conducted an oral history interview with David T. (outgoing Area 83 Archivist) asking him questions on what it was like when he came in to AA, the meetings, members he met & other experiences (this was not an AA talk). The purpose of this interview was to show the audience that they can conduct one as well.

I would like to thank Linda, Milner & David for all their help in conducting this workshop.

Archives Display Room- Thank you to all the districts for bringing their displays & setting them up in the Archives Display Room. Also Patty A. from the GTA Archives Committee for setting up the movie "History of AA – A Canadian Perspective". Hope everyone had a chance to see it.

"The 83" Area Archives Newsletter – David T. put this together and has been sent out to all DCM's (who will send it out to all their GSR's), Area Officers & Area Committee Chairs by our Area 83 Secretary James O'D. Thank You James. We had 25 hard copies printed (cost \$2.26).

It was pointed out to me last names were used. I take full responsibility & I apologize for this. A revised edition will be sent out next week.

Area 83 Archivist- At this time can we all Thank our outgoing Area 83 Archivist David T. for his service to the area the last six years. And now I would like to introduce to you our new Area 83 Archivist Linda McQ.

### Area 83 Archives Chairperson & Archivist Roles, Duties & Responsibilities-

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David T., Linda McQ., Peter N. (past Area 83 Archives Chair) and I had a meeting yesterday and discussed the roles, duties & responsibilities of the Area 83 Archives Chairperson and the Area 83 Archivist positions. A detailed list will be created for these two positions.

Help regarding Archives- please let Linda or I know if we can help you in any way.

Area 83 Archives Committee Meeting- Last night we held our meeting and 18 people attended. There was great sharing by everyone. We base our workshops at the assembly & the annual rotating area archives workshop on the needs of the district chairs because there are many technical requirements in these positions.

Area 83 Website (area83aa.org) & GSO Website (aa.org) -There is a wealth of archival information on these two sites. Please pass this on to your GSR's.

Area 83 Website (area83aa.org) under Resources – Archives.

The following items can be found: The AA Archives Guidelines, the Archives Workbook & the Oral History Kit are linked to the GSO Website.

-The Area 83 Archives Newsletter- “The Eighty Three” from 2010-2017 Issues.

-Area 83 Committee Meeting/Assembly Minutes from 2010-2017.

GSO Website (aa.org) under Archives & History.

The following items can be found:

-Timeline of AA History – Origins, 1935- 2016.

-Digital Archives- Articles of Jack Alexander, Sister Ignatia, AA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Cleveland 1950, 12 Traditions & Sam Shoemaker.

-Markings- Your Archives Newsletter. Past newsletters. This newsletter is no longer published. Future archive articles will be in Box 459.

-Archives Audio Library- talks from Bill W., Dr. Bob's Last Message & Sister Ignatia.

- About GSO Archives, Information for Researchers and History & Resources – these three sections have much information.

21<sup>st</sup> National AA Archives Workshop (NAAAW) – held Sept. 28- Oct.1, 2017 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. David T. (paid his own way) & I (paid by another entity) attended this workshop. This was the first time this workshop was held in Canada. 226 people attended. There were many workshops/presentations. Since 2008 the GSO Archivist has been participating in this event. Now, the Trustees Archives Committee would like to get input from this event.

The Trustees Archives Committee agreed to forward to the 2017 Conference Committee on Archives the proposal for a new book, Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970 (working title) for consideration of the concept.

Thank you for your patience & tolerance, Yours in Service,  
Eddy G - Area 83 Archives Chairperson

### Service Information Day Committee

Shane H

Verbal Report Given – No report submitted for inclusion in minutes.

### 6. Treasurers Report

Sue B

I am an alcoholic, a member of the Parkwood Hills Group in District 62, and my name is Sue. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve as your Area 83 Treasurer.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Treasurer/Self-Support workshop yesterday; I hope you found the information useful. A big thank you to the Service Information Day Committee for your hard work in putting on such a successful day! Thanks also to those who helped sell banquet tickets, total tickets sold were 250 and sold out!

The hotel charges us \$14.00 per person this weekend for coffee, tea, and pop, which is what part of the 7th we collect goes towards. Please keep this in mind when the 7th comes around.

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In each of the District Committee Members mail folders, I have provided the District Quarterly Report regarding contributions from each group received by the General Service Office. There are also two Area 83 contribution envelopes. Please share these with your District Treasurer for future contributions. Please find several more envelopes available on the side table. I would like to thank all the Groups that provide your Group Service Number either on the envelope or the cheque. This is really helpful, and greatly appreciated, as sometimes our writing can be hard to decipher.

Please continue to remind groups who would like to contribute using PayPal to include their six-digit Group Service Number with any contributions using PayPal so that the group may get credit for the contribution. The place to enter the group number is the screen after entering credit card information. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. There have been six contributions so far, this year through PayPal.

As mentioned at the Spring Assembly, this past June I sent a contribution of \$750.00 to the General Service Office. Once this Fall Assembly has been paid for, I hope to be able to make another contribution on behalf of Area 83.

Also in the DCM mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders, you will find copies of the Financial Statement for the period ending October 18, 2017. Copies of these are also available on the side table; let's go through these numbers now, please.

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 maturing September 11, 2020. The previous GIC matured on September 11, 2017 and \$1,800.00 in interest was transferred to the operating account.

Income for the period:

☐ 7<sup>th</sup> tradition collected at the January, June, and September Area Committee Meetings totaled \$799.29. At the Spring Assembly, \$3,541.62 was collected.

Total = \$4,340.91.

☐ Cost Recovery is \$551.50. This is from the sale of Public Information Kits Les sold at the Spring Assembly, and for Service Manuals sold by the Service Information Day Committee at the Spring Assembly.

☐ GSO Flow Through = \$120.00. (A Flow Through is when a Group sends a cheque for ie \$120.00. They request a certain amount of the monies be allocated to Area 83, ie \$60.00, and the remainder be sent to the General Service Office. This is shown as Income as total cheque is deposited.)

☐ Grapevine Seasonals = \$3,632.92 collected for Pocket Planners and Calendars.

☐ Group and District contributions = \$42,256.83.

Total income for the period is \$52,462.16.

Expenses for the period:

☐ Committee expenses were \$25,604.93.

☐ Area Contribution to the General Service Office = \$750.00.

☐ January, June and September Area Committee Meetings – Rent and Refreshments = \$919.23.

☐ General Service Conference Assessment \$8,688.10 CDN. (Total cost was \$6,500.00 US, and has been paid in full.)

☐ Bank service charges – \$192.85.

☐ PayPal Fees – \$32.37.

☐ Grapevine Seasonals - \$3,659.62. The difference from the amount under Income is the cost of \$26.70 to send funds by courier as the exchange rate was so good.

☐ GSO Flow Through - \$120.00. (A cheque from the Area in the amount requested, ie \$60.00, from the example given above, is now written and sent off to the General Service Office. This is now shown as an expense, as the monies will be deducted from the Area's Operating Account.)

☐ CERAASA, held in New Brunswick this past February – \$2,437.53

Total expenses for the period are \$42,164.63.

To date income is \$10,297.53 higher than expenses.

The bank balance on October 18, 2017 was \$39,794.42. As of that date, all cheques received have been processed, and letters of receipt, along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

The bank reconciliation has been done and the balance in the operating account is accurate.

Page 2 shows the 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.



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Just to clarify some of the numbers that you see here:

☐The amount shown on the Alt/Delegate line under postage, \$29.52, is for mailings of Grapevines to Remote Communities. Under miscellaneous, \$1,013.29, is for the purchase of 1,000 Area 83 pins which was approved under New Business at this past Spring Assembly, and Remote Communities phone calls.

☐Beside the Spring Assembly, under meals, you see \$5,600.00 which covers the coffee. In that same line under miscellaneous, the amount of \$1,241.86 includes the Archives room, DVD rental, data projectors and the set up of the ballroom.

☐The General Service Conference (GSC) Assessment. At the Spring Assembly in 2007, a motion passed stating that "provided it doesn't affect our prudent reserve, Area 83 will pay to the GSO the full annual expense for our Delegate to attend the General Service Conference." The total cost this year was \$6,500.00 US, or \$8,688.10 CDN for our Delegate to attend and has been paid in full.

At the bottom of the page is a summary comparing year to date for this year and last year at the same time period. Income is \$2,787.73 higher compared to this time last year, and contributions are up \$248.98 compared to this time last year with twelve less Groups, and two more Districts contributing in comparison. Expenses are down \$1,060.84. The resulting net change to our operating account is \$3,848.57.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups within the District. You can see that 149 Groups and 16 Districts have made financial contributions to Area 83 so far, this year.

As of this past Thursday, any contribution cheques I have received since October 18, 2017 have been processed, and letters of receipt, along with return contribution envelopes have been sent out.

This weekend's 7th Tradition was: Friday \$945.30, Saturday \$1,249.60, and Sunday \$1,544.90, for a total of \$3,739.80 collected over the weekend. Total contributions in the coffee cans over the weekend was \$383.60, for a combined weekend total of \$4,123.40. I would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions.

The rates for the 2018 Spring Assembly, being held March 23 – 25, will be as follows:

Room Rates:

☐Traditional, 2 Queen Beds - \$105.00 + applicable taxes

Our block of Hotel rooms will be held until Wednesday, February 21, 2018. After this date, you will not be guaranteed a room. Remember to quote the Group Name: "Spring Assembly" when you call.

Food and Beverage Prices:

☐Saturday Dinner Buffet – 35.00 per person including gratuity and tax

☐Coffee Service – \$15.00 per person including gratuity and tax

I would like to thank those Districts who send me their Minutes; I love to read them. For those that do not, it would be great if you could please add me to your distribution list.

In closing, thank you to the 149 Groups and 16 Districts that have made financial contributions to Area 83 this year; thank you also to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped me this weekend - the banquet ticket sellers, the money counters and the bucket brigade; thank you, to all of you, for taking the time to be here this weekend, and a big thank you to District 36 for all the volunteers you have provided for Greeting and at the Registration table.

Yours in Love and Service,  
Sue B - Area 83 Treasurer

7. **Secretary**

**James O'D**

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What a fantastic weekend this has been so far. Many thanks to the SID committee for all your hard work.

Since we were last together I attended the Canadathon in July in Ottawa and more recently the Gratitude Conference in Toronto earlier this month. It was great to see a few of the Area sub committees there reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic. I know it was greatly appreciated by the more than 225 recovering attendees.

Amy and I had a very successful joint presentation yesterday and wanted to thank all those who came. One of the principal themes that emerged was the importance of our Area website. It is chalk full of very useful information. Did you know that the following kits are available online? Archives, Accessibility, CPC, Corrections, DCM, PI, Treatment, GSR and more! If you have someone moving into a new service position at the District, they no longer have to wait 3-4 weeks for the delivery of their kit – they can just open up the specific link, read what is needed to read and download everything else which can be used to assist in carrying the message. No waiting necessary! This will also go a long way to helping the fellowship be more responsible caretakers of our planet in the reduction of waste and also allow funds to be channeled into more productive ways of carrying out our primary purpose.

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their report. I look forward to receiving the rest of the outstanding reports in the next couple of days so that the minutes of this meeting can be published early. I was reminded that one of the past secretaries used to give out a special gift to the first Area committee member to submit their report...this may be an idea worthy of resurrection!

All sub committee chairs and DCMs should have received their respective rosters in their folder. Please review this document and send in any changes/updates that need to be entered into the FNV database. And just a reminder to committee members – it is important to remove any documents from your folder before leaving this weekend. They have been entrusted to you to pass along up the service structure.

Feel free to contact me any time if I may be of assistance. Thank you for a great weekend, thank you for allowing me to serve and thank you for my sobriety.

### 8. Roll call And Registrar

Amy L

Good afternoon friends! I'm alcoholic, a member of the Liverpool Group, in District 26 & my name is Amy. I have the honour & privilege to serve as your Panel 67 Registrar for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International and I am so grateful to be of service.

If this is your first Assembly, Welcome! If you are a new G.S.R. or not so new and you are without your GSR kit, that's bad news and you need to let me know. Drop me a note by email or here at the Assembly. I will nudge GSO to send you a kit. While you are waiting for your kit I have asked the Webmaster, Jim to set up quick links to the contents of the GSR kit, if you go to the Registrar's Resource tab on the Area83 website (<http://area83aa.org/resources/area-registrar>). Alternate GSR's do not receive a kit. If your GSR steps down, ask for their kit & send in a Group change form and indicate that GSO does not need to send a kit. This will help to keep the costs down. It is important that you keep your contact information current. If your mailing address changes or your phone number or email, please send me an email ([Registrar@Area83aa.org](mailto:Registrar@Area83aa.org)) so that I can keep it up to date in the system. GSO spends hundreds of dollars on return postage for mailings that are not picked up by the recipients.

The forms required to change Group information or add New Groups have been updated with my mailing address. Instructions are on the bottom of the forms. Again these forms are available on the Area's Website ([Area83aa.org](http://Area83aa.org)) under the Registrar's tab. It is essential that all information is filled out. If the mailing address is incomplete a profile cannot be completed and that individual cannot be added as the representative for their group. If you, as the GSR, are making changes on a form, send it to your District Registrar first to keep accurate District records. Group Information Sheets are sent to your District Registrars and DCM's in order to check for accuracy. The last one I did of these was sent on September 24, 2017. Some of the groups listed have been identified by GSO as Unknown. Unknown means the group does not have a primary contact; a primary contact could be a GSR, but it could also be someone who has agreed to receive the mail on behalf of their group. Area 83 has whittled the number of Unknown Groups down to 14 thanks to the hard work of my predecessor Sue and some enthusiastic registrars and DCM that I have been working with over the last 10 months.

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Thank you to those Districts that send me their minutes, if you do not please add me to your distribution list. Not only do I like to know what is going on in your District, I also use the minutes to check some of the contact information and make sure the GSRs are up to date in the database. My email address is: [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org)

I would like to give a HUGE "Thank You" to the team from District 36, who were most generous with their time and assistance this weekend as greeters & behind the registration tables. Donna C you have pulled together a great team, and I thank you for your warm smiles.

Lastly, I would like to re-emphasize that we need everyone to recycle their Name badges. Each one of those plastic badges costs the Area around \$0.70 to replace. Last Assembly we had 338 people registered with just a little over 100 recycled. I have set up 5 boxes around the hotel for you to drop them off before you leave.

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

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

Also, if an Alternate DCM is the only person representing his or her group, I will count them as a GSR as well, since Alternate DCM's do not have voting rights, but Group Representatives do. Their role in the District may be that of Alternate DCM but their function, for the purposes of voting at the assembly, is to serve as their group's representative. It is very important if you sign in as a visitor, that you also write the name of your group. You could be voting for your group, but if you fail to indicate your group name on the sign in sheet, you may not be eligible to vote. Please keep in mind that as you see the tally on the screen & hear the results, this is not a true reflection of who will be voting necessarily. For example, there are people who may have registered, but were only here yesterday & are not here with us now. So, the true reflection of who is voting is done by who is in the front of the room as a vote is cast & counted, if necessary.

In closing, I will make myself available to Districts and Groups to assist you with Registrar related issues wherever I can. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve you,

Yours, in love & service, Amy L

Panel 67 Registrar - Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International - [registrar@area83aa.org](mailto:registrar@area83aa.org)

### 9. Alternate Delegate

Rob M

October 29, 2017

Hi everyone, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28 and my name is Rob M. It's an honor and a privilege to serve as Alternate Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International.

Thank you to everyone who attended the concepts workshop yesterday. I'm gaining a better understanding of the concepts by doing these workshops, and I hope those in attendance find them informative.

Here's what I've been doing since the Spring Assembly.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> I facilitated an inventory for the St. Clements Group in District 10.

I was at the Area 83 Archives workshop in Etobicoke on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The workshop was well organized with great presentations.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> I participated in the Remote Communities conference call. The 10 Areas that make up the Remote Communities Workgroup were asked to submit a history of Remote Communities in their Area for possible inclusion at the National Archives Workshop which took place in Winnipeg last month. With the help of some of our past Delegates I was able to put together a

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history of our Remote Communities and did submit it. I wasn't able to take part in the July or September conference calls, but plan to be on the next one in November.

On May 27<sup>th</sup> I presented a workshop on the General Service Structure at Info AA day in Toronto, and On May 28<sup>th</sup> I attended the Service Day in Lindsay, hosted by District 82 with participation from Districts 26, 28, and 86. Both were well attended very informative Service days.

I spoke on Recovery and Service at the District 22 Service day on September 16<sup>th</sup>, another great day.

Not much to report as Intergroup liaison. I was invited to the Lakeshore Districts Intergroup meeting in September, but it was on the same day as our Area Committee meeting so I was unable to attend. I do receive meeting minutes from the four Intergroups in our Area, and make myself available to be of Service to them.

I look forward to presenting a workshop on the general service structure at the District 2 Service day next Saturday, and plan to attend the Area 86 Assembly the rest of the weekend.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> I will be the Ontario Delegates Conference in Thunder Bay.

Thank you to the Districts that continue to send me their minutes. I enjoy reading them and it helps to stay informed about what's going on in your Districts.

If I can be of service to your Groups or Districts please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Love and Service,

Rob M

10. **Delegate**

**Kim S**

Hi everyone, my name is Kim, I am alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements group and have the privilege of serving as your Panel 67 Delegate.

Since reporting to you at the Spring Assembly, my life became busy. Thank you to all that filled out surveys. It helped me prepare for the conference.

I then attended the General Service Conference from April 22-29<sup>th</sup> in Rye Brook, New York. The theme was Supporting Our Future. What an experience!! I cannot put into words, the feelings I have for the Area's trust. As I mentioned yesterday, the days are long (12-14 hour days) but it was the most fun I have had being tired. There were 93 agenda items this year which is a lot as last year there were 67 agenda items.

Safety was a big issue at the conference. It is a big consideration and concern. As most of you know there is a new safety card available. It is available through the GSO website at [aa.org](http://aa.org). Click on what's new at the top of the home page.

Upon returning from the conference, I started preparing presentations for the service days though out Eastern Ontario. I would like to thank everyone for the hard work in organizing these service days. I do understand the hard work that is spent of these days. I was made to feel welcome, the lunches were delicious and there were hugs everywhere. Also, thank you to Sue B for opening up her home to me. It saved the Area money for what would have been 2 hotel nights. Also thank you to the Districts that paid for my gas which also saved the Area money.

Service days that I gave a conference report

▣ May 27<sup>th</sup> at Info AA Day for GTA Districts

▣ May 28<sup>th</sup> for District 26, 28, 82 and 86 service day in Lindsay

▣ June 10 service day for District 54, 58 & 62 in Ottawa

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▣June 11 Districts 42, 48, 50 & 66 in Kemptville

▣June 17 Districts 70, 74, & 78 in Barry's Bay

▣September 17 District 30 in Brighton

On Sept 16 I participated in the District 22 Service day. On November 4, I am presenting on Safety in AA at the District 02 Service Day.

Also, if anyone would like information on the manuscript litigation, all Delegates have been asked to not answer any questions but to refer everyone to the Public Information Desk at the General Service Office. Clay Rittenhouse is the person to speak to or email. Read letter from Rich P. Northeast Regional Trustee, AA World Services Inc. Director & Chair

What's happening to Houston AA after Harvey?

We are grateful to report that the Houston Intergroup office was spared significant damage from the storm. The office is now open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 6:00pm.

However, we are sure that many of the 500+ groups that we support in the greater Houston area weren't so fortunate. Many other offices, groups, and members from around the country have contacted us with offers of support. Houston Intergroup is setting up a distribution center to coordinate help and replacement literature for those groups and members who lost A.A. material in the flooding.

If you, or your group, has extra Big Books or 12&12's that you could contribute towards this relief we'd greatly appreciate the donations. In addition, if you wish to make a monetary donation towards this work you can do so through PayPal on our website. or you can mail in a check. Please mark all donations "HARVEY" so that we can segregate them.

Please send any materials to:

Houston Intergroup  
4140 Directors Row  
Suite D  
Houston, TX 77092  
[\(713-686-6300\)](tel:713-686-6300)

I will continue to update everyone if any information changes or if the need changes

Next is a request that is going out this week =asking our area

During the keynote address from a trustee I heard him say "Don't use tradition 4 to excuse other traditions. I really like that. With some of the issues in Area 83 I thought this worthy of including it in my report.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, for your trust and giving me one of the best experiences of my life. I will never forget the feeling I had walking into the conference room in Rye Brook. My eyes fill with gratitude puddles at the thought of it today. Love, service and hugs...Kim S. Panel 67 Delegate, Area 83, Eastern Ontario International.

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?

MOVED: ROB F – D26 - GSR      SECONDED: MAC B – CF CHAIR

Any discussion? NO.

All those in favour? ALMOST ALL

All those opposed? 1

Any abstentions? 0

Motion was passed.

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11. OLD BUSINESS

The Area is looking for an Alternate Webmaster. A call letter has been sent out to fill the appointed position of alternate webmaster for the next 3 year term. For more information please see me after the meeting or send me an email.

12. NEW BUSINESS

**a) Recommendation by the Area Committee:**

**Accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Archives in Area 83 to Add to operating procedures Section III Responsibilities under Area Chairperson: "Meet with Area Archives Chairperson and Area Archivist at the beginning of each term/appointment to review responsibilities of each position."**

**Mike B, DCM, District 62**

Motions from the ACM do not need to be moved or seconded.

Would Mike like to speak to the motion ?

Any discussion? YES.

Eddie G – against this motion as the incoming Chair has no idea what the archivist/archives Charlie's position entails

Miller G – GSR – previous Archives chair – against this motion – Archives being singled out – every other sub committee can read their description

Joyce S – Immediate Past Delegate – was on the advocate committee in question – motion addresses lack of communication between Chair and archivist

Rob M – Alternate Delegate - established ad hoc committee – while positions were clear in the OP they were not being followed

Mike A – DCM – D18 – does the Chair sit with any other committees? - yes – SID only

Kevin – D62 – GSR – if we are going to single out one chair, why not all committees

George. - GSR – D22 – looks like the next motion resolves the first

Larry D – DCM – D86 – needs clarification on position titles

Cathy – GSR – D28 – clarified positions – need to clarify so these discussions do not have to be repeated

Rob M – all the information was sent out to all the DCMs – if the GSRs do not have the information please see your DCM

Milner G – it is already in the Chair's description

Eddy G – explained how the process has been transparent

Joyce S – the Chair DOES meet with all the Chairs on the Friday night of the Assembly

All those in favour? 95

All those opposed? 109

Any abstentions? 13

Voice of the minority? NO.

Motion was defeated.

**b) Recommendation by the Area Committee:**

**Accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Archives in Area 83 to Add to operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archives Chairperson: "The Area Archives Chairperson shall report the activities of the Archivist to the Area Committee and Assembly."** Mike B, DCM, District 62

Motions from the ACM do not need to be moved or seconded.

Would Mike like to speak to the motion ?

Any discussion? YES.

Eddy G – we are already doing it – against the motion

Cathy – D28 – should be in the OP

Jim S – CPC – it has NOT always been done – for simplicity it should be in the OP

Denise – GSR – D12 – does not understand the issue – has not been explained clearly enough

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Bob A – D30 – everything that is being motioned seems to already be being done – duplication of effort – these recommendations should be withdrawn and reworked and then re-presented – Archivist MUST be a member of A.A. as per the next motion/they are conflicting

Milner G – in favour – infers that motions C and D are related

George – GSR – D22 – creates a structural conflict - who is reporting to whom?

CALL THE QUESTION

Motioned – Michel D – DCM – D58

Seconded – Dee – Alt GSR – D06

Yes – 175

No – 33

Abstentions – 9

CALLING THE QUESTION passes. We move to the vote.

All those in favour? 175

All those opposed? 33

Any abstentions? 9

Voice of the minority? YES.

Jan – GSR – D22 – it is becoming too exact – we can share with each other and learn

Change of vote? - NO

Motion was passed.

#### c) Recommendation by the Area Committee:

**Accept the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Archives in Area 83 to REMOVE from the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist: “The Archivist, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area ARCHIVES Committee regularly, and the Assembly as necessary about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects (the report will be presented by the Archivist as a supplement to the Area Archives Chairpersons report).” AND REPLACE WITH “The Archivist, a non-voting appointed committee member will report to the Area Committee and the Assembly about new material received and give updates about ongoing projects.” (The report will be presented by the Archives Chairperson as a supplement to the Area Archives Chairpersons report).”**

Motions from the ACM do not need to be moved or seconded.

Would Mike like to speak to the motion ?

Any discussion? YES.

Rob M – spent some time explaining the process these recommendations took to get to this point – we have arrived to this point with an informed group conscience

Tom – DCM – D22 – requested clarification regarding wording

Tom – GSR – D58 – wording is conflicting with the past two motions

Roger – GSR – D30 – why should the Archives Chair have to include the Archivists's report

Susan – ADCM – D06 – required clarification

Angus – GSR – D54 – required clarification

Carmen – GSR – D34 – required clarification – area we only changing two words?

Mike B – spoke to clarify several points

Dave B – DCM – D14 – Archivist is a specialized position

George S – GSR – D22 – wording is confusing/doesn't read well

CALL THE QUESTION

Motioned – Christie F – D18 – GSR – Registrar

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Seconded – Mark B – DCM – D12

Yes – Majority                      No – 1                      Abstentions - 11

CALLING THE QUESTION passes. We move to the vote.

All those in favour? 170                      All those opposed? 14                      Any abstentions? 13  
Voice of the minority? YES.

Christie F – D18 – GSR – due to the errors/typos/change of words it should be cleaned up and returned to the Spring Assembly  
David – D22 – GSR – motion was too confusing

Change of vote? - NO

Motion was passed.

**d) Recommendation by the Area Committee:**

**Remove from the operating procedures section III Responsibilities under Area Archivist: “Attendance at Area Committee is voluntary, while attendance at Assembly is expected.” And replace with “Attendance at the Area Committee is voluntary and expenses shall not be reimbursed. Attendance at the Assembly is expected and expenses shall be reimbursed.”**

**Michel D, DCM, District 58**

Motions from the ACM do not need to be moved or seconded.  
Would Michel like to speak to the motion ?

Any discussion? Yes.

Michel D – DCM – D58 – spoke to the motion and explained the background – money could be used elsewhere for workshops  
Mike B – the Archivist HAS been paid in the past – this is a cleanup motion, simple housekeeping  
Rob M – no one really has known over the years if the Archivist should be reimbursed

CALL THE QUESTION

Motioned – Ron S – GSR – D14  
Seconded – Peter G – GSR – D22

Yes – Majority                      No – 9                      Abstentions - 2

CALLING THE QUESTION passes. We move to the vote.

All those in favour? 189                      All those opposed? 3                      Any abstentions? 5  
Voice of the minority? YES

Mike B – DCM – D62 – we should never call the question with three people standing at the mic  
Roger A – he would have liked to add a friendly amendment but due to advanced age he could not get to the mic in time because the question had been called prematurely

Change of vote? Yes – Motion to reconsider.

Motioned - Roshni – Alt GSR – D06  
Seconded – Susan – ADCM – D06

Vote to reconsider – Fails – less than 50%



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Motion was passed.

- e) Motion: **We of Area 83 ask our delegate to relay our desire for the General Service trustees' Literature Committee to consider pamphlet #3267, "The 'God' Word: Agnostics and Atheists in AA" (approved by The AA General Service Conference in Great Britain), for use in the U.S.A./Canada. We ask the Conference Literature Committee to consider, in the 2018 General Service Conference agenda, a request for an advisory action that "The 'God' Word" be adopted/amended for the U.S.A./Canada. (Please see notes for precedents, need and background.) Furthermore, we ask that this advisory action, as is our custom, direct G.S.O. to license, print and distribute "The 'God' Word" to groups and members in the U'S.A. and Canada in English, Spanish and French.**

**Rob A, DCM, District 10**

Motions from the ACM do not need to be moved or seconded.  
Would Rob like to speak to the motion ?

Any discussion? YES.

Rob – DCM – D10 – spoke to the motion – all background info should have been distributed to all members of the Area so we could have an informed discussion  
Caroline – GSR – D10 – her group voted against – there was not enough time to consider all the information  
Dave B – GSR – D58 – the demand is enormous in Canada – it is very useful  
Robert B – GV Chair – should not be approved as it seems to be deceptive  
Amelia – D10 – GSR – we need to open gateways to all members of A.A.  
Michel – D58 – DCM – motion is to send it to the Conference for their approval or not  
Shane H – DCM – D02 – considered Conference approved literature in GB  
Martin – DCM – D36 – pamphlet seems to follow steps and traditions  
Roshni – Alt GSR – D06 – because it passes doesn't mean it will actually get printed – if this helps an alcoholic then it should proceed to the GSC  
Dave B – DCM – D14 – accept people for who they are  
Mac B – CPC Chair – the "old white guy"! – it should allow the process to happen and trust in that process  
Fabio – GSR – D06 – quoted various isolated passages from the BB – Many Paths to Spirituality should cover it  
Steve – D14 – GSR – we should carry this motion to the Spring Assembly  
Nancy – D62 – GSR – it is a spiritual pamphlet  
Kim – Delegate – before it got to D10, the GSO had already contacted her about this pamphlet  
Angus – GSR – D54 – "Desire to consider" is all we are considering  
Colin – D18 – Alt GSR – "no brainer" – shared his own experience and also that the stories may help those who are still suffering  
Mike – GSR – D10 – this can be a gateway for an unbeliever so that one day they may come to believe – if it broadens the gateway  
Jan – GSR – D22 – shared her own HP story – against this pamphlet  
Ollie C – D86 – GSR – not the first pamphlet to be brought from overseas  
Katie W – GSR – D36 – this is the pamphlet that reflects the AAAA (AA for Atheists & Agnostics) community  
Mike B – DCM – D62 – doesn't believe that our conscience is informed yet  
Christie – GSR – D18 – just forward it to the GSC  
Wayne – D12 – GSR – we should defer  
Ron – D22 – GSR – firmly believes in our trusted servants – we are called to review all motions and background info BEFORE the meeting  
Diane – GSR – D14 – "God as my understanding"  
Ray – SS Chair – we must embrace change or we are in trouble

**CALL THE QUESTION**

Motioned – Lisa – GSR – D70  
Seconded – Chris K – GSR – D62

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Yes – Majority                      No – 10                      Abstentions – 5

We end debate and move to the vote.

All those in favour? 151                      All those opposed? 21                      Any abstentions? 18  
Voice of the minority? YES.

Motion was passed.

**F) Election of Area 83 nominee for Eastern Canada Regional Trustee.**

Kimberley M, Chairperson

Nominations

Bev H – ADCM – D34 – Nominates Joyce S  
Mac B – CF Chair – Nominates Robb W – Robb declined in absentia  
Irene D – GSR – D30 – Nominates Sandy S

Joyce S – Accepts  
Sandy S – Declined with thanks

Our Area 83 nominee for Eastern Canada Regional Trustee is Joyce S.

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

ANNIVERSARIES WERE ANNOUNCED.

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

As Chairperson, I would recommend the next Assembly be held:  
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 here at the Ambassador hotel in Kingston  
Would someone like to make a motion to accept these dates for our Spring Assembly?  
MOVED: JENNY C – DCM – D66.                      SECONDED: SHELLEY M – GSR – D66  
Any discussion? NO  
All those in favour? ALL                      All those opposed? 0                      Any abstentions? 0  
Motion was passed.

**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 January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.  
Have a safe drive home and I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Assembly.  
It is now 17H02, may I have a motion to close the meeting?  
MOVED: GREG D – GSR – D22                      SECONDED: CARMEN D – GSR – D34  
Any discussion? NO.  
All those in favour? ALL                      All those opposed? 0                      Any abstentions? 0  
Motion was passed.  
CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:  
I AM RESPONSIBLE.....

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### **EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83** **AS OF: October 18, 2017**

| <b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>          | Actual           |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| January 1, 2017 Opening Balance | 20,000.00        |
| Interest                        | 1,800.00         |
| Transfer to Operating Account   | (1,800.00)       |
| <b>RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>  | <b>20,000.00</b> |

| <b>INCOME</b>                       |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 7th Tradition                       | 4,340.91         |
| Cost Recoveries                     | 551.50           |
| Flow Through to GSO                 | (120.00)         |
| Grapevine Seasonals                 | 3,632.92         |
| Group & District Contributions      | 42,256.83        |
| TOTAL INCOME                        | 50,662.16        |
| TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE              | 1,800.00         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME &amp; TRANSFERS</b> | <b>52,462.16</b> |

| <b>EXPENSES</b>                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Accommodations                   | 4,333.40         |
| Meals                            | 7,529.94         |
| Travel                           | 7,554.60         |
| Long Distance                    | 0.00             |
| Postage                          | 329.30           |
| Printing                         | 1,728.69         |
| Literature                       | 1,439.56         |
| Stationery                       | 183.74           |
| Miscellaneous                    | 2,505.70         |
| <b>Total Committee Expenses</b>  | <b>25,604.93</b> |
| Ad Hoc Committees                | 0.00             |
| Area Contribution to GSO         | 750.00           |
| Area Committee Meetings          | 919.23           |
| General Service Conf. Assessment | 8,688.10         |
| Bank Service Charges             | 192.85           |
| Paypal fees                      | 32.37            |
| Forums                           | 0.00             |
| Grapevine Seasonal               | 3,659.62         |
| GSO Flow Through                 | (120.00)         |
| Ontario Delegate's Conference    | 0.00             |
| CERAASA                          | 2,437.53         |
| <b>Total Other Expenses</b>      | <b>16,559.70</b> |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>            | <b>42,164.63</b> |

| <b>OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>              |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Opening Balance as of January 1, 2017 | 29,496.89        |
| Total Income & Transfers              | 52,462.16        |
| Total Expenses                        | (42,164.63)      |
| <b>OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>      | <b>39,794.42</b> |

0.00

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Details of Expenditures  
as of: October 18, 2017

| Position                  | Accommodations     | Meals              | Travel             | Long Distance | Postage          | Printing           | Literature         | Stationery       | Misc.               | Total               | Annual Guideline    | Balance +/-         | YTD Usage     |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Delegate                  | 157.70             | 144.50             | 621.95             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 924.15              | 2352.00             | 1427.85             | 39.29%        |
| Alt. Delegate             | 0.00               | 93.91              | 567.70             | 0.00          | 29.52            | 0.00               | 66.52              | 0.00             | 1013.29             | 1770.94             | 1520.00             | -250.94             | 116.51%       |
| Immediate past Delegate   | 0.00               | 101.63             | 616.70             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 718.33              | 855.00              | 136.67              | 84.02%        |
| Chairperson               | 0.00               | 56.58              | 393.40             | 0.00          | 18.31            | 25.99              | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 494.28              | 985.00              | 490.72              | 50.18%        |
| Secretary                 | 0.00               | 103.43             | 577.50             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 1014.82            | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 1695.75             | 2611.61             | 915.86              | 64.93%        |
| Treasurer                 | 0.00               | 60.00              | 843.15             | 0.00          | 281.47           | 302.16             | 0.00               | 183.74           | 0.00                | 1670.52             | 1875.00             | 204.48              | 89.09%        |
| Registrar                 | 0.00               | 88.59              | 277.80             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 28.19               | 394.58              | 1130.00             | 735.42              | 34.92%        |
| Area Web Site/Webmaster   | 242.10             | 91.66              | 448.00             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 781.76              | 1575.00             | 793.24              | 49.64%        |
| Archives                  | 0.00               | 82.81              | 189.00             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 42.94              | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 314.75              | 1220.00             | 905.25              | 25.80%        |
| Cooperation with the P.C. | 242.10             | 101.40             | 494.70             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 838.20              | 1260.00             | 421.80              | 66.52%        |
| Archivist                 | 60.00              | 85.51              | 751.80             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 11.30              | 198.33             | 0.00             | 130.82              | 1237.76             | 1570.00             | 332.24              | 78.84%        |
| Corrections Facilities    | 0.00               | 110.02             | 59.50              | 0.00          | 0.00             | 136.69             | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 306.21              | 1430.00             | 1123.79             | 21.41%        |
| Grapevine                 | 0.00               | 60.32              | 585.90             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 22.92              | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 669.14              | 1120.00             | 450.86              | 59.74%        |
| Public Information        | 0.00               | 78.07              | 182.00             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 283.39             | 0.00             | 66.00               | 589.46              | 1530.00             | 940.54              | 38.53%        |
| Self Support              | 0.00               | 96.82              | 40.00              | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 136.82              | 1060.00             | 923.18              | 12.91%        |
| Treatment Facilities      | 0.00               | 126.61             | 605.50             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 732.11              | 995.00              | 262.89              | 73.58%        |
| Service Info Day Cmte     | 968.40             | 448.08             | 300.00             | 0.00          | 0.00             | 171.87             | 911.32             | 0.00             | 25.54               | 2825.21             | 5145.00             | 2319.79             | 54.91%        |
| Spring Assembly           | 2663.10            | 5600.00            | 0.00               | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 1241.86             | 9504.96             | 9800.00             | 295.04              | 96.99%        |
| Fall Assembly             | 0.00               | 0                  | 0.00               | 0.00          | 0.00             | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00             | 0.00                | 0.00                | 9800.00             | 9800.00             | 0.00%         |
| <b>COMMITTEE EXP.</b>     | <b>\$ 4,333.40</b> | <b>\$ 7,529.94</b> | <b>\$ 7,554.60</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ 329.30</b> | <b>\$ 1,728.69</b> | <b>\$ 1,439.56</b> | <b>\$ 183.74</b> | <b>\$ 2,505.70</b>  | <b>\$ 25,604.93</b> | <b>\$ 47,833.61</b> | <b>\$ 22,228.68</b> | <b>53.53%</b> |
| Adhoc Committees          | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                   | -                   | 15.00               | 15.00               | 0.00%         |
| Area Committee            | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 919.23              | 919.23              | 1,500.00            | 580.77              | 61.28%        |
| Area GSO Contributions    | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 750.00              | 750.00              | 750.00              | -                   | 0.00%         |
| Bank Charges              | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                   | 192.85              | 200.00              | 7.15                | 0.00%         |
| Paypal Fees               | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                   | 32.37               | -                   | -                   | 0.00%         |
| Forums                    | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 0.00%         |
| Grapevine Seasonal        | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | 26.70            | -                  | 3,632.92           | -                | -                   | 3,659.62            | 4,200.00            | 540.38              | 87.13%        |
| GSC Assessment            | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 8,688.10            | 8,688.10            | 8,708.70            | 20.60               | 99.76%        |
| GSO Flow Through          | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                   | 120.00              | -                   | 120.00              | 0.00%         |
| Ont Delegates Conf.       | -                  | -                  | -                  | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | -                   | -                   | -                   | -                   | 0.00%         |
| CERAASA                   | 834.90             | 358.78             | 1,075.76           | -             | -                | -                  | -                  | -                | 168.09              | 2,437.53            | \$2,437.53          | 0.00                | 0.00%         |
| <b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>     | <b>\$ 834.90</b>   | <b>\$ 358.78</b>   | <b>\$ 1,075.76</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ 26.70</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>        | <b>\$ 3,632.92</b> | <b>\$ -</b>      | <b>\$ 10,525.42</b> | <b>\$ 16,559.70</b> | <b>\$ 17,811.23</b> | <b>\$ 1,283.90</b>  | <b>92.97%</b> |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>     | <b>\$ 5,168.30</b> | <b>\$ 7,888.72</b> | <b>\$ 8,630.36</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ 356.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,728.69</b> | <b>\$ 5,072.48</b> | <b>\$ 183.74</b> | <b>\$ 13,031.12</b> | <b>\$ 42,164.63</b> | <b>\$ 65,644.84</b> | <b>\$ 23,512.58</b> | <b>64.23%</b> |

| Income Summary :    |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| October 18, 2017    |                     |
| 7th Tradition       | 4,340.91            |
| Bank Interest       | 1,800.00            |
| GSO Flow through    | 120.00              |
| Contributions       | 42,256.83           |
| Cost recoveries     | 551.50              |
| Grapevine Seasonals | 3,632.92            |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$ 52,462.16</b> |

| October 18, 2017                       |  | YTD 2017            | October 18, 2016   | Change             |
|--|--|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Income To Date                         |  | 52,462.16           | 49,674.43          | 2,787.73           |
| Expenses To Date                       |  | 42,164.63           | 43,225.47          | (1,060.84)         |
| <b>Net Change To Operating Account</b> |  | <b>\$ 10,297.53</b> | <b>\$ 6,448.96</b> | <b>\$ 3,848.57</b> |
| Contributions                          |  | \$42,256.83         | \$42,007.85        | \$248.98           |
| Contributing Groups                    |  | 149                 | 161                | -12                |
| Contributing Districts                 |  | 16                  | 14                 | 2                  |

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

## AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

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| <b>GROUP &amp; DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS</b><br><b>AS OF October 18, 2017</b> |
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|          |    |                            |            |
|----------|----|----------------------------|------------|
| District | 0  | Unspecified, Paypal        | \$230.00   |
| District | 2  | Malton                     | \$1,447.10 |
| District | 6  | Mississauga                | \$2,502.50 |
| District | 10 | Toronto South Central      | \$3,832.76 |
| District | 12 | Toronto South West         | \$2,917.77 |
| District | 14 | Toronto North Central      | \$2,489.54 |
| District | 16 | Hispano De Toronto         | \$345.00   |
| District | 18 | Toronto City East          | \$2,970.00 |
| District | 22 | Scarborough                | \$1,293.00 |
| District | 26 | Lakeshore West             | \$1,796.27 |
| District | 28 | Lakeshore East             | \$1,458.14 |
| District | 30 | Quinte West                | \$1,625.00 |
| District | 34 | Quinte East                | \$2,170.00 |
| District | 36 | Kingston And The Islands   | \$1,530.00 |
| District | 42 | St. Lawrence International | \$948.65   |
| District | 48 | Seaway Valley North        | \$200.00   |
| District | 50 | Cornwall                   | \$565.00   |
| District | 54 | Ottawa Rideau              | \$984.50   |
| District | 58 | Ottawa Bytown              | \$97.50    |
| District | 62 | Ottawa West                | \$3,742.42 |
| District | 66 | Golden Triangle            | \$1,625.98 |
| District | 70 | Renfrew Pontiac            | \$870.00   |
| District | 74 | Pembroke                   | \$1,250.00 |
| District | 78 | Madawaska Valley           | \$220.00   |
| District | 82 | Victoria Haliburton        | \$1,050.00 |
| District | 86 | Kawartha                   | \$4,095.70 |

Total Contributions YTD: \$42,256.83

|                      |             |     |                        |
|----------------------|-------------|-----|------------------------|
| Total from Groups    | \$30,905.87 | 149 | Groups Contributing    |
| Total from Districts | \$11,286.46 | 16  | Districts Contributing |

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## AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

### Area 83 Eastern Ontario International Fall Assembly Tally October 29, 2017

| District | DCM | Alt-DCM | District Officers-Other | Committee Chairs | GSR | Alt-GSR | Visitors | Total Groups Attending | Total Delegation | Total Votes | Total Groups in District | % Groups Attending |
|----------|-----|---------|-------------------------|------------------|-----|---------|----------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 02       | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 3                | 5   | 0       | 1        | 5                      | 7                | 6           | 21                       | 24%                |
| 06       | 1   | 1       | 2                       | 4                | 22  | 5       | 4        | 22                     | 38               | 23          | 35                       | 63%                |
| 10       | 1   | 0       | 0                       | 0                | 11  | 2       | 4        | 11                     | 18               | 12          | 29                       | 38%                |
| 12       | 1   | 1       | 1                       | 3                | 11  | 1       | 1        | 11                     | 16               | 12          | 20                       | 55%                |
| 14       | 1   | 1       | 1                       | 3                | 14  | 1       | 2        | 14                     | 18               | 15          | 27                       | 52%                |
| 16-SP    | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 0                | 1   | 0       | 0        | 1                      | 3                | 2           | 9                        | 11%                |
| 18       | 1   | 1       | 3                       | 3                | 11  | 0       | 2        | 11                     | 14               | 12          | 27                       | 41%                |
| 22       | 1   | 1       | 1                       | 4                | 13  | 4       | 2        | 13                     | 22               | 14          | 21                       | 62%                |
| 26       | 1   | 1       | 1                       | 1                | 11  | 0       | 3        | 11                     | 16               | 12          | 21                       | 52%                |
| 28       | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 3                | 8   | 1       | 2        | 8                      | 15               | 9           | 24                       | 33%                |
| 30       | 1   | 1       | 1                       | 2                | 7   | 0       | 2        | 7                      | 13               | 8           | 14                       | 50%                |
| 34       | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 2                | 12  | 2       | 6        | 12                     | 22               | 13          | 35                       | 34%                |
| 36       | 1   | 0       | 2                       | 3                | 15  | 0       | 13       | 15                     | 33               | 16          | 23                       | 65%                |
| 42       | 1   | 0       | 4                       | 0                | 3   | 0       | 0        | 3                      | 4                | 4           | 21                       | 14%                |
| 48       | 1   | 1       | 2                       | 3                | 14  | 0       | 3        | 14                     | 18               | 15          | 19                       | 74%                |
| 50       | 1   | 0       | 0                       | 0                | 2   | 0       | 2        | 2                      | 5                | 3           | 10                       | 20%                |
| 54       | 1   | 0       | 1                       | 0                | 5   | 1       | 0        | 5                      | 7                | 6           | 21                       | 24%                |
| 58       | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 1                | 4   | 1       | 0        | 4                      | 6                | 5           | 29                       | 14%                |
| 62       | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 0                | 24  | 0       | 5        | 24                     | 31               | 25          | 45                       | 53%                |
| 66       | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 5                | 12  | 1       | 13       | 12                     | 29               | 13          | 27                       | 44%                |
| 70       | 1   | 0       | 1                       | 0                | 8   | 1       | 0        | 8                      | 10               | 9           | 20                       | 40%                |
| 74       | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 2                | 5   | 0       | 3        | 5                      | 10               | 6           | 12                       | 42%                |
| 78       | 1   | 0       | 1                       | 1                | 3   | 0       | 0        | 3                      | 5                | 4           | 6                        | 50%                |
| 82       | 1   | 1       | 0                       | 3                | 7   | 0       | 1        | 7                      | 11               | 8           | 19                       | 37%                |
| 86       | 1   | 1       | 1                       | 4                | 16  | 1       | 1        | 16                     | 22               | 17          | 22                       | 73%                |
| CF       |     |         |                         |                  | 3   |         | 1        | 3                      | 4                | 3           | 8                        | 38%                |

| District | DCM | Alt-DCM | District Officers-Other | Committee Chairs | GSR | Alt-GSR | Visitors | Total Groups Attending | Total Delegation | Total Votes | Total Groups in Area |
|----------|-----|---------|-------------------------|------------------|-----|---------|----------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| ALL      | 25  | 18      | 22                      | 50               | 247 | 21      | 71       | 247                    | 397              | 272         | 565                  |

|                         | AC total delegation | AC votes |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Area Committee          | 17                  | 13       |
| Past Delegates/Visitors | 7                   |          |

| Total Assembly Attendance | DCM | Alt-DCM | District Officers-Other | Committee Chairs | GSR | Alt-GSR | Visitors | Total Groups Attending | Total Delegation | Total Votes | Total Groups in Area | % Groups from the Area Attending |
|---------------------------|-----|---------|-------------------------|------------------|-----|---------|----------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
|                           | 25  | 18      | 22                      | 50               | 247 | 21      | 71       | 247                    | 421              | 285         | 565                  | 44%                              |

|        |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |     |     |     |     |
|--------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Mar-17 | 25 | 17 | 15 | 40 | 176 | 15 | 71 | 176 | 338 | 214 | 573 |
| Oct-16 | 24 | 14 | 23 | 51 | 214 | 45 | 98 | 212 | 407 | 249 | 580 |
| Mar-16 | 24 | 12 |    | 38 | 176 | 43 | 93 | 200 | 397 | 235 | 539 |

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### ASK IT BASKET - Fall 2017 Assembly

Q: (David T-Past Archivist) Is there a Central Registry for all information in each District's Archives?

A: We do not have a central electronic registry for the Districts' archives records.

Q: (Rob M-Alternate Delegate) What is a service meeting?

A: A service meeting is established to meet a specific need, such as at hospitals, detox centres, treatment centres or a shift workers meeting. A service meeting is not an actual group, but is instead organized by several individual A.A. members.

Q: (Rob W-Past Delegate) What is the definition of 13 stepping; is it an official step?

A: It is not an official step. 13 stepping is when an A.A. member is targeting another member, early in recovery for a dating relationship. It has been jokingly explained as: "My life is unmanageable and I want to share it with you".

Q: (Sandy S-Past Delegate) Putting a face and voice to addiction helps to stop the stigma around alcoholics/what is the best way to speak about recovery?

A: Get involved in service; speaking outside of A.A. meetings, such as schools, prisons, treatment centres. Share our experience and show the faces of A.A.

Q: (Joyce S-Past Delegate) If someone shows up drunk at a meeting and you know they were driving what is the groups responsibility?

A: Common sense dictates if someone has been drinking and may be driving have 2 males approach the man to offer to drive the person and the car home. If it is a woman who has been drinking, a male & female should drive them home. Call 911 if the person insists on driving.

Q: (Les M-Public Information) Public information is going to find itself in the middle of social media explosion. How are we to handle this inevitable way to communicate with younger AA's?

A: General Service Office (GSO) is working on a google non-profit account & twitter.

Q: (Eddy G-Archives) Would it be possible to conduct oral histories at the Assemblies, in the future?

A: Yes, it would be possible and there is a room available that could be used for that purpose.

Q: (Kimberley M-Chairperson) The cost for coffee/tea/drinks is \$14. Does that also apply for people who do not drink any of the beverages provided? If I didn't drink any do I still give to the seventh?

A: At the Group level, the 7<sup>th</sup> collected pays for a number of expenses (i.e., rent, coffee supplies, medallions, etc.). At the Area Assemblies in Kingston, the 7<sup>th</sup> collected assists with paying several expenses, including coffee.

Q: (Kim S-Delegate) Does an A.A. meeting have to register as a group? Or can it continue to be a meeting?

A: An A.A. group does not need to register with the General Service Office, but it is nice to be part of A.A. as a whole. Registering the group with GSO is required to receive A.A. information and materials info from GSO. For a group to register, they only need to provide contact information for one individual who will receive information from GSO. They are not required to appoint a General Service Representative, if they are not ready to do so.

Q: (Kim S-Delegate) I heard there was a dinner Friday night. Who paid for dinner? Was it AA? For everyone? Could I have gone for a steak dinner to? Who pays?

A: The Delegate paid for her own dinner Friday night.

Q: (Amy L-Registrar) Can a District Committee Member (DCM) sit at the District Table & still represent a group or more than one group?

A: DCM has one vote. They should only represent 1 vote, for either their group or their District.

Q: (Rob M-Alternate Delegate) Where does the information for the Concepts workshop come from?

A: Info comes from A.A. Service Manual and personal experience. Service Manuals are for sale by Service Information Day Committee.



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Q: (Sue B-Treasurer) Is the coffee paid for by the 7<sup>th</sup> collection or the coffee Cans or both? Should we pay \$14 up front?

A: \$14 is the coffee cost and Sue makes a personal decision to cover that amount herself.

Q: (James O-Secretary) Why do some people or groups have special name tags and some don't?

A: Some groups decided to make name tags at their expense. All Groups and Districts are autonomous.

Q: (Rob W-Past Delegate) When was the last time the \$5000 contribution limit was raised and is there a cost of living increase.

A: The 62nd General Service Conference, did not raise the personal annual contribution from \$3000. The limit for the amount bequested in wills is a \$5000.

Q: (Bill C-DCM District 74, Pembroke) Should naloxone injection kits be made available at A.A. Meetings?

A: My district had an incident where an individual overdosed in the washroom at the A.A. meeting. CPR was administered; paramedics arrived, administered naloxone and transported the individual to hospital. After the patient was released from hospital, they committed suicide. Pembroke District has left the decision to individual A.A. members, whether to carry naloxone kits (available at pharmacies for no cost).

Q: (Rob W-Past Delegate) Why are there 2 categories of A.A. Trustees?

A: In North America, there are 10 Regional Trustees. There are also 2 Trustees at large (for U.S. and Canada), who are primarily involved in World A.A. affairs) and attend the World Service Meetings, held every 2 years.

Q: (Joyce S-Past Delegate) GSO appears to abuse the money donated (e.g. rental for prime real estate in Manhattan).

A: The Rockefeller owned building where the A.A. New York offices are housed is a building for non-profit organizations. The owners of the building ensure the rent is not high. GSO also provides many other services that are partially funded by A.A. contributions.

Q: (Kimberley M-Chairperson) Comment on the Hotel services for the express service / box lunch.

A: The feedback was that the soup / sandwich express lunch service was slow and the quality of the food not very good. Kimberley will speak to the hotel about improving the service and quality.

### **WORKSHOP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

#### **Fall 2017 Assembly**

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

### AREA 83 EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL

Workshop: Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare  
Chair: Rob W, Panel 61 Delegate

Q: What do you or your group do if inappropriate behaviour is observed (i.e. 13<sup>th</sup> stepping, inappropriate dating and/or actions)?

A: Refer new young women to women with long term sobriety.

A: Speak up if someone is acting inappropriately.

A: Make people, especially new members, feel comfortable.

A: Make sure members get to their vehicles safely and ensure the cars start in cold weather.

A: Direct women to women and men to men. Consider having a group steering committee on Safety.

Q: How do you or your group make members feel safe at your meeting?

A: Respect women and accept an offered handshake, rather than insisting on a hug.

A: Draft safety guidelines for your group.

A: Read the Safety card at AA meetings and business meetings; make safety a priority.

A: Newcomers can be scared off by aggressive words and/or comments, so be respectful of newcomers.

A: Members of some races do not feel safe at A.A. meetings.

A: Be careful not to talk about a member's share outside of the meeting, as it breaks both confidentiality and anonymity.

Q: How does your group handle disruptions at your meeting?

A: Make a group decision about how to handle the general situation.

Workshop: Corrections

Chair: Mac B, Area 83 Corrections Chair

Speakers: Ann K, Gerry M, Deirdre B, David T

Q: Are meetings being put on at Juvenile Corrections Institutions?

A: At times in the Ottawa area.

A: AA speakers can be taken into Correctional Institutions with a temporary pass, rather than completing a full criminal background check.

Workshop: Unity Through Inventory

Chair: Barry W, Panel 49 Delegate

Q: How do you qualify a person to chair a group inventory?

A: Ask questions. Experience. Have a non- group member to chair.

Q: Do groups have to do an inventory?

A: Refer to the group pamphlet.

Q: Do you use 12 concepts for group inventory?

A: No

Q: Do you have to register with New York to be a home group?

A: No

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Q: Any tricks to motivate members to participate?

A: Announcements and reminders, lots of notice.

Q: Is agenda set by chair?

A: Yes

Q: Checklist not helpful

A: Do open forum.

Workshop: Public Information

Chair: Les M, Area 83 Public Information Chair

Speakers: Rose, Nigel, Gregg

Q: Letter to mental health organization to get a meeting.

A: Mental health org. reached out via email to Public Information email address.

Q: How to get public service announcement on radio.

A: Contact radio station via AA letter

Q: Do you know why school board rejected individual to speak?

A: Not vetted was the reason and then denied.

Q: Is there anything preventing me from working as an addiction counselor?

A: Stay with in AA. No affiliation.

Q: Any experience dealing with agencies not known to alcoholics?

A: We are trying to reach out via C.P.C.

Workshop: Treasurer/Self Support

Chair: Sue B, Area 83 Treasurer

Ray R, Area 83 Self Support Chair

Q: Birthday envelope. What is it?

A: For donations on your AA birthday.

Q: How do we get the birthday envelope?

A: From the general service office.

Workshop: Treatment

Chair: Marty M, Area 83 Treatment Chair

Speaker: Bill

Q: What do you say when leaving a voice mail-bridging the gap?

A: Just leave your name.

Q: What is the sobriety requirement for bridging the gap?

A: 1 to 2 years.

Q: Bridging the gap – Do you need to have a car?

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A: No. You can meet at a coffee shop or meeting.

Q: Treatment centers may be harm reduction centers now. How do we deal with that?

A: Harm reduction centers are not referring clients to AA.

Workshop: Accessibility

Chair: Mike B

Speaker: Ruth F

Q: To send out a list of Ruth's description of what a service dog is.

A: Yes.

Q: Accessibility door is closed during an AA meeting.

A: Have the group contact the facility they rent the room from.

Q: What do you do when people bring dogs to meetings that are not service dogs?

A: If the dog disrupts the meeting the group asks the member to leave the room.

Q: Group does not think the dog is a service dog.

A: The dog needs a mat to lay on plus not be disrupting.

Q: Is sign language service available?

A: Deaf person is responsible for signer and it is free.

Workshop: Archives

Chair: Eddy G, Area 83 Archives Chair

Speaker: Linda M.

Q: What do you do with oral histories that have no consent form?

A: If the person is deceased contact the family for permission – if being used outside of AA.

Workshop: Secretary/Registrar

Chair: James O, Area 83 Secretary

Amy L, Area 83 Registrar

Q: None

Workshop: Living in the heart of AA

Chair: Joyce S, Panel 65 Delegate

Speakers: Rob F, Kathie T, Mike

Comment: Fake it until you make it?

A: Fake the belief until it grows. Adopt the attitude and hang around until it feels right.

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Comment: Heart of AA is the newcomer – 24 hour chip

Comment: Heart in AA is giving rides (Don't ask – just tell them what time you will be there)

Comment: Heart of AA – Pull some one into the middle of AA. Sponsorship and going out for coffee.

Workshop: Grapevine

Chair: Robert B, Area 83 Grapevine Chair

Speaker: Karen, Cathy P, Glenn

Q: Are calendars and pocket planners on sale this weekend?

A: See you District Committee Member

Q: Is La Vigne part of AA Grapevine?

A: It is a separate entity.

Q: How is AA Grapevine doing financially?

A: It has been in the black for the last three years. More info on Sunday.

Comment: They give a grapevine to the newcomer.

Q: Customer service in California?

A: Hollywood California is where customer service is.

WORKSHOP: Traditions 4,5,6

Chair: JoAnn P, SID Committee

Speakers: Jenny C, Martin S, Michael A

Comment: Still suffering alcoholic – Tradition 5 applies to old timers too.

Q: Is 7<sup>th</sup> tradition given to outside enterprises i.e. treatment facilities?

A: Every group is autonomous.

Comment: AA name was used by an outside entity – private entity.

A: Go to entity and explain our traditions. They will understand if we explain their importance.

WORKSHOP: Co-operation with the Professional Community

Chair: Jim S, Area 83 CPC Chair

Q: Should talking to professionals be encouraged?

A: Yes – to carry our program to them in their environment.

Q: Do we talk about spirituality – what is it?

A: We explain it is a power greater than ourselves. We have no right to tell anyone what to believe.

Q: Canadian mental health asked for representation. City drug strategy panel asking for participation.

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A: Not affiliated with AA.  
Anonymity.

Q: How do we approach schools?

A: Some districts do mail outs. Some personally approach and some do not.

Workshop: Concepts , 4, 5, 6

Chair: Rob M, Area 83 Alternate Delegate

Speaker: Kim S, Area 83 Delegate

Q: Calling the question. Is there a process to say no too early?

A: No

Comment: Even the concepts can be applied to our daily lives. The voice of the minority is important for the newcomer to feel welcome.

Q: Flicker. What is it

A: It is a photo site.

Workshop: Anonymity/Spiritual Foundation

Chair: Roy R, Panel 53 Delegate

Comment: I was defiant. Principles before personalities. Principles keep us equal.

Q: What is the main reason for spiritual foundation.

A: To look after the individual's identity. We need to find an equal commonness. Program is an exercise in ego deflation.

Comment: He went to AA. Last name was used in public and affected his job (stigma).

Q: Anonymity after death. Why not discussed at funerals? Full names used at group level.

A: General Service Office consensus. Some families happy for the individual's sobriety but do not want family tree tied to AA. The decision is left up to the family.

Comment: Why do we have the spirit of anonymity? Is it for our common welfare (Tradition 1)? To keep AA unified. Anonymity in a small town difficult. The car parked in front of the church lets those know I am an alcoholic.

Comment: Workplace – Boss walks into AA meeting. Boss is a member and understands anonymity and tells employee his or her anonymity will be protected. Employee can inform supervisor of AA membership. Be careful of whom you tell of your recovery.

Comment: Bill W stated we should not be too anonymous in meetings. After death the family may not want an individual's membership to be known, to protect the anonymity of others present.

Q: Does gossip break anonymity.

A: Yes.