

Area 83 Eastern Ontario International

Area Assembly Minutes

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1. OPENING

Good morning everyone. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the 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.

In July, Bernie S, our panel 41 Past Delegate from 1991-1992 passed away. And on October 12th, Herb W who served 6 years as Area Sub-Committee Chair for 3 different committees also passed away. Both will be greatly missed by the many lives they have touched in Area 83. Perhaps we can think of them and their families during a Moment's Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Can we have that moment now please?

12 Traditions read by: Dave H position: GSR – D10 – Yorkville Group

12 Concepts – Short Form read by: Sean B position: GSR – D12 – Stepping Stones

Welcome everybody to the Fall Assembly.

Did everyone enjoy the Service Information Day yesterday?

And how about the banquet, last night?

I am sure you enjoyed the speaker last evening! Thanks again Jo-Anne!!

Introduction

This is our fourth and final Assembly in this term. During the remainder of this 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 569 Active Groups, including 8 meetings that occur in correctional facilities. Most groups are in Ontario but we have 21 groups in New York and 7 groups in Quebec.

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 awesome!!

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.

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

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

Introduce officers

On my far right, our Panel 67 Delegate,	Kim S
On my immediate right, our Alternate Delegate,	Rob M
On my immediate left is our Secretary,	James O'D
Beside James is our Treasurer,	Sue B
Beside Sue is our Registrar,	Amy L
Our Panel 65 Immediate Past Delegate is	Joyce S
And I'm your Chairperson,	Kimberley M

Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information Chairperson	Les M
Cooperation with the Professional Community Chairperson	Jim S
Correctional Facilities Chairperson	Rob M
Treatment / Accessibilities Chairperson	Marty M
Grapevine Chairperson	Robert B
Self-Support Chairperson	Ray R
Archives Chairperson	Eddy G
Service Information Day Chairperson	Shane H

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

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

Today we have with us :

Panel 49 Past Delegate Barry W
Panel 53 Past Delegate Roy R
Panel 59 Past Delegate Sandy S

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Panel 61 Past Delegate Robb W

Panel 63 Past Delegate Mel C

And in Appointed positions we have:

Area Archivist – Linda McQ

We have with us today Service visitors:

With us this weekend we have Jo-Anne C L who served as Panel 52 Delegate of Area 80, Manitoba. She also served as Trustee-at-Large/ Canada from 2007-2011. As well as Interim Eastern Canada Regional Trustee for a time.

We also have with us from Area 86 their Delegate, Dale S., and their Alternate Delegate, Sandi W.

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

The 2 year term of our current webmaster Jim R. is up at the end of this year. Unfortunately Jim has had to resign early due to personal reasons. George McQ, the Alternate webmaster had agreed to assume the duties and responsibilities of webmaster until the end of the term. I have sent out a call letter for the position of Webmaster effective January 1, 2019. Please share this call letter with prospective applicants and ask that they apply by November 25, 2018.

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.

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.

This afternoon, especially during the elections, please keep the aisles and along the walls free allow people to move easily about the room. There is a tendency to spread out the chairs for a little more elbow room and flow into the aisles as the day goes on. During our elections, this will slow down the ballot distribution and collection process and I doubt anyone wants that.

Please be considerate to those around you and help to keep this a scent free zone.

SMOKING AREA

THE ONLY SMOKING AREA is outside, please use the disposal 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 those in the Ballroom.

NAMETAG HOLDERS

When you leave for home this afternoon or evening, please leave your name tag holders in the boxes provided near the doors. We re-use them to save money.

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

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the Spring Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs, and District Committee Member's, will meet four times this year. We have already met in Quinte West in January, June and September and we will meet again in December. Our next Area Committee Meeting will be on December 1st, 2018. Please note that anyone can attend the Area Committee Meeting in Quinte West. We welcome all visitors.

A schedule of tentative dates for meetings in 2019 will be included in the minutes.

Year	Date	What	Where
2018	December 1 <u>approved</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	January 5 <u>tentative</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	March 29,30,31 <u>approved</u>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel
2019	June 1 <u>tentative</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	September 7 <u>tentative</u>	Area Committee Meeting	Westminster United Church
2019	October 25,26,27 <u>tentative</u>	Area Assembly	Ambassador Hotel

On the website, you can find agendas for upcoming meetings, both for the Area Committee Meetings and for the Assemblies approximately 6 weeks before the date of the meeting. This is to ensure that all groups and districts have an opportunity to discuss upcoming motions before voting takes place.

Any concerns with respect to our meeting rooms, catering for the banquet or other issues for this weekend event, should be directed to the Area Chairperson not the hotel. That way, whether it affects one or all, the Area has a record of it for future Assembly weekends. Email your concerns or needs to chairperson@area83aa.org.

SEVENTH TRADITION

The 7th traditions collected this weekend will help to offset the cost of this weekend. The hotel charges us \$16.50 per person which covers much more than the cost of coffee/tea/pop. We are not charged for the majority of room rentals, or for the staff who set up and clean the atrium and meeting rooms over the weekend. There are contribution boxes beside the coffee urns for your convenience. We had a 7th tradition Friday night, again at the banquet last night and we will have another one today. Please keep these costs in mind when the 7th is being passed around.

WHO VOTES?

Only members of the Assembly may vote.

These are:

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

Just to let you know, the hotel restaurant, like yesterday, will be offering a light buffet of sandwiches, wraps, soup and salad with a dessert and beverage for a cost of \$12.70 per person, starting at 11:45am.

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.

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This next part may be unique to A.A. If, after the minority has spoken, someone from the majority side of the vote wishes to change their vote, that person may make a motion to reconsider. If this 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, 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 shared.
- 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.

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May I have a motion to operate on simple majority?

MOVED: VINCE R – D02 – GSR

SECONDED: SUE G – D10 – GSR

DISCUSSION? NO

All those in Favour? All

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Motion was passed.

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

After New business you will see the motion which is deferred to the Spring Assembly 2019. The Area Committee decided to defer this item to the Spring Assembly partly to keep this election assembly ending at a reasonable time. But more importantly, it was deferred to allow time for you to take this back to your group for a thorough discussion. This motion was initially discussed and passed at the June ACM. Please refer to the minutes from the September ACM for several important discussion points to share with your group. Important considerations such as how to implement this motion, if passed, and possible repercussions are explained in the September minutes. With that said, we will not be entertaining any discussion relating to this motion today. If you have questions or concerns, please share these with your group and your DCM.

Please note that under agenda item 14 it should read Spring Assembly, not Fall.

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? Are there any Floor Motions? No.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED - NONE

MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA?

MOVED: MIKE B – D62 – DCM

SECONDED: TREVOR F – D62 – GSR

Any discussion? NO

All those in favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Motion was passed.

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

3. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES of the Spring Assembly, Sunday March 25, 2018

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

NONE

May I Have a Motion to accept minutes as submitted?

MOVED: PHIL L – D06 – GSR

SECONDED: WILL H – D14 – ALT DCM

Any discussion? None

All those in favour? ALL

All those opposed? None

Any abstentions? None

Motion was passed.

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4. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

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

Public Information

Les M

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 who attended the Public Information Workshop yesterday and also many thanks for those of you that stayed up and attended the combine CPC / PIC meeting last evening.

Things are pretty slow for me with PIC, but that is okay, because this tells us that all our Districts are doing a great job with their PIC commitments. I was asked to do the District 34 Elections, and I fulfil that request. Was also asked to do District 30 Elections , but due to another commitment, I had to say no.

Jim S our Area 83 CPC Chair and I along with our editor Joyce S were able to put together another PIC / CPC newsletter for your all of you to enjoy. Many thanks to all that sent reports for the letter.

I still get the Districts minutes which make for great reading, and keeps us informed as to what's happening in the Districts.

I have PIC Workbooks and Kits for sale.

You can reach me at : picarea83@gmail.com.

On a final 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

Hello everyone, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Sunday Nighters Group in District 82 Victoria/Haliburton, and my name is Jim S. It is with much gratitude that I serve you as your Cooperation With the Professional Community Chair.

I would like to thank Kelly B for helping me with my workshop yesterday. The final workshop in a term has always been the toughest for me because there is a mixture of members who have been there for the other three, and then members who are there for the first time. So getting a balance to look after both can be a challenge. Kelly helped me with that. As well, thank you to all who attended both the workshop and the combined PI/CPC meeting last night.

Your Public Information Chair Les M and myself have worked together to put out the final copy of the newsletter. Thank you to all the Districts and Intergroups that submitted an article to be included in it. I thank Joyce S for editing it and making some suggestions that improved the final copy.

The final Assembly of the term is always the saddest for me because it is the time to say farewell. I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve not only the Districts in Area 83 but Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Service has been a big part of my journey in sobriety. Most of the people I have met are dedicated, strong members of A.A. and have made my life that much better.

If you are thinking about standing for a position I encourage you to let your name stand. Alcoholics Anonymous, whether it be group, District or Area cannot survive without volunteers, and the volunteers come from the fellowship.

Wishing you all Acceptance, Serenity, Courage and Wisdom.

Yours in the Love and Service of A.A. - Jim

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Correctional Facilities

Rob M

Hi everyone, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Motor City 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.

I spoke to our Corrections chair Mac on Tuesday evening. Mac has stepped down from this position because of ongoing health issues. He is expecting to make a full recovery, but won't be able to fulfil his role as Corrections chair for the rest of the term.

Mac informed me that there hasn't been much activity in corrections at Area 83 lately. He hasn't had any bridging the gap requests for a couple of months, and didn't have anything else he wanted me to report. I have been given access to the Area 83 correctional facilities email and will look after any bridging the gap requests, and reply to any other email received.

I facilitated the corrections meeting last night with the District corrections chairs. There were 10 members in attendance, with great discussion and exchange of information.

Area 83 is grateful for Mac's service, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

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

Treatment /Accessibility

Marty M

Hello everyone, I am a grateful alcoholic, my name is Marty. I'm a member of the Open Hands group in Mississauga; district 6. It is my privilege to serve as your Area 83 Treatment / Accessibility chair.

Since the spring assembly in March, I have received and sent out an additional 41 Bridging the Gap requests. That's a total of 65 requests so far this year. Last year at this time I had 74. This summer was a bit slow.

I want to again say a heartfelt thank you to the members whom I send these requests to. Together we are making a difference.

The clear majority of requests come from Belleville and the Clients leaving treatment there. I want to commend Brian and Stephen for all your efforts and for sending so many requests for me to pass along. They really have a great program going with Addictions and Mental Health centre. I encourage all districts to do the same with the treatment facilities in your region.

I continue to work with the Treatment chair of Area 86; sending BTG requests back and forth to each other. Also, she helps me to find a contact person to the west where Area 83 lacks coverage.

Last year I was contacted by treatment centres all over Ontario as well as Manitoba, Saskatchewan and B.C and one person returning home to Montreal. This year has been exclusively Ontario with the exception of one. Just last week I got a message from a gentleman leaving Treatment next month in Erin, ON and returning home to Brooklyn, N.Y. after a short stay with family in Mississauga. I will be contacting him myself, taking him to some meetings, to help ensure that his stay will be a sober one.

In May I did a presentation on treatment / Accessibility at Info A.A. day for the 8 districts in Toronto. I'll be speaking in Brampton for district 2 later next month.

Accessibility is pretty slow until the assembly weekends. I am still involved in the greater Toronto Area Accessibility committee, and reporting to Toronto Intergroup. Our updating of the meeting lists is still ongoing. I have received accessibility checklists from only district 6, still waiting for others to come in. My hopes are to submit a request to update the meeting listings by the end of the year. Another issue that was raised at the committee was the Ontario Regional Conference. I have been assured that next year's ORC will be fully accessible as the venue has changed to the Sheraton Centre Hotel on Queen St. West, Toronto.

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It has been my humble pleasure to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in South Eastern Ontario this past 2 years. I have met so many wonderful people through emails and of course at these assembly weekends. I thank you all for this opportunity. It has truly enhanced my sobriety and my life in general.

Yours in Love and Service, Marty

Grapevine

Robert B

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

Subscription for Canada

Subscription Grapevine magazine \$35.00 (US) = I paid Jan 2018 \$41.32 (CDN)

Subscription Online Grapevine magazine \$34.97 (US)

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

NEW ANDROID Android Grapevine Subscription App and iPhones and iPads \$23.88 (US)

NEW BOOKS - AA IN THE MILITARY

- ONE BIG TENT (Atheist and agnostic AA member's stores)

District 18 Grapevine chair Glenn & Toronto intergroup Bert worked together to sell 190 copies of One Big Tent, amongst the 267 attendees of the Secular conference.

Toronto Intergroup has lowered cost of most Grapevine Books to \$13.50.

All the September order pocket planners and wall calendars have been distributing.

I would like to thank the Grapevine workshop speakers Deirdre, Lillian, Don Brian and a great thanks to all the Grapevine Reps. For all their work and enthusiasm in informing the fellowship about Grapevine.

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Editorial Dept. 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115

Free on aagrapevine.org I-Poll and Sobriety Calculator.

Thanks Robert B. Area 83 Grapevine Chair

grapevine@area83aa.org

Self-Support

Ray R

I'm an alcoholic. a member of The Last Chance Group, serving as your area 83, panel 67, Self Support Chair, my name is Ray R. June was unofficially declared Founders Day Gratitude month..The idea was to pick up a special donation during the month, in recognition of founders day, and donate it to an entity of your choice, done totally anonymously of course. Some districts participated, and some elected not to. I did get some positive feed back and I hope it's an idea that will catch on and continue in the years to come. I had the privilege of facilitating the elections for the table officers for district 2 in June, The positions were all filled, and it looks like District 2 is one again, in good hands.

I presented at the district 22 service day in September, which was a great experience, it was well organized, had great presenters, and lunch was over the top. I will also be presenting at the district 2 service day in November, and I really looking forward to that.

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I restocked Self Support literature from GSO in august, in both french and english, and they're available at the Self Support display in the atrium.

My presentation yesterday went well, there were no power point, no props, no guest speakers, I just started a conversation that I hope will continue at the districts, and group level, and that the fact that self support is more than just money, it requires time, talent, and energy.

I met with the District Self Support Chairs last night in the Toronto rm. 8 of us shared and exchanged ideas for about 1hr 20 mins. I listened as they expressed some frustration for the lack of service volunteers at their districts, but remained optimistic that, like always, things will work themselves out.

I continue to meet with some of the GTA Self Support Chairs, and still small in numbers, we are big in heart. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, @ 7:30, at the Toronto Intergroup office, were all are encouraged to attend, and you don't have to be a self support chair to come.

A plug for Grapevine, but it still falls under self support. Grapevine inc. gets all its revenue from the sales of their literature, calendars, pocket planners etc. they cannot accept cash donations unlike GSO. So if you would like to make a donation to Grapevine, do it in the form of a purchase.

I've got 2 months left in my term, and I will be available for presentation, or general questions, and I can be reached at support@area83aa.org. continue sending me your reports, and remember..service is Self-Support.

Yours 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.

Archives Workshop and the Area 83 Archives Committee Meeting- Thank you everyone for attending these two meetings yesterday.

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

-Holiday Gift Book Package- on the GSO Website there is a 4-volume book gift set available until mid-January 2019 for \$30.00 US. The books are- Commemorative First Edition Reprint of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous, Pass It On, Dr. Bob and the Good Old-Timers & AA Comes of Age.

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

"The Eighty-Three" Archives Newsletter- is out. It was emailed out to the Area. Thank you James (Area 83 Secretary). Also the newsletter is on the Area 83 Website at area83aa.org/resources/archives and Thank you George (Area 83 Alt. Webmaster). There are hard copies at the back table.

Thank you Gary C. (Past Area 83 Archives Chair) & Linda McQ. (Area 83 Archivist) for the articles & David T. (Immediate Past Area 83 Archivist) for putting the newsletter together.

Future "The Eighty-Three"Articles-If your District & groups are interested in helping out with writing & submitting an article on the history of your District or groups we would appreciate it. DCM's please pass this on to your GSR's. Also if you would like to see an article on a specific topic let us know. Articles can be submitted to the following: archives@area83aa.org or archivist@area83aa.org

Area 83 Archives Group Membership Survey- has been emailed out to all the DCM's. Thank you James and it will be passed on to all GSR's. The survey is on the website and there are hard copies at the back table. GSR's please take a copy and please read the purpose of the survey and the instructions first before you conduct the survey with your group members.

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Thank You- to All, Area 83, the Past Area 83 Archives Chairs- Gord H., Milner G., Peter N., Gary C., our Immediate Past Area 83 Archivist David T. and Linda McQ. our Area 83 Archivist for all your help and allowing me to serve as your Area 83 Archives Chairperson these past two years.

AA Items- please keep in mind if you're thinking of throwing away any AA items or not sure what to do with them talk to your District Archives Chair first or our Area 83 Archives Chair or our Area 83 Archivist Linda McQ.

Keep in Mind a Quote- from Carl Sandberg

"Whenever a society or civilization perishes there is always one condition present:
They forgot where they came from".

Area 83 Archivist Report - Linda McQ. has been helping me (as mentioned in the Archives Chairperson's Report) in the planning & participating with the Eighty-Three Archives Newsletter, the Archives Workshop at Service Information Day, the Area 83 Archives Committee Meeting (Fall Assembly Weekend) & The Area 83 Archives Group Membership Survey.

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

Service Information Day Committee

Shane H

Hello friends I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane, A very grateful Alcoholic to have been given the privilege to serve as your Service Information Day chairperson. We have received a lot of positive feedback on the workshops we planned and facilitated, and this Alcoholic is so happy that we were able to get Herb W to put on a workshop, little did we know it would be his last hurrah...maybe he did. All we know is he did an amazing job. He was so gratefull I passed it on to the committee..... just thankful to participate wow, in fact all the presenters were grateful.

As a chair I could not have asked for a stronger committee, Mike B, Dave B, JoAnn P, Rob A and Dave L. We all did our part and I truly believe we were all elected because of our different skill sets. Now that I have had time to reflect I did the best I could and learned so much. If you are an incoming DCM we of the committee urge you to let your name stand for the service information day committee it may change your life, if not you will come out of it with much stronger recovery and will be able too serve your Brothers and sisters wow what a privilege , Thank you for allowing me to serve yours in Service Shane H Panel 67 Eastern International Area 83 Service Information Day chairperson .

5. Treasurers Report followed by the 7th Tradition

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 the banquet tickets, total tickets sold were 228. Banquet sales in 2017: Spring – 227, Fall – 250 (Sold Out) 2018: Spring-199.

The hotel charges us a flat rate of \$16.50 per person this weekend. This covers coffee/tea/pop, cleaning of the atrium, meeting rooms, and staff etc. We are also not charged for the majority of room rentals during our Assembly weekends. This cost is what the 7th we collect goes towards. Please keep this in mind when the 7th comes around.

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

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after entering credit card information. PayPal charges a fee of 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction. There have been three contributions so far this year through PayPal.

At the Spring Assembly of this year, the Proposed Spending Guidelines for 2018 were passed. This included a contribution to the General Service Office (GSO) on behalf of Area 83 for up to \$5,000.00. Once this Fall Assembly has been paid for, I will be sending the GSO the approved contribution for the full amount of \$5,000.00 on behalf of Area 83. We have the funds to do this, and we will still be in good shape for the incoming term.

In each of the District Committee Members mail folders, as well as the Area Committee Members folders, you will find copies of the Financial Statement for the period ending October 19, 2018. 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 paying 1.4% interest maturing September 11, 2020.

Income for the period:

- 7th tradition collected at the January, June, and September Area Committee Meetings totaled \$733.50. At the Spring Assembly, \$3,214.30 was collected. Combined total = \$3,947.80.
- Cost Recovery is \$179.00. This is from the sale of Service Manuals sold by the Service Information Day Committee at the Spring Assembly and up to September 8, 2018.
- GSO Flow Through = \$60.00 (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 the total cheque is deposited.)
- Grapevine Seasonals = \$3,890.00 was collected for Pocket Planners and Calendars.
- Group and District contributions = \$43,278.75.

Total income for the period is \$51,235.55.

Expenses for the period:

- Total Committee Expenses is \$25,632.75.
- Area Committee Meetings – January, June and September rent and refreshments = \$1,089.50.
- General Service Conference Assessment \$10,386.94 CDN; total cost was \$8,200.00 US and has been paid in full to the General Service Office
- Bank service charges – \$177.34.
- PayPal Fees – \$6.70.
- Forum, held in July in Victoriaville, Quebec – \$2,319.34
- Grapevine Seasonals - \$3,920.51. The difference from the amount under Income is \$30.51 which is the exchange rate. Pretty good considering Robert had to set a price back in May!!
- GSO Flow Through - \$60.00. (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.)
- Ontario Delegate's Conference (ODC), held in March in Thunder Bay – \$1,603.80

Total expenses for the period are \$45,076.88.

To date income is \$6,158.67 higher than expenses.

The bank balance on October 19, 2018 was \$50,716.10. As of that date, all cheques received have been processed, and letters of receipt, along with return contribution envelopes were sent out.

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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.

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

Under Committee Expenses:

- The amount shown for Treatment/Accessibility under Literature, \$341.94, is for an order purchased from the GSO. Both displays required replenishing as this has not been done in a few years. In the same line under Miscellaneous, the amount of \$476.33 is for a new Treatment Display Board and Area 83 Poster.
- Beside the Spring Assembly, under meals you see \$5,997.65. This is an Assembly expense which covers coffee/tea/pop, cleaning of the atrium, meeting rooms, and staff etc. We are also not charged for the majority of room rentals during our Assembly weekends. The above cost works out to be \$15.00 per person. In the same line under Miscellaneous, the amount of \$1,113.00 includes the rental of the Archives room, DVD rental, data projectors and the set up of the ballroom.

Under Other Expenses:

- 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 \$8,200.00 US, or \$10,386.94 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 \$1,226.61 lower compared to this time last year
- expenses are up \$2,912.25 (no Forum last year, received less in 7th Tradition collections, General Service Conference (GSC) was held in New York, NY etc)
- Contributions are up \$1,021.92 compared to this time last year with seven less Groups, and two less Districts contributing in comparison

The resulting net change to our operating account is \$4,138.86.

Page 3 shows contributions by District. These amounts include contributions from Districts, as well as Groups within the District. You can see that 142 Groups and 14 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 19, 2018 have been processed, and letters of receipt have been sent out.

This weekend's 7th Tradition was: Friday \$699.80, Saturday \$1,178.45, and Sunday \$1,454.05, for a total of \$3,332.30 collected over the weekend. Total contributions in the coffee boxes over the weekend was \$207.90, for a combined weekend total of \$3,540.20. I would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions.

The rates for the 2019 Spring Assembly, being held March 29 – 31, will be as follows:

Room Rates:

- Traditional, 2 Queen Beds - \$107.00 + applicable taxes. A valid credit card is required to guarantee all reservations. When making reservations, contact the Hotel at 1-800-267-7880 and quote the Group Name "Spring Assembly Area 83". (You cannot email your reservation)

Our block of Hotel rooms will be held until February 25, 2019. After this date, you will not be guaranteed a room.

Food and Beverage Prices:

- Saturday Dinner Buffet – \$39.50 per person including gratuity and tax

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- Assembly Fee – \$17.25 per person including gratuity and tax

I would like to thank those Districts who send me their Minutes; I do love to read them.

In closing, thank you to the 142 Groups and 14 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.

Most of all, thank you, for allowing me to serve as your Area 83 Treasurer for the 2017 – 2018 term. I thoroughly enjoyed the position, meeting so many of you, and I had a lot of fun!!! Service rocks!!

Yours in Love and Service,

Sue B - Area 83 Treasurer - Panel 67

6. Secretary

James O'D

It's hard to believe that we have already arrived at our final Assembly. The time has just flown by.

Even though we have waived the reading of the District Committee Reports, it is important that the Districts continue to share what is going on in your District. Feel free to send me your reports at your earliest convenience for inclusion in the minutes. At the current time I have received 5 DCM reports, 2 Sub Committee reports and 3 officer reports.

Area Committee folders have been moved from the atrium into this room and are located to my right (your left) on the table. Please empty your folders as often there is time sensitive material that is destined for the groups in your District.

Thank you for continuing to send in District roster updates for this term. A new roster will be sent out in the next two weeks. If you already have already had your elections for the new 2019-2020 (Panel 69) term please send those to me. I will begin compiling the new roster that will be entered into the FNV (GSO database). Past Delegates and Appointed positions will appear on the next roster.

As the GSO will be migrating all the information to a new database early next year there may be a delay in receiving sub-committee kits. Most kits are available on the Area 83 website under RESOURCES, SECRETARY. There you will find the digital kits with hyperlinks to all the information you would have received by mail. While you will still receive the hard copies (if requested) the new committee member can get a start on their new duties.

Where I have been:

June 2nd – ACM – Belleville
July 10th – Lakeshore Districts Conference - Oshawa
July 20-22 – Eastern Canada Regional Forum – Victoriaville
Sept 8th – ACM – Belleville
Sept 15th – Strathroy Roundup – Strathroy
Oct 5-7th – Toronto Gratitude Roundup – Toronto

Where I will be:

December 1st – ACM – Belleville

After that...unknown.

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Thank you to everyone who came to the Secretary/Registrar workshop yesterday. We got to hear from two fantastic members who shared their experience growing in the position – as trusted servants and personally.

A special thank you to Amy, our Registrar who has been my “partner in crime” over the last two years. We have had lots of laughs and had lots of fun. I will miss our time together.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, each and every member of Area 83, who saw fit to allow me to serve you, our Area and A.A. as a whole. It has been a privilege and humbling experience that I will never forget.

7. Roll call And Registrar

Amy L

Hello 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.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Secretary/Registrar Workshop yesterday. James and I had a good time as we discussed the importance of keeping records up to date and that these updates should pass from the District Registrar to the Area Registrar, who is the main link between the groups and the General Service Office (GSO). Bev H from District 34 and Donna C from District 36 were able to impart some first-hand experience serving in these roles for their Districts.

Currently, Area 83 has 569 registered groups; Every group should have a representative registered with GSO. That could be a GSR or a Primary contact for the group. When a group does not have a representative, they are considered Unknown To GSO. Over my term with the help of some very tenacious Registrars and DCMs we were able to take the number from 27 down to 9 unknown groups. Last week 2 more popped up, so we are back up to 11. However, while doing the Tally last night, I found that one person has signed in as the GSR for one of these unknown Groups.

It is important that you keep your contact information current. If any of your details change such as mailing address, phone number or email, please send an email of your changes to your district registrar and me at (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 cannot be delivered.

We are coming into a new term and I expect that many Groups are rotating their service representatives. If you are a new General Service Representative make sure that you pass your information on to the District Registrar. Your District Registrar will send the changes to me and I will update the General Service Office database. Once I have entered your data, it takes approximately 3 weeks for your GSR kits to be mailed. While you are waiting for your kit to arrive we have a link to the contents of the GSR kit online, if you go to the Registrar's Resource tab on the Area83 website (<http://area83aa.org/resources/area-registrar>).

To the District Registrars. I am happy to receive group change information any time between now and January 1. However, if the GSRs are coming into their positions starting January 1, I will need to know that as they should not be entered into the database until after December 15th. I will be sending out Group Information Sheets after the Assembly. Feel free to use these documents to update Group changes or if you prefer, you can use the Group Change forms.

The forms required to change Group information or add New Groups are available on the Area's Website (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.

Thank you to those Districts that send me their minutes, it has been nice following your District's activities.

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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 that has been very welcoming and helpful to all of us.

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 did much better than previously in recycling- let's keep it up, it one way we can reduce unnecessary expenses. I have set up 5 boxes around the hotel for you to drop them off before you leave.

The Roll Call for Area 83 2018 Fall Assembly: 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 visitor. 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 counted as voting member of that group. 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.

[SEE APPENDIX "B"]

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to AA.

Yours, in love & service, Amy L. Panel 67 Registrar - Area 83 - Eastern Ontario International
registrar@area83aa.org

8. Alternate Delegate

Rob M

Hi everyone, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Motor City 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've gained a better understanding of the concepts by doing these workshops, and I hope those in attendance found them informative.

Here's what I've been doing since our last Assembly.

On April 14th I was at the District 28 Roundup in Oshawa, April 28th was the District 30 Roundup in Brighton, and May 2nd the District 82 Roundup in Lindsay. All 3 were well organized, well attended, great days of fellowship and recovery.

On May 1st I went to the joint sharing session at Toronto Intergroup. It was an informative session, and a good opportunity for me to learn about the GTA Intergroup. I gave a brief report on behalf of Area 83.

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On May 26th I was at Info AA Day in Toronto. It was a great day of Service organized by the GTA Intergroup, and the 8 Districts in Toronto. May 27th I was at the Service Information Day in Oshawa hosted by District 28 in co-operation with Districts 26, 82, and 86. Another well organized, well attended Service Day.

June 16th was the tri districts Service day in Pembroke put on by Districts 70, 74, and 78. It was a great day of service and fellowship. The workshops facilitated by members of the three districts were well done.

July 20th – 22nd was the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Victoriaville Quebec. What an amazing, informative weekend. I attended all of the presentations and General Sharing sessions, as well as workshops on Group conscience, and AA around the world. Both were very interesting. Forums provide an opportunity for back and forth communication between the General Service Board, the General Service Office staff and the Fellowship. During sharing sessions all are invited to ask questions, and share comments. The Trustees and staff members do their best to answer our questions, and take note of our comments and concerns. A Forum is helpful to find ways to communicate our message of recovery with each other, and most importantly, with the Alcoholic who still suffers. Area 83 will host the 2020 Eastern Canada Regional Forum at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel November 13th – 15th.

On Saturday morning at the Forum Kim and I attended a breakfast meeting for CERAASA. Area 90 North West Quebec will host CERAASA February 22nd – 24th, 2019 in Laval. Registration and hotel information is available on the website www.ceraasa.org/en/index.php

Remote Communities conference calls took place in July, and September. I've mentioned before that we don't really have Remote Communities in Area 83, but these committees are really active in other Areas. Area 83 is happy to be part of this committee, and we support remote communities in any way we can. Our next Conference call will be on November 19th.

On October 15th I facilitated elections for District 14. Most of the positions were filled, and it was nice to see enthusiasm for service in the District.

I've accepted an invitation to participate in a concepts workshop being hosted by Toronto Intergroup on November 24th.

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

9. Delegate

Kim S

My name is Kim. I am an alcoholic, a member of the St. Clements Group and your Panel 67 Delegate. Well it has been a whirlwind since I reported at the Spring Assembly. After the Assembly I spent any free time getting ready for the General Service Conference. Thank you for your help in being prepared for the conference. For those of you that took the surveys to your districts and groups, thank you. Thank you for the time and effort. Knowing how you felt about some issues, helped. The Conference was in New York and for me was the best conference ever! I went a few days early, ran around New York snapping pics, went to a baseball game at Yankee Stadium and I became another year older.

So much happened at this Conference that was beyond any expectations I had as I shared yesterday during the Delegate's session.

I travelled Eastern Ontario and into New York State to give conference reports. It all started on

May 26 at Info A.A Day. This was for all the Toronto Districts (02, 06, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 22). On May 27 I was at the Alano Club in Oshawa for Districts 26, 28, 82, & 86. On June 9 I was at the Ottawa Gratitude Day for Districts 54, 58 & 62. On June 10, I went to Ogdensburg for Districts 42, 48 & 66 and June 16 in Pembroke for Districts 70, 74 & 78.

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On May 16th I facilitated the District 06 inventory. There was a great turnout with a lot of sharing. On the subject of Inventories, I also facilitated the Lakeshore Group Inventory on July 8th.

I attended the Eastern Canada Regional Forum from July 20-22nd. On Saturday I attended the Delegate breakfast at the request of our new Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, Jan. Delegates and Alternates from Eastern Canada met for breakfast. Jan got to know us a little bit better and we got to know her as well. She was elected at the conference in April. Also, Luc the CERAASA Chair, gave us an update. Mark your calendars for February 2019.

The GSB will be looking for two Class A Trustees in 2019. If you know someone in the professional field please pass on this information. Keep in mind that this is for "Amateurs" – not alcoholics.

From July 9th to the 22nd a poll was taken at the 68th GSC to resolve a discrepancy with the scheduled dates of the 69th GSC. There was 100% participation. Confirmed through the polling, the conference dates are now May 19-25th. There was a conflict with Easter weekend. They decided to put it out to the conference members to vote. There was a minority opinion. Many emails went around. I found it very interesting to part of this kind of poll situation. The dates are now set. Things like INFO AA Day will need to be changed as it can't be in May next year. Some Areas have been burdened financially by the change. Jan asked if anyone could tell her how much the inconvenience may cost. While we are not effected but some Areas are.

On July 30th the GSB held their third quarterly meeting, Jan sent us her diary of her trip to the meeting. It was interesting to hear as she shared each day of her experience. Jan has been assigned to the following committees: Corrections, Literature, CPC, Treatment/Accessibility. All trustee committees reviewed their composition, scope and procedures as well as their 2018 conference advisory actions and additional actions. First up for her was Corrections and she was named Vice Chair of this committee. That was her first board meeting! For CPC, Treatment/accessibility she was appointed to a sub-committee regarding the deaf and hard of hearing. This is done predominantly by conference calls so she looks forward to seeing how this goes.

Some of the information, as I also receive some of the board minutes, are unofficial as they haven't been accepted yet. But just a couple of items I wanted to share with you. PI – Video PSA "Changes" is in post-production. This item was approved at the 68th conference and is being added to aa.org.

The AAWS YouTube copyright notices and custom URL page have all been implemented on the YouTube channel. Subscriptions have increased to 1300 with new subscriptions daily.

The Anonymity in the Digital Age placard in the medium size, 11X17, is now being priced at \$11 each. The smaller one, 8 ½ X 11, is priced at \$8.50. Not sure how much the posters will be but they are in production.

They also set up an ad hoc committee to look at the Safety Card because of feedback from the fellowship. They want to make sure that this is really what we want and/or need.

Carrying the message of the program through AA Grapevine and LaViña remains the focus. Subscriptions and product sales are essential to self-support– they are self-supporting. Please remember that Grapevine is completely self-supporting with no contributions. Digital and print will continue to gradually decline without more effective outreach to the fellowship. The Grapevine app continues to gradually find its audience.

In CPC the secretary reported the progress of the LinkedIn page. The committee agreed to move forward being realistically mindful of what the company page can really accomplish.

These are just a few items from a 63 page report. Something I wanted to bring to your attention is the time that the Trustees are putting in. When we give our report about where we have been I am amazed at how much time they put into serving the fellowship. Next time you see a Trustee, shake their hand and say thank you because they are putting in a lot of time.

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September 9 I facilitated the District 2 inventory. I attended the Toronto Gratitude Conference on October 6th. I spoke on service on a panel in the afternoon. Six people were in the room. It was a bit disheartening with the turnout but not many people want to hear about service when they can listen to someone's story. The good news is that there was a lot of time for questions and everyone had a chance to ask. I also attended the Scarborough Roundup on October 13th. It was a great day with 3 powerful speakers. On November 13th I am facilitating a mid-term inventory at District 18. On November 14th I am facilitating the District 12 inventory. I am also presenting at the District 2 Service Day on November 24th.

For everyone letting their name stand today, good luck! If you have not decided whether to let your name stand, please do. If you think you cannot do it...you can. Anyone can.

Thank you for my sobriety and for electing me your Delegate 2 years ago. I had no idea what was ahead of me and I am so glad that I didn't. I would not have given it justice. It has been a spiritual experience beyond anything I could have dreamed of. It has been a ride only a few experience and I know how lucky I am. I feel as though I am just beginning after 19 years of attending Assemblies...wow. There is more for me and I can hardly wait to experience the continued road of service.

10. Chairperson's Report

Kimberley M

Good morning, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Ajax Area Group in District 26 and my name is Kimberley. It has been an honour to serve Area 83 as Chairperson for this term. Thank you for your part in making chairing these meetings go smoothly.

Reflecting on this term...

In January of 2017, we passed a motion that the 2020 Eastern Canada Regional Forum be hosted in Ottawa.

At Forums and the General Service Conference, Delegates often share pins with other Delegates. We had run out of the pins purchased approx. 6 years ago so at our first Assembly, we passed a motion to order 1000 pins for distribution by our Delegate.

At the same Assembly we passed a motion to amend the Operating Procedures to review the location and expenses for the assemblies every 4 years, beginning in 2020.

At the September 2017 Area Committee meeting we worked our way through a whopping 13 motions. 12 of the motions were related to the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee looking into Archives. 7 of those motions passed and 4 of them went to the Fall Assembly. At the Assembly 3 of the 4 motions passed. As a result, updates were made to the responsibilities related to either the Archives Chair or the Archivist.

It was at our Assembly last fall that we asked our Delegate to relay our desire to the General Service Conference that "The God Word" pamphlet be adopted by US/Canada.

During this term our Treatment /Accessibility Chair, Marty, created a new and improved map of the districts within our Area thanks to your help. It can be found on our website.

Last September a new Archivist was appointed and in January this year a new Alternate Webmaster was appointed.

You may have noticed a poster sized agenda in the Atrium for Service Information Day. At the Spring Assembly it was felt that this might reduce the need for paper copies.

We no longer have last names on agendas at the Area level. This is the result of a discussion that took place at the June Area Committee meeting earlier this year.

In July, Area 83 was well represented at the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Victoriaville, Quebec.

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Being your Chairperson has been an awesome learning experience. The guidance provided by those who have gone before me has been invaluable and much appreciated.

I believe that this committee as a whole worked very well together and I want to thank everyone for allowing me this unforgettable opportunity to practice principles before personalities.

Yours in love and service, Kimberley

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: EILEEN – D28 – GSR SECONDED: MARTIN ST-L – D36 - DCM
Any discussion? None
All those in favour? ALL All those opposed? None Any abstentions? None
Motion was passed.

11. OLD BUSINESS - NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

In the interest of time and to give all those with a voice an equal opportunity to speak to a motion, I would ask that you only come to the mic once on the motion being discussed. After everyone has had a chance to share, we can do round 2 if necessary.

We want everyone's point of view to be considered, but if your thoughts have already been shared then please be considerate of the fact that elections are to follow.

We now move to Agenda item 12a

a) Recommended by the Area Committee: Increase travel expense reimbursement from \$0.35/km to \$0.40/km
Marty M. , Treatment/Accessibility Chair

Motions from the ACM do not need to be moved or seconded.
I will ask Marty to speak to the motion.

Any discussion? Yes

- Being able to serve the Area should not be limited to those with the funds to do so. All members, despite their financial situation should be able to serve.
- Can we afford it? Area Treasurer – yes.
- DCM for D62 voted against the motion. Feels that members would be over compensated (making money) with proposed compensation.
- GSR from D18 feels that trusted servants should be compensated for working for our Area.
- Delegate clarified that this motion is not to “make money” but to compensate the trusted servant fairly.

CALL THE QUESTION

MOTIONED BY: GORD T – D34 – DCM
SECONDED BY: BOB J – D30 – GSR

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All those in favour? MAJORITY
Voice of the Minority? Yes.

All those opposed? 12

Any abstentions? 7

- Member feels that we have not discussed the facts on the increase to 40 cents. It just doesn't make sense without all the facts.
- Members are already being more than compensated for the cost of gas. This money could be used in different areas carrying the message. It is already enough.

ANYONE WANTING TO CHANGE THEIR VOTE? NO

Motion was passed.

b) Election of Area 83 candidate for Trustee at Large for Canada

Kimberley M., Chairperson

At the General Service Conference in April/May 2019 a Class B Trustee-at-Large will be elected to serve a four-year term. Each area in the Canada may nominate a trustee-at-large candidate. Candidates should have experience in both Conference, Area and local A.A. service. They should have the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of A.A. policy and should recognize that trustees serve the entire Fellowship rather than geographical areas. All candidates should be aware of the enormous time commitments required of the regional trustees.

Our Operating Procedures, Page 13 states:

C. ELECTION OF A TRUSTEE NOMINEE FOR THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

1. Election by the Area Assembly.
2. Those voting are those eligible to vote at this meeting of the Assembly.
3. Nominations shall be from the floor.
4. Nominations may be made by any member eligible to vote at the Assembly.
5. If a candidate is not present, permission must have been granted by the candidate in writing for the name to stand.
6. If a candidate is not present a written resume shall be provided and read by the nominator.
7. If there is only one candidate, that person is automatically elected by acclamation.
8. Candidates shall be requested to say a few words.
9. Third Legacy procedure shall be used.

So with that said, let's get started! The Floor is open for nominations. Please make them now by approaching the mike, stating your name, group and position and then naming the person you would like to nominate.

Nominee 1: Joyce S Nominated by: Gord T – D34 - DCM

Accepted

Nominee 2: Robb W Nominated by: Mike B – D62 - DCM

Accepted

FOR THE POSITION OF: TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE, CANADA

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	JOYCE S	121	144 *				
2	ROBB W	96	72				
	TOTAL VOTES CAST	217	216				
	2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	145	144				

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Joyce S' name will be put forward as Area 83's candidate for Trustee-at-Large, Canada.

c) Area 83 Election of Officers for 2019 & 2020 Term

Sandy S., Panel 59 Past Delegate

We now reach agenda item 12c – Election of our Area Officers for 2019 and 2020. At this time, I would like to turn the floor over to our Panel 59 Delegate Sandy S. who will chair the Election Team. Sandy, can you please come to the front....

Election conducted.

FOR THE POSITION OF: PANEL 69 DELEGATE

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Rob M	164 *					
2	Kimberly M	27					
3	Ray R	28					
	TOTAL VOTES CAST	219					
	2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	145					

FOR THE POSITION OF: ALTERNATE DELEGATE

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Kimberly M	118	164 *				
2	James O'D	36	21				
3	Sue B	20	10				
4	Ray R	17	5				
5	Eddy G	26	8				
	TOTAL VOTES CAST	217	208				
	2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	145	139				

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FOR THE POSITION OF: CHAIRPERSON

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	James O'D	65	101	139*			
2	Sue B	26	14	-			
3	Amy L	35	31	57			
4	Marty M	2	0	-			
5	Ray R	23	13	-			
6	Eddy G	9	2	-			
7	Jenny C	15	7	-			
8	Michel D	31	26	-			
	TOTAL VOSTES CAST	206	194	196			
	2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	138	130	131			

FOR THE POSITION OF: SECRETARY

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Sue B	37	37				
2	Amy L	64	118*				
3	Marty M	4	0				
4	Ray R	7	1				
5	David B	6	2				
6	Tom S	0	0				
7	Dave L	8	2				
8	JoAnne P	16	4				
9	Mike B	21	5				
10	Jenny C	13	5				
	TOTAL VOSTES CAST	176	174				
	2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	118	118				

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FOR THE POSITION OF: TREASURER

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Ray R	27	15	-	-		
2	David B	6	1	-	-		
3	Tom S	0	0	-	-		
4	Dave L	58	62	62	49		
5	JoAnn P	58	71	95	105*		
6	Jenny C	14	4	-	-		
	TOTAL VOTES CAST	163	153	157	154		
	2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	109	102	105	103		

FOR THE POSITION OF: REGISTRAR

	CANDIDATE NAME	BALLOT #1	BALLOT #2	BALLOT #3	BALLOT #4	BALLOT #5	THE HAT
1	Marty M	6	2	-	-	-	-
2	Ray R	47	78	91	94	94	-
3	David B	4	1	-	-	-	-
4	Tom S	2	1	-	-	-	-
5	Dave L	43	56	56	50	51	* 🗣 *
6	Mike B	24	6	-	-	-	-
7	Jenny C	14	5	-	-	-	-
8	Bill C	8	0	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL VOTES CAST	148	149	147	144	145	-
	2/3 OF TOTAL VOTES CAST	99	100	98	96	97	-

Motion to destroy the ballots.

Moved: MICHAEL C – D48 - GSR

Seconded: TERESA M - SCARBOROUGH

Any discussion? NO

All those in favour? ALL

All those opposed? 0

Any abstentions? 0

Voice of the Minority? NO.

Motion was passed.

Reminder to be prepared with feedback from your groups to discuss the deferred motion at the Spring 2019 Assembly: Recommendation by the Area Committee: "We close the Friday and Saturday night open speaker meetings with the Responsibility Declaration AND the Lord's prayer. All the workshops close with the Responsibility Declaration only."

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13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND

Gratitude was shared for the the election chair and all of the volunteers.
The outgoing committee was thanks and the new one was welcomed.

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

As Chairperson, I would recommend the next Assembly be held:
March 29th, 30th, and 31st 2019 here at the Ambassador hotel in Kingston

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

MOVED: TERRY-ANN – D26 - GSR SECONDED: ROB P – D26 - GSR
Any discussion? No
All those in favour? Almost All All those opposed? 0 Any abstentions? 1
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 December 1st, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome!!

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

It is now 7:24pm, may I have a motion to close the meeting?

MOVED: JIM Y – D06 - GSR SECONDED: ROXANNE B – D62 - GSR
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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Appendix A - Financial Reports

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83 **as at October 19, 2018**

RESERVE ACCOUNT		Actual
January 1, 2018 Opening Balance		20,000.00
Interest		
Transfer to Operating Account		0.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE		20,000.00

INCOME		
7th Tradition		3,947.80
Cost Recoveries		179.00
Flow Through to GSO		(60.00)
Grapevine Seasonals		3,890.00
Group & District Contributions		43,278.75
	TOTAL INCOME	51,235.55
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE		0.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS		51,235.55

EXPENSES		
Accommodations		4,337.35
Meals		7,952.55
Travel		8,244.62
Long Distance		0.00
Postage		264.54
Printing		1,387.89
Literature		1,223.91
Stationery		177.49
Miscellaneous		2,044.40
Total Committee Expenses		25,632.75
Ad Hoc Committees		0.00
Area Contribution to GSO		0.00
Area Committee Meetings		1,089.50
General Service Conf. Assessment		10,386.94
Bank Service Charges		177.34
Paypal fees		6.70
Forums		2,319.34
Grapevine Seasonal		3,920.51
GSO Flow Through		(60.00)
Ontario Delegate's Conference (ODC)		1,603.80
CERAASA		0.00
Total Other Expenses		19,444.13
TOTAL EXPENSES		45,076.88

OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2018		44,557.43
Total Income & Transfers		51,235.55
Total Expenses		(45,076.88)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE		50,716.10

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Details of Expenditures
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Position	Acomodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Approved Spending Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
COMMITTEE EXPENSES													
Delegate	0.00	99.34	1119.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1218.64	\$2,352.00	1133.36	51.81%
All. Delegate	0.00	106.90	507.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.74	0.00	63.80	731.66	\$1,645.00	913.34	44.48%
Immediate past Delegate	0.00	100.20	565.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	665.80	\$1,200.00	534.20	55.48%
Chairperson	0.00	57.07	485.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.00	560.87	\$1,050.00	489.13	55.42%
Secretary	0.00	85.00	578.20	0.00	0.00	767.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	1430.26	\$2,916.61	1486.35	49.04%
Treasurer	0.00	90.00	596.13	0.00	264.54	341.17	0.00	24.84	0.00	1316.68	\$2,305.00	988.32	57.12%
Registrar	0.00	55.00	293.60	0.00	0.00	7.60	0.00	108.67	0.00	464.87	\$1,370.00	905.13	33.93%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	244.42	148.69	644.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1037.81	\$1,935.00	897.19	53.63%
Archives	0.00	85.85	395.15	0.00	0.00	37.06	0.00	0.00	7.90	525.96	\$1,270.00	744.04	41.41%
Archivist	244.42	80.32	53.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	378.29	\$510.00	131.71	74.17%
Cooperation with the P.C.	0.00	67.18	526.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	593.58	\$1,772.00	1178.42	33.50%
Corrections Facilities	0.00	92.44	116.90	0.00	0.00	92.41	191.24	0.00	45.20	538.19	\$1,225.00	686.81	43.93%
Grapevine	0.00	89.87	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.30	0.00	224.00	535.17	\$1,215.00	679.83	44.05%
Public Information	60.00	111.00	178.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.50	\$1,560.00	1210.50	22.40%
Self Support	0.00	143.16	327.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.14	0.00	0.00	569.30	\$1,090.00	520.70	52.23%
Treatment / Accessibility	0.00	48.63	693.70	0.00	0.00	15.09	341.94	43.98	476.33	1619.67	\$1,995.00	375.33	81.19%
Service Info Day Cmte	977.68	494.25	952.87	0.00	0.00	127.50	526.55	0.00	60.01	3138.86	\$5,145.00	2006.14	61.01%
Spring Assembly	2810.83	5997.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1113.00	9921.48	\$10,200.00	278.52	97.27%
Fall Assembly	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.16	36.16	\$10,800.00	10763.84	0.33%
TOTAL	\$ 4,337.35	\$ 7,992.55	\$ 8,244.62	\$ -	\$ 264.54	\$ 1,387.89	\$ 1,223.91	\$ 177.49	\$ 2,044.40	\$ 25,632.75	\$1,555.61	\$ 25,922.86	49.72%
OTHER EXPENSES													
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$15.00	15.00	0.00%
Area Committee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,089.50	1,089.50	\$1,325.00	235.50	82.23%
Area GSO Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$5,000.00	-	0.00%
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$187.00	9.66	0.00%
Paypal Fees	547.40	162.74	1,552.70	-	-	-	-	-	56.50	177.34	\$40.00	-219.34	0.00%
Forums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.70	\$2,100.00	2,319.34	93.35%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4,200.00	279.49	33.35%
GSC Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,386.94	10,386.94	\$10,386.94	0.00	100.00%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$120.00	-60.00	0.00%
Ont Delegates Conf.	605.68	156.89	742.81	-	-	-	-	-	98.42	1,603.80	\$1,603.80	0.00	0.00%
CERAASA	\$ 1,153.08	\$ 319.63	\$ 2,295.51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,631.36	\$ 19,444.13	\$ 24,737.74	\$ 260.31	78.60%
TOTAL	\$ 5,490.43	\$ 8,272.18	\$ 10,540.13	\$ -	\$ 264.54	\$ 1,387.89	\$ 5,144.42	\$ 177.49	\$ 13,675.76	\$ 45,076.88	\$ 76,293.35	\$ 26,183.17	59.08%

Income Summary :	
October 19, 2018	
7th Tradition	3,947.80
Bank Interest	-
GSO Flow through	60.00
Contributions	43,278.75
Cost recoveries	179.00
Grapevine Seasonals	3,890.00
Total Income	\$ 51,235.55

	YTD 2018	October 18, 2017	Difference
Income To Date	51,235.55	52,462.16	(1,226.61)
Expenses To Date	45,076.88	42,164.63	2,912.25
Net Change To Operating Account	\$ 6,158.67	\$ 10,297.53	\$ 4,138.86
Contributions	\$43,278.75	\$42,256.83	\$1,021.92
Contributing Groups	142	149	-7
Contributing Districts	14	16	-2

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GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS as at October 19, 2018
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District	0	Unspecified, Paypal	\$0.00
District	2	Malton	\$1,281.75
District	6	Mississauga	\$3,430.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	\$6,886.70
District	12	Toronto South West	\$683.35
District	14	Toronto North Central	\$1,146.05
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	\$120.00
District	18	Toronto City East	\$2,410.00
District	22	Scarborough	\$1,835.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	\$2,382.16
District	28	Lakeshore East	\$1,554.69
District	30	Quinte West	\$1,775.00
District	34	Quinte East	\$1,635.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	\$2,275.00
District	42	St. Lawrence International	\$907.83
District	48	Seaway Valley North	\$250.00
District	50	Cornwall	\$885.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	\$690.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	\$700.00
District	62	Ottawa West	\$3,883.52
District	66	Golden Triangle	\$2,522.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	\$1,350.00
District	74	Pembroke	\$1,720.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	\$430.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	\$1,000.00
District	86	Kawartha	\$1,525.70

Total Contributions YTD: \$43,278.75

Total from Groups	\$32,354.02	142
Total from Districts	\$10,964.73	14

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Appendix B - Roll Call

Area 83 Fall 2018 Assembly Roll Call October 27, 2018

District	DCM	Alt-DCM	District Officers-Other	Comm Chairs	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups Attending	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups in District	% Groups Attending
02	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	5	8	6	21	24%
06	1	1	1	5	17	3	5	17	31	18	34	50%
10	1	1	1	1	14	2	0	14	19	15	28	50%
12	1	1	3	5	11	0	4	11	18	12	22	50%
14	1	1	2	2	16	1	5	16	25	17	29	55%
16-SP	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	0%
18	1	0	3	4	9	2	5	9	17	10	26	35%
22	1	1	2	2	13	3	4	13	23	14	22	59%
26	1	0	2	2	12	1	2	12	19	13	22	55%
28	1	1	0	4	9	1	3	9	18	10	24	38%
30	1	1	0	3	9	2	2	9	15	10	14	64%
34	1	1	1	4	13	2	1	13	19	14	36	36%
36	1	1	2	2	20	2	23	20	50	21	25	80%
42	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	2	3	3	20	10%
48	1	1	1	1	12	1	2	12	16	13	19	63%
50	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	3	2	12	17%
54	1	1	0	1	7	0	0	7	10	8	22	32%
58	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	5	4	28	11%
62	1	1	2	0	21	1	6	21	30	22	44	48%
66	1	1	1	5	14	0	7	14	24	15	27	52%
70	1	0	1	0	6	0	1	6	8	7	20	30%
74	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	4	3	12	17%
78	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	3	4	4	5	60%
82	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	5	7	6	18	28%
86	1	1	1	2	9	1	5	9	19	10	22	41%
CF					6	0	3	6	9	6	8	75%
	DCM	Alt-DCM	Dist Officers-Other	Comm chairs	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups	
ALL	24	17	27	54	240	26	79	240	405	264	569	42%
Area Committee									15	12		
Past Delegates									5			
Out of Area Visitors									3			
Total	24	17	27	54	240	26	79	240	425	276	569	

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Appendix C - Ask-It-Basket Q&A

Q: (Rob M-Alternate Delegate) Is there a Concepts Meeting? Is the meeting listed? Who teaches us the Concepts?

A: There are no Concepts Meetings listed. There are Concept study groups in some Districts. At the Area Assembly, the Alternate Delegate explains and interprets 3 Concepts at each Assembly, so that all 12 Concepts are covered each term. You may wish to start a Concept Study group at your Group or District.

Q: (Kimberley M-Chairperson) Can anyone join the Service Information Day Committee? How can I get involved?

A: The Service Information Day Committee is comprised of 6 District Committee Members, who are elected at the January Area Committee Meeting in odd numbered years. To be consider for the Committee, you must first be elected your District's District Committee Member.

Q: (Robb W-Past Delegate) What is substantial unanimity?

A: You should examine Concept 12, Warranty 4 ("That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity."). In practice, a substantial majority decision is based on obtained two-thirds of the votes on a significant item.

Q: (Robert B-Grapevine) Is Grapevine self-supporting? What happens if there are not enough subscriptions? Does Grapevine shut down? Is money not being made because there are online materials available?

A: Grapevine is self-supporting and has recorded a profit for the last 4 years. La Vina operates at a loss and is supported by funding from the General Service Board General Fund. Grapevine does not accept donations and relies strictly on sales of subscriptions & books.

Q: (Kim S-Delegate) Can I view the Service Manual on line?

A: Yes, the A.A. Service Manual can be viewed at www.aa.org and one copy printed with each online visit.

Q: (Les M-Public Information) When does the next AA Membership Survey come out in a pamphlet?

A: Not sure of the date for the next Membership Survey availability. The Trustees are considering a digital format.

Q: (Roy R-Past Delegate) Who creates the Web app for GTA online – "Meeting Guide"?

A: The Meeting Guide is updated by the Communication Committee at Toronto Intergroup and posted online by the Webmaster.

Q: (JoAnne C-L-Past Trustee At Large) What is a Trustee at Large? Where are they? Why didn't our current Trustee come?

A: The Trustee-at-large (one for each of Canada and the US) have a very busy travel schedule and represent A.A. at events throughout the world, as well as Board meetings in New York.

There are 21 Trustees in total:

- 7 Class A (amateurs, i.e. non-alcoholic)
- 14 Class B (boozers, i.e. alcoholics), including:
 - 8 Regional Trustees (Eastern & Western Canada & 6 for the US)
 - 2 Trustees-at-large
 - 4 General Service Trustees (2 AAWS, 2 GV)

Trustees were first appointed in 1961.

Q: (Mel C-Past Delegate) Why are there so many last names used in service at Assemblies?

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A: We are not anonymous within the program; just in public.

Q: Les M-Public Information) In Medical Clinics, on the TV Display Screen, in the waiting room, is there a way to have A.A. Info displayed?

A: It could be a very challenging process. To consider that approach, there would need to be a discussion with the Clinic as well as the Cable provider. In Toronto, CP24 runs Public Service Announcements on their station.

Q: (Mike B-DCM) How is Anonymity affected on A.A. Support Group Facebook pages?

A: Code words/phrases/symbols are sometimes used on personal Facebook pages by A.A. members. Generally, the codes do not break anonymity, but subsequent comments/posts by other members can break anonymity. Facebook allows people to set up Secret Groups that are password protected.

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Appendix D - Workshop Questions & Answers

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
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Workshop: Guardianship of Our Primary Purpose
Chair: Mel C, Panel 63 Delegate

Q: Guardianship of our Primary Purpose means Protecting our First Objective.

What can we do to accomplish that?

A: We should focus on helping the still suffering alcoholic. People should seek help in 12 Step Programs focused on their primary addiction (i.e., Na, CA, etc.)

A: We need to be inclusive and practice our principles.

A: People should focus on "membership", rather than "attendance".

A: We should try to help people "identify" and protect the Traditions.

A: Looking after ourselves is the Primary Purpose.

A: Guard against "13th Stepping".

A: Mind your own business.

A: Drugs talk can turn off Newcomers.

A: Read the Blue Card (i.e., Primary Purpose Statement Card) at every Open Meeting and ensure Speakers only discuss Alcoholism.

A: Helping the Beginner to identify is the objective.

A: People come to AA for the common solution; love & tolerance is our code

A: Don't judge others, help others.

A: Don't call people out in meetings

A: If people are cross addicted, we can't help them with their other issues.

A: There seems to be a stigma about mental illness. We shouldn't tell people not to take their medications.

A: AA provides a design for living, including helping others who are suffering.

A: We should identify as an alcoholic, as a representative of AA.

A: We need to carry the "right" message, don't scare people and use the Big Book properly.

Workshop: Treasurer & Self Support
Chair: Sue B, Area 83 Treasurer & Ray R, Area 83 Self Support Chair

Treasurer

Q: What was the hardest or most fearful part of the positions?

A: Spread sheets.

Q: Coffee, why don't we charge?

A: Make a motion and see what happens.

Self Support

Q: What are the disbursement splits?

A: Decided by Group conscience.

Q: What is a service sponsor?

A: Answered. Further discussion.

Workshop: Concepts 10,11,12
Chair: Rob M, Area 83 Alternate Delegate

Q: Public controversy. Manuscript controversy.

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A: Kim S. spoke to the cost and decisions not to pursue litigation.

Workshop: Corrections
Chair: Joyce S, Panel 65 Delegate

Q: Changing steps or traditions?
A: No – not in the wind.

Workshop: Election Procedures and the Spirit of Rotation.
Chair: Sandy S, Panel 59 Delegate

Q: Who votes? Is there a count before the vote as a benchmark?
A: No

Workshop: Treatment & Accessibility
Chair: Marty M, Area 83 Treatment/Accessibility Chair

Comment: Renascent Treatment Alumni support residents leaving, rather than Bridging the gap.
Q: Bridging the gap. What work is being done in hospitals, jails, etc.
A: District level. General Service Representative.

Workshop: Co-operation with the Professional Community
Chair: Jim S, Area 83 C.P.C. Chair
Q: Should colleges and universities update/discuss AA in curriculum?
A: Yes.
Q: Can we break anonymity?
A: Yes. It is a personal choice.
Q: What does AA do and not do?
A: See the work book from the General Service Office.

Workshop: Grapevine
Chair: Robert B, Area 83 Grapevine Chair

Q: Who pays reimbursement for books?
A: District table will allocate. Not suggested to use your own money.

Workshop: Secretary/Registrar
Chair: James O, Area 83 Secretary
Amy L, Area 83 Registrar

Q: How does a new GSR not requiring a kit go about it?
A: The Registrar can put a note on the form that no kit is required.
Q: Is the north American directory available to the GSR
A: Only to the DCM

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Workshop: General Service Representative
Chair: Scott M, Past Area 83 Registrar

Q: Should a GSR hold more than one position.

A: No answer really. We fill in shortfalls.

Q: What is the importance of the spirit of rotation?

A: Allows someone else to enter into service.

Q: Can I take today's message to other home groups?

A: Yes. Don't step on any toes.

Workshop: Role of the Chairperson in AA

Chair: Barry W, Panel 49 Delegate

Q: How to control meeting.

A: By following procedures and guidelines.

Q: Implementing change. How.

A: Written documents should be done for clarity.

Q: What comes first? Discussion or motion.

A: Motion, discussion, then vote.

Q: Chair not to vote?

A: True.

Q: How important to know procedures, guidelines and history?

A: Should be experienced, knowledgeable and not be afraid to say I don't know.

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Appendix E - DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

District 02 Malton

Shane H

Hello friends I am an Alcoholic my name is Shane. It has been a roller coaster year for our district. In June our Treatment chair, Corrections Chair and Treasurer resigned all in the same night...Treasurer has been filled . We had an inventory that has proved rather fruitful. There is talk having our table move to Brampton. In fact, it made so much sense, an ad hoc committee has been formed to investigate. We also decided to purchase ten Service Manuals at the Assembly to give out too our new GSRs in January.
Yours in service Shane H.

District 06 Mississauga

David B

Good morning everyone. It is my privilege to serve as the District committee Member for District 06 Mississauga, Etobicoke and Oakville. I am a member of the Lakeshore group, I am an alcoholic and my name is David B. District 06 has completed its elections of table officers. The incoming district officers are Susan K of Daily Reflections (DCM), Nat S of Bloordale (Alt DCM), Marrey P Secretary/Treasurer), and Zobie G (Registrar/Webmaster). Our election of District sub- committee chairs will take place at our January meeting. Our district will be holding a General Service Representative workshop at our November meeting with Scott M and Roy R both past district DCMs passing on their knowledge and experience of the service position. We hope to see as many GSRs and alternate GSRs at the meeting and also any district members who wish to attend. As a district we are financially stable, are meeting all of our commitments to treatment facilities in both facilitating meetings and literature requests. We also just forwarded a donation of 25 small soft covered big books for the Toronto South Detention center. If you have any questions or assistance please do not hesitate to contact myself or any of our table officers.

YLS David B

District 10 Toronto South Central

Rob A – NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 12 Toronto South West

Mark B – NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 14 Toronto North Central

Dave B

Hello everyone,

My name is Dave B and I'm am an alcoholic, and the district 14 district Committee Member. District 14's finances are healthy, and we are fulfilling all of our commitments. We recently had our elections for the incoming committee members. Currently most of our positions have been filled. Special thanks to Rob M our incoming delegate, for facilitating our election.

Your in service, Dave B

District 16 Distrito Hispano De Toronto

Victor M – NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 18 Toronto City East

Glenn G

Good morning friends. I am an alcoholic, member of the East York group, having the honour, privilege and responsibility to serve as the alternate District Committee Member and chair of the Grapevine committee for District 18 Toronto City East. My name is Glenn.

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We have personality distractions at the District table this term. This provides us an opportunity to rely upon the three legacies of AA: Recovery, Unity and Service. As a result, many members of the District 18 table are noticeably living the spiritual principles of the program. Our big book reminds us: "Love and Tolerance of others is our code."

The table motioned, approved and scheduled, a mid-term safety inventory, to hopefully address outstanding concerns. This inventory has been rescheduled to occur at our November meeting. Our Area 83 Delegate has agreed to facilitate. We are grateful for her assistance.

Our DCM resigned at the October District meeting. This vacancy will be filled, pursuant to our procedures, at our November meeting.

In the meantime, independent of our District 18 table distractions, our District 18 committee chairs and officers, as well as our groups and members, continue to strongly facilitate the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. They honour weekly service commitment meetings: parole board, two hospitals, a men's detox. They work in tandem with other District chairs on Greater Toronto Area Intergroup committees. In fact, most of our committees recently worked in concert with surrounding Districts at events such as: East Toronto Archives Breakfast, Fellowship of the Spirit Conference, and Third International AA Secular conference; where the newest grapevine book One Big Tent was unveiled. We also supported other events including: a neighbouring District service day, a women's roundup, and the Gratitude roundup.

We have approximately 25 groups in our District. Our District boundaries stretch roughly from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe, bounded loosely by Bayview and Victoria Park. Members of the District table visit approximately half of these groups each month.

In July, the district covered my expenses to attend the Eastern Canada Regional Forum in Victoriaville, Quebec. This was my first time attending a regional forum. It was as if a segment of our New York headquarters team had been transported to Victoriaville. Trustees, Directors and staff members from both AA World service, and Grapevine, gave detailed presentations. The information provided and patient participation opportunities for attendees were mind blowing. I am grateful for the chance to attend and recommend this event to everyone!

As this term comes to an end, I would like to say thank you to: District and Area officers, sub-committee chairs/alt chairs/committee members and all related GSR's, for their service!

Thank you for the opportunity to share this journey with you all.

Yours in loving service, Glenn G.

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.

In my DCM report last spring I mentioned three upcoming annual events which the District was either putting on or collaborating with other Districts to put on. In the time period since my last report those events have taken place successfully and we are now in the process of putting on 2019 versions for next year.

One event was Information AA Day which was put on jointly by the 8 GTA (Greater Toronto Area) Districts and GTA Intergroup this past May 26th. Our Delegate, Kim S. upon returning from New York, presented her General Service Conference report. Jennie H., the Immediate Past Delegate from Area 86 North-western Ontario was the speaker. The program included Service Panels and a lunch was provided. Attendees were asked to pay \$5.

The following week-end we co-hosted the East Toronto Archives Breakfast (ETAB) with Toronto East District 18 featuring long-timer speaker Paul McN., an archives display and the short film "History of AA – A Canadian Perspective".

On September 15th, with people returning from summer vacation, District 22 held their 40th Service Day – Still Going Strong, with Service Panels, speakers and a free lunch. There was a Social with a DJ for \$10 in the evening which had quite a crew boogieing as spot dance prizes were awarded.

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We are already participating in committees with other Districts or GTA Intergroup in putting on the 2019 versions of Info AA Day and ETAB, and expect to present next year's 41st version of Service Day again in September.

As always, we could use more help with the great work which the Sub-committees are doing. Some chairs need to be filled. We just held our District Officers elections last month and will be having Sub-committee Chair's elections in November. Lynn E. and George W. were elected last June as the new incoming DCM and Alternate.

My two year term as DCM is coming to a close. I have immensely enjoyed my time of service and growth at this level and expect to attend the Area Committee Meeting in December.

With much gratitude, wishing you all the best!

Tom S. DCM (Scarborough District 22)

District 26 Lakeshore West

Dave L

District 26 is doing well. We now have 21 groups in the District, with 14 of those groups consistently represented at the District table. We are meeting our financial commitments and our various committees are doing great in their outreach into our community— achieving this in so many different ways!

The Public Information committee is offering monthly speakers from young AA members to a youth shelter in Durham Region (JoAnne's House). The committee has been very focused on developing the AA Durham Youth website that is expected to go live in November.

The Co-operation with the Professional Community committee continues to move forward with several presentations to classes of health care professionals at Durham College and the Ontario University of Technology.

Our Self Support chair has made a few presentations to groups at their business meetings. The Corrections chair has been active in promoting Corrections and trying to raise funds for literature. Jennifer C. was re-elected Archives chair and has been very busy with the District's archives with her usual enthusiasm.

Our Treatment Chair continues to schedule meetings for the Renascent House and to stay in touch with Pinewood Centre to be available in the event Pinewood has any needs with which District 26 could assist.

Our District elections for the 2019-20 term were held on October 21st and facilitated by Kimberley M. Terry N. will be serving as the next term's DCM, Edeline A. as the Alternate DCM, Sheree N. will be the District Chairperson. All other District Officer and Sub-Committee Chair positions were also filled, with the exception of Self Support.

Looking ahead, we have the "Bring a Professional Meeting" on November 8th, at the UNIFOR Hall in Oshawa. Dave L. has started surveying groups to participate in our Alcathon—24 hours of meetings taking place noon on December 24 to noon on December 25th.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not give a giant shout out to all who continue to keep the 3rd Sunday of every month open to participate at the District 26 table. Our attendance has hovered around 70%. We have a few groups in our District who have limited financial resources and whose members are few.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and learn more about the groups and the members of District 26. It has been a very rewarding experience with so many opportunities to grow. Thank you and I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love and Service. - Dave L.

District 28 Lakeshore East

JoAnn P

Lakeshore District 28 East conducted elections using 3rd Legacy Procedure on September 9, 2018. The following positions were filled:

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District Committee Member – Eileen S – Gratitude Group

Alternate District Committee Member – Tamara M – Kedron Group

Secretary – Rose M – Simplicity Group

Treasurer – Vivienne S – Motor City Group

Archives – Dar B – South End Group

Self-Support – Alan W – Kedron Group.

We expect the remaining positions to be filled over the next few months.

Planning is underway for the Bring A Professional meeting which will be held on Thursday, November 8th at 8pm at the Unifor Local 222 Hall in Oshawa – 1425 Phillip Murray Avenue in Oshawa. This event is hosted by District 28 and supported by District 26. The evening will have an AA speaker, an Al-anon Speaker and a Friend of AA speaker.

The 31st Fall Roundup in Saturday, November 10th at the Garnet B Rickard Arena in Bowmanville. Tickets are \$15.00 with a pot-luck lunch contribution. The theme is Sunlight of the Spirit and we look forward to a fantastic day of fellowship and sharing.

The annual Lakeshore Districts 26 & 28 Alcathon will be held again on December 24th and 25th at the Alano Club in Oshawa (200 Thornton Road North). Gratitude style meetings will be held every hour on the hour from noon on December 24th ending at noon on December 25th. The event is well attended, and it is an important service to provide to the still suffering alcoholic. If you are in the Oshawa area for the holidays, please stop in to the Alcathon. We would love to see you.

District 28 is supported by many committed individuals and we are continuing to carry the message of Recovery, Unity 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.

Since the last Area Committee meeting in September, we held a very successful District election. We are happy to report all 15 groups in the District were represented on the day. We invited a past District 30 DCM, Pierre B., to conduct the election. All positions were filled. It looks like a strong table for the next term, with many returning members and some new recruits stepping up. Our current ADCM Rick W. will be our incoming DCM for the next term.

All our Service commitments are being met at this time, and financially we are stable. The 7th tradition our District collects each meeting has been earmarked to either help with members expenses for attending the Area Assembly, other than what is provided in our operating procedures, or to go into the 7th at the Assembly itself. This Assembly we contributed a cheque for \$163.75

We were sorry for the loss of our Treatment Facilities Chair, Herb W. He was service sponsor to both Rick W., and I, and our whole table benefited from his experience serving at Area 83. He was good member of AA, and a friend, and will be missed.

I have enjoyed my time serving with the Area Committee the last 2 years, and want to thank my District for giving me the opportunity

Yours in Love and Service, Ian W, DCM, District 30

District 34 Quinte East

Gord T – NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Martin St-L

Hi everyone. This is going to be the last time I report for district 36 as the DCM.

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Let me tell you all what a great district is the district 36. We start this mandate with discord. Is everyone happy off course not. But we all alive and we growth so much and become more confident as individual and as a district. At our last election. For the next mandate. There were people standing. All yes I said all the chairs all filled. Now telling you that we are not an healthy district would probably make you laugh.

We are now preparing our predecessor to take over. I would like to forgive my self if I could not make all the area meeting. Working 7 days a week and being a dad of teenager is very difficult. Please come see us more often. You'll see the great fellowship we have around here.

In love & service, Martin St-Louis - DCM district 36

District 42 St. Lawrence International

Ted R

Not too much to report since the September Area Committee meeting. We have been haggling over the meeting lists. The issue is how much support we want to give to the old combined D19 A48 and D42 A83 list. AAs are still requesting the old combined list, which is being distributed by D 19 A 48. At our last district meeting it was decided that we would print 12 new D42 meeting lists to distribute to each of our groups and also distribute instructions for getting the old combined list from D 19. We can always back pedal if necessary.

The St Lawrence Treatment Facility is moving to reopen its doors to AA. They want to have a Friday night speakers meeting. They are also looking for volunteers to serve as drivers to bring their clients to other meetings in the area.

We have begun our district elections. So far there are no takers for positions that have served their term. This could be a long election season. Being that our next district meeting is a roving meeting, where we hold our district meeting just prior to and at the location of one of our group meetings, we may get lucky and attract some fresh talent.

Yours in service, Ted R DCM D42

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Winnie S

Hi Friends, I am an alcoholic and my name is Winnie. I have had the honor and privilege of serving this term as District Committee Member for Seaway Valley North. I am a grateful member of the Sunday Morning Study Group which meets at the Masonic Lodge in Kemptville Sunday morning at 10 A.M.

Our District had it's elections earlier this month led by our trusted servant and past Area Archives Chair, David T. All positions except Self-Support and Alternate District Committee Member were filled. I am happy to announce that Wayne L. will be our District Committee Member for the next term. I'm certain the district will flourish under his guidance.

The district is holding its own financially and will soon be making plans for our annual Round Up in Feb.

Having the opportunity to serve this last term, has, as usual added a new dimension to my personal recovery and I for that I am grateful. I would like to wish everyone good luck in the elections, and their continuing service journey.

Yours in Love and Service Winnie S.

District 50 Cornwall

Steph L

On behalf of District 50 I attended the above two-day event in Kingston Ontario. During the morning of the 27th I attended the Opening Plenary session where our New York Delegate Kim S. gave a 45-minute presentation of her first visit as our Delegate to our New York Head Office. The presentation which included colored slides of New York was perhaps the best presentation I had heard or seen from any of our previous delegates over the past several years. Over the remaining time prior to Lunch I took in two other presentations

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which addressed a very interesting talk on “Guardianship of our Primary Purpose” given by Mel C and a presentation by our past Delegate Rob M. on Concepts 10, 11, and 12. Following lunch Sandy S. who many of us in Cornwall known gave a very detailed address on “ Election Procedures and the Spirit of Rotation” An emphasis was placed on the Rotation Procedures part of Sandy’s talk reminding us to get our young new comers involved as soon as they had completed the Twelve Steps portion of sharing and working with a sponsor.

On Sunday morning I made a commitment to myself not to cut out early on the voting of the 2nd year rotation and selection of new Candidates for all of the positions required to administer our Area for the next two years. In previous years I had left the Assembly around 3pm on the Sunday afternoon so I could return to Cornwell before darkness settled in however, I am sincerely glad that I stayed and voted on behalf of District 50. Two hundred and twenty-four tired but happy delegates closed the Area voting procedures at 9.45pm knowing that we had done the best job possible on behalf of our members.

Yours in L.S. JSA

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 well. Group representation remains at approximately 50%. Elections were held at the beginning of this month with all positions filled apart from Registrar, Secretary and PI CPC.

PI CPC vacancies seem to be constant in other parts of Ottawa service as well, with the Ottawa PI CPC Committee meetings being suspended due to lack of participation. Efforts are being made to get this going again with John P. from District 62 bringing members together to attend the Committee once again. District 54 has invited John to attend our District meetings to build awareness and we also continue to announce the need for PI CPC attendance at the our group meetings.

A flyer for the billboard poster Anonymity in the Digital Age was included with the recent Box 459 newsletter, and will be made available to our District groups for purchase. This poster shows how easy it is to break anonymity through social media and helps tech savvy newcomers identify that we also have their concerns at heart. This poster is a great reminder that the anonymity principle doesn’t change through time even though different forms of media do.

Terri S. our Archives liaison recently filled out our District 54 survey and this has been passed on to Area 83 for records. The group surveys will also be filled out and sent back once our groups have the opportunity to complete them.

On a final note this will be the last time I will present on behalf of District 54 at the Assembly so thank you all for the opportunity to serve and I hope to be with you again soon.

Yours in gratitude for service, Bartosz W.

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Michel D

Hi, my name is Michel D. and I am an alcoholic, a member of the Secular Sobriety Group and am currently serving District 58 Ottawa Bytown as its District Committee Member.

Things were quiet at the district over the summer months. We did not have a meeting in August for holidays and attendance was a little lower in July. Nevertheless, we continued fulfilling our service commitments as well as support various committees financially. The

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Fall Conference took place on October 11-13 at the Hellenic Centre where past delegate for Area 83, Rob W. and his partner, Julie were the main speaker on Saturday. Attendance at the Assemblies continues to be a challenge for most of our group representatives for various reasons although the district tries to facilitate their presence by offering financing to help compensate their travel/lodging costs. This is an area that our district can still improve on.

The district will hold its election at its meeting in November and it looks promising as many members intend to let their name stand for the various officers' positions that will need to be filled for the 2019-2020 mandate.

I am looking forward to attend the last Area Committee Meeting of my term on December 1, 2018.

Yours in service,

Michel D., District Committee Member, District 58 Ottawa Bytown

District 62 Ottawa West Patrick Garden

Mike B

I am an alcoholic and am a member of the Westboro Big Book Study and have the honour and privilege of serving as your District Committee Member (DCM) for Ottawa West District 62. My name is Mike B.

-District 62 is in good shape Spiritually and financially. All our commitments are being met. Attendance at our District meetings are at a steady pace as we wind down our 2 year term.

-Elections were held in September for the 2019-20 term and we still have a few positions vacant but I am sure they will be filled shortly. A few members have indicated their willingness to stand in November.

Group Inventories

I have had the privilege of facilitating 15 Group Inventories in our District and an Alkathon inventory and I am booked for 1 more at the end of November. It is a pleasure and an honour being able to serve the Groups and to meet and interact with the members that I might not usually see.

Operating Procedures

An ad-hoc committee was formed to review and suggest changes to our operating procedures. Our operating procedures as a whole have not been looked at since around 2001. Our District will be voting on any revisions to them in November.

Concepts Study

We have been holding a Concepts Study before our regular District meeting monthly with good attendance. This workshop will continue until December. Thank you to Sue B. who agreed to facilitate it over the past few months.

Closing

It's been a busy but exciting 2-years in Service with District 62. Enthusiasm is alive and well within our District. I would suggest to anyone, if you are able and willing, be part of your District. Take your turn and see what happens. It has been an honour and privilege to serve our District as DCM and God only knows what's next.

Service is Fun!

Enthusiasm Breeds Enthusiasm!!

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

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District 66 Golden Triangle

Jenny C

Hello my name is Jenny I'm alcoholic member of the smiths falls Saturday night group and currently serving as district committee member for District 66.

A big thanks to Sue B our area treasure and Mike B DCM from District 62 for coming and facilitating our elections. We are happy to say all service positions have been filled.

Financially our district is doing well. We just committed to putting money aside to make sure our DCM for next term will be able to attend cernaasa at the start of next term.

We were approved by a treatment facility in Maberly in hope that we would be able to add another service meeting to the District. We will have confirmation at the end of November as to whether we will have enough groups interested in participating. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue doing 12th step work to the people that need it by committing to the service meeting.

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

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

Seanna B

I am an alcoholic, member of the Keep It Simple Group , am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as DCM for District 70, my name is Seanna.

On October 1, the Monday Night Keep It Simple Group celebrated 10 years with a Night of Spirituality

Three speakers including one alumni, shared their spiritual experiences along their journey in recovery .

Congrats Keep It Simple!

On October 20th, District 70 hosted a workshop on Anonymity. A very busy and exciting day , so grateful to have been able to experience it. Five great speakers , thank you all again so very much, ! There was a terrific turnout, so much valuable information on a very important topic.

Finally, on October 25th, The Cobden Group celebrated 50 Year Group Anniversary.

A wonderful speaker, lovely lunch, Congrats Cobden!

We will be having Elections in November, thus my term as DCM for District 70 is drawing to a close. I am ever so grateful for this opportunity to be of service, I think I've caught the service bug so I may not be off the radar just yet!

Yours in Love and Service, Seanna B

District 74 Pembroke

Bill C

I am an alcoholic and 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.

Together with District 70 taking the lead, we had an Anonymity workshop with speakers from a number of Districts, including the immediate past Delegate for Panel 65. This workshop was really enlightening and explored a number of facets on how to respect our anonymity. We had lively discussions about this critically important facet of AA including anonymity on online.

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For the first time in many decades, we hosted a dance – a Halloween Dance. This was preceded by a speaker meeting focused on the topic of Fear and then a great potluck supper. Turnout was above expectations with about 80 people in full costume! A wonderful night of Fellowship.

Financially, we continue to be in good shape.

We have filled the vacancies Self Support and Grapevine Chair.

I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in Love and Service

Bill C, District Committee Member for District 74.

District 78 Madawaska Valley

Anne Marie V

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. We held our Elections at our October meeting, with grapevine, alternate webmaster, Secretary, alternate round up chair person positions still open.

Since the last area meeting we we held our 39th 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, we have decided to use the same venue and caterers next year. Thanks again to our Round up Chair Barb C and Co-chair Peter S.

The Barrys Bay AA and Alanon Groups will be Celebrating their groups anniversaries on November 16 2018 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 V

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

Janice D

My name is Janice D and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of Minden Centennial Group in Minden in District 82.

Our district is active, well and healthy. We have been meeting our bills in a timely fashion and have recently donated to both Area and GSO - mainly from proceeds from our one day conference from May.

We were struggling with attendance at our district table and not reaching a quorum in May, June and September. (Note - no meetings in July and August). We have 19 active groups in our District and I am thrilled to say that our October meeting had most GSR's attending and nominations were started for our next season 2019/2020. Next month will be final nominations and elections. There are a few positions still open but it would be nice to see some new members step forward.

One of our groups - Haliburton Hyland is celebrating their 50th anniversary of their Group on November 25th. Potluck and all welcome. We are all looking forward to it.

I am looking forward to participating in the elections for the new table this afternoon, and have been considering another position after stepping down from DCM. My Higher Power and I have been discussing it and I am awaiting the answer.

Over the past two years, I want to state that I have enjoyed working with and observing the dedication of the Area table and thank you for the example, the advise and the inspiration. Thank you for A.A.

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Yours in Love and Service, Janice D
District 82 - Victoria-Haliburton

District 86 Kawartha

Larry D

I am the DCM for District 86 my name is Larry D . It is an honour to carry the message for our district. Our district is rolling along rather peacefully. Our finances are strong and groups well represented at the district table. After elections in October we are still seeking to fill the positions of the Treatment, Self support, Accessibilities, Alt DCM and Corrections all others are filled. We have a group that disbanded after 38 yrs. of service, quite a shock for our district. Also pleased to say 2 new groups have started up.

Thank you and God bless. - Larry D