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1. OPENING

Good morning everyone. I am an alcoholic, a member of The Twelve Steps Group in District 22, Scarborough, and my name is Joyce S. I have the honor and privilege of serving you as Chairperson for the term 2011 - 2012.

- Moment's Silence – Serenity Prayer
- 12 Traditions Read By – Sue K. – GSR, District 82
- 12 Concepts (Short Form) Read By – Sandee D. – GSR, District 22

Welcome everybody! Did everyone enjoy the Service Day yesterday? What about the banquet? Perhaps we can give a hand for the Service Information Day Committee and for the catering staff for the wonderful buffet?

Also, please give another hand to Richard for his terrific talk last night. Thank you, Richard.

Introduction

The A.A. Service manual combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service defines an Assembly as follows: "The Area Assembly is the mainspring of the Conference structure – the democratic voice of the movement expressing itself." This is the second assembly of four that will be held over the length of this term. Just as your District and your home Group meet, usually once a month, 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 to Ottawa and from Upper New York State to northern Algonquin Park and the Ottawa Valley.

Some of us have been here before – as the Groups General Service Representative or Alternate, as District Committee Member or Alternate, or as visitors. For some of us, it will be our first Assembly and it will seem pretty overwhelming! How many of you are here today attending your first Assembly? Could you raise your hand? That's great – welcome and enjoy the rest of the assembly.

Remember that this is just a regular business meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are all here representing the group conscience of those who elected us. Whether as a General Service Representative representing our Group Conscience, a District Committee Member representing the group conscience of his or her District or as a member of the Area Committee representing the Area as a whole, we will share our experiences and problems.

We will make decisions on a variety of topics. The Area Assembly, like the General Service Conference, strives for substantial unanimity through ample discussion. Before a vote is held, plenty of time is taken for full discussion and questions. It is my sincerest hope that you all return home to your respective Groups and Districts with the feeling that you have done your part in keeping Alcoholics Anonymous strong and vibrant in your area and also that you have had a strong voice in our affairs where you've felt you ought to have it.

I would like to remind all those present who will be giving a report today to give whatever highlights are important, but that their written reports, **if submitted to our Secretary Kim S.** will be transcribed in full in the minutes for all in Area 83 to share.

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

DELEGATE
ALTERNATE DELEGATE
SECRETARY
REGISTRAR
TREASURER
IMMEDIATE PAST DELEGATE for Panel 59
CHAIRPERSON

Robb W.
Mel C.
Kim S.
Tony A.
Jim A.
Sandy S.
Joyce S.

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Area Sub-Committee Chairpersons

Public Information
Cooperation with the Professional Community
Correctional Facilities
Treatment Facilities
Grapevine
Self Support
Archives
Service Information Day Committee

Rob McA.
Herb W.
Deirdre B.
Rodney S.
Leo McK.
Ruth F.
Peter N.
Heather M.

This is your elected Area executive and committees for the 2011 and 2012 term.

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

Panel 57 Delegate - Dot D.

We have with us serving in Appointed Positions:

Area Archivist – David T.
Area Webmaster – Todd S.
Area Alternate Webmaster – Jim R.

We have with us today as noteworthy visitors,

Richard B. - Delegate Panel 60 – Area 90 North West Quebec
Martin A. - Panel 58 Delegate, Area 86

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 Tony A.

SMOKING AREA

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

NAMETAG HOLDERS

When you leave for home this afternoon or evening, please leave your name tag holders in the boxes provided near the doors. We 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 – the last full weekend in March and October. This afternoon you will vote on a date for the Spring 2012 Assembly. The Area committee, which is comprised of the Area Officers, District Committee Member's and Past Delegate's has already met three times this year. Next year the Area Committee will meet in Quinte West in January, June, September and December.

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SEVENTH TRADITION

I know that it seems as if the coffee and drinks provided this weekend may be free, but the hotel charges us a flat rate of \$8.00 per person for the weekend. Rather than have honour buckets beside the coffee urns, we have chosen to use the Seventh Tradition to cover these costs. We had a Seventh Tradition Friday night, again at the speaker meeting last night and we will have another one today. Please keep these costs in mind when the 7th is being passed around.

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 DCM's of Districts in Area 83; in their absence, the Alternate DCM may vote.

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

- ◆ There is one vote per person.
- ◆ After lunch, which is when we would expect to conduct old & new Business, I would ask those with voting privileges to sit at the front, others near the back. This will make it easier for us to count votes.

A.A. HAS ALWAYS PROTECTED THE VOICE AND OPINION OF THE MINORITY

- ◆ When we have a vote, unless the voting is unanimous, or if the vote was to cover items such as acceptance of minutes, I will ask if anyone would like to speak to the minority. To be able to do this, you must have voted with the minority on the motion. This next part may be unique to A.A. If, after the minority has spoken, one member of the Assembly who had voted for the majority on the issue stands at a microphone, and says, "I wish to change my vote", we start all over again.
- ◆ 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 said.
- ◆ To allow me to facilitate discussions, when you are ready to speak, please use one of the microphones dotted 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 Kim before standing at the microphone. I am sure Kim will appreciate it.**

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How do we vote?

- ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous has traditionally made decisions by 'substantial unanimity'. In practice, this has translated to 2/3 majority – 2/3 of the votes cast each time. As we cannot control who is in the room at the time of each vote, it is impractical to use the roll-call as the basis for the 2/3 calculation.
- ♦ I believe that the early part of the agenda today can be handled under simple majority – 1 vote more than 50%. I will advise you when I believe we should move to 2/3. If, at any time, you think we should move to a 2/3 majority before I indicate it, remember it's your meeting. Don't hesitate to make the motion.
- ♦ To facilitate the voting, which today will be by show of hands, I have asked a number of non-voting attendees to help me as hand counters. When we return from lunch, I would ask those with a vote to sit in the front, those without to sit at the back. Ultimately, it will speed things up.
- ♦ At times, I may ask for a show of hands to get a '**sense of the meeting**'. This is not a vote, and anyone can raise his or her hand.
- ♦ Again, when you are ready to speak I respectfully ask that you identify yourself by name, position, Group and District number.

MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO OPERATE ON SIMPLE MAJORITY?

Moved: Claude L - DCM -District 78
Seconded: Wilf P. - DCM - District 34
Motion: Carried

2. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

NEW BUSINESS TO BE ADDED

NONE

Motion to accept the agenda

Moved: Marrey P.- GSR – District 06
Seconded: Gary C. - DCM – District 66
Motion: Carried

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 27, 2011.

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

Motion to accept minutes as submitted

Moved: Gary O. - DCM District 14
Seconded: Gari V.. - GSR-District 38
Motion: Carried

4. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS

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

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

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District 02 Malton

Hello friends, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Royal York Group, the DCM for District 02, Malton and my name is Dan N. Our committee meets on the second Sunday of each month at St. Paul Apostle Church on 2182 Kipling Ave @ 7pm.

Our district meetings are being attended by approximately 65- 70% of the groups represented. At one point in time this year, all positions at District were full but it is becoming a challenge to keep all the chair positions filled. Currently, Grapevine and Accessibility chairs and alternate sub-committee CPC, Literature and Accessibility chair positions are vacant and we will be having elections for these at our next District meeting.

Our District has a focus on Corrections and Treatment as we have 4 facilities. Our Corrections Chair Robert and Alternate Chair Jim are doing a terrific job fulfilling the meeting requirements but volunteers are regularly needed in the short term to meet the demands. We are reaching out to neighboring Districts in lending support. Obligations for Treatment are being met with groups committing to taking on monthly responsibilities in chairing and speaking for these meetings. It appears there has been a lull in CPC activity at Intergroup and our CPC chair, Naveen is focusing his work within our District and soliciting interest for a CPC team in carrying the message. For PI, along with District 6, we are seeing if we could piggy-back on the good work that District 14 has accomplished with Police stations and literature racks.

As DCM, I've just started to focus attention on Groups within District that are not currently at the Table to let them know all the good things we are doing and to invite them to attend. If other DCMs have ventured out to non-attending groups and have been successful in new participation at the District table, I'm certainly eager to learn how you accomplished this.

We are working with other Districts in the GTA for the 2012 Information AA Service Day with a new venue. Our theme is "Let it begin with us" and with the change in location it's going to be important to ensure continued support and interest for this important service day in Toronto.

Yours in love and service, Dan N. DCM District 02, Malton

District 04 Humber

Good morning fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am an alcoholic, my name is Carol J., a member of the Tuesday Night Discussion Group and I am currently serving as DCM for District 04 Humber. Our district is a very small district consisting of 9 groups. At this time not all groups are actively participating due to a variety of reasons, and many positions are not filled. We are facing some serious challenges.

Last month, Mel, our alternate delegate came out and facilitated a district inventory. This was a great learning experience for all. Much like our 4th step, this was a fact finding mission. We need to identify the problem before we can find a solution. I am grateful that many people came out and participated. This was the first time that our district had done a district intently, and personally it was also a new experience for me. I would highly recommend that any district to engage in this process whether they are facing challenges or not. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mel for guiding us, on behalf our table.

As a result of this inventory we have decided to take action on the problems that were identified and plan to discuss these issues for the next 3 months and review this at the end of that period of time

We now have 2 new GSR's. We have a new secretary/registrar, who is doing a terrific job and is here today. She has also stepped in as liaison for intergroup. Our treatment chair has moved, so until we get a new one, we have pooled together to make sure we keep up our commitments to the two facilities that we carry the message to.

It has been a good exercise in humility for us to reach out for help and to receive that help. This reinforces my belief that this is a WE program. If any other smaller districts have faced challenges of low participation, we would love to hear about your experience, strength and hope.
Thanks for my sobriety.

Yours in love and service, Carol J.

District 06 Mississauga

Good morning friends. I'm alcoholic, a member of the Bloordale group & my name is Scott. Hi! It is an absolute honour & privilege to serve District 06 as the District Committee Member.

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As we get closer to our half way point of the term, we continue to serve the fellowship in southern Etobicoke, Mississauga & eastern Oakville at the west end of Zone 1. Attendance, financial contributions, activity & communication continues to be healthy.

We managed to obtain contacts for all our 33 groups for the Canadian directory & for sending monthly meeting minutes.

The proposed changes to our Operating Procedures are in draft and await presentation at the table in November. We still wish to revise our District website guidelines as well. Our Access Ability chair is continuing to collect data from our Groups to allow ASL interpreters at all meetings. We currently sit at 100% for open meetings & 77% for closed meeting acceptance.

Much like District 14 in York Region, District 02 & 06 are looking into providing the Peel Regional Police detachments with literature racks. This may be one of the projects that G.T.A. Intergroup may fund. Our P.I. chair has provided "Young people in AA" pamphlets & more big books to Dufferin / Peel Separate Schools for library placement, sent local newspapers our anonymity statement & also gathers information on cost for placing the AA Preamble & the GTA Intergroup contact info. into these local papers.

The 2011 Unity Day in Bradford was very informative & those that attended will agree that Ward Ewing certainly has a way of sharing with ease & comfort.

The Mississauga Fall Round-Up on October 1st was a success with 248 in attendance.

I look forward to serving,

Yours, with love, Scott M. dcm@aamississauga.org

District 10 Toronto South Central

Hi, I'm the District Committee Member for District 10, I am an alcoholic and my name is Vince.

District 10 has just changed our meeting time and we now meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 519 Church St. in Toronto at 6:30 pm. We are financially healthy and we are getting about 85% of our groups represented at the table. We've just had 2 new groups join our district and a couple more have been able to send new GSR's and Alternate's. It is a real pleasure to see new, curious members at the table.

All of our subcommittee positions are filled with the exception of Self Support and Archives. The Registrar position was recently filled by Richard S. from the Church St. group.

We are continuing to put on the 2 meetings at CAMH and both the Tuesday meeting at Harbourlight and the Women's Own on Mondays are going very well.

We are in the process of developing some procedures and guidelines for District 10 and we are hoping to have a draft complete by the end of the year. Our website is now up and the address is www.district10toronto.org.

In Love and Service, Vince R.

District 12 Toronto South West

I'm an alcoholic, a member of Prince Edward, currently serving as District Committee Member (DCM) for Toronto Southwest District 12, my name is Heather M.

Our district finances are stable and sufficient to meet our current service needs. Our resources are sufficient to service our large number of Treatment Facilities with literature. We just did a \$200 literature order. We recently acquired a Corrections Chair for our district and he's looking forward to serving. We still haven't had any takers for a Self-Support chair.

Our district voted to break for the summer as usual. In September we added another service commitment to our district – Ozanam House, in the Keele & St. Clair area, a house for men between detox awaiting treatment.

Our operating procedures were distributed for review and revision. No motions for changes came from this distribution.

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I want to commend the record attendance from our district – again - at the Kingston Assembly. People who came cautiously the first time are now completely hooked and it's great to see!

Yours in Service, Heather M. DCM District 12

District 14 Toronto North Central

Hello everyone, my name is Gary O., I am an alcoholic and a proud member of the Living Sober Group in Newmarket, Ontario.

Most of our sub-committees are operating very well. Archives, CPC & Corrections are presently vacant. Gord and I will work these positions until they are filled. Presently we are averaging 50% attendance at district meetings.

Don our treasurer has paid all our bills and keeps track of our self-support fund that pays for the literature for our; police stations, hospitals and Doctors offices.

Sue C. our Secretary is doing a great job in keeping up with our minutes and other correspondence. Information is distributed to the district members quickly and accurately. To keep high photocopying costs to a minimum our main form of communication is e-mail. It works well, is fast and reliable.

Robin M. our Registrar has our committee records up to date for this term. Robin has been getting feedback from our G.S.R.s and committee chairs that they are not getting their kits from New York. I hope to see this change within the next few months.

Todd S. our Self Support Chair has been contacting groups that do not have Self Support cans and offers to attend their business meetings to explain what the self support can contributions are for. These funds greatly contribute to our district's success in providing literature to our Police stations, hospitals, doctor's offices, etc.

Grant G. our Grapevine Chair, has been hard at work revamping our Grapevine display which is currently outdated and unusable. The district has voted to allocate a start up fund for the purchase of literature so that we have a well stocked and updated Grapevine display. We are looking forward to hearing much more from Grant and the Grapevine committee.

I have taken over our Correction Chair position until we get a new chair. Since our district does not have any one main correctional facility, we concentrate on supplying literature to all of the police stations, parole and probation offices. A new request has come to the table by the chief of police for York Region. They have asked us to put literature into their rack at police head quarters, we have sent the information to them and we are waiting for a reply.

At the assembly workshop this Saturday, district 14 and the Get a Grip Meeting from the Newmarket police station donated 40 pocket sized Big Books. They are for the Kingston area jails and others in need of these AA Big Books.

Lucy our new Treatment Chair has been to her various treatment facilities and attended her first meeting at Toronto Intergroup. Lucy's main job is to arrange chairs for the various Hospitals and make ensure they are well stocked with literature. Our Gift of Life Hospital service meeting is being hosted by 3 districts participating together. District 4, 12 and 14 are on a monthly rotation.

We had our service day on October 01, 2011 thanks to Gord our ADCM, he put on a great meeting. We would like to thank Máire, Joyce, Rodney and Mel for a wonderful day. The 35 people who attended felt this was needed in our district. Our next service day is on September 29th, 2012. Mark your calendars.

In closing I would like to thank the district people for their support in making my job very rewarding and easier to fulfill.

Yours in Service, Gary O. District 14 DCM

District 16 Distrito Hispánico de Toronto

Not present and no report submitted

District 18 Toronto City East

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic and my name is Patrick F. A proud member of the Danforth Group and have the honour and privilege as serving as the District Committee Member for District 18 / Toronto City East

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We just got a new Registrar and an Inter Group Liaison chair. All of our subcommittee chairs are now full but we need alternates to help them. We get anywhere from 15 to 20 members at the district table. Our finances are looking good.

District 18 has 4 service commitments 2 hospitals Toronto East General and Scarborough Grace plus a men's shelter at Woodgreen and the probation meeting that are all looked after by the table.

The Toronto East Archives breakfast meeting has just started back up again and I'll be the guy selling the raffle tickets. The Breakfast will be held at Oasis banquet hall on Kingston Rd on May 6. Also the Info AA committee has started up again the meeting is at the Toronto inter group office. If you got nothing to do we can find yea something so come on out and have fun. I wanna thank all the members of district 18 for showing up and helping us to continue our service helping other alcoholics.

Yours in loving service, Patrick F.

District 22 Scarborough

I am an alcoholic, member of the Bellamy Group, serving as DCM for District 22 Scarborough and my name is Carol.

Since our last Area Committee Meeting, Cathie D found it necessary to resign in September because life was too busy with work and school. I chaired my first District Meeting in September when we held an election for Alternate DCM under Third Legacy Procedure. Bryan D' is our Alternate DCM. Since he was our Registrar we will be holding an election in November. Bryan is continuing to look after that job till then.

Our District has been actively involved with the East Toronto Archives Breakfast (which was a great success), with Info AA Day and with District 22 Service Day. We are able to pay all our bills and our committees are active, having Chairs but needing some alternate chairs. Attendance at District is averaging about 70 percent.

We are currently reviewing our Operating Procedures hoping to make them more definitive, and hope to have them done by December.

I need to recognize Joe A., our District Secretary and our Corrections Chair for the stellar job he is doing. I also need to thank the table for the support and help they gave me when I went through some medical difficulties when I was chairing our AA Service Day.

Yours in love and service, Carolina C

District 26 Lakeshore West

I am an alcoholic, member of the Port Whitby Group, District 26 DCM and my name is Diane M.

We are pleased to report a little over 50% attendance of groups at our table with 191 years of sobriety coming up for celebration in the month of November and our home groups are reporting generally good attendance by members.

PIC Committee is very active with supplying literature to Durham Distress Centre, Hotels, EMS, Public Libraries, and The Legends Centre which is a sports complex. Their new challenges are restocking libraries, visiting secondary schools to develop contacts, check community calendars for opportunities to place AA contact information. They continue to offer literature to Medical Clinics, Pharmacies, Hotels and Churches and follow ups with Durham Regional Police, OPP Detachment, EMS and Family Services HQ and Provincial Courts to assess opportunity and needs.

CPP Committee is focusing their energy on preparations for "Bring a Friend Meeting" being held November 11 2011, 8:00 PM at the UAW Local 222 Hall located at 1425 Phillip Murray Ave. Oshawa. This meeting is held once a year in order to connect and pass on information geared to professionals about the disease of alcoholism (be it doctors, lawyers, accountants, police, judges, nurses and etc.) but all are welcome.

Treatment is ongoing with coordinating dates and groups to put on meetings at Renascent (Sullivan House in Brooklin and Pinewood in Oshawa. "Bridging the Gap" has also been a focus for Treatment.

Our Grapevine Rep. reminds me of the little engine that wouldn't quit. She keeps chugging along with determination in order to achieve results. Keep up your spirit Cheryl.

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Intergroup has moved into our Alano Club which makes access much easier. We're hoping for more action with Archives as we join forces with District 28 to brainstorm.

On a sad note our Conference and Self Support Chairs seem to be MIA but our intent is to try and track them down before our next table.

Aside from a few glitches AA is still alive and well in District 26 and kudos to those who take the time and energy to attend the District table.

Thank you for my sobriety and allowing me to serve
Diane M. DCM District 26

District 28 Lakeshore East

As our DCM is unavailable at this time, I will be reading the report in his place. As the new term continues, general service continues to be strong in District 28. Our PIC and CPC sub committees are settling in, their attendance continues to be strong and they are actively carrying the message of recovery beyond our meeting room walls.

Our Treatment and Corrections Committee continues to help facilitate meetings at Pinewood Detox Centre, Brookside Youth Centre, Lindsay Correctional Institution and the recently re-opened Sullivan House Treatment Centre in Brooklin. We also have active Archives, and Grapevine Chairpersons.

We will also be holding a Fall Roundup in Newcastle on November 12, 2011. And, lastly, our District financial condition is "back in the black", including our prudent reserve.

This concludes my report for today.

Yours in Love, Service, and the Fellowship of the Spirit, Jack H. Alternate. DCM District 28

District 30 Quinte West

My name is Miles C. I and I am an alcoholic, member of the Trenton Group, and currently have the privilege of serving as District Committee Member for District 30.

District 30 is alive and well, with good attendance at our table's monthly meeting. We are still after 10 months, looking for a CPC Chair and over the last 3 months, we have been looking for a Self-Support and Archives Chair. We have recently got a new editor for the District 30 newsletter and the first printing will be out on our website November 1.

Along with our regular group meeting, we have meetings in both Trenton and Coburg hospitals, the Warkworth Pen and the Brookside Youth Correctional Institution.

We recently voted to have our answering service include Alanon in our opening.

Yours in service, Miles C.

District 34 Quinte East

Madame Chair, Area Officers, Committee Members and Fellow D.C.M.'s, Honoured Guests, I am an alcoholic and a member of the Stirling Friday Night group and it is an honour and a privilege to serve District 34 as D.C.M. My name is Wilf P. Hi. Since our last meeting in September, District 34 has been very busy carrying the message. At this time only one chair is vacant, Corrections. Ross H. our past chair and now our Treasurer has stepped up and is doing a great job. Ross just celebrated 40 yrs. this month and I wonder how he does it?

CPC/PIC is doing a good job again. Welcome back Bev. H. Grapevine is revved up and took a record number of orders for pocket planners and calendars. Way to go John B. Self Support, Gary R. is carrying the message to any group that will have him. Treatment Chair, Margaret F. has made a new contact at the Lennox and Addington County General Hospital in Napanee.

District 34 is doing well with over 30 at our meeting on the 27th of this month. Financially we are in good shape. Our joint conference with District 36 was a great success with contributions of \$200.00 to G.S.O. Area 83 and District's 34/36.

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One new group started, Women Living Sober, the group started Aug 15/11 and registered with NY on Sept 25. Group meets Monday at 7:30 pm at St Columbus Church in Belleville.

Hope to see you all on Nov. 19th at the Belleville and Area Roundup. Thanks and have a safe trip home.

Yours in Love and Service, Wilf P., D.C.M. District 34

District 36 Kingston & the Islands

Well, it can never be said that things are dull here in the east end of the Province. Yes, it seems that the GSR's have settled into their roles; the District table runs just about an hour and a half each time we get together. (We are trying to get the meetings down to an hour, but it remains a little tricky). Issues are discussed. Monies are collected and then redistributed.

We hosted the most recent Archives Conference here in Kingston where it seems everything old seems new again. Our District Correction's Committee is in need of another Rep.; the usual happened; we put the word out for nominations and hopefully next month things will settle down there. Meanwhile, the Corrections' Volunteers continue to rise up and above and truly show us how to put the 12th Step into action! And thank you too to our Alternate DCM for filling in this position until it hopefully will be filled at our next business meeting. Thank you all!

Meanwhile, we continue to update our Operating Procedures with the intent of making the wording clear and concise. You know, by the looks of things we ought to have it all down pat by the end of our term *sigh* Wishing you all another day of contented sobriety!

Yours in Service, Roxane.

District 38 Thousand Islands

I am Gari V. and I am an alcoholic, currently serving as the GSR from the Keep It Green Group in Evans Mills, NY.

We have no active district and in our last 1 ½ years of existence as a registered group active in Area 83, we have yet to find any other interest in building the flame of what has been a dark district - we will continue to hope for more activity. To be honest, there are times we have found it difficult to maintain principles before personalities in the face of active prejudice against our membership in Area 83. I guess this is what builds character.

We have been active in the local Intergroup, carrying the message to TF and Corrections. We also held a one year group anniversary in May at which we were honored to have Past Delegate Dot D. as speaker with Tim D also attending.

Great to see all of you -

In Service & Loving It! Gari V.

District 42 St. Lawrence International

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

Recent happenings in AA service in District 42.

- I am pleased to welcome two new GSR's to the Assembly today, one for her first Assembly ever!
- We are being challenged to find a new chair for our PI/CPC committee. (more below)
- Our webmaster (me) has created an experimental "calendar format" of our District 42 meetings. Just find the day and click the meeting to see location and get directions if necessary.

We are trying an experiment calls "small jobs". At our October district meetings I chose one small part of work normally done by the Public Information committee – getting meeting lists out to libraries, hospitals, town halls / police stations in towns in which we have A.A. meetings in our district. The idea is based on the premise that "it's better to do a little something that think about doing a lot and doing nothing." And by keeping tasks small we can encourage people to ask for help from others in their A.A. community who don't come to the district meeting. In addition to carrying the message we are hoping to encourage wider service participation.

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At present District 42 has no chair and no “official members” of our Public Information committee. I believe that there are many things we, as district members, can do to let the public know about A.A. as individuals. In effect, we can all be PI committee members, pooling our “small” individual efforts to achieve at least a part of our larger goal. We can be a “committee of the whole”.

Typical activities of Public Information committees include:

- Meeting list distribution • Literature distribution • Newspaper ads listing open meetings
- Information letters to high schools, nursing homes • Speaking at non-A.A. public meetings

“Small Job” #1: Meeting List Distribution to selected locations as listed below.

We need volunteers to check if these locations within our district would like to have A.A. meeting lists provided. Please sign up for those you can check on. Once we get report-backs at our November district meeting we can start distribution and print more meeting lists if necessary.

The main activity since the last Area Assembly was the Delegate's report / Service Day “Passing it on” held in Canton NY on June 18 in conjunction with Districts 48 and 50. Our presenters included:

- Gerry St.L. (DCM 48), Elaine M. (DCM 50), Milner G. (DCM 42) – Carrying the Message Beyond the Group
- Janet C. (Ottawa Intergroup) – Bridging the Gap
- Robb W. (Area 83 Delegate) – 2011 General Service Conference Report
- Peter N. (Area 83 Archives Chair) – the importance of the General Service Representative
- Milner G. (DCM - District 42) – the importance of the Home Group

In addition to our visiting presenters, we were grateful to count David T., Area Archivist, and Kim S., Area Secretary among the thirty five people in attendance.

Louise T. directed “CSI AA” – a comedy-drama seeking answers to the demise of a once-thriving A.A. home group. A.A. members – longtimers and newcomers – comprised the cast. A great, fun time!

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

Milner G. 11 Grant Street, Potsdam, NY 13676 USA dcm42@aa-stlawrenceny.org 315-244-4959 (cell)

District 46 St. Lawrence Adirondack

(Absent No Report)

District 48 Seaway Valley North

Hi I am Gerry and I am an Alcoholic, DCM for District 48 and proud member of the 12&12 Morrisburg Group.

We are gearing up for the winter round-up, which is tentatively being held on the 4th of February. We should have flyers for the next area meeting, so your DCM's can take back to their respective districts. Our new location which we utilised for the first time last year is booked and ready for our presence.

Our district is well represented at the district, but our service positions are still lacking. The district has just agreed to give Ottawa CFTF committee 250 dollars, as most of our commitments are in Ottawa. This is up from last year's money donation by 25.00 dollars. Our literature sales in the district are good and for the first time district 48 is making its own money to regenerate more literature purchases. We are very proud of Johanna C. and the work she is doing as literature sales and secretary for the district. Sara M. is keeping us all busy by organizing the districts commitments in treatment centers and Jails. Bill R. has suggested we have representation at the courts and we had Herb W., our CPC Chair help us understand what would be involved in such a commitment. Thanks to Herb, the GSR's and our service people for all their hard work.

Yours in service, Gerry S.

District 50 Cornwall

Good morning: My name is Elaine M, an alcoholic and a member of the Sunday Morning Group in Cornwall and currently serving as DCM for District 50.

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We have 11 active groups in our district and attendance has been very good. 90%

We are happy to report that District is making a contribution to NY and the Area. We are now financially stable and so grateful to be a contributing district.

I was fortunate to share the Delegates day June 23 with district 42, and 48 and really enjoyed all the wealth of information left with us, the delegate's report and of course, the skit was memorable. Hopefully we can do as well in 2012.

All our groups except one are now in the directory (with updated information) Nice to see. Thank you Toni for your help in accomplishing this. It has been a while since Cornwall has been up to date.

We also have our own website now, thanks to John A., Gerry W., and Darren M., cornwallaa.com. Please check it out. Our webmaster, Darren will be updating and adding to it as we progress along.

As most of you know our conference will be coming up next weekend (the best conference in Eastern Ontario) and we are hoping to see some of you there. Sue B. has tickets with her if anyone is looking for one. \$39.00 for registration and banquet. \$10 for registration only.

As reported in March, we now have a set of Procedural Guidelines, and are hoping it will give us guidance in the successful conduct of the business of District 50. As we move along, we can see where amendments and changes are necessary and are doing so. It is nice to have guidelines to follow which add structure to our district meetings.

We had a district inventory Oct. 13, which unfortunately (may fortunately) turned into a personality inventory (mainly mine). A lot of problems and misunderstandings have been resolved and we can now move forward. A big thank you to Sandy and Janet for facilitating our inventory and helping us to get back on track.

I again thank the many area members for their responses to my many queries and quandaries and of course the very devoted servants of District 50. We have accomplished much in the last 2 years and I am sure we can continue on a forward trend keeping in mind principles before personalities, being ever mindful of the suffering alcoholic and the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

YILS, Elaine M. District 50.

District 54 Ottawa Rideau

Greetings from District 54. My name is Greg C. and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to represent District 54 as District Committee Member for this term.

Although attendance at our recent district meeting has dropped I believe it is a temporary anomaly. Ward A and Rob C have switched roles at the district table, Ward moving to Alt. DCM and Rob moving to treasurer. This has alleviated some commitment issues.

Financially we are doing well. Issues have risen again concerning literature on the Grapevine table. Again we will address these issues and move on.

Meetings are underway to prepare for our annual Alkathon. The holiday season is almost upon us.

On a personal note I would like to thank Ward A for stepping in and handling my commitments at our assembly's information day. I am looking forward to the second half of my term as DCM..

Yours in service, Greg C

District 58 Ottawa Bytown

Good morning everyone , my name is John V. and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic. I am the ADCM for District 58 (Ottawa Bytown) and the GSR for the Laurier/Sandy Hill Group.

As a district we are currently averaging about 8 people at our monthly meeting. Most positions are filled , though we currently lack fulltime CPC, Archives and PIC reps . Our secretary had to step down due to job conflicts and one of our energetic young GSRs (ELLIOT Y.) had to step aside as he is relocating to Toronto for career reasons. Our loss will surely be Toronto's gain, and we wish them both 'Good Luck' going forward.

Due to several recent substantial contributions by a few of our groups, we are in a much more stable financial situation than we

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were at the time of my last report. Our District members continue to volunteer and fulfill many commitments at TAS, CFTF and at facilities such as Newgate 180, OCDC and OWMC.

In the Greater Ottawa area plans and preparations are well underway for the annual Alkathon events at Christmas and New Year's. These events draw volunteers and participants from All 5 area districts and are a vital part of our Holiday traditions.

The Ottawa Withdrawal Management Centre is expanding and relocating in the very near future to 1777 Montreal Road. The new facilities will more than double to 40 plus beds and I trust that all Ottawa Area Districts will continue to fulfill their very important commitments there. The new guidelines for this commitment will be published shortly at ottawaaa.org so everyone is on the same page as to how this service is to be conducted so as to maintain and improve this important relationship.

Yours in service, John V.

District 62 Ottawa West

Good morning; I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Barrhaven Tuesday Night group currently serving as the Ottawa West District 62 DCM; and my name is Ian B.

I'm pleased to say that District 62 is operating very well. We are financially secure and all our service committees are staffed and working hard spreading the A.A. message.

I'm especially pleased that an alert member of our District meetings noticed that we were too financially secure. In my opinion we had been carrying excess cash in our account for some time and finally a motion to send \$1,000 to Area 83 was raised. After a brief discussion, which included an explanation to a number of new GSRs that it was the A.A. way to only hold onto monies we needed for our expenses and pay forward the excess, the motion was unanimously approved.

As with all districts, I assume, we are continuously looking for more volunteers to get into service. It seems that no matter how well we are spreading the message, there is always more that can be done.

Yours in love and service, Ian B. DCM

District 66 Golden Triangle

Good morning everyone, I hope you have enjoyed this assembly as well as I have. I am a grateful member of the Seaway group in Brockville, and have the pleasure of serving as DCM, District Committee Member for District 66 of the Golden Triangle, and my name is Gary.

Our District finances are in good shape, thanks to Twyla for taking over when we needed someone right away. Attendance at the meetings from our last assembly in the spring have been up and down due to the summer holidays, But we are getting back to normal now. We had the pleasure of another new group joining us at our last meeting and the District is very happy to have them aboard.

District 66 will be hosting the spring roundup again, but we are running out of room at our old home. We hope to be moving to a larger building this spring. The District will be informing everyone as to where this will be. All the District Committee chairs are doing a wonderful job at helping the alcoholic who is still out there suffering find their way in life.

That's all for now.

Yours in love and service. Gary C.

District 70 Renfrew Pontiac

No report submitted

District 74 Pembroke

Not present and did not submit a report

District 78 Madawaska Valley

Hi everyone, I am an alcoholic, the DCM for District 78, Madawaska Valley and my name is Claude L. This past month has been good at our district: starting with our Festival of Colors which was a success, and we made a few dollars for a change. Thanks to our chairperson who had everything organized.

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Next is our new treasurer who was the round-up chair (Lois C.).

Events that are coming up is the Barry's Bay 55 year group anniversary combined with 2 Al-anon groups, which should be very good. I attended last year's. It will be 7th tradition and it will be a potluck dinner which will be held at St. Hedwig Parish Hall and it will start at 8 pm.

As for myself being the DCM I am taking it one day at a time, if they find a replacement for me ok, otherwise I will stay on for the rest of the term.

We are having more anniversaries and one of them is Carmen from the Whitney East Gate group 42 years. Being a small district all the groups are celebrating every anniversary, to try to get better attendance. We will be having gratitude meetings at the groups and the date has not been set for those as yet.

We have a few newcomers in the past few months which is good to get the members active. We don't get very many in our district. I'm praying that things will keep improving at our district, i.e. Attendance and also more people getting active at group level and also at district.

Yours in service, Claude L.

District 82 Victoria Haliburton

No report submitted

District 86 Kawartha

Good morning everyone, I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Stonewall Group in Peterborough and my name is Gary C.

I am pleased to report that our **50th Kawartha District Conference** held at the Evinrude Centre on June 24 & 25 was a grand success. I'm happy to announce that our 2012 Conference Chairperson is Sandra B. of the Friendly Friday Group in Peterborough.

All our District Committee positions are now filled, except for the very recent resignation of Fred G. as Archives Chair for Health reasons. I thank Fred for his contribution to Archives in the Kawartha District. I'd like to take this opportunity to Thank Steve L. of the Buckhorn Group for his service as Alt. DCM and welcome John L., also of the Buckhorn Group, to this position. I would also like to welcome Dale S. of the South End Group to the PIC/CPC Chair position. Financially, we are doing OK and manage to get our bills paid. We continue to have strong attendance at our District GSR meetings with an average about 90%.

As many of you are aware, Volunteering at the Lindsay CECC can be a hit and miss affair. Lately, it seems more misses than hits! I wish Volunteer coordinator Grace King success in her endeavor to drum up more internal Correctional support.

Let Gratitude be your Attitude, Gary C.

5.COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

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

a) Public Information Report

Robb McA.

Hi friends. I'm an alcoholic, a member of the Kedron Group in District 28 and my name is Rob M. I have the privilege to serve Area 83 as Public Information Chair.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Public Information workshop yesterday, and a special thanks to those who were up early this morning for the 7AM combined PI/CPC meeting. There was a good turnout for both and lots of great discussion. The District PI chairs in Area 83 are very enthusiastic, and doing a great job of carrying the message in their communities.

There are currently 20 Districts in Area 83 with active PI Committees. I receive minutes from most of them and have been invited to give presentations at 7 of our Districts Service Days so far this year. I also attend the GTA Intergroup PI Committee meetings when I can.

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I was invited to give a presentation at Unity Day on September 17th in Bradford. It was a great day for Unity between Area 83 and Area 86 and I had a good talk with Dan W, PI Chair for Area 86. I especially enjoyed meeting Ward Ewing, Chairperson of the General Service board and listening to the two talks he gave.

There was a request through our General Service Office to provide an audio PSA to a radio station in Peterborough. Last Saturday I delivered a CD I had ordered from GSO along with some literature including our annual statement on anonymity to the station, 90.5 FM. It was nice for me to meet the news anchor who had made the request. He told me his station broadcasts the Peterborough Pete's Ontario Hockley League games and was planning to run our PSAs during these broadcasts.

I have obtained a list from GSO of all networks who have received our PSAs. I am now trying to contact networks not on the list to ask if they would be interested in showing our PSAs, and hope to get more stations in Eastern Ontario airing them. I'm happy to be of service to Area 83. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. My email address is pi@area83aa.org and my phone number is 905 431-8633.

Yours in Love and Service
Rob M.
Area 83 PI Chairperson

b) Cooperation With The Professional Community

Herb W.

Good morning everyone, my name is Herb and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the Russell Saturday Night group and have the privilege to serve as your area 83 Cooperation with the Professional Community chairperson.

Since the last area assembly I have been quite busy attending events. There were three National events that were in our area. The Canadian Counseling Association in May in Ottawa, the Canadian Psychologist Convention, which I attended and the People in Motion event in Toronto. I also visited the Toronto Intergroup while I was in Toronto and was well received with a cup of coffee and good fellowship.

On August 27th I was invited and attended Districts 30 and 34 Service Information Day. September 17th I attended Unity day which is an event that's expenses are not covered by area 83, but had excellent representation by our area and the presentations were excellent. I thoroughly enjoyed my day. I really enjoyed meeting the Chairman of the Board, Ward Ewing, a non-alcoholic Trustee and hearing his experience, strength and hope.

I would like to thank you all who send me minutes and your experiences in your committees.

I would like to thank all who attended the CPC workshop yesterday and in especially Kim from the Ottawa CPC committee and Marv H. from the Toronto Intergroup committee for sharing their experience with us.

On behalf of Rob and I thank you all who attended the Public information and Cooperation with the Professional community meeting this morning at such an early hour.

I encourage those of you with any problems or questions please contact me at area83aa.org. Thank you all for the opportunity and Blessings I have received in serving area 83 in service.

Gratefully,
Herb W.

c) Corrections Report

Deirdre B.

My name is Deirdre B and I am an alcoholic it is an honour and privilege to serve as Area 83 Correctional Facilities Chair. Thank you to all who attended the Corrections Workshop yesterday our hope is that you enjoyed our guest speaker Elaine B Volunteer Services Organizer at Ontario Correctional Institute in Brampton. Her presentation was well received and she delivered it with a lot of enthusiasm and passion. It was good to have another perspective from the inside. Our hope is this will encourage people to volunteer for correctional work at the institutions.

Volunteers are needed at most of the correctional facilities in Area 83 if anyone wishes to volunteer please contact your District Correctional Facilities Chair and if you have no chair please contact me and I will ensure it gets directed to the right person. Volunteers are especially needed at Ogdensburg Correctional Facility, Brampton, Ontario Correctional Institute and escorts are needed for Joyceville and Pittsburg institutions.

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Thank you to those groups who sponsored Correctional Clients to attend the Banquet, there were 3 in attendance. Thank you to the Correctional Chairs and other individuals interested in corrections for attending our early meeting this morning it was good to meet up with you again and to welcome the new faces. We have an enthusiastic bunch they have requested we change our 7:30am meeting to 7:00am. Thank you to all the Districts who have donated soft cover books (big books and 12 and 12s), District 14 - Get A Grip Group, District 10, District 6 – Parkwell Group, and Area 83. Thank you to Joe A for inviting me to District 22's Service Day, and for the Unity Day Committee inviting me. My gratitude to AA for keeping me going it has been very helpful to assist me with the recent death in my family.

Since the start of the term, 19 Bridging the Gap requests have been received, Area 83 is helping Correctional Clients meet up with AA on the outside, our primary purpose in action. Many of the Districts are doing Bridging The Gap. Ottawa District has stated that the requests for Bridging The Gap have really increased this year.

GSO Corrections office welcomes Tracey O to the position of G.S.O. Corrections Coordinator. They are still looking for male Correctional Correspondence Service volunteers to share by mail their experience, strength, and hope with AA member's who are on the "inside".

On page 39 of the 61st *Annual Meeting of The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous* under Corrections states "Based on recommendations in three Advisory Actions from 2010 General Service Conference, new text is being added to the Conference-approved pamphlets "Carrying the message Into Correctional Facilities", "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" and "A Message to Corrections Professionals" regarding clear information and good communication between A.A. members and corrections professionals. The committee also continued it's work on the revision of the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" new stories have been reviewed and selected stories were forwarded to the Publications Department. The committee also sent suggestions for the new wording describing Big Book Studies as a possible meeting format, to be considered as changes to the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities".

Thank you to all the District Secretaries who send me out their district meetings, this has kept me up to date with Corrections in the districts.

Anyone needing to contact me my e-mail is cf@area83aa.org or via phone at 416-633-7650.

God bless each and every one of you,
Deirdre B

d) Treatment Report

Rodney S.

My name is Rodney S. and I am proud to serve as your Treatment Facilities Chair for this term. Since the spring assembly much has taken place in Treatment. I have done my utmost to perform my duties as best I can and as time permits.

There have been little or no requests from any districts to participate in any events with the exception of Belleville's service day which, given the number of Area committee members attending I chose to opt out at the last minute in favor of a personal opportunity.

I have had a total of 21 bridging the gap requests since the beginning of the year 15 of which have been fully completed with feedback going back to the originating centers. Two of the 6 incomplete are still pending contact date which is set for next Sunday.

No matter where I go I try to represent our Area as best I can. I am involved in other things that get me to conferences and allow me to interact with the people in other districts and areas. In that capacity I have been to Pembroke, Strathroy, London, Woodstock, several locations in the GTA. Soon it will take me to Orillia and Bellville. While there I try to make myself available for any treatment related discussion or function if needed.

A while ago I decided to attend a Bridge the Gap weekend workshop in Sacramento California. Having never been to California before, I was looking forward to the trip. It was a pretty good weekend and I learned several things about bridge the gap programs in other places. Some of the things I learned are:

1. Many areas, districts, struggle with BTG
2. Most areas have no formal process
3. Some areas are extremely active with BTG

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4. Some of those same areas maintain vast contact databases. This comes with security issues, anonymity issues and other headaches.
5. All those in attendance are extremely enthusiastic about BTG

In preparation for this trip I decided to make up some pins that I could hand out to people I meet in my travels. I had an idea for a pin, based on the buttons I brought down to San Antonio last year. Given my lack of graphical creativity I asked our Area Webmaster, Todd S, if he would help me make a pin with our Area Logo, Name and both the US and Canadian flags in the background. What he came up with, in no time at all, was amazing and I loved it immediately. They are unofficial yet attractive looking pins and everywhere I travel outside our Area I give these away to people that I meet as a greeting and memento from Area 83. It is probably a good idea to point out that these pins were manufactured at no cost to the Area.

At the BTG Weekend Workshop in Sacramento, at Founder's day in Akron Ohio, at the Pacific Group in Los Angeles California and in San Juan Puerto Rico I have handed out these pins to various people and took a moment to talk to them about our Area and the things we are doing. The pins were very popular at the Bridge the Gap conference. I was the only Canadian in attendance and that was something of a novelty to some in attendance. I taught them all the say eh! A lot.

Upon return from Sacramento I attended Unity Day for the third time which was held in Bradford this time. I was given the opportunity to present a little bit of what went on at the BTG conference.

Yesterday in the TF workshop I presented the presentation that I was asked to give in Sacramento in its entirety, added on some notes about what went on at the conference, including some items that I heard from Mary D, our GSO Staffer assigned to the Treatment desk. I then talked about what TF would like to do going forward.

What TF would like to do I try to find a way to regain what we once may have had. We need to get ourselves back into the centers, perhaps under different conditions, helping people who wish to have the help. To do this we need the help of the districts that have centers in their districts.

Starting with the centers that were most active I would like to gather information of where we stand, what had changed, what we think may have happened and what we have already tried to do to restore some of it. I then would like to come up with a plan of action to revisit these centers and try one more time to rebuild the relationship as a resource for their clients. Between TF and CPC we should be able to find a way to get back in some of these centers so we can help the alcoholic who is leaving.

I think if we work at it hard enough we can regain some of what we had. However it is with great caution that I say that in circumstances such as these, what we do, and how we do it will make a world of difference. Although AA as such has no opinion on Drugs and other medication, it is absolutely imperative that if we are to sit in front of a Treatment Facility administrator, we do so in a drug free manner.

The workshop meeting we held this morning discussed these issues in detail. Attendance was small which allowed in depth discussion. We wish it to be known that Harm Reduction Policy is not our enemy but simply a challenge to find a work around. Collectively AA needs to find a way to rebuild any and all relationships that may have existed in the past. It is thought that using Bridge the Gap as a means of gaining audience with the administrators.

It is important that each district understand that I am willing to help but my assistance needs to be requested. The Area wishes to work in cooperation at all times. I would ask any district that wishes to get the process started either work with their CPC folks locally or contact Area for assistance. We are here to help.

New ideas were expressed in which centers that are AA friendly may benefit from a BTG program. Until now it was never thought that such places could benefit from such a program.

Yours in love and service,
Rodney S.

e) Grapevine Report

Leo M.

I am an alcoholic, my name is Leo. My home group is the 'Little Oak Group' in district 82 Victoria-Haliburton. I have the privilege of serving Area 83 Eastern Ontario International as your Grapevine Chair and I thank you for that.

I would like to thank all who participated in the sale of the Pocket Planners and Calendars. They are here for pick up today. One district was unable to get their order in before the bulk was put in and I did try to get it included but was too late. Our order was

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put in on Sept. 12, and was delivered to me on Sept. 27. The total of our order was 707 Pocket Planners and 212 Calendars for a total cost in Canadian \$ 4411.31 and our total money was \$ 4413.83.

Last Year's order was 685 Pocket Planners and 310 Calendar. The Grapevine move to California was a cost saving move. As some may know the Grapevine has been declining in sales over the last few years. There was a survey taken in 2010 in which 8,000 responded. Of those that did answer 93% said the Grapevine had value. What was interesting was that 60% of those responding were not subscribers and the overall 96% said it should be supported and was of value to the fellowship.

We have just over 2 million members in A.A. and the circulation of our monthly Grapevine is 93,104 copies and LaVina 8741 by monthly.

The Grapevine continues to print new book with the latest being "Step by Step" and "Emotional Sobriety". As a reader we know how this literature enhances our sobriety and enriches of lives and gives measures of peace of mind. The Grapevine, like other publishing companies has to change its consumption habits as of now the majority reader profile is 50 years and 20 years sobriety. As of May 2011, the Grapevine has become a Multi Media Corporation, with a new website and other media applications to get in touch with a wider population.

In closing I would like to encourage everyone to think about purchasing a magazine subscription or on line and other items from the Grapevine. This can make a difference to the new comer and the old timers.

If we want the Grapevine magazine then we should support it.

I was told for every alcoholic in A.A. there are 30 active ones. We have lots of opportunity to pass on the recovery program of A.A. by way of the Grapevine.

Thank you and may your dry date never change.

Yours in friendship and service,

Leo McK. Grapevine Chair Area 83

f) Self-Support Report

Ruth F.

Hello, my name is Ruth, and I am an alcoholic. My home group is the Agincourt Acorn group, in District 22. I am excited to be currently serving you as the Area 83 Self Support Chairperson.

There is something that each of us can do, to give back in Alcoholics Anonymous. Self Support encompasses the use of our money, our time, and our talents in service. I am getting the opportunity to connect with members in AA who are full of gratitude, and are eager to get involved and give back. It is exciting to see such enthusiasm!

I received some interest in updating an informative page that has been around for a long time. With input from some interested self support committee members, we have been updating the information sheet that compares the prices, over the decades, of things like milk, cigarettes etc, and the average contribution we are making into the basket as it passes us by in meetings. We are now looking for someone with some artistic skills, to do some drawings for the page.

August 27, I participated in a great service day in Quinte. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be a part of a day that so clearly carried the message of hope and service!

September 17th, I was off to Unity Day. Anytime I can talk about self support and gratitude in AA, I am more than happy to do so. The following weekend, September 24th, I attended District 22 annual service day. It was a great day and I enjoyed getting to know Sandy, the new District 22, Self Support chair.

In the Self Support/ Treasurer workshop at this Assembly, we put on the Traditions play. Thank you so much to the enthusiastic actors!!

I am very grateful that I am able to be of service. Alcoholics Anonymous gave me hope. Service enables me to show my gratitude, carry the message, and give back. If I can be of any service, please contact me.

Life is good!

Ruth

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g) Archives Report

Peter N.

Good morning friends. My name is Peter N. I am an alcoholic and a member of the Bayview Group in District 14, Toronto North Central. I have the honour and privilege of serving as your Archives Chair.

Thank you, to everyone who attended our Workshop yesterday. Special thanks to our 'actors', Cathy U. and Milner G. Thanks to everyone who got up early to attend our Area Chairs meeting this morning.

I would like to report on my activities on your behalf:

- April 10, the Hamilton Archives Breakfast
- May 4, the 65th Anniversary of the Kingsway Group in Toronto
- May 15, the East Toronto Archives Breakfast
- May 28, Info AA Day in Toronto, a Service Day of Workshops where our Delegate, Robb W. presented his report on the General Service Conference to the 9 Toronto Districts
- June 5, the GTA Intergroup/Districts sharing
- June 18, the District 42 Service Day in Canton, NY
- July 17, the Oral Histories Workshop put on by Maire O, Past Area Archivist, Eddy G., GTA Archivist, and Jim W., Archives Apprentice. It was excellent
- September 17, Unity Day, hosted by Area 86 in Bradford. This is a joint Service Day put on by Areas 83 and 86. We had a very interesting presentation and talk by The Very Reverend Ward Ewing, Class A Trustee (Amateur, or Non-Alcoholic) Chairman of the General Service Conference, as well as the first presentation in Canada by our very own Barb K., our new Regional Trustee
- October 1, The Archives Workshop held in Kingston, where David T. stepped in at the last minute to do an Oral Histories Presentation; Amanda H., Coordinator of the Archives Association of Ontario did a presentation on Setting up a Small Collection; and Iona McC. put on a Preservation Workshop; and we had a tour of the Queen's University and City of Kingston Archives. Amanda, Iona... of Queen's are non-alcoholics who gave us their Saturday for Alcoholics Anonymous.
- October 15, the Ottawa Long-Timers lunch
- Monthly, I attend the GTA Archives Committee meetings in Toronto
- And, on November 6, the GTA Archives Breakfast takes place at the Oasis Convention Centre in Mississauga. Come and see me after for tickets
- Thanks to David T., our Archivist, we published Volume 8, #1 The June Edition of The Eighty-Three, our Area 83 Archives Newsletter, to favourable response
- Volume 8, #2 went on the website this weekend

If you are new to the Assembly, it may seem that we do a lot of breakfasts, which is true, but there is more to Archives an eating. We are a secondary committee but still part of the General Service Conference. Archives was created and promoted by Bill W. as another way to do the 12th Step. Archives in many parts of AA, is still in the embryonic stage. How did A.A. grow? We have an Oral History Tradition. We tell our stories to people, so that they too can see the possibility of sobriety. Besides being away of our history, where we came from, we can also help by trying to prevent our current membership from making the same mistakes we made in the past.

From GSO: as a result of Archives Conference Committee, there will some minor revisions to the Archives Workbook with a small change the 'Research Application Form': a new section, 'Tools and Suggested Activities for Archives Committees; direction for the G.S.O. Archivist to solicit new materials and stories for the 'Shared Experience' section, and that this be updated every five years; a request that the trustees' Archives Committee develop an informational piece on basic archival preservation procedures intended to provide guidance to local archivists responsible for maintaining the physical and intellectual integrity of the collection.

Districts 18 & 22, as well as the GTA Archives contributed to our room in the Atrium. Please feel free to bring anything from your collection and share it with the rest of the Assembly. Send us a story about the Archives or one of the old timers in your District in and we will publish it in The Eighty-Three Newsletter.

Please send your monthly minutes to archives@area83aa.org. I read them all. Please let me know when you will be holding your Service Days and Roundups, David T. our Archivist, or I would be pleased to attend.

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Yours in Love & Service,
Peter

The Eighty -Three, available at Area83.archives.blogspot
GSO Newsletter 'Markings' available at archives@aa.org

Up Coming Events

November 6 Toronto Archives Breakfast

h) Service Information Day

Heather M.

I'm an alcoholic, a member of Prince Edward, currently serving as District Committee Member (DCM) for Toronto Southwest District 12, also your Service Information Day chair, my name is Heather M.

I'd like to introduce the committee: Vince R Dist 10, Gary O Dist 14, , Diane McL Dist 26, Miles C Dist 30, Gerry StL Dist 48. We hope you enjoyed Service Information Day yesterday as much as we did.

Thanks especially to the DCM's who did the Traditions workshop, to those who came to do the AccessAbility and Young People in AA workshops and to our former delegate Barry Watson who came from a GREAT distance to do the Working with a Wet Drunk workshop.

I apologize for the error in the final copy of the agenda that was distributed. I hope the door slamming noise issue was addressed for this Service Information Day. I'm sure other issues will be addressed in the surveys. Remember to be kind and that none of our presenters are paid to do so – they are alcoholics serving us as best they can.

Also know that this is the venue we have. These are the rooms we have. The Service Information Day committee cannot change the rooms or room sizes.

We are looking for workshop ideas for the spring that we have not done yet. It appears we'll need to have a GSR workshop again for the spring, and perhaps that's something we'll need to just permanently put on the agenda. Any other ideas though, just let us know. DCM's we'll be looking to ask 3 of you who have not yet participated this term to present the Traditions workshop. Traditions 7 8 and 9 are up next. Please volunteer before being voluntold!

Presenters, remember that if your workshop is in the Ontario West room you will NOT have a PowerPoint projector, you will have an overhead projector. Also remember that while multi-media presentations are great, low-tech alternatives in case there's a tech problem are always recommended.

GSR's please ensure you book your Spring assembly registration when you check out of the hotel. Even if you don't know if you personally can come in the spring, your group will have that room saved for them. It's easier to cancel a room than book a room sometimes.

Yours in service,
Heather M. DCM Toronto Southwest District 12 Service Information Day Chair

6 . TREASURER'S REPORT

JIM A.

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

Good morning everyone, I am an alcoholic a member of the St. Andrew's Group in Toronto, my name is Jim A. It is an honour and privilege of serving you, as Area 83 Treasurer.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help this weekend. Those on the bucket brigade who helped collect the 7th tradition, and count it, and those who helped sell banquet tickets. Thank you to those who attended the Treasurer/Self-Support production of the Traditions Skit and workshop yesterday. I hope the information was useful and that the skit was as much fun for you as it was for the cast.

Next thank you goes to the 12 districts and the 135 groups from 27 districts that have supported Area 83 to date. I am happy to report that this includes District 38 Thousand Islands and its one participating group who give credence to the expression, "Never say never". The lights in that District are not so dim anymore.

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If you had the opportunity to see Mel's workshop and remote communities, and meet Nuk and Peter, whom he met in Iqaluit, then you witnessed the magic of the 12th step call. We as an Area did go to any length to make this happen. If you ever wonder where the funds go, then you saw it firsthand. One cannot put a value in monetary terms on the hope and inspiration that have come from this undertaking. Thank you Mel for representing Area 83, and showing we care.

As per my motion at the March 2011 Assembly and passed by those present, paper based financial documents for the 2007-08 term have been saved to a memory stick prior to being shredded.

My winter project is to upload all the financial data for 2009 to 2011 into a duly registered copy of Quicken. Using this software will be easier than our current Excel based system. I will maintain both systems for 2012.

Our financials as of October 15, 2011 are as follows:

Our reserve account has a balance of \$20,000.00 this is set aside as a GIC which matures March 16, 2012. Interest is 1.5% and is payable semi-annual. I will have completed the transaction to replace this GIC, just before our next Assembly in March 2012.

Income for the period from, 7th Tradition is \$2,694.64; cost recoveries Grapevine \$121.28, Group & District Contributions \$31,459.73, GSO Flow Through \$40.00, Interest of \$300 earned from the Reserve account GIC has been deposited to the Operating account. Total income for the period ending October 15, 2011 is \$39,026.96.

The total expenses for the period ending October 15, 2010 were \$41,067.71. To date, our expenses are \$2040.75 higher than our income. Our group contributions are down \$5,947.73 compared to this time last year.

The bank opening balance as of January 1, 2010 was \$ 32,897.79. Total income of \$39,026.96 less expenses of \$41,067.71 leaves an Operating account balance of \$30,857.04 as at October 15, 2011. The **combined balance** of accounts is **\$50,857.04**. **Net change is -\$2,040.75 YTD.**

This is the detailed expense report, showing expenses by activity for each trusted servant in the Committee Expenses section at the top. The yellow column is the Proposed Spending guideline passed at our last Assembly.

The lower section labeled "Other expenses" is for specific onetime events such as forums and conferences. Spending in this section is complete except for any bank charges over the next two months, which will be minimal.

The box at the lower left is the summary of the income items I have just spoken of. The small box in the middle summarizes income, expenses, and contributions for the past two years.

The % of groups contributing to Area 83 to GSO for the year to date is 23.65% compared to 24.69% for the same period last year. Both of these figures are well below the number of groups that contribute to GSO. The recent GSC Report indicated that 46% of groups and districts in Area 83 made a contribution in 2010. For all of 2010, 28.13% (162 of 575) of groups financially supported this Area.

I would like to issue a friendly challenge to groups and districts to raise that percentage to 35% or 201 groups contributing. This challenge is about increasing participation and the focus is about getting more groups involved in the service structure, not so much on fundraising which would be the natural by-product.

As of Oct 31st, 17 districts and 142 groups have participated financially.

Contributions by District and its groups.

Contributions Comparison for 2007-2011 for the period ending Oct 15th.

You can see that the downward trend of contributions started in 2009. Very similar to how our economy is these days. And now for some projections. Our Oct 15th Operating account balance of almost \$31,000 is somewhat misleading. After this weekend, when all expenses are tallied, and deposits made, the balance will be likely be around \$24,000.

I estimate that expenses will be about \$54,000.00 for 2011, not the \$58,000 as in the proposed spending guidelines. Total income for 2011 is estimated at \$49,000, which indicated that another \$3,000 will leave the bank account by year end. The operating account will have just over \$28,000 on Dec 31st. Contributions are running at about \$42,000 per year, not the \$52,000 as in the Proposed Spending Guidelines.

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Again I hope the groups and districts prove me wrong, by picking up the challenge.

As per GSO guideline, an area is encouraged to have a prudent reserve equal to one year's spending. We are currently at 10 months.

It is my recommendation that Area 83 does not make a contribution to G.S.O at present, given the current level of contributions.

The bank reconciliation has been done to Oct 15th and the balance in the operating account is accurate. All invoices have been paid. All contribution receipts have been mailed, hand delivered where possible, or placed with the respective DCM for those contributions sent with no return address.

Please contact me at treasurer@area83aa.org if I can be of any assistance. Contributions can be sent to me at:

Eastern Ontario International Area 83
c/o Jim A
283 Danforth Ave. Suite 138
Toronto, Ontario M4K 1N2

THIS WEEKEND'S SEVENTH TRADITION - TOTAL = \$2,414.80

FRIDAY \$398.26 SATURDAY \$1,062.69 SUNDAY \$953.85 Extra \$
BANQUET TICKETS SOLD 233

Yours in Love and Service,
Jim A.
Area 83 Treasurer

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

KIM S.

Hello, everyone. I am an alcoholic, I have the honour of serving as your Area 83 Secretary and my name is Kim. This has been a fabulous Assembly so far! A lot has happened since our Spring Assembly. The old secretary email started to malfunction sometime in July. I am not sure exactly when. I was not receiving any emails but I thought that it was quiet due to the summer and many Districts were not meeting. Since this is my first summer as the Area Secretary I had nothing to compare the email traffic to. After realizing that I was not receiving some emails, it didn't take long to realize that my email was completely out of commission.

Todd, our Area Webmaster has set up the Area Secretary email again for me. If you have sent me anything in July to old email address it is likely that I did not receive it. The email to use is secretary@area83aa.org.

In all the District Committee Members and Area Committee Members "mail folders" in the plastic bins in the Atrium I have put

- District Service Roster
- Service Information Day Agenda
- Fall Assembly Agenda
- Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (CERAASA) Guidelines
- Area Committee Minutes, Sept 10, 2011

Please check their "mail folders" in the plastic files in the Atrium during the weekend. In those mail folders you will find an updated District and Area Committee Listing with all the information I have been given as of this week. If there are any changes to be made let me know and I will make them. All of these documents (except for the Area Minutes) have also been mailed electronically. I will send out the Area Committee Minutes upon my return home.

Along the wall over to the right on the table are spare copies of the minutes from our Spring Assembly. There might be some left. Please help yourself because I would prefer not to take them back home.

There are also copies of the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (CERAASA) Guidelines at the side. Please only take a copy if you have a vote today.

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Communication is very important in letting me know that there have been position changes within your district. I have noticed occasionally when I read your district minutes that one of your members has stepped down from a position. I do not feel comfortable making any of these changes without being officially notified. Even just a quick email asking me to make a change will be fine. This way I can inform GSO and our area committee chairs.

If there are any committee chairs or DCMs that have not received their service kit, please let me know. GSO does not inform me when they send out a kit. This is where you come in. If I do not know I can not I cannot chase GSO for the kit. If it is a month since you have sent in District changes and you have not received a kit then that is too long.

When you email me your reports, please try to remember not to use your full last name or that of any other alcoholic you may be mentioning. I do make adjustments before the minutes go out electronically.

If there is something you would like me to do, please let me know. If you would like a copy of the Area Minutes, Committee Listings, District Service Roster or any other listing please let me know. I can send them to you electronically. Everyone is entitled to know what is happening at Area Committee meetings.

I am truly humbled by all the learning experiences I have had since becoming your Area Secretary and I have to say that I love being your secretary.

Yours in love & Service
Kim S.
Area 83 Secretary
Eastern Ontario, International

8. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

MEL C

Good afternoon everyone, my name is Mel C. and I am an alcoholic, currently serving the fellowship as Panel 61 Alternate Delegate for Area 83, Eastern Ontario International. Good to be here, good to be sober.

I've been blessed to have been very busy in my Alternate Delegate role since our Spring Assembly. I've much to report, so I will just dive right in...

General Service Conference, NYC

- I attended the 61st General Service Conference in NYC on behalf of our Area
- Most significant event in my AA life and in the top 4 or 5 of my life in general

Iqaluit, Nunavut

- Attended First Eastern Arctic Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous in Iqaluit, Nunavut
- Testament to power and hope of AA.
- A complete success from every perspective, money well spent

SID Scarborough (D22)

- Presented at this District Service Day
- Great enthusiasm and participation
- Feature: Eddie G. gave a wonderful Archive Report

SID (D14) Richmond Hill?

- Presented at this Service Information Day
- Wonderfully organized with interesting presentations, especially enjoyed Archives and Traditions presentations
- AA alive and well in D14

Unity Day 2011 Bradford

- Made Remote Communities presentation at this event
- Ward Ewing highlight for me – have gotten to know since the Conference
- Feel Area 83 needs Guidelines around how to approach this bi-annual inter-Area event

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RC's Workgroup

- Have been very active in Remote Communities conference calls
- Bob P. (Work group Chair) stepping down - we need replacement

Inuit in Correctional Facilities

- Have been working on a data base
- Deirdre in Corrections has been very helpful

District 04 Humber Inventory

- Attended and conducted a District Inventory in D04, Humber
- Quite successful I believe

Yesterday's workshops RC's and Concepts 4-5-6

- I thank Nute and Peter for their participation - they came all the way from Montreal

Other initiatives

- Organizational – have a number of motions on deck for our next Area Committee Meeting

All in all it has been a very busy time for me. While keeping my right perspective as a common variety alcoholic (hopefully!), I am beginning to see our fellowship from a whole new angle, which is certainly one of the gifts you have given me by virtue of this service position – and for that, I am grateful beyond words. Thank you for your trust and confidence, I hope to continue to merit it.

Yours in service,

Mel C.

Panel 61 Alternate Delegate

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ROBB W.

Good afternoon friends. I'm an alcoholic, Panel 61 Delegate for Area 83 Eastern Ontario International and my name is Robb W. What a great weekend! This is my 29th Assembly and Service Information Day and they just keep getting better and better.

Well, since the Spring Assembly, there has been a lot going on. I'll try to give you all a brief report. At the last Assembly, I was getting prepared to go to the 61st General Service Conference. As most of you know by now, I was not able to attend the Conference due to a family emergency. I called Mel just a week before the conference and asked him if he was ready and willing to go. To Mel's credit, he crammed like it was an exam and represented our Area very well.

The first weekend back from the conference, Mel and I drove to Peterborough for the first report on the conference. Since that time, I have given reports at numerous service days such as the Lakeshore Districts service day, Canton, NY and Ottawa to name but a few. The 62nd General Service Conference will be held the last week of April next year. Please start thinking about the date of your service day and let me know so that we don't have any double bookings. I have already booked a couple of days next year for the Conference Report.

It has been an interesting time since the last Assembly. There was an anonymity break in the area and a group using an adaptation of the steps. In the case of the anonymity break, a letter was sent to the individual reminding them of our tradition on anonymity and I did go and speak with the member involved. Will it happen again? Possibly. On the issue of the group changing the steps, I have opened a dialog with a member of the group and we have had a number of good discussions about this. The General Service Office has shared their experience on this and I personally spoke to Julio when I was in Wichita a couple of weeks ago. More will be revealed.

I attended Unity Day in Bradford last month and had a great time. Just recently, I was forwarded an email by Dean T. In which he enclosed a letter from Ward Ewing, Chairman of the Board of A.A.W.S. Ward wanted to express his thanks for the invitation to come and share in the day and said that he was going to talk to some other Areas that might benefit from promoting Unity between areas in this way.

I was at the South West Regional Forum in Wichita Kansas a few weeks back. What a great time these forums are! I would like to encourage you to put the weekend of July 6 to the 8th 2012 on your calendars. The Eastern Canada Regional Forum will be

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held in St. Catharines, Ontario and I would encourage you all to attend. I would also ask that you spread the word throughout the membership in your locale. These forums are organized by your General Service Office with help from the local committee and are there for everyone in A.A. It's a great way for people to get to know the people that are working in your General Service Office and to find out what's happening in Alcoholics Anonymous outside of our Area. One of the most common responses I get when suggesting people attend a Forum is "Oh, service isn't for me." The Forums are not about service, they are a means by which the membership can learn about this great fellowship that we belong to.

To all the Districts that are sending out minutes of their meetings to me, thank you. I really do appreciate getting them and enjoy reading about what's happening in your district. Those that aren't sending them, please see what you can do to pass them on.

Yours in love and service,
Robb W.
Panel 61 Delegate
Area 83 – Eastern Ontario International

10. ROLL CALL AND REGISTRAR'S REPORT

TONY A.

[See Appendix B - Fall Assembly Tally.]

*** Secretary's Note: An updated version of the Tally (Tally #2) is attached after the Tally that was reported at the Fall Assembly as promised by our Area Registrar.**

Good day, I am an alcoholic, a member of the Church Street Group and currently serve as your Panel 61 Registrar for Area 83 International and my name is Tony A. I am delighted to be here with you all and it is great to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

As the area registrar, I am responsible for compiling and updating group registration and records; distributing lists to District Committee Members or DCMs at least once a year and forwarding group information to the General Service Office. I also prepare roll call forms for Assemblies and area committee meetings and call the roll call. The registrar is responsible for the group information and the area secretary is responsible for the districts and area committee information.

Most recently, I attended the Area 83-86 Unity Day back in September and this truly was a wonderful day. A huge thanks to all for getting the group change forms prior to the cut-off date for the regional directories. This directory can now be ordered from GSO by calling them directly (212-870-3400) or by visiting their website. They are also available through your local intergroups if you are part of larger cities.

All group change forms submitted have been processed and I trust that all incoming general service reps have received their kits. If there are any issues regarding your not receiving your kits, please let me know and I will follow up for you promptly. If District Committee Members are in need of an updated excel spreadsheet containing your district's roster of registered groups, please contact me and I will send this to you.

As of this report, there are 947 registered groups in Area 83 and the breakdown for these are: 489 groups are listed as active groups; 325 groups are listed as inactive groups; 108 groups are listed with an unknown status; 2 groups are listed with a pending active (new group) status; 21 groups are listed with a merged status and 2 groups are listed with an incomplete status.

A reminder about group status – active status means there is a contact associated with this group and the General Service Office is able to send information to this group. Unknown status means the group is **still active** but does not have contact associated with the group record. Inactive means the General Service Office has received information that the group has disbanded or is not currently meeting – this might be due to returned mail or no meeting time is specified.

New groups registered with GSO will sit on a pending status for 30 days prior to being listed as an active group. Also, groups that are registered through your local intergroup does not mean it necessarily makes it to GSO. I kindly request that you submit a New Group form to me to ensure your group is properly registered.

To submit new/group change forms, have queries relating to GSR kits, or you have any further questions or comments regarding the registrar process including group status issues, send me an email to registrar@area83aa.org. I will follow up for you as to not take up assembly time addressing these types of concerns. Group Change and New Group forms are easily downloadable from our Area 83 website under the District Resources tab.

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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 the 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 sheets.

For example, a district might have five people signed in as visitors, but when I announce the roll call, I might see that there was only one. The reason is that I check each visitor against his or her group, and if the group does not have a 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 really as their group's representative. It is very important if you sign in as a visitor that you also write the name of your group. You could be voting for your group but I do not that if you do not indicate this on the sign in sheet.

In closing, I will make myself available to districts and groups to assist you with registrar related issues where I can and please remember that communication is essential. Thank you to the team from District 36 who has helped tirelessly throughout this weekend and thank you for the trust that you have placed in me and it has been my honour to be of service to Area 83 International.

In loving service,
Tony A.
Registrar-Area 83 International

11. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

- 12-a) **As recommended by the Area Committee to amend the Secretary procedures to print a maximum of 3 paper copies per District of any minutes, procedures & guidelines, that electronic copies be distributed and be available online in a secure way.**

Recommendation was carried with one opposed and no abstentions.

- 12-b) **As recommended by the Area Committee that Area 83 participate and support CERAASA (Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)**

158 for the recommendation with 5 opposed and 1 abstention
3 people from the voice of the minority spoke and 2 people wished to change their vote
Recommendation passed with simple majority not wishing to go back to discussion

- 12-c) **As recommended by the Area committee that Area 83 contribute \$250.00 to the start-up fund for the first Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly.**

The recommendation passed with 139 for the recommendation with 10 opposed and 6 abstentions. The voice of the Minority spoke with 7 people wishing to return to discussion. The recommendation stood.

- 12-d) **That Area 83 contribute \$2,500.00 to GSO before the end of 2011.**

Motion by: Janet C. GSR, 12 & 12 Serenity Group, District 66
Seconded: Paul S. GSR, Northland Group, District 86
Motion: Defeated
For: 17
Against: 109 with 5 Abstentions

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13. SHARING - WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

There were several birthday and group anniversary announcements.

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

As Chairperson I would recommend the next Assembly be held:

March 23, 24 & 25th, 2012 here at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston

I would ask someone to make a motion that these dates be accepted for our Spring, 2012 Assembly.

Moved: David F – District 22
Seconded: Kathy – District 82
Motion: Carried

15. CLOSING

AS A REMINDER - Our next Area Committee Meeting is in **QUINTE WEST At Westminster Church on January 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.**

I would like to thank everyone for staying and for such a great weekend. I would also like to wish you all the best for the upcoming holiday season.

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

Motion to close:

Moved: Richard S. GSR - District 10
Seconded: Tim GSR - District 06
Motion: Carried

Meeting was closed at 3:45pm with the Responsibility Declaration...

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

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Appendix A – Financial Reports

EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83	
AS AT: October 15, 2011	
RESERVE ACCOUNT	
January 1, 2011 Opening Balance	\$ 20,000.00
Interest (\$87.85 accrued in 2010)	+ 300.00
Transfer to Operating	- (300.00)
RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 20,000.00
INCOME	
7th Tradition	\$ 2,694.64
Cost Recoveries	121.28
Flow Through to GSO	40.00
Grapevine Seasonals	4,411.31
Group & District Contributions	31,459.73
Interest Accrual	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 38,727.02
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE	300.00
TOTAL INCOME & TRANSFERS	\$ 39,026.96
EXPENSES	
Accommodations	3,418.15
Meals	5,026.38
Travel	10,526.91
Long Distance	71.00
Postage	279.31
Printing	4,057.61
Literature	1,195.47
Stationery	668.11
Miscellaneous	1,225.43
Area Web Site	83.40
Total Committee Expenses	\$ 26,551.77
Ad Hoc Committees	0.00
Area Contribution to GSO	0.00
Area Committee Meetings	559.90
General Service Conf. Assessment	6,160.36
Bank Service Charges	46.40
Forums	2,287.88
Grapevine Seasonal	4,411.31
GSO Flow Through	40.00
Ontario Delegate's Conference	1,010.09
Total Other Expenses	\$ 14,515.94
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 41,067.71
OPERATING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance as of January 1, 2011	\$ 32,897.79
Total Income & Transfers	+ 39,026.96
Total Expenses	- (41,067.71)
OPERATING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 30,857.04

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EASTERN ONTARIO INTERNATIONAL AREA 83
DETAILED EXPENSE REPORT TO OCTOBER 15th, 2011

Position	Accommodations	Meals	Travel	Long Distance	Postage	Printing	Literature	Stationery	Misc.	Total	Annual Guideline	Balance +/-	YTD Usage
Delegate	-	162.08	1,519.20	23.00	-	20.00	23.75	-	-	1,748.03	3,510.00	1,761.97	46.80%
All Delegate	-	93.00	521.60	48.00	-	-	71.70	66.96	-	831.26	2,215.00	1,383.74	37.53%
Immediate past Delegate	-	70.15	524.06	-	-	-	67.62	-	-	661.83	1,040.00	378.17	63.64%
Chairperson	-	116.84	676.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	793.04	1,100.00	306.96	72.09%
Secretary	-	93.00	-	-	133.66	3,459.73	67.59	107.43	250.00	4,055.41	4,175.00	119.59	97.14%
Treasurer	-	113.62	411.10	-	145.65	121.95	45.15	116.27	220.81	1,176.55	1,500.00	323.45	78.44%
Registrar	-	203.62	105.00	-	-	-	-	284.16	83.40	662.78	1,005.00	342.22	66.95%
Area Web Site/Webmaster	214.70	25.00	792.40	-	-	-	-	-	97.02	1,115.50	800.00	-315.50	139.44%
Archivist	-	190.18	1,408.75	-	-	-	-	2.25	-	1,700.20	1,800.00	199.80	88.48%
Cooperation with the P.C.	-	84.67	518.70	-	-	312.45	-	-	-	1,130.52	1,820.00	689.48	62.12%
Connections Facilities	-	46.61	990.20	-	-	28.25	-	-	-	1,065.06	1,200.00	134.94	88.76%
Grapevine	-	36.00	590.50	-	-	-	171.88	-	-	798.38	1,535.00	1,016.62	65.96%
Public Information	-	110.89	588.70	-	-	77.00	185.72	11.30	-	1,067.90	1,830.00	467.01	69.58%
Self Support	-	105.00	488.10	-	-	44.04	5.77	13.65	-	575.55	1,160.00	614.45	48.37%
Service Info Day Cntrl	1,056.45	83.68	488.10	-	-	5.77	392.31	21.76	-	1,869.21	3,180.00	1,320.79	58.28%
Treatment Facilities	-	186.27	154.00	-	-	38.42	166.75	46.33	-	656.88	2,900.00	1,843.32	26.27%
Spring Assembly	-	97.00	341.60	-	-	-	-	-	-	5716.67	5,700.00	-16.67	100.29%
Fall Assembly	1,932.30	3,196.77	-	-	-	-	-	-	567.60	-	5,700.00	5,700.00	0.00%
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXP.	\$ 3,418.15	\$ 5,026.38	\$ 10,526.91	\$ 71.00	\$ 279.31	\$ 4,657.61	\$ 1,185.47	\$ 668.11	\$ 1,308.83	\$ 26,551.77	\$ 43,725.00	\$ 17,173.23	60.72%
Adhoc Committees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area Committee	450.00	109.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	559.90	700.00	140.10	79.99%
Area GSO Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00%
Bank Charges	-	6.31	1,855.57	-	-	-	-	-	46.40	-	60.00	13.60	77.33%
Forums	425.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,287.88	4,000.00	1,712.12	57.20%
Grapevine Seasonal	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,411.31	-	-	4,411.31	4,411.31	0.00	100.00%
GSO Assessment	289.85	104.95	663.97	30.00	-	-	-	-	5,071.56	6,160.36	5,950.00	-210.36	103.54%
GSO Flow Through	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.00	40.00	0.00	100.00%
Ont Delegates Conf.	630.56	187.48	135.10	-	-	58.95	-	-	-	1,010.09	1,010.00	-0.09	100.01%
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 1,776.44	\$ 405.64	\$ 2,674.64	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 96.90	\$ 4,411.31	\$ -	\$ 5,117.96	\$ 14,515.94	\$ 18,671.31	\$ 4,155.37	77.74%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,194.59	\$ 5,435.02	\$ 13,201.55	\$ 101.00	\$ 279.31	\$ 4,114.56	\$ 5,606.78	\$ 668.11	\$ 6,426.79	\$ 41,067.71	\$ 82,396.31	\$ 21,328.60	65.87%

Income Summary	
7th Tradition	2,694.64
Bank Interest	300.00
GSO Flow Through	40.00
Contributions	31,456.73
Cost recoveries	110.76
Grapevine Seasonals	4,413.83
Total	\$ 39,025.96

To Oct 15th	
INFLOWS	39,025.96
OUTFLOWS	41,067.71
Total	\$ 2,040.75
Contributions	\$ 31,456.73
Contributing Groups	136
Contributing Districts	12
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<p>GROUP & DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL 2011 YEAR TO DATE AS AT October 15th, 2011</p>

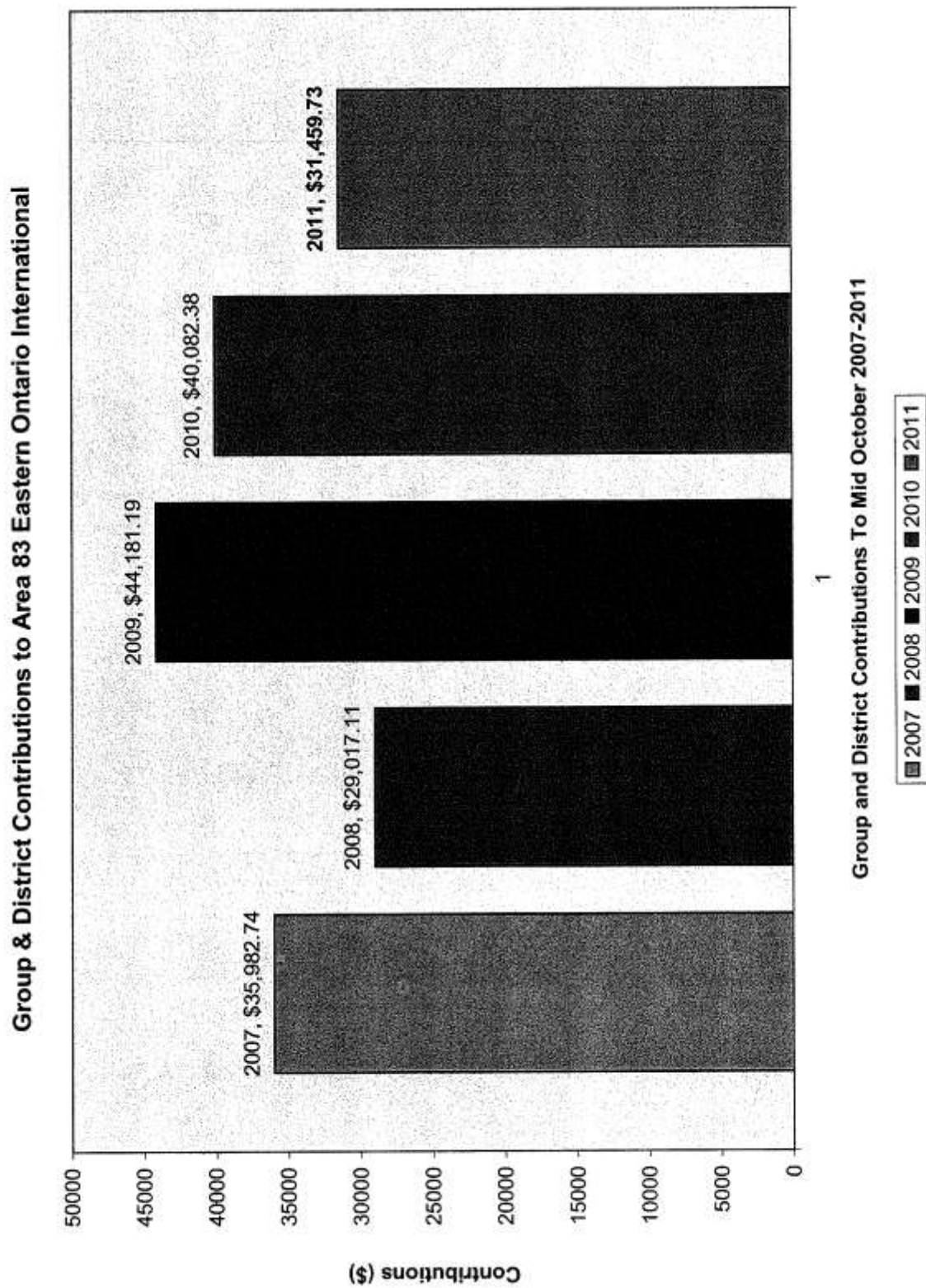
			<u>TOTAL</u>
District	00	Unknown	\$ 0.00
District	02	Malton	1,867.59
District	04	Humber	100.00
District	06	Mississauga	3,130.00
District	10	Toronto South Central	2,801.37
District	12	Toronto South West	926.46
District	14	Toronto North Central	2,425.15
District	16	Hispano De Toronto	300.00
District	18	Toronto City East	1,553.42
District	22	Scarborough	1,305.00
District	26	Lakeshore West	585.26
District	28	Lakeshore East	443.86
District	30	Quinte West	1,150.00
District	34	Quinte East	775.00
District	36	Kingston And The Islands	2,700.00
District	38	Thousand Islands	25.66
District	42	St. Lawrence International	206.49
District	46	St. Lawrence Adirondack	0.00
District	48	Seaway Valley North	1,190.00
District	50	Cornwall	940.00
District	54	Ottawa Rideau	710.00
District	58	Ottawa Bytown	279.73
District	62	Ottawa West	2,334.74
District	66	Golden Triangle	2,070.00
District	70	Renfrew Pontiac	520.00
District	74	Pembroke	400.00
District	78	Madawaska Valley	120.00
District	82	Victoria Haliburton	1,400.00
District	86	Kawartha	1,200.00

Total Contributions YTD:	<u>\$ 31,459.73</u>
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Total from Groups	24,290.09
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Total from Districts	7,169.64
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Total Contributions YTD:	<u>\$ 31,459.73</u>
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Appendix B – Fall 2011 Assembly Tally- (reported at Assembly)

District	DCM	Alt-DCM	Comm	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups Attending	Total Delegation	Total Votes
02	1	0	20	8	2	0	8	31	9
04	1	0	0	3	2	0	4	6	5
06	1	1	4	11	6	1	16	24	17
10	1	1	0	8	2	2	10	14	11
12	1	0	1	8	1	1	9	12	10
14	1	0	0	10	4	2	11	17	12
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	1	1	1	7	7	2	10	19	11
22	1	0	3	9	3	5	12	21	13
26	1	1	3	8	1	4	11	18	12
28	0	1	1	10	1	5	12	18	13
30	1	1	0	6	1	6	8	15	9
34	1	0	2	4	1	1	6	9	7
36	1	1	1	10	3	14	15	30	16
38	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
42	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	3
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
48	1	0	1	3	1	1	5	7	6
50	1	0	0	5	3	1	7	10	8
54	1	1	1	5	0	1	6	9	7
58	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	4	4
62	1	1	2	13	4	5	18	26	19
66	1	0	0	10	4	3	12	18	13
70	1	0	0	7	2	1	8	11	9
74	1	0	1	7	1	1	9	11	10
78	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
82	1	0	1	7	2	2	7	13	8
86	1	0	3	12	8	4	17	28	18
Cor	0	0	0	5	0	3	5	8	5
Totals	23	10	45	182	59	65	232	384	257
Area Committee								15	13
Past Delegates/Visitors						2	0	3	0
Total	23	10	45	182	59	67	232	402	270

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District	DCM	Alt-DCM	Comm	GSR	Alt-GSR	Visitors	Total Groups Attending	Total Delegation	Total Votes	Total Groups in District	% Groups Attending
02	1	1	2	8	2	1	8	15	9	20	40%
04	1	1	0	3	2	0	4	7	4	9	44%
06	1	1	7	13	6	5	16	33	18	35	46%
10	1	1	0	10	2	2	10	16	11	21	48%
12	1	0	2	8	1	2	8	14	9	14	57%
14	1	0	1	10	4	2	11	18	12	33	33%
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0%
18	1	1	5	7	7	3	9	24	10	22	41%
22	1	1	6	11	3	5	12	27	13	22	55%
26	1	1	3	9	1	4	10	19	11	22	45%
28	0	1	4	10	1	5	12	21	13	24	50%
30	1	1	1	6	1	10	9	20	10	16	56%
34	1	1	3	2	2	5	8	14	7	33	24%
36	1	1	1	10	3	20	15	36	16	23	65%
38	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	7	14%
42	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	4	4	30	10%
46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0%
48	1	0	1	3	1	1	5	7	6	14	36%
50	1	0	2	6	3	4	7	16	8	14	50%
54	1	1	2	5	0	1	5	10	7	24	21%
58	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	4	4	34	9%
62	1	1	4	13	4	5	18	28	18	46	39%
66	1	1	1	11	5	3	13	22	14	27	48%
70	1	0	0	6	3	1	9	11	10	18	50%
74	1	0	1	6	2	3	8	13	10	20	40%
78	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0%
82	1	0	2	7	2	2	7	14	8	20	35%
86	1	0	3	12	8	7	15	31	16	23	65%
Cor	0	0	0	5	0	3	5	8	5	11	45%
Totals	23	15	51	188	63	94	231	434	255	603	10.7%
Area Committee								15	13		
Past Delegates/Visitors						2	0	3	0		
Total	23	15	51	188	63	96	231	452	268	603	38%

Tally #2

*Secretary's note: This is a corrected Tally